



FEDS CHARGE BURKE WITH EXTORTION BID

City Hall power player could face up to 20 years if convicted



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ald. Edward Burke departs the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on Thursday after being accused of using his position as alderman to try to steer business to his private law firm.

Cash allegedly pushed to Preckwinkle camp

BY BILL RUTHHART AND JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

The campaign contribution that federal prosecutors allege powerful Ald. Edward Burke requested as part of an extortion scheme was intended for Cook County Board President and Chicago mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle, according to two sources familiar with the investigation.

In a criminal complaint unsealed Thursday, federal authorities alleged that

Burke illegally solicited a campaign donation from an executive with a restaurant company for an unnamed politician. Burke made the request around December 2017, at the same time authorities alleged he tried to extort executives with a company that owns fast-food restaurants in the Chicago region and was seeking approval of permits for remodeling work at a location in Burke's ward.

The Chicago Tribune previously has reported that Burke held a Jan. 19, 2018, fundraiser for Preck-

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winkle at his Gage Park home, and the sources confirmed that the campaign contribution that prosecutors allege the 14th Ward

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Prosecutors: Wiretap caught alleged shakedown attempt

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

Longtime Ald. Edward Burke, one of Chicago's most powerful figures and a vestige of the city's old Democratic machine, has often been considered too clever and sophisticated to be caught blatantly using his public office to enrich himself.

But after years of dodging investigations while watching dozens of his colleagues hauled off to prison, Burke has been accused of

crossing the line himself — and doing so in a quintessential Chicago way.

A federal criminal complaint unsealed Thursday charged Burke with attempted extortion for allegedly using his position as alderman to try to steer business to his private law firm from a company seeking to renovate a fast-food restaurant in his ward. The charge carries a maximum of 20 years in prison on conviction.

The complaint also alleged Burke asked one of

the company's executives in December 2017 to attend an upcoming political fundraiser for "another politician." Sources identified the politician as Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who is running for Chicago mayor.

The case filed in U.S. District Court comes five weeks after the FBI carried out a stunning raid on Burke's City Hall office, working for hours behind windows covered with

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'Moment in history' for freshman Dems

Garcia, Casten and Underwood sworn into U.S. House

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Three new Illinois Democrats were sworn into Congress on Thursday, capping a blue wave that helped the party win the U.S. House and taking their seats amid ongoing partisan wars over President Donald Trump, his policies and a federal government shutdown that has halted services across the country.

Registered nurse Lauren Underwood, 32, of Naperville, became the youngest black woman in U.S. history to serve in the

MORE: House Democrats elected Nancy Pelosi as speaker for a second time Thursday, the first day of a new, divided Congress. **Nation & World, Page 10**

House when lawmakers took the oath Thursday afternoon. Clean-energy entrepreneur Sean Casten of Downers Grove, another political newcomer holding elected office for the first time, joined her in representing vast swaths of suburban territory in Chicago's collar counties long held by Republicans. And Jesus "Chuy" Garcia of Chicago replaced longtime Democratic U.S. Rep. Luis Guterierrez, who was vocal on immigration issues.

All three voted to elect Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of



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Rep. Lauren Underwood greets Rep. Bill Foster after she was sworn into Congress on Thursday in Washington.

the House. U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos of East Moline, the new leader of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, received four protest votes for speaker, and U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Hoffman Estates received two.

Bustos said the votes weren't laying a foundation for future moves. Those

who voted for her likely have "politics that align with mine," she said.

Now, Illinois Democrats have 13 members in the House, a key advantage with only one election left before the state could lose at least one of its 18 congressional seats because of population loss after the

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Trubisky ready to face first big test of playoff pressure

Quarterback Mitch Trubisky's steady play amid a raucous atmosphere last week in Minnesota eliminated the rival Vikings from playoff contention and sent the Bears into the postseason on a four-game winning streak.

Now Trubisky faces the biggest test of poise in his two-year career when the Bears play host to the defending Super Bowl champion Eagles Sunday at Soldier Field.

While he has made undeniable strides, how Trubisky performs from here on out is what people will



Trubisky

remember for the next six months.

And if Trubisky needs a reminder of what the playoffs can do for a quarterback in a team's lore, he can look at the man operating the opposing offense Sunday. Nick Foles was the darling of last season's playoffs, leading the Eagles to their first championship since 1960. "Just go through the list of quarterbacks that win in the playoffs and win in Super Bowls," coach Matt Nagy said. "And that's how people remember you." Read Colleen Kane's story in **Chicago Sports**.

Water Tower Place mall sets teen curfew for Friday, Saturday **Business**



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■ A story in Thursday's editions about U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia endorsing one of Ald. Edward Burke's opponents incorrectly stated the number of candidates in the race. Burke has four challengers in the Feb. 26 election. The Tribune regrets the error.

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Ald. Edward Burke is a man who seems to have spent his whole life trying not to be careless.



JOHN KASS

Burke gets sloppy, drags Preckwinkle into his mess

For 50 years, Chicago Ald. Ed Burke has projected himself as a man meticulous in all things, from his pocket squares to his use of government leverage on the way to making a fortune.

In his every public move, Burke is cautious, a man who seems to have spent his whole life trying not to be careless.

But the federal extortion charges against him say he wasn't careful at all. Instead, the charges suggest he was terribly sloppy. And that's dangerous.

And now he appears to have slogged all over Toni Preckwinkle's mayoral campaign as well. She's scrambling, and her campaign is on the edge of panic.

She's not alone. Burke has befriended other candidates in the campaign for mayor of Chicago, from Gery Chico to Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza. He does favors for people. And people owe him.

They don't mind a meticulous Burke. A meticulous Burke doesn't attract the feds. They do mind a messy Burke.

And there's nothing messier than Burke on the phone with an underling, the two of them talking about using government to squeeze the corporate owners of some 100 Burger King restaurants, denying city permits and so on until they softened up enough to use Burke's law firm for property tax reduction work.

"All right, I'll play as hard ball as I can," the Burke political guy says on the phone, according to the federal complaint.

"OK," Burke told him on the phone. OK?

On the phone?
According to the federal complaint, Burke also called an elected official from another state who knew the company that owned the Burger King restaurants.

"I'll let him know how important you are," the official said, according to the complaint, on the phone.

"Well," Burke said, on the phone, "you're good to do that, but I'd also like to get some of his law business..."

And then in another phone call with the company, Burke kept press-

ing the link: an ease on city building permits in exchange for law business.

"And, um, we were going to talk about the real estate tax representation and you were going to get somebody to get in touch with me so we can expedite your permits," Burke told an executive — identified only as Individual B — on the phone.

On the phone, on the phone, on the phone, on the phone.

On the phone. On the phone. On the phone.

Burke has said he's done nothing wrong, but ultimately, that's what federal courtrooms are for.

And, if it ever gets that far, this is often what happens at the end:

Many letters are sent to the federal judge — including hand written letters from nuns and priests — asking for mercy. Some are read aloud and are often quite poignant. But it doesn't matter, and Burke knows this.

What Burke is alleged to have done could be the first chapter in a book on how Chicago really works:

A master politician picks up the government hammer given to him by the people, and he pounds business owners until they hire him in a private deal.

It's all so lucrative and simple, capitalism squeezed through that City Hall cheesecloth.

Now just multiply that thousands upon thousands of times, year after year; business upon business, large and small, from factories to little mom-and-pop hot dog joints, decade after decade, from the days of Bathroom John and Hinky Dink Kenna through the years of the Daleys and beyond.

All the businesses that have failed and fled to other states can tell you about the Chicago Way. All the jobs gone tell the story.

It isn't a function of political parties. It is a function of human beings and power. When you hold government in your hands, you don't really need a gun or a knife, do you?

That's the reality, but a few of the politicians act as if there is no gambling in Casablanca. Mayor Rahm Emanuel, in one of his last acts, on his hind legs demanding Burke be ousted

from his role as chairman of the committee on finance.

All this is noise, a distraction, virtue-signaling as if Rahm and the others don't know what kind of stew they make in City Hall.

Meanwhile, Cook County Board President Preckwinkle's relationship with Burke is reaching the catastrophic stage, at least as it applies to her public relations.

In the complaint, Burke asks one of the company executives to attend a December 2017 political fundraiser for a "another politician."

That other politician was Preckwinkle.

The executive kicked \$10,000 to Preckwinkle to keep Burke happy. Preckwinkle's campaign now says she returned the contribution in full. The federal complaint says the Preckwinkle campaign kept \$5,600. It looks to me like the wheels are coming off the Preckwinkle bus.

"I think she's got to answer to the voters what exactly is the relationship between her and Ed Burke," said mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor.

"Ed Burke never does anything without expecting a quid pro quo. He's a cunning and strategic person," Lightfoot told the Tribune. "The fact he decided it was going to, as alleged in the complaint, strong arm and extort a contribution for her said there's some kind of relationship and he wanted to get something out of it. She's got to explain what is the quid pro quo."

It's nice to think so, that Chicago politicians should explain their relationships with Burke, especially those running for mayor, like Preckwinkle and Chico and Mendoza.

And Burke? He hasn't had to explain much of anything for half a century. But then, he just had to get on the phone and talk and talk and talk.

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Woman runs and, like always, 'likability' a thing



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Moments after Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., announced she's forming an exploratory committee for a 2020 presidential run, the country launched its own exploratory committee on her likability.

The most popular story on The Atlantic's website for much of Wednesday and into Thursday morning is headlined, "There's a Reason Many Voters Have Negative Views of Warren — But the Press Won't Tell You Why." (Subhead: "The media have focused on her comparatively low approval ratings — but not the misogyny that drives them.")

The article is well worth your time as we embark on a political season — new Congress, growing crop of presidential hopefuls — that's sure to be endlessly punctuated by the "I" word (likable).

("How does Warren avoid a Clinton redux — written off as too unlikable before her campaign gets off the ground?" Politico asked Monday.)

From the Atlantic article: "Read enough news reports about Elizabeth Warren's declaration that she is running for president, and you notice certain common features," Peter Beinart writes.

"In its story on her announcement, The New York Times noted that Warren has 'become a favorite target of conservatives' and that, in a recent national poll, 'only about 30 percent (of respondents) viewed her favorably, with 37 percent holding an unfavorable view.' The Washington Post observed that Warren's claim 'that she was Native American' has 'come under relentless attack from Republican opponents.' It also quoted a



LISE AMENDOLA/AP

Women's ambition provokes a far more negative reaction than men's, writes an author as Elizabeth Warren eyes 2020.

Boston Globe editorial that called Warren 'a divisive figure.' On CNN, the election analyst Harry Enten suggested that Warren's 'very liberal record, combined with the fact that Donald Trump has already gone after her' has made her a — you guessed it — 'divisive figure' whose 'favorable ratings are not that high.'

"These observations are factually correct," Beinart continues. "But they also help create a false narrative. Mentioning the right's attacks on Warren plus her low approval ratings while citing her 'very liberal record' and the controversy surrounding her alleged Native American heritage implies a causal relationship between these facts. Warren is a lefty who has made controversial ancestral claims. Ergo, Republicans attack her, and many Americans don't like her

very much."

A more accurate narrative, Beinart maintains, needs to include a discussion about our national discomfort with women who seek power.

"Women's ambition provokes a far more negative reaction than men's," he writes.

"For a 2010 article in the Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, two Yale professors, Victoria Brescoll and Tyler Okimoto, showed identical fictional biographies of two state senators — one male and one female — to participants in a study. When they added quotations to the biographies that characterized each as 'ambitious' and possessing 'a strong will to power,' the male state senator grew more popular. But the female state senator not only lost support among both women and men, but

also provoked 'moral outrage.'"

We watch these findings play out time and again, Beinart writes, in the way we receive and talk about Nancy Pelosi, Hillary Clinton and other women politicians, particularly those who push for progressive policies.

"The better explanation for why Warren attracts disproportionate conservative criticism, and has disproportionately high disapproval ratings, has nothing to do with her progressive economic views or her dalliance with DNA testing," he writes. "It's that she's a woman."

Put another way, "I Don't Hate Women Candidates — I Just Hated Hillary and Coincidentally I'm Starting to Hate Elizabeth Warren."

That's the headline on a satirical McSweeney's essay by Devorah Blachor, published Wednesday, that

rings laugh-so-you-don't-cry true.

"My hatred for Hillary wasn't diabolical," Blachor writes, adopting the voice of a fictional male voter. "I never bought into the whole pizzagate thing, or the whole Uranium One thing, or the whole spirit-cooking-she-drinks-blood-infused-Podesta-rice thing, and I never once believed she was the devil. I would see those posts and just be like, *Huh, if people believe that stuff about her, she must be really terrible.*"

Blachor's fictional voter fancies himself an open-minded fellow.

"I'd love to see a female President," Blachor writes. "Just not Hillary Clinton. Or Elizabeth Warren. I am totally open to all other women leaders, but I have to admit that Kamala Harris and Amy Klobuchar are beginning to make me angry and I'm not sure why

yet, but I know the reason will become clear soon, and I'm also wondering what they might look like if someone photoshopped their heads onto the bodies of prisoners and put them behind bars."

It's an interesting exercise to read the McSweeney's essay and the Atlantic piece side-by-side.

"When women politicians — especially women politicians who embrace a feminist agenda — overtly seek power, many American men, and some American women, react with 'moral outrage,'" Beinart writes. "They may not express that outrage in explicitly gendered terms, just as they may not express their anxiety about a black candidate in explicitly racial terms. They may instead cite DNA testing or hidden emails or San Francisco's cultural liberalism. Or they may simply say they find the candidate's mannerisms off-putting."

He calls on the media to "dig deeper: to interpret these specific discomforts in light of the deeper discomfort that Americans again and again express with ambitious women."

A worthy and essential challenge, and one that I hope voters will also take on when they consider what, exactly, they mean when they write off a candidate as unlikable.

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Lawyers vow to expose clergy tied to abuse

2 attorneys say they'll release hundreds of names church didn't

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY
Chicago Tribune

In the weeks since Attorney General Lisa Madigan released a scathing report faulting the Illinois Diocese for failing to investigate hundreds of allegations of sexual abuse by Catholic clergy, a daunting question has lingered on the minds of parishioners: Which priests were accused?

Unlike a sweeping grand jury report in Pennsylvania that identified more than 300 predator priests this summer, the preliminary report released Dec. 19 by Madigan did not name the clergy members implicated in her probe or note the diocese where they worked.

Now, as U.S. bishops gather in suburban Mundelein for a spiritual retreat in response to the sex abuse scandal, two attorneys say they will expose the offenders known to them through handling hundreds of Illinois cases over nearly two decades.

The lawyers, Jeff Anderson and

Marc Pearlman, announced Thursday their intentions to publish a report in early February that includes the names and photos of every clergy member accused by the 300 survivors they have represented. Anderson called Madigan's report comprehensive and helpful, but said he needed to do his part to release the information he possesses.

"What isn't private and what needs to be known and made public is the identities of every one of those offenders, many of whom are still out in the community," Anderson said at a news conference in a downtown Chicago hotel as he stood between a man and a woman he is representing as abuse victims in a lawsuit against the state's six Catholic dioceses.

The majority of their cases on behalf of survivors were settled out of court over the years, Pearlman said. In about two dozen of those cases, the perpetrators have not been publicly named by the church, though confidentiality agreements do not prevent disclosing their identities. Some cases involve allegations that arose after clergy members had died, Pearlman said.

Madigan's bombshell report

found such cases were among several other categories of allegations that the dioceses did not investigate. In addition, dioceses often did not investigate cases when a victim wanted to remain anonymous, only one complainant came forward or the clergy member previously resigned, Madigan found. The dioceses also failed to investigate clergy who were visiting priests from a religious order, referring the allegations instead to the order, the report said.

In all, Madigan's investigation portrayed sexual abuse of minors by clergy members as significantly more common than the church had previously disclosed. She alleged the dioceses had received 690 allegations of sexual abuse but publicly identified only 185 clergy as credibly accused.

A spokeswoman for Madigan's office said Thursday that she could not comment on the extent to which the list from Anderson and Pearlman may coincide with the 500 priests in the Madigan report.

The spokeswoman also said there was no update regarding whether Madigan will publish the names of clergy members implicated in her report before leaving

office on Jan. 14.

Cynthia Yesko, one of the victims named in Anderson and Pearlman's lawsuit, said the state or the church needed to publish a comprehensive list of all accused priests to protect children and allow people to feel safe in their place of worship. Yesko was abused in the Springfield Diocese between the ages of 4 and 7 by the Rev. Stanislaus Yunker, who died in 1975, the lawsuit said.

"The Catholic Church is my church home," she said. "It's where I belong. And I have a right to feel safe there as does every other member of that institution."

Also attending the news conference was Robert Krankvich, who has accused the Rev. Richard McGrath, the former president of Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox, of abusing him between the ages of 13 and 15. Last week, McGrath went missing from the Augustinian order where he was staying. But on Thursday, the Will County state's attorney said no charges would be filed at this point because the evidence was insufficient.

Anne Maselli, a spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Chicago, said the organization imple-

mented strong policies and procedures to heal victims and prevent abuse in 1992.

"We have published the names of clergy with substantiated allegations of abuse since 2006, when few dioceses had done so," she said in a statement. "We have a robust safe environment program aimed at preventing abuse. We screen all employees and volunteers and provide training to employees, volunteers and children in how to recognize, resist and report abuse."

Cardinal Blase Cupich was not available for an interview Thursday because he was attending the U.S. bishops retreat in Mundelein. The historic seven-day spiritual retreat was called in response to the sex abuse scandal and pre-dates a meeting next month in Rome.

"We carry with us these days the pain and hope of all who may feel let down by the Church," Pope Francis wrote in a letter sent Thursday to the bishops gathered at Mundelein Seminary on the campus of the University of St. Mary of the Lake.

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Ald. Ricardo Munoz, 22nd, leaves Cook County Circuit Court on Thursday after posting bond. A judge ordered Munoz to stay away from his wife.

Ald. Ricardo Munoz pleads not guilty to assaulting wife

Alderman's wife says he 'forcibly' grabbed, pushed her on NYE

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL
Chicago Tribune

After spending the night in a West Side lockup, Ald. Ricardo Munoz pleaded not guilty Thursday to a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery alleging he attacked his wife on New Year's Eve.

"No contact with Ms. Torres, not even nice contact," Cook County Circuit Judge Megan Goldish told Munoz, referring to the alderman's wife, Betty Torres-Munoz.

The judge set bond at \$2,500 and the 22nd Ward alderman — wearing a red-and-gray Blackhawk sweatshirt and sporting a beard — was released after posting the required 10 percent.

Outside the domestic relations courthouse in the South Loop, Munoz's wife told reporters, "I've been dealing with this for 34 years."

She had filed for an order of protection Wednesday, alleging her husband "forcibly" grabbed and pushed her during a heated argument Monday night, causing her to fall and hit her back and head, as well as twist her left arm.

"Ricardo had been drinking all day + was drunk," she wrote in the filing. She said she feared "for my well-being."

In her order, the judge told the veteran alderman to not only stay away from his wife but also from their home, a dog named Rambo and his wife's downtown work-



"I've been dealing with this for 34 years," Betty Torres-Munoz, the alderman's wife, told reporters outside the courthouse Thursday.

place — 118 N. Clark St. — the same government building where Munoz works.

In a brief exchange with the judge and lawyers, Munoz said he enters the building on the "City Hall side."

Munoz's attorney, Guy Papa, told the judge that Munoz was a public servant of more than 25 years and has a good reputation, no criminal background and two children. He has "strong family support," the lawyer added.

In the hallway, Munoz's sister Mari Myers said she "absolutely" feels positive for her brother. She joined him when the alderman was released, and the two walked out of the building shortly before 1 p.m., occasionally holding onto each other.

"We'll talk tomorrow," Munoz told a reporter as he walked briskly the lobby of the courthouse and out a long hallway to the street.

He kept walking, both hands thrust inside the front pockets of his sweatshirt, through the scrum of reporters and photographers who mobbed him.

When Munoz turned the wrong way at one point, his sister called "Ricardo!" as he said, "Which way?" and spun around and walked with her to a car parked in a lot nearby.

Munoz got into the front passenger seat, pulled out his cellphone and began checking it as a young man with the siblings got behind the wheel and drove off.

Munoz, who was appointed to his seat by then-Mayor Richard M. Daley in 1993, is the city's longest-tenured Hispanic alderman. He announced in July that he would not seek re-election. At the time he said he was retiring because he was "having fun writing the next chapter of my life."

A native of Monterrey, Mexico,

Munoz has faced other controversies over the years. He acknowledged that he intervened to help a relative get into a prestigious city high school in 2009. And in 2008, his estranged father was sentenced to four years in prison for taking part in a fake ID ring.

The outgoing alderman also previously disclosed that as a teenager he had been affiliated with a Little Village gang and had been arrested on charges of unlawful use of weapons and controlled substances. Daley hailed Munoz, who rose to become then-Ald. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia's chief of staff, as a positive role model for youths.

In 2010, six months before the City Council election, Munoz said he was an alcoholic, admitting he drank excessively after work but not in the mornings and afternoons. He was re-elected twice after that.

As part of a 2013 story on Cook County judges sealing divorce records for an array of powerful and connected people, the Tribune reported that a judge had impounded a divorce case filed by Munoz's wife in 2009.

At the time of the story, Munoz told the Tribune he had sought to seal the divorce records because "it dealt with some very embarrassing drinking issues."

Munoz said then that he had reconciled with his wife.

"I'm a public figure and the court has rules, and I played by those rules," he said of the sealed divorce records. "I didn't ask for any special treatment."

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Judge again postpones ruling in cover-up trial

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
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A Cook County judge has again delayed her decision on the fate of three current or former Chicago cops on trial on charges they filed false reports to exaggerate the threat posed by Laquan McDonald on the night he was fatally shot by Officer Jason Van Dyke.

Associate Judge Domenica Stephenson said in court Thursday she will rule on the hot-button case Jan. 17, two days later than the deadline she last set. She did not give an explanation for the rescheduling.

The judge also postponed her decision until Jan. 17 on a request by local media outlets for access to trial exhibits, a ruling she was expected to make Thursday.

This marks the second time that Stephenson has postponed her ruling on the officers' fate. She was initially set to rule Dec. 19, but she then rescheduled until Jan. 15 without explanation.

Former Detective David March, ex-patrolman Joseph Walsh and Officer Thomas Gaffney face charges they conspired to cover up the circumstances of McDonald's 2014 shooting and shield Van Dyke from scrutiny.

Van Dyke stood trial separately in the fall and was convicted by a jury of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery — one for each bullet that struck McDonald. He was the first Chicago police officer in half a century to be convicted of murder for an on-duty incident. He is slated for sentencing Jan. 18, the day after Stephenson's scheduled ruling in the conspiracy case.

March, Walsh and Gaffney stood trial last year in what is believed to be Cook County's first criminal case stemming from the so-called police code of silence. Each is charged with official misconduct, obstructing justice and conspiracy.

Over five days of trial, the officers' attorneys argued that any discrepancies in the paperwork could be chalked up to innocent mistakes or differences of opinion.

Special prosecutor Patricia Brown Holmes charged March, Walsh and Gaffney in June 2017, more than 18 months after the court-ordered release of a police dashboard camera video of McDonald's shooting sparked citywide protests and the ouster of several high-ranking public officials. March was the lead detective in the shooting investigation, Walsh was Van Dyke's partner that night and Gaffney was among the first officers to encounter McDonald that night.

The now-infamous dashcam video showed the white officer opening fire within seconds of exiting his squad car as the black teen walked away from police with a knife in his hand. The footage contradicted reports from officers at the scene that McDonald had threatened officers with the weapon.

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CTA completes 95th St. Red Line station — the agency's most costly

\$280 million project replaces 50-year-old rail, bus terminal

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
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The CTA on Friday morning plans to open the northern terminal of the 95th Street Red Line station, marking the substantial completion of the most costly station project in the agency's history.

The \$280 million project replaces the original 50-year-old rail and bus terminal at the southern end of the Red Line, which runs along the Dan Ryan Expressway. The station, one of the busiest on the CTA system, serves 20,000 daily commuters and sees about 1,000 CTA, Pace and Greyhound bus trips on an average weekday, CTA officials said.

The four-year station construction was also a necessary step in building the extension of the Red Line south to 130th Street, which is part of the agency's long-range plan.

"This is a huge, huge accomplishment for the city of Chicago and the Far South Side," said Ald. Anthony Beale, 9th. Beale said the station will be more user-friendly for bus, rail and pedestrian traffic and will draw business to the area.

The south terminal was completed last spring. Having two terminals eliminates the conflict between eastbound and westbound buses on 95th Street, allowing eastbound buses to use the south terminal and westbound buses to use the north terminal, CTA officials said. Previously, there was only a north terminal.

The new station includes a heated, glass-enclosed pedestrian bridge over 95th Street, connecting the north and south terminals and cutting down on conflicts between cars and people walking. The number of bus bays has increased to 26, from 12, CTA officials said.

The station also will have more turnstiles and Ventra vending machines, a longer train platform to reduce overcrowding, additional bike racks, and new signage.

"I think it's a great lift to the community," said Ald. Howard Brookins Jr., 21st. "It's a beautiful station. It



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People use the 95th Street CTA and Pace station in Chicago on Thursday.

will spur additional economic development down 95th Street, and it will ease traffic going down that corridor."

The new station, which has a distinctive red roof, will feature two new public art displays by Chicago native Theaster Gates. The south terminal will have a pair of tapestries made from the strips of decommissioned fire hoses that are sewn together, and the north terminal will include a radio station and DJ booth that will broadcast over the station's public address system.

Ideas for the installation came from conversations with community residents, Gates said. The tapestries recall the civil rights movement, when fire hoses were used as weapons against African-Americans, while the radio station is intended to reflect a "sacred space" with music valued by many black people, he said. The art installation is expected to be unveiled later this year.

The cost of the station exceeds that of two recent big projects: the \$203 million Wilson Street station rebuilding on the Red Line's north branch and the \$75 million Washington/Wabash station in the Loop. The 95th Street station construction was larger than the other projects and included track work in the rail yard at 98th Street, CTA officials said.

The CTA started rebuilding the 95th Street station in 2014, and it stayed open through the project.

The construction of the new station needed to be

done before the Red Line can be extended to 130th Street, CTA officials said. Last year, the CTA picked a route for the extension, which will include four new rail stations. The agency is now preparing to complete the preliminary design and engineering work needed to pursue federal funding for the project.

Outgoing Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel has made transit investment a major priority of his admin-

istration, with more than \$8 billion worth of projects over nearly eight years. The work has included the \$425 million rebuilding of the entire Red Line south branch in 2013, covering 10 miles between Cermak/Chinatown and 95th Street.

The new north terminal for 95th Street will open around 10 a.m., after a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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Former Oak Forest fire chief faces theft charges

BY ZAK KOESKE
Daily Southtown

The former fire chief of Oak Forest, who resigned two years ago amid an investigation into questionable purchase invoices and was reassigned as a lieutenant, is accused of using city funds to pay for his wife's vehicle repairs, according to court documents.

David G. Griffin, 46, was arrested Dec. 28 and charged with felony theft, official misconduct and forgery, records show.

A criminal complaint states that, while acting as fire chief in December 2014, Griffin billed the city for \$3,623 of repairs on his wife's 1998 Pontiac Grand Prix.

To perpetrate the alleged deception, the complaint claims he forged a document to indicate that the repairs were made on a city-owned 2002 Chevrolet Impala.

Griffin, of Tinley Park, appeared in court Dec. 29 and was released on his own recognizance. He's been ordered to surrender his passport, all firearms and his Firearm Owner's Identification Card, and to avoid contact with the city's finance director, administrator and fire chief, according to court records.

The conditions of Griffin's bail also prevents him from setting foot in the firehouse and City Hall.

Oak Forest Police Chief Tim Kristin said his agency handled the investigation into Griffin, but directed all questions about the case to the city administrator.

The administrator, mayor and fire chief did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Griffin's arrest.

Griffin, who became Oak Forest's fire chief in June 2014, resigned from the post less than two years later, citing "personal reasons," but asked to be reassigned to the department as a lieutenant, the Daily Southtown reported previously.

His resignation came just days after he was placed on paid leave amid the discovery of a number of questionable purchase invoices, city administrator Troy Ishler told the Southtown at the time.

It's unclear whether the invoices that apparently prompted Griffin's resignation as chief had anything to do with the charges he now faces, or what the city knew about his alleged theft at the time of his resignation in 2016.

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On leave, Old Town's executive director leaves

School of Folk Music official quits after 11 years

BY ELVIA MALAGON
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The executive director of the Old Town School of Folk Music is resigning amid medical problems and a swirling controversy surrounding the sale of its Lincoln Park location.

James "Bau" Graves, 66, had been the school's director for 11 years and announced Thursday he was stepping down to retire, according to a news release from the school. Graves had been on medical leave since November when he was hospitalized because of blockages in three coronary arteries, according to the release.



Graves

"It has been my honor and great privilege to serve Old Town School and its extended community for 11 years," Graves wrote in a letter to the school's staff. "They have been, by far, the most challenging — and deeply rewarding — years of my professional life. Being director of Old Town School is a total immersion experience, and it was my good fortune to have been immersed in a collective that is the most warm, welcoming, creative and, to me, loving community that I have ever experienced."

Rashida Phillips, the deputy director, will be the interim executive director starting Thursday, al-

though she already had been in the role of acting executive director.

The school has been at the center of controversy since it announced plans to sell its 909 W. Armitage Ave. location. Graves had previously said the sale was meant to generate \$10 million for an endowment fund for general operations. But the school quickly faced pushback from supporters who staged rallies and formed the Save Old Town School group.

Last month, it was announced that the building won't be listed until March 31 to continue discussions with the community.

Amid the changes, teachers at the school formed a union and filed last month for a union election with the Illinois Federation of Teachers. Last year, the administration offered buyouts to nonfaculty staff.

The school's Lincoln Square location is expected to remain open, but the music store in the Lincoln Park location is slated to close this month.

Enrollment at the school has dipped in recent years. In 2017, there were 15,000 students, making for 25,300 registrations compared to 2010 when 17,325 students accounted for 33,544 class registrations.

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ALD. EDWARD BURKE CHARGED

Colleagues react: 'It's unbelievable'

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

After federal authorities charged Ald. Edward Burke with attempted extortion, some of his fellow City Council members on Thursday expressed hope that the allegations will clear the way for long-blocked reforms to how the city does business.

Some harshly criticized their City Hall colleague who has sat prominently atop the council's powerful Finance Committee, while others were not quite ready to throw the 50-year aldermanic incumbent completely by the wayside.

Ald. John Arena, 45th, said the criminal allegations against Burke tar government in taxpayers' eyes and called on the influential power broker to resign.

"If he cares for this city, he should focus on his defense," Arena said. "We in the council need to find a way forward from this."

Arena has been pushing an ordinance to strip Burke of his control of the city workers' compensation system, a \$100 million enterprise that is currently exempt from the scrutiny Inspector General Joseph Ferguson exercises over much of the rest of the City Council.

"He has worked to block that, and I guess now we know why," Arena said.

The federal complaint filed in U.S. District Court Wednesday and unsealed Thursday alleges

that in 2017 Burke tried to steer business to his private law firm from a company seeking to renovate a fast-food restaurant in his 14th Ward. Sources told the Tribune it was a Burger King restaurant.

Burke's lawyer Charles Sklarsky said Thursday the charges were false.

Burke is particularly popular among some longtime aldermen who admire his knowledge of the council's rules and decades of service and think of him as a master legislator. But the allegations in the complaint have shaken that image among some of his colleagues — not just because it's a stunning turn of fortune, but because of how "brazen" Burke's alleged conduct was.

"It seemed like such a small-time shakedown by some minor alderman, some bit political player, instead of the most powerful alderman in the City Council with a 50-year record of service," Ald. Joe Moore, 49th, said.

"There's no evidence Ed Burke had any financial pressures or strains," said Moore, who has served on the council since 1991. "It's unbelievable that someone with that much wealth would still be shaking down fast-food franchises."

Ald. Scott Waguespack, the City Council's Progressive Caucus chair, said the indictment shows Chicago's political culture needs to change.

Companies that do business locally generally have an expecta-

tion they must pay to play and that's not acceptable, Waguespack, 32nd, said.

"If everybody stopped saying, 'This is the way we're going to do it' and didn't play along, it would be less acceptable," Waguespack said. "We'd have a change and reform in the system."

Waguespack, who called for Burke to step down as Finance chair, said he long considered Burke's frequent refusal from votes due to conflicts of interest and his other job as a property tax attorney to be unethical.

The Better Government Association and WBEZ recently reported that Burke has used a parliamentary maneuver to re-cuse himself 464 times in the past eight years — more than four times the rest of the council combined.

Ald. Ameya Pawar, 47th, in a statement called on Burke to "immediately step down from the Finance Committee and strongly reconsider running for re-election."

"From helping Donald Trump rob Chicagoans of millions of dollars in property tax breaks, to opposing the needed reforms to strengthen the Inspector General, to opposing the creation of an independent budget office for City Council, Ed Burke has a long history of being on the wrong side of Chicago taxpayers," said Pawar, who is running for city treasurer.

But not everyone had negative words for Burke. Far South Side

Ald. Anthony Beale, 9th, said, "I'm going to pray for him and his family."

Ald. Roderick Sawyer, the Black Caucus chairman whose father was mayor of Chicago in the 1980s, said he was shocked.

"I've known chairman Burke for a long time, way longer than I've been in office," Sawyer, 6th, said. "It's hard to believe."

Asked whether Burke should remain Finance chairman, Sawyer said, "I think he would be someone that can assess the situation better than anyone and I think he'll make the proper decision."

"I think if it's appropriate for him to step down, he will step down," Sawyer said.

Burke has long faced what is expected to be a challenging re-election campaign due to the ward becoming majority Latino and his status as a 50-year incumbent. Burke, however, has more than \$10 million in campaign cash he can use to fend off challengers.

Three of Burke's four opponents in the Feb. 26 election — civil engineer Tanya Patino, community college counselor Jose Torrez and Pilsen Law Center attorney Jaime Guzman — called on Burke to resign and withdraw from the race.

"As a 14th Ward resident, it's an embarrassment to have an alderman representing my ward that worries more about his personal gain instead of the community's needs," Patino said.

Torrez and Guzman said the criminal case weakens Burke politically and transforms the campaign. While knocking on doors, Torrez said, he encountered people who gave Burke the benefit of the doubt following FBI raids on his offices. But he said he thinks that soon will change.

"The person who was seen as the strongest candidate may be the weakest because he has a formal federal charge," Torrez said.

Echoing Torrez, Guzman said the charge "opens up people's checkbooks, it opens up people's calendars, and people will be more apt to support another candidate."

"There's been a lot of people who have even considered donating and not donating because of Burke's position in the race," Guzman said.

Patino agreed with that assessment but added that people remain intimidated. She said Burke should withdraw from the race so community members and businesses won't feel scared to support his opponents.

"That's why I'm asking for him to withdraw and resign from the race so people can go with their preferred candidate instead of fearing the power Ald. Ed Burke has on him," Patino said.

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Preckwinkle claims donation returned

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alderman solicited illegally was for the Cook County Board president. According to the Burke criminal complaint, however, the politician since identified as Preckwinkle did not report the contribution to state election officials. State law requires all political contributions to be reported by candidates.

Preckwinkle's campaign on Thursday acknowledged it received the \$10,000 contribution in question, but said it was returned to the donor in a matter of days. In a statement, Preckwinkle said, "Alderman Burke's behavior of abusing his position for personal gain does not reflect my values, and I do not condone it."

Preckwinkle's campaign confirmed the donor was Shoukat Dhanani, the CEO of Tri City Foods, which owns a Burger King franchise in Burke's ward in addition to hundreds more across the country. Dhanani could not be reached for comment. Dhanani is the nation's third-largest fast food franchisee, with holdings that include 130 convenience stores in the Houston area, 502 Burger Kings and 170 Popeyes restaurants, according to Forbes.

John Hennelly, Preckwinkle's senior campaign adviser, said the donation was made electronically through Preckwinkle's campaign website while she was running for re-election as county board president. The money automatically was deposited into Preckwinkle's campaign fund, Hennelly said.

A campaign staff worker noticed the contribution had been made and was more than the \$5,600 state limit for a contribution by an individual, Hennelly said. As a result, the entire \$10,000 amount was refunded to Dhanani "within several days," he said.

"The second we noticed they were outside the state limits, we investigated and we rejected the donation," Hennelly said in an interview.

The criminal complaint against Burke, however, said the politician since identified as Preckwinkle kept \$5,600 of the donation. Hennelly said he "could not speak to that," and said the campaign's bank account, its software company's database and its own internal records showed the entire \$10,000 was returned. Preckwinkle's campaign declined to release those records.

Hennelly said Preckwinkle never was aware of the contribution.

"Toni does not review electronic deposits that come in online. That's not who she is," Hennelly said. "The staff person who did it, reviewed it, saw it was out of bounds, took a day to investigate it. Once it didn't shake out, he rejected it. There was no reason to engage Toni."

Donation details

The revelation that Preckwinkle, who also is the Cook County Democratic Party chairwoman, was the intended recipient of the

campaign contribution as part of Burke's attempted extortion could prove damaging to her mayoral aspirations. She is considered a front-runner in a field of 15 candidates running in the Feb. 26 race to replace outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

In addition to the campaign contribution, Burke also allegedly sought to gain tax business at his law firm Klafter & Burke in exchange for the City Hall approvals the company needed for renovations to its restaurant, according to the complaint. Burke's attorney, Charles Sklarsky, said the charges were false.

Sources said the restaurant was a Burger King located at 4060 S. Pulaski Road — the same establishment that black teenager Laquan McDonald passed by in October 2014 moments before he was fatally shot 16 times by white Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke, who was convicted of second-degree murder for the shooting last year.

Burke sought the political contribution during a meeting with restaurant executives in December 2017, according to the criminal complaint. Burke hosted a fundraiser for Preckwinkle weeks later.

At the time, Preckwinkle faced a primary challenge from former Ald. Bob Fioretti in her bid for a third term as the county's chief executive. Preckwinkle would go on to defeat Fioretti in the March primary and win re-election unopposed in November. She announced her candidacy for mayor in September, shortly after Emanuel made the surprise announcement that he would drop his bid for a third term.

At the December 2017 meeting, Burke asked the two restaurant executives to "attend a political fundraiser for another politician," according to the criminal complaint. One of the executives "felt it necessary to attend, or at least give a donation, otherwise, Burke would not support (their) efforts to do business in Chicago, including at the restaurant," the complaint reads. The restaurant executive told Burke they "were not able to attend the event due to bad weather."

The solicitation, though, resulted in a \$10,000 contribution from the executive with the restaurant company that "subsequently was reduced to within the campaign contribution limit of \$5,600," according to the complaint. The criminal complaint went on to state that public records maintained by the Illinois State Board of Elections did not show the unnamed politician having reported the \$5,600 contribution. State election law requires candidates to report all political contributions.

When a contribution is deposited in a campaign's bank account, state law requires that candidate report the donation on a campaign finance report. If the amount is \$1,000 or more, it is required to be reported within five days — or within 48 hours if it's close to an



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election. If a campaign returns a deposited contribution, it is required to report the refund as an expenditure in campaign records.

Preckwinkle's campaign confirmed it did neither in connection with the donation from Dhanani, the restaurant executive. By Thursday night, however, Preckwinkle's campaign had filed an amendment with state election officials reporting the \$10,000 donation and subsequent full refund, records show.

Hennelly initially said Thursday that Preckwinkle's campaign staff never reached out to Dhanani about the refund or to request a smaller \$5,600 contribution. Later, however, Preckwinkle's senior adviser said the campaign emailed to ask Dhanani whether he was giving as an individual or a corporation, to determine whether the contribution was in violation of the state limits. Hennelly said the campaign got a response that Dhanani was, in fact, giving as an individual and the campaign informed him he could give a maximum of \$5,600.

"He never said, 'I'm an individual, send back the \$4,400.' He never said, 'Wait, I'm going to re-do it,'" Hennelly said. "We never heard back, so we returned it all."

Hennelly confirmed that on Thursday he reviewed the Preckwinkle campaign's correspondence with Dhanani. Asked to provide a copy of the email exchange, Hennelly responded, "We're going to hold off on that."

The fundraiser

Hennelly said the fundraiser at the Burke home was thrown for Preckwinkle because of her close ties to Burke's wife, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, with whom she has worked on criminal justice reform. The invite, however, only mentioned the longest-serving alderman in Chicago's history.

"Chairman Edward M. Burke would like to invite you to a

fundraiser in support of Hon. Toni Preckwinkle," reads the invitation to the Jan. 19 fundraiser, which offered the status of chair for \$10,000, co-chair for \$5,000 and sponsor for \$2,500. In the weeks that followed, Preckwinkle's campaign reported tens of thousands of dollars in contributions, and in recent years Burke has contributed nearly \$13,000 to her campaign fund, the Tribune previously reported.

After Burke's City Hall and ward offices were raided by the FBI last month, Preckwinkle donated his previous \$13,000 in contributions to charity.

In a statement, Preckwinkle sought to place the blame for the contribution and fundraiser squarely on Burke — and fellow mayoral candidate Gery Chico, a City Hall veteran who early in his career was a young City Council aide to Burke.

"In 2017, the Burkes and Gery Chico volunteered to host a fundraiser for my Cook County board campaign. As event hosts, they were solely responsible for organizing and fundraising of this event," Preckwinkle said. "It has come to my attention that at that time an individual attempted to contribute through my website. This contribution was not accepted. My campaign has never been contacted by the authorities, and I am confident that my staff followed proper protocol."

The fundraising invitation did not list Chico as a host, and the former board president of Chicago Public Schools and City Colleges of Chicago said he had "no knowledge whatsoever" about the contribution detailed by authorities.

"In typical fashion, Toni Preckwinkle is being dishonest about her role outlined in a criminal complaint and is deflecting responsibility," Chico said. "She personally called me and solicited a donation and requested that I help her raise money. While I was not a co-host, I, along with dozens of others, was present at the event

where I contributed \$750."

The mayor's race

Preckwinkle's ties to the controversy are likely to rock the mayoral race. Former federal prosecutor and mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot wasted no time in demanding answers from Preckwinkle and called on federal prosecutors to investigate all of her campaign contributions.

"I think she's got to answer to the voters what exactly is the relationship between her and Ed Burke. Ed Burke never does anything without expecting a quid pro quo. He's a cunning and strategic person," Lightfoot said in an interview. "The fact he decided he was going to, as alleged in the complaint, strong arm and extort a contribution for her said there's some kind of relationship and he wanted to get something out of it. She's got to explain what is the quid pro quo."

In addition to Preckwinkle, both Chico and state Comptroller Susana Mendoza have close ties to Burke. Chico counts Burke as a close friend and a mentor while Mendoza got her political start with help from the veteran alderman, who backed her in runs for an Illinois House seat she ultimately won and later in her successful bid for city clerk before going on to become comptroller.

On Thursday, Preckwinkle called for Burke to resign as alderman while Mendoza and Chico called for him to step down as the Finance Committee chairman. Fioretti, who also is running for mayor, called for Burke to step down as chairman while Lightfoot, public policy consultant Amara Enyia and former CPS CEO Paul Vallas said the 50-year alderman should resign. Former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley issued a vague statement saying "the 14th Ward needs new leadership."

Notably silent was Emanuel, who made no public statement. A top mayoral aide, however, said that given the federal charge, Emanuel now believed it would be "unacceptable" for Burke to continue as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Vallas said "it is not shocking that the mayor is not publicly demanding" a vote to remove Burke as Finance chair, "but he should be." The former Democratic candidate for governor, however, saved his sharpest criticism for Preckwinkle, foreshadowing the avalanche of political attacks to come her way.

"She owes the voters a full explanation, not only for this contribution, but for all contributions raised or given by Burke," Vallas said. "We know that machine politicians like Burke and Preckwinkle do not give each other wads of cash without expecting something in return, so what was the favor traded at the expense of a restaurant owner, forced to 'pay-to-play' for the remodeling permit his business needed?"

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ALD. EDWARD BURKE CHARGED

Power spans more than 5 decades

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The dramatic federal raids of his government offices didn't come up as Ald. Edward Burke strolled through a Garfield Ridge banquet hall recently handing out bags stuffed with swag to seniors enjoying a holiday luncheon.

Chicago was still buzzing over the fact federal agents had papered over the windows of Burke's City Hall and ward offices before pulling out computers and boxes of records. But just days later, Burke played the part of the veteran Chicago politician working a friendly room during a re-election campaign.

Wearing his signature pinstripe suit, the alderman talked up the goodies in the "Ald. Edward Burke" gift bags, which included a book of photos of Chicago, a garment bag and hand sanitizer. After a priest gave a blessing in Polish and the alderman took his leave, diners in the crowd stood up for Burke and dismissed the federal cloud.

"I think Ald. Burke, for his constituency, does a really, really good job, OK?" Garfield Ridge resident Jim Urban said. "He has nothing to be ashamed of and nothing to hide, and I think most of the people out here believe him."

But the results of that raid played out Thursday when federal prosecutors announced Burke has been charged with attempted extortion for allegedly using his position as alderman to corruptly solicit business for his private law firm.

The criminal charge leaves Burke's future among Chicago's power brokers uncertain. He already was facing perhaps his toughest campaign fight in decades against three young Hispanic opponents in a ward where white ethnic voters like those at the luncheon now make up less than half the population.

Still, he's survived federal interest before, and said at the senior luncheon that "of course" he was running for a 13th full term after the high-profile raids of his offices. A City Council and 14th Ward without Burke are difficult to imagine.

He was elected alderman in 1969, and first became chairman of the powerful City Council Finance Committee in 1983. In the decades since, Burke has consolidated a huge amount of control within the committee, handling the workers' compensation program and Police Department settlements, along with just about any other high-profile proposals that impact the city's bottom line.

While Burke's relationships with Mayors Richard M. Daley and Rahm Emanuel often were uneasy, each mayor came to rely on the alderman to help push his agenda by finessing the council process and cajoling or threatening colleagues to get them in line.

If a mayoral proposal Burke supported was imperiled by opponents in committee or on the council floor, he could be counted on to tap his deep knowledge of the body's bylaws and wield some arcane rule to derail the opposition or stall the process to give the administration time to regroup.

And it was not unusual for Burke to lock down proposed ordinances in his Finance Committee, deciding how and when to bring forth for hearings those he favors while leaving others to sit there.

While several long-tenured aldermen remain on the City Council, it's not clear who will step into Burke's shoes if this is his last term.

Some aldermen have suggested in recent weeks that without Burke around to work the angles, it will be tougher for a first-term mayor to pass key legislation.

Before he settled into his role as the feared council historian, Burke in the 1980s was a key player in the racially tinged Council Wars. A bloc of white aldermen led by him and then-Ald. Ed Vrdolyak feuded with Harold Washington, often blocking the initiatives of Chicago's first black mayor in a years-long fight that earned the City Council national notoriety.

He maintained a lucrative outside business of filing property tax appeals for Chicago's wealthy that often conflicted with his City Council duties, forcing him to file a long financial disclosure list each year including firms from which his law firm earned money. The alderman often abstained from committee and council votes because his firm represented businesses that could be affected by the outcome — even after presiding over committee hearings at which the issues were discussed.

Burke's family has controlled the 14th Ward since 1965. As a young police officer, Burke won election as Democratic committeeman there in July 1968 after his father, Ald. Joseph P. Burke, died of lung cancer while in office. The following year, Burke won election as alderman and has since held the seat, accruing strength through the decades as mayors and other members of the council came and went.

He also has an intimidatingly large campaign war chest, collected over the decades he has been in power. Burke runs three political campaign funds, The Burnham Committee, Friends of Edward M. Burke and 14th Ward Regular Democratic Org. Among them, they control more than \$12 million, including tens of thousands of dollars in donations Burke collected from attendees at his annual Christmas fundraiser less than a week after federal agents first raided his offices on Nov. 29.



Ald. Edward Burke turns himself in at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago, after which he was later released on bond.

Ald. Burke now charged with attempted extortion

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brown butcher paper before leaving down a back staircase with computers and files.

The unveiling of the highly anticipated charges touched off a wild scene Thursday at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, where Burke turned himself in to federal prosecutors before appearing before a magistrate judge in a packed courtroom on the building's 17th floor.

Dressed in a charcoal pinstriped suit, pink tie and his trademark pocket square, the silver-haired Burke, who turned 75 last week, sat with his attorneys before the hearing began, reviewing the charges with a deep frown on his face.

When the case was called, Burke walked to the lectern, buttoning his suit coat and standing with his hands at his sides while clasping and unclasping his fingers.

After Assistant U.S. Attorney Amarjeet Bhachu detailed the charges, U.S. Magistrate Judge Sheila Finnegan asked Burke if he understood them.

"Yes, your honor," Burke answered firmly.

Prosecutors revealed during the 10-minute hearing that the FBI found 23 guns in the raids on Burke's City Hall and ward offices in November. As a condition of his bond, Burke, a former Chicago police officer, was ordered to surrender the firearms and any others he may own within 48 hours of his release.

Burke was released on a \$10,000 unsecured bond, meaning he would have to pay that amount only if he failed to appear in court as required. He left the courthouse about half an hour later amid a scrum of television news cameras, ignoring shouted questions from reporters. As Burke hailed a cab on Dearborn Street, his lawyer, Charles Sklarsky, said the charges were false.

"The transaction described in the complaint does not make out an extortion or an attempt to extort," Sklarsky told reporters. "We look forward to a prompt day in court to prove the innocence of Ald. Burke."

As a consummate insider with his hands on many of the city's levers of power, Burke is arguably one of the biggest fish ever reeled in by the U.S. attorney's office, which has famously indicted a succession of Illinois governors, aldermen and other politicians in a seemingly never-ending parade of graft.

While the allegations have a familiar ring, the details in the 37-page complaint hint that it could be the tip of the iceberg for Burke. According to the complaint, the FBI had won a judge's approval to wiretap Burke's cellphone and was already recording his calls before the alleged shakedown at the center of the charge began to unfold in May 2017. It's unknown what other evidence federal prosecutors presented in the application for the wiretap because that filing remains under seal.

According to the charge, Burke tried to extort the owners of a company that operates dozens of fast-food restaurants in the Chicago area after they came to him in 2017 for help with permits for remodeling a restaurant in Burke's 14th Ward on the Southwest Side. The complaint does not name the restaurant, but sources said it was a Burger King located at 4060 S. Pulaski Road — the same business that 17-year-old Laquan McDonald passed by moments before he was fatally shot by a Chicago police officer in October 2014.

The complaint quotes Burke in dozens of candid conversations over the course of eight months — from May 2017 to January 2018 — talking in surprisingly blunt language about the alleged extortion of two out-of-state businessmen whom the alderman did not know well.

In several recordings, Burke allegedly could be heard strategizing with his staffers on how to play "hard ball" with the executives once he realized they had moved forward with construction without hiring his law firm as promised.

"I took 'em to lunch," Burke allegedly told one assistant, identified as Ward Employee 1, in a phone call in October 2017. "I was playing nice with 'em — never

got back."

"All right, I'll play as hard ball as I can," the staffer replied, according to the complaint.

The complaint does not identify the executives or their company, but details included in the charges show it is the Dhanani Group based in Sugar Land, Texas. The privately owned company is one of the country's largest franchisees for Popeyes and Burger King restaurants, according to Forbes magazine.

The principal owner, Shoukat Dhanani, could not be reached for comment Thursday. Messages left for other executives at the company's suburban Chicago office were also not returned.

The complaint details Burke's repeated attempts to pressure the executives into hiring his law firm, Klafter & Burke, including during a June 2017 lunch meeting at the swanky Beverly Country Club at 87th Street and South Western Avenue. The FBI had the meeting under surveillance.

After the meeting, Burke called a "public official" in Texas to talk about what was discussed, the complaint alleged.

"I'll let him know how important you are," the undisclosed official said, according to the complaint.

Burke allegedly replied, "Well, you're good to do that, but I'd also like to get some of his law business and get him involved, ah, here in, ah..."

"Chicago," the Texas official chimed in.

A week and a half later, the FBI intercepted a phone call between Burke and one of the executives, who still seemed caught off guard over the purported shakedown and uncertain how to react. At one point, Burke said bluntly that he needed assurances that he'd get the business before "we can expedite your permits," according to the complaint.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Burke. What was that last part?" the executive was quoted as saying.

After deciding to play "hard ball" with the executives, Burke had a stop-work order placed on the project and also sent a Chicago Department of Transportation inspector to the site to issue tickets for failure to procure a permit for a driveway at the restaurant that actually had been previously obtained, according to the charges.

In October 2017, an architect for the Dhanani Group sent an email to the Department of Buildings complaining about the harassment, according to the complaint.

"This does not seem right that Burke can shut this project down considering we have our permit," the architect wrote, according to the complaint. "Please advise as soon as you can."

That same month, a field representative for the restaurant company sent an internal email to company executives warning that Burke's interference with the project could have a ripple effect that would cost them a lot of money.

"I know these guys are very powerful, and they can make life very difficult for all of our Chicago stores," the rep wrote, according to the complaint.

In December 2017, both executives traveled to Chicago again to meet with Burke and try to smooth things over, according to the complaint. At the meeting, Burke reiterated his demand for business with his tax appeal firm and also encouraged them to "get involved with other politicians in Chicago" and attend an upcoming fundraiser for a local politician.

The executive couldn't attend because of bad weather but "felt it necessary" to donate \$10,000 to the politician in order to keep Burke happy, according to the charges. The donation was later amended to \$5,600 because of limits on contributions.

Preckwinkle, who was not accused of wrongdoing, said in a statement Thursday afternoon that her campaign returned the donation and that she was confident her staff "followed proper protocol."

The case against Burke was jaw-dropping even for a city with a long history of public corruption. For decades, the

Southwest Side alderman has used his iron grip on the City Council's Finance Committee and key role in slating Cook County judges to build a massive amount of political capital.

Burke, who recently marked a record 50th year in office, often decides whether Chicago's most important legislation will move forward. He controls millions of dollars in campaign funds. He is the sole steward of the city's \$100 million workers' compensation program. And he plays a crucial role in redrawing the city's ward maps — a key in maintaining political power amid shifting demographics.

He's also married to Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, who was sworn in to a second 10-year term on Nov. 29, the same day her husband's City Hall and 14th Ward offices were raided. The FBI carried out a second search of Burke's City Hall office on Dec. 13.

After the complaint was made public Thursday, Mayor Rahm Emanuel concluded it would be "unacceptable" for Burke to continue as chairman of the Finance Committee, according to one top mayoral aide who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly. How soon such a move might happen remains unclear.

Burke himself could choose to step down or Emanuel could force a vote on the matter at the City Council's next meeting Jan. 23.

Known for his bold pinstripe suits, throwback style and a love of Chicago lore, Burke was first elected as the ward's Democratic committeeman in July 1968 after his father, Ald. Joseph P. Burke, died of lung cancer while in office. The following year, the onetime Chicago police officer won election as alderman. He has held the post ever since, rising from a young ward healer to one of the most influential council members the city has seen over the last half century.

In his rise to political power, Burke also built a lucrative business as one of the city's most prominent property tax appeals attorneys, routinely saving some of Chicago's largest business interests millions of dollars on their tax bills. One of Burke's most high-profile clients was President Donald Trump, who used Burke's firm to save millions of dollars on taxes for his Chicago tower before Burke cut ties last year.

He was known in the 1980s as a key player in the racially heated Council Wars when a bloc of white aldermen led by him and Ald. Ed Vrdolyak feuded with Harold Washington, often blocking the initiatives of Chicago's first black mayor.

Now more than a quarter century later, Burke and Vrdolyak have been reunited in a strange sense: Both face pending criminal charges at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. Vrdolyak, who was convicted of real estate fraud years after he left the City Council and served a year in prison, is scheduled to go on trial in April on tax-related charges stemming from the massive tobacco company settlement in the 1990s.

Meanwhile, the charges unveiled against Burke showed that despite all his strong-arming, the restaurant company executives never did hire the alderman's law firm. In fact, emails included in the complaint showed they were wary.

"Are we done with whatever we needed from Alderman Burke?" one of the company's officials emailed to the executives in May 2018, according to the complaint. "I prefer not to give them our portfolio."

The official suggested they tell Burke they'd signed a three-year contract with a tax appeal agent who was nationally known and that they were "happy with their results."

"These guys (Burke's firm) seem very disorganized," the official wrote.

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'A moment in history' for Ill. House freshmen

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2020 Census.

Underwood attended a first day of the new Congress gathering hosted by the Congressional Black Caucus on Thursday morning at a theater near the Capitol and teared up during the playing of the black national anthem. New House members from across the country began arriving on Capitol Hill under gray skies as their family members, friends and curious tour groups looked on under heavy police presence.

The new class of Congress "is what I always hoped the United States Congress could always look like," Underwood said. "Diversity of thought, geographic diversity, age, race, gender, life experience are all great things that we each bring to this Congress of the United States, and I'm really proud to be part of a caucus where I'm not 'the only.'"

Underwood said she has already authored two provisions in the House rules package, one that would prevent the use of nondisclosure agreements for congressional staff prohibiting them from reporting sexual abuse, harassment or discrimination to ethics boards and the other banning sexual relationships between members of Congress and committee staff.

"I have a two-year opportunity to make a real difference and represent the people of the 14th, and they have placed their faith in me," Underwood said. "They've given us a chance. I have to prove myself, and we will, beginning on day one, where I'm leading an effort to reform this government."

About 15 minutes before the noon start of the House's session, Underwood met briefly with supporters in her new congressional office across the street from the Capitol, thanking them. Then she briskly walked down the halls of the Longworth of-



Rep. Lauren Underwood takes a selfie with Reps. Jahana Hayes, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Barbara Lee, Ann McLane Kuster and Jan Schakowsky in the House Chamber on Thursday in Washington.



Underwood is greeted by supporters Tanek Jenkins, right, and her daughter, Renee, 11, after she was sworn in.

ice building and down the steps toward Independence Avenue, where strangers greeted her and offered congratulations.

On her way to the Capitol, Underwood posed for photos with her first campaign manager, Sarah Feldmann, as well as incoming U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin of Michigan, using the dome as a backdrop. As she neared the entrance to the

House, a horde of television and video reporters swarmed her, shouting questions.

"Are you excited to make history?" a reporter asked.

"A moment in history," Underwood responded.

Inside the House chamber, Underwood greeted fellow new and also veteran House members with hugs and handshakes, eventually

making her way to her sixth-row seat. She took her spot two seats away from Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, the youngest woman ever in the House.

Casten, settling into his new office Thursday morning while greeting friends and well-wishers, focused much of his campaign on criticism of President Donald Trump and said before the swearing-in ceremony that House Democrats will provide renewed oversight of the White House.

"The Mueller investigation is going to go forward and what's terrific is that we're going to have people like Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) running (the) intelligence (committee), and we're going to be doing the kind of oversight that we all take an oath to the Constitution to do," Casten said. "Not for partisan reasons, but because the Constitution matters. If we always put the good of the country and the good of the Constitution

first, we'll follow that thread where it lies. Every time the president opposes that path, it makes it look more and more like he's trying to hide something. I'm not saying I know he's guilty, I'm saying I wish he'd stop acting like a guilty man."

Before Pelosi took the oath of office as speaker, she invited the children in attendance to join her on the dais for the moment. Casten took photos and video with his cellphone when his daughters joined the other children at the front of the chambers.

Meanwhile, Jose Garcia, a longtime friend of incoming U.S. Rep. Chuy Garcia, wore a button celebrating his pal's new position as he strolled outside the Capitol before the new Congress was to be sworn in.

"Chuy was made for this," Garcia said. "He's always based his career on common-sense solutions, and this was just the natural

progression for him. His career led him to this moment."

Republicans, though, control the Senate and the White House, so Democrats won't have an easy road ahead despite their Thursday celebrations.

"We're always hopeful, but we know it's going to be a struggle," Jose Garcia said.

For the freshmen, the early days of their congressional careers are packed with training and administrative work, like setting up offices. Underwood on Wednesday tweeted about taking her first constituent call. Politics will always be nearby, though. Casten tweeted about a story on U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign, and Garcia on Wednesday endorsed a Chicago City Council opponent of the powerful Ald. Ed Burke, who was charged with attempted extortion Thursday.

Garcia won his 4th Congressional District race in November without much drama, after he emerged from a contested March primary in which Gutierrez endorsed him. He goes to the House four years after taking Mayor Rahm Emanuel to a runoff and declining to run for mayor this year.

Casten defeated Republican U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam of Wheaton, whose congressional career included a stint on then-House Speaker John Boehner's leadership team and work on the Republican tax overhaul of 2017.

And Underwood overcame Republican U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren of Plano, a low-key conservative who represented the 14th District since 2011.

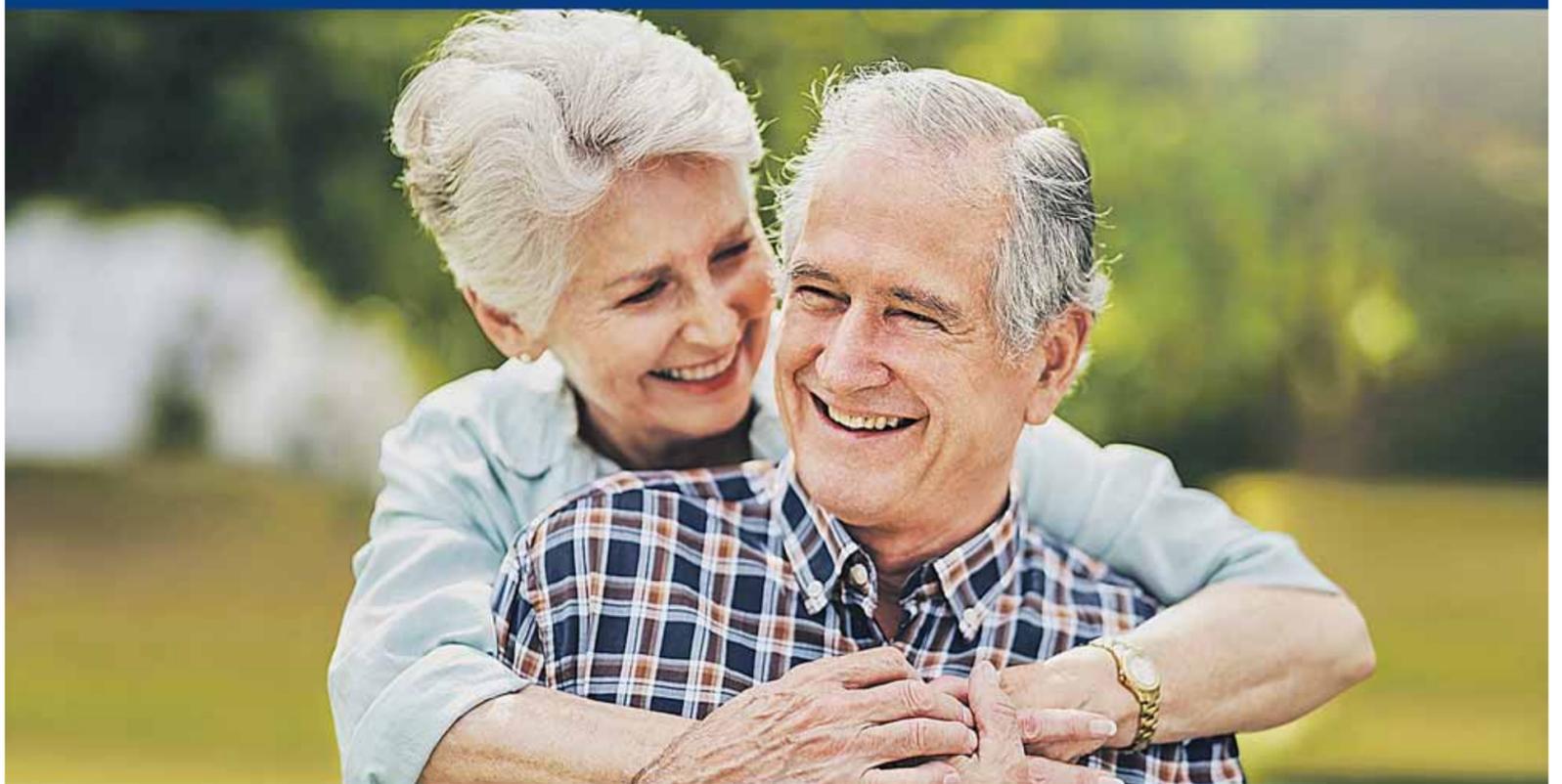
Neither Roskam nor Hultgren has held many public appearances since the November midterms nor have they responded to requests for interviews.

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Pelosi reclaims House gavel

Speaker welcomes diverse class intent on battling Trump

BY LISA MASCARO
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WASHINGTON — Cheering Democrats returned Nancy Pelosi to the House speaker's post Thursday as the 116th Congress ushered in a historically diverse freshman class eager to confront President Donald Trump in a new era of divided government.

Pelosi, elected 220-192, took the gavel saying U.S. voters "demanded a new dawn" in the Nov. 8 election that swept the Democrats to a House majority and are looking to "the beauty of our Constitution" to provide checks and balances on power.

Pelosi faced 15 dissenting votes from fellow Democrats. But for a few hours, smiles and backslapping were the order of the day. The new speaker invited scores of lawmakers' kids to join her on the dais as she was sworn in, calling the House to order "on behalf of all of America's children."

Even Trump congratulated her during a rare appearance at the White House briefing room, saying her election by House colleagues was "a tremendous, tremendous achievement." The president has tangled often with Pelosi and is sure to do so again with Democrats controlling the House, but he said, "I think it'll be a little bit different than a lot of people are thinking."

The new Congress is like none other. There are more women than ever before, and a new generation of



Rep. Nancy Pelosi, elected speaker 220-192, calls the House to order Thursday "on behalf of all of America's children."

Muslims, Latinos, Native Americans and African-Americans is creating a House more aligned with the population of the country.

The Republican side in the House is still made up mostly of white men. In the Senate, Republicans bolstered their ranks in the majority.

In a nod to the moment, Pelosi, the first female speaker who reclaimed the post she lost to the GOP in 2011, pledged to make Congress work for all Americans — addressing kitchen table issues at a time of deep economic churn — even as her party readies to challenge Trump with investigations and subpoena powers that threaten the White House agenda.

Pelosi promised to "re-

store integrity to government" and outlined an agenda "to lower health costs and prescription drug prices and protect people with pre-existing medical conditions; to increase paychecks by rebuilding America with green and modern infrastructure from sea to shining sea."

The day unfolded as one of both celebration and impatience. Newly elected lawmakers arrived, often with friends and families in tow, to take the oath of office and pose for ceremonial photos. Then they swiftly turned to the partial federal shutdown.

Vice President Mike Pence swore in newly elected senators, but Senate Republicans under Majority Leader Mitch McConnell had no plans to

consider the House bills unless Trump agreed to sign them into law. That ensured the shutdown would continue.

It's a time of stark national political division that some analysts say is on par with the Civil War era. Battle lines are drawn not just between Democrats and Republicans but within the parties themselves.

Pelosi defied history in returning to the speaker's office after eight years in the minority, overcoming internal opposition from Democrats demanding a new generation of leaders. She will be the first to regain the gavel since Sam Rayburn of Texas in 1955.

Putting Pelosi's name forward for nomination, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York, the incoming Demo-

cratic caucus chair, recounted her previous accomplishments — passing the Affordable Care Act, helping the country out of the Great Recession — as preludes to her next ones. He called her leadership "unparalleled in modern American history."

Rep. Brenda Lawrence of Michigan cast her vote for Pelosi "on the shoulders of women who marched 100 years ago" for women's suffrage. Newly elected Rep. Lucy McBath of Georgia, an anti-gun violence advocate, dedicated hers to her slain teenage son, Jordan Davis.

As speaker, Pelosi will face challenges from the party's robust wing of liberal newcomers, including New Yorker Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, 29, who has risen to such prominence

she is already known around the Capitol — and on her prolific social media accounts — by the nickname "AOC."

Republicans face their own internal battles as they decide how closely to tie their political fortunes to Trump.

House GOP leader Kevin McCarthy's name was put into nomination for speaker by his party's caucus chair, Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, the daughter of the former vice president. He faced six "no" votes from his now-shrunken GOP minority. As McCarthy passed the gavel to Pelosi he said voters wonder if Congress is "still capable" of solving problems, and said this period of divided government is "no excuse for gridlock."

One office remains disputed as the House refused to seat Mark Harris, R-N.C., amid an investigation by state election officials of irregularities in absentee ballots from the November election.

Many GOP senators are up for re-election in 2020 in states where voters have mixed views of Trump's performance in the White House.

Overnight, Rep.-elect Ilhan Omar of Minnesota tweeted a photo with her family at the airport. The House rules were being changed to allow Omar, a Muslim, to wear a head scarf on the chamber floor.

She wrote, "23 years ago, from a refugee camp in Kenya, my father and I arrived at an airport in Washington DC. Today, we return to that same airport on the eve of my swearing in as the first Somali-American in Congress."

House Dems vote to reopen government

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WASHINGTON — On their first day in the majority, House Democrats on Thursday night passed a plan to reopen the government without funding President Donald Trump's promised border wall.

The largely party-line votes came after Trump made a surprise appearance at the White House briefing room pledging to keep up the fight for his signature campaign promise.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Trump and Senate Republicans should "take yes for an answer" and approve the border bill, which was virtually identical to a plan the Senate adopted on a voice vote last month.

"We're not doing a wall. Does anyone have any doubt that we're not doing a wall?" Pelosi told reporters. Pelosi, who was elected speaker earlier in the day, also took a shot at Trump, calling his proposal "a wall between reality and his constituents."

Trump strode into the

White House briefing room Thursday — the 13th day of the partial government shutdown — and declared that "without a wall you cannot have border security." He then left without taking questions from reporters.

The appearance came hours after the new Congress convened, with Democrats taking majority control of the House and returning Pelosi to the speakership after eight years of GOP control. The Democratic legislation to re-open the government without funding the wall is going nowhere in the Senate, where Republicans want Trump's endorsement before voting on a funding package.

Trump is demanding billions of dollars to build his wall along the U.S. border with Mexico, which the Democrats have refused.

Asked if she would give Trump \$1 for a wall to reopen the government, Pelosi said: "One dollar? Yeah, one dollar. The fact is a wall is an immorality. It's not who we are as a nation."

Congressional leaders from both parties met with Trump at the White House

on Wednesday but failed to make progress during their first sit-down in weeks. The White House has invited the leaders back Friday for another round of talks that officials have suggested might be more successful now that Pelosi has been sworn in.

Reporters were told Thursday that White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders would be holding a hastily called late afternoon briefing. Instead, out walked Trump, flanked by members of the unions that represent border patrol and immigration enforcement agents. It was his first time delivering remarks at the briefing room lectern.

"You can call it a barrier, you can call it whatever you want," Trump said. "But essentially we need protection in our country. We're going to make it good. The people of our country want it."

He also claimed his refusal to budge was winning praise, telling reporters, "I have never had so much support as I have in the last week over my stance for border security."

Polls show a majority of



EVAN VUCCI/AP

"I have never had so much support as I have in the last week over my stance for border security," President Trump told reporters Thursday in the White House briefing room.

Americans oppose the border wall, although Republicans strongly support it.

White House and Department of Homeland Security officials have spent recent days trying to make a public and private case that the situation at the border has reached a "crisis" situation that demands more money than Democrats have offered.

Trump tweeted a video Thursday with images of what appeared to be migrants trying to rush the border and clashing with law enforcement, beneath the words "crisis at the border," "drugs" and "crime."

The Democratic package to end the shutdown in-

cludes a bill to temporarily fund the Department of Homeland Security at current levels — with \$1.3 billion for border security, far less than Trump has said he wants — through Feb. 8 as bipartisan talks continue. It was approved, 239-192.

Democrats also approved a separate measure to fund the departments of Agriculture, Interior, Housing and Urban Development and others closed by the partial shutdown. The bill, which would provide money through the end of the fiscal year Sept. 30, was approved, 241-190.

The White House has rejected the package.

But some Republican senators appeared open to

at least part of the Democrats' proposal.

"I'm not saying their whole plan is a valid plan, but I see no reason why the bills that are ready to go and on which we've achieved an agreement should be held hostage to this debate over border security," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

"Congress needs to take further action on border security, but that work should be done when the government is fully open," added Sen. Cory Gardner, R-Colo.

Vice President Mike Pence took a hard line, telling Fox News Channel's Tucker Carlson, "Bottom line, if there's no wall, there's no deal."

Russia: Formal charges made against supposed American spy

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MOSCOW — An American arrested in Russia has been formally charged with espionage, a Russian news agency reported Thursday, moving the case into Russia's justice system and possibly deepening the diplomatic tensions with the United States.

The Interfax news agency report on Paul Whelan's status could not be independently verified. "An

indictment has been presented. Whelan dismisses it," Interfax reported, citing a person familiar with the situation.

There was no immediate comment from Russian officials, but Interfax and other Russian news agencies have been used to give the first word on some sensitive domestic issues.

Russian lawyer Vladimir Zherebenkov, who was appointed to represent Whe-



Whelan

lan, was quoted as saying the American will remain in custody in Moscow until at least Feb. 28. It was unclear whether court proceedings could begin before that date, or where Whelan could be held after February.

"His well-being is good. He's making jokes," state-run media quoted Zherebenkov as saying. Whelan will stay "quarantined" at Moscow's LeFortovo detention facility

before being transferred to a general cell after Russia marks Orthodox Christmas on Jan. 7, according to Zherebenkov.

Whelan, 48, who was born in Canada and once served in the Marines, was detained last week by Russia's domestic security services while he was in Moscow for what they described as a "spy mission."

Whelan's family denies the claims and have said they fear for his safety. Whelan was in Moscow to attend the wedding of a

fellow former Marine, his family said.

It is believed Whelan also has Canadian citizenship. Ottawa confirmed a Canadian had been arrested in Moscow, but did not specify the name Whelan, citing privacy concerns.

If convicted, Whelan could serve from 10 to 20 years behind bars in Russia. Rights defenders have criticized Russian espionage law for being too broad.

Zherebenkov has said there were not sufficient grounds for his arrest.

His case is the latest crisis to arise between Washington and Moscow, who are at loggerheads over a range of issues from election interference to the wars in Syria and Ukraine.

The timing of Whelan's arrest — coming weeks after Russian gun rights activist Maria Butina pleaded guilty to Kremlin interference in the United States — has raised questions about a potential swap.

Moscow has described Butina, 30, as a political prisoner.

Sanders contrite as 2016 aides face harassment allegations

BY STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and his chief lieutenants are offering contrition as some of his 2016 campaign staffers face allegations of sexual harassment that threaten to derail a second White House bid before it begins.

Hours after a New York Times report detailed allegations of unwanted sexual advances and pay inequity on his first campaign, Sanders apologized Wednesday “to any woman who felt that she was not treated appropriately.”

“Of course, if I run again, we will do better next time,” Sanders told CNN.

Yet there were immediate signs that the allegations, which did not directly involve Sanders, could hurt the self-described democratic socialist’s 2020 ambitions in the midst of the #MeToo era. In the wake of the report, some Democratic activists and operatives complained about the aggressive culture during the first campaign when male staffers and supporters were sometimes labeled “Bernie bros.”

“I’m not the least bit surprised,” National Organization for Women President Toni Van Pelt said, noting she blocked Sanders’ supporters from her social media feed in 2016. “To me, it was clear this was the way they were running the campaign.”

She blamed Hillary Clinton’s loss to Donald Trump, at least in part, on Sanders and his supporters.

“It wasn’t just Trump, it wasn’t just the Russians, it was also the sexist people that ran his campaign,” Van Pelt said.

The timing could not be worse for Sanders, who is gearing up for a second presidential bid.

Should he run again, the 77-year-old would enter a crowded field that features multiple prominent liberal women. Massachusetts Sen.



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Elizabeth Warren has already launched a presidential exploratory committee. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, who has been a central figure in Washington’s reckoning with the #MeToo era, is considering a presidential run. Sen. Kamala Harris of California could also be a leading contender.

Even before the Times’ story was published, Politico reported that more than two dozen former campaign workers and volunteers had requested a meeting with Sanders to discuss sexual violence and harassment that occurred during the 2016 campaign.

The Times detailed one situation in which a campaign surrogate touched a strategist’s hair in a “sexual way,” among other unwanted advances. The Times also reported that in some cases, women were expected to sleep in the same quarters as men they didn’t know. Others discovered examples of men who were paid significantly more for doing similar jobs.

Sanders’ wife, Jane O’Meara Sanders, said the meeting with concerned former staff and volunteers would take place in a matter of days.

“The fact is if somebody didn’t feel safe in any way, it was a failure. I, we, apolo-

gize profusely. This is not acceptable,” she told the AP. She continued: “I welcome hearing from the individuals that had such problems, because we need to talk about this. And women need to feel and to be safe on campaigns, in their workplaces, on campuses and in their homes.”

O’Meara Sanders said she and her husband became aware of the allegations only after the campaign was over. They subsequently implemented a series of safeguards on his 2018 Senate re-election campaign, which included mandatory staff training, strict guidelines and the creation of a complaint hotline run by a third party.

When asked about her husband’s aspirations regarding a 2020 presidential run, O’Meara Sanders said the new situation would have no impact on their plans.

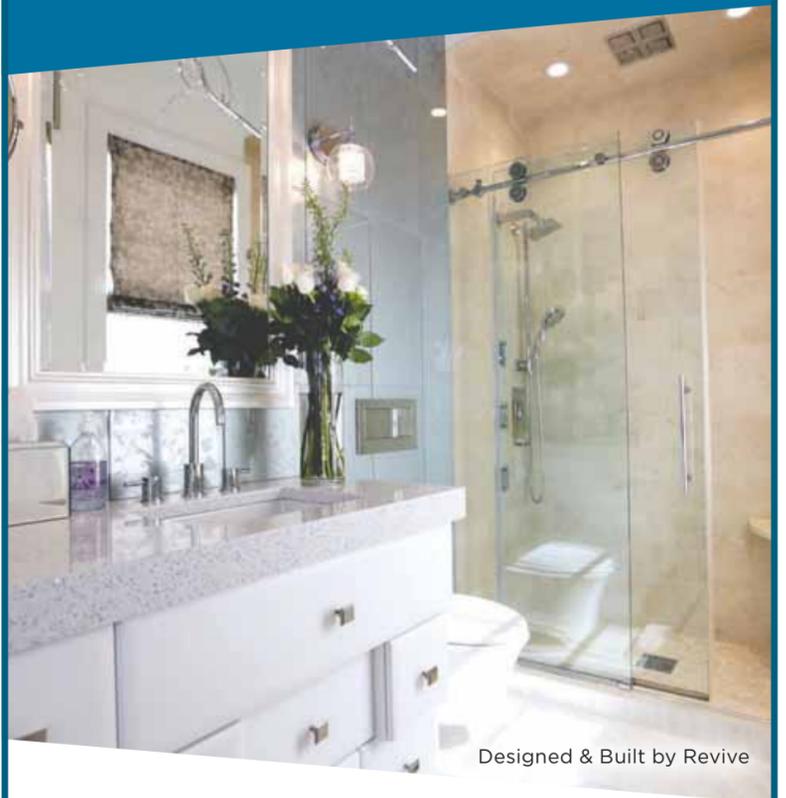
Nina Turner, who leads the Sanders’ political arm, Our Revolution, noted that none of the women who alleged misconduct said Sanders had any direct knowledge.

Van Pelt, of NOW, cast the blame on Sanders whether he had direct knowledge of misconduct or not.

“If he didn’t know,” she said, “he has no business being in office.”

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China sheds light on 'dark' side of moon

BY KEN MORITSUGU
Associated Press

BELJING — China's burgeoning space program achieved a lunar milestone Thursday: landing a probe on the mysterious and misnamed "dark" side of the moon.

Exploring the cosmos from that far side of the moon, which people can't see from Earth, could eventually help scientists learn more about the early days of the solar system and maybe even the birth of the universe's first stars.

Three nations — the United States, the former Soviet Union and more recently China — all have sent spacecraft to the side of the moon that faces Earth, but this landing is the first on the far side. That side has been observed many times from lunar orbit, but never up close.

The China National Space Administration said the touchdown of the Chang'e 4 craft has "opened up a new chapter in human lunar exploration."

A photo sent back by Chang'e 4 shows a small crater and a barren surface that appears to be illuminated by a light from the lunar explorer. Its name comes from that of a Chinese goddess who, according to



CHINA NATIONAL SPACE ADMINISTRATION

A photo shows a crater and a barren surface on the far side of the moon. A light appears to illuminate the area around the Chang'e 4, which is named after a Chinese goddess.

legend, has lived on the moon for millennia.

One challenge of sending a probe to the moon's far side is communicating with it from Earth, so China launched a relay satellite in May to enable Chang'e 4 to send back information.

The mission highlights China's growing ambitions to rival the U.S., Russia and Europe in space, and more broadly, to cement its position as a regional and global power.

"The space dream is part of the dream to make China

stronger," President Xi Jinping said after becoming the country's leader in 2013.

Chinese media and officials hailed the Dec. 8 launch of Chang'e 4 as one of the nation's major achievements in 2018.

The public was kept in suspense about the landing itself for more than an hour after it occurred, with state broadcaster CCTV announcing it at the top of the noon news.

"On the whole, China's space technology still lags behind the West, but with

the landing on the far side of the moon, we have raced to the front," said Hou Xiyun, a professor at Nanjing University's school of astronomy and space science.

He added that China has Mars, Jupiter and asteroids in its sights: "There's no doubt that our nation will go farther and farther."

The landing was "a big deal" because it used an engineering technique of the spacecraft itself choosing a safe place to touch down in treacherous terrain, something called au-

tonomous hazard avoidance, said Purdue University lunar and planetary scientist Jay Melosh.

In 2013, the predecessor spacecraft Chang'e 3 made the first moon landing since the former Soviet Union's Luna 24 in 1976. The United States is the only country to successfully send astronauts to the moon — 2019 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing — although China is considering a crewed mission too.

For now, it plans to send a Chang'e 5 probe to the moon next year and have it return to Earth with samples — also not done since the Soviet mission in 1976.

The moon's far side is sometimes called the "dark side" in popular culture because it is always unseen from Earth and is relatively unknown, not because it lacks sunlight.

Chang'e 4, a combined lander and rover, will make astronomical observations and probe the composition of the soil.

The spacecraft landed in the South Pole-Aitken basin, the oldest known impact zone.

Scientists want to know how old — somewhere from 3.9 billion to 4.4 billion years old — to better understand a period in the solar system's

history called the late heavy bombardment. That's when space rocks were careening off each other and crashing into moons and planets, including Earth.

Knowing the age and chemical composition of this crash zone would help understand Earth's ancient history better, said Purdue's Melosh.

Chang'e 4 could also contribute to radio astronomy.

"The far side of the moon is a rare, quiet place that is free from interference from radio signals from Earth," mission spokesman Yu Guobin said, according to the official Xinhua News Agency. "This probe can fill the gap of low-frequency observation in radio astronomy and will provide important information for studying the origin of stars and nebula evolution."

Harvard astronomer Avi Loeb said that in the future, it may be possible to see much farther — and thus earlier — into the universe from the far side because the moon itself will block interfering radio signals from Earth.

From the far side, scientists may eventually be able to peer back to 50 million to 100 million years after the Big Bang, when the first stars were born — or even earlier, he said.

High court's low profile ending

New cases to test Roberts' will to stay above political fray

BY MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court began its term with the tumultuous confirmation of Justice Brett Kavanaugh, followed by a studied avoidance of drama on the high court bench — especially anything that would divide the five conservatives and four liberals.

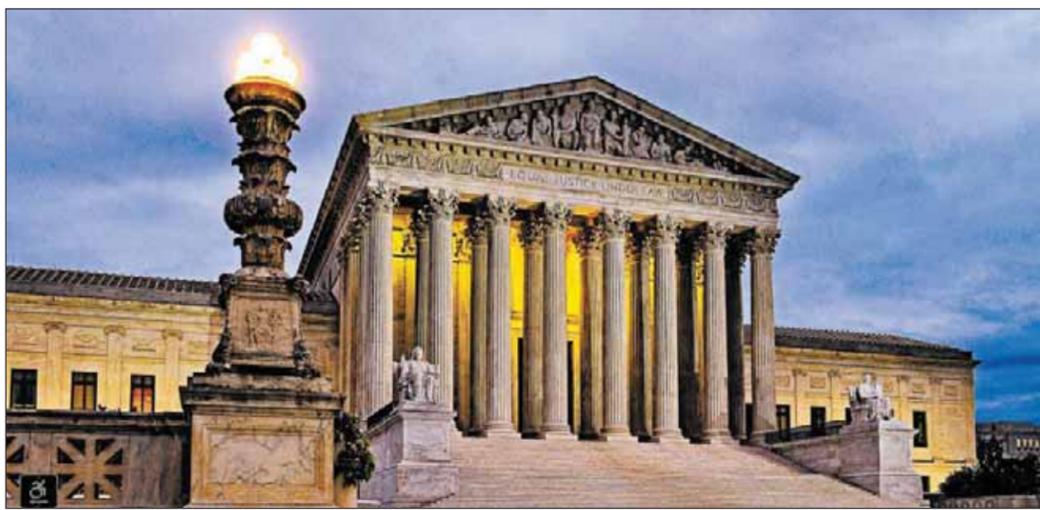
The justices have been unusually solicitous of each other in the courtroom since Kavanaugh's confirmation, and several have voiced concern that the public perceives the court as merely a political institution.

Chief Justice John Roberts seems determined to lead the one Washington institution that stays above the political fray. Even Roberts' rebuke of President Donald Trump, after the president criticized a federal judge, was in defense of an independent, apolitical judiciary.

The next few weeks will test whether the calm can last.

When they gather in private Friday to consider new cases for arguments in April and into next term, the justices will confront a raft of high-profile appeals.

Abortion restrictions, workplace discrimination against LGBT people and partisan gerrymandering are on the agenda. Close behind are appeals from the Trump administration seeking to have the court allow it to end an Obama-era program that shields young immigrants from de-



J. DAVID AKE/AP 2018

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portation and to put in place restrictive rules for transgender troops.

There already are signs that the conservative justices, apart from Roberts, are willing to take on controversial cases that are likely to produce the ideological and partisan divisions that their colleagues seem eager to avoid.

In recent weeks, three conservative justices accused the court of ducking its job of deciding important cases, especially when lower courts have disagreed on the outcome. Their criticism, written by Justice Clarence Thomas and joined by Justices Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch, came after a recent decision to avoid a case involving Planned Parenthood.

Then, on the Friday before Christmas, the court divided 5-4 in refusing to allow the Trump administration to enforce new restrictions on asylum seek-

ers. Roberts joined the four liberals. The three conservatives who were displeased by the Planned Parenthood case outcome again noted their disagreement, this time joined by Kavanaugh.

The two votes can't be used to draw any firm conclusions about what may be happening behind closed doors at the court, as the cases arrived in different circumstances. In the Planned Parenthood case, the justices were considering whether to grant full review, a process that takes four votes. The asylum case was an emergency appeal from the administration. At least five of the nine justices would have had to vote in the administration's favor.

But Lawrence Solum, a professor of constitutional law at Georgetown University's law school, said Roberts seems to have two reasons to limit the court's involvement in hot-button

cases: his preference for taking small steps in the law and his concern for the court's reputation.

"It's clear that 5-4 decisions will be perceived by many, many lawyers, many politicians and large numbers of the public at large as ideological decisions," Solum said. "So given Roberts' desire to preserve the legitimacy of the court, he could be highly motivated to avoid decisions like that in the next immediate period in the history of the court. Whether that's one year, or two years or five years, who knows?"

The court arrived at this point after an unusual chain of events that began with the death of Justice Antonin Scalia in February 2016. Senate Republicans refused to act on President Barack Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland, allowing Trump to put Gorsuch on the court in 2017.

To this day, Democrats

say the seat was stolen from them.

Then, over the summer, Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement meant that Trump would also get to replace the court's swing vote with a more reliable conservative. Kavanaugh's track record as an appellate judge suggested he was that man, but his confirmation was nearly derailed by allegations of sexual assault, which Kavanaugh denied.

The accusations turned the confirmation process into a national spectacle that culminated in a hearing with Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, who accused him of assault when they were in high school. Republicans said the allegation was unproven and confirmed Kavanaugh in a rare Saturday session. Spotlights on how emotional the debate had become, a crowd of demonstrators gathered at the Supreme Court building after the Kavanaugh vote,

with some climbing the stone statues that line the steps.

One result of the Kavanaugh turmoil has been the most serious discussion in decades of limiting the court's powers, including possibly increasing the number of justices, Solum said. "It suggests that the legitimacy of the court is at issue now in perhaps a way it hasn't been until recently."

Roberts is not only the chief justice, but he has essentially taken Kennedy's place as the swing vote — the conservative justice nearest the court's center. The Supreme Court will go only as far as Roberts is willing in either direction.

He can try to keep the court entirely out of some cases, though that requires him to be able to persuade at least one other conservative justice to go along. That's what happened in the Planned Parenthood case, when Kavanaugh voted to deny review. "The difficult confirmation battle may lead to a bit of caution," said John McGinnis, a Northwestern University law school professor.

When the justices do plunge into controversy, Roberts will be able "to write or insist that decisions be narrowly drawn," McGinnis said.

Roberts has been chief justice for more than 13 years, but he is only 63 and could lead the court for an additional two decades or more. That allows Roberts, who began his legal career as a lawyer in the Reagan administration, to take a long view, McGinnis said, and await a time when political tensions and concerns about the court's reputation subside.

Saudi Arabia: 5 suspects face execution in Khashoggi killing

BY JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia announced Thursday that it will seek the death penalty against five suspects in the slaying of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi, a killing that has seen members of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's entourage implicated in the writer's assassination.

Prosecutors announced that 11 suspects in the slaying attended their first court hearing with lawyers, but the statement did not name those in court. It also did not explain why seven other suspects arrested over the Oct. 2 killing at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul did not immediately face formal charges. The kingdom

previously announced 18 people had been arrested.

Saudi officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The killing of Khashoggi, who wrote columns critical of the crown prince, has strained the decades-long ties the kingdom enjoys with the United States. It also has added to a renewed international push to end the Saudi-led war in Yemen.

The state-run Saudi Press Agency and state television gave few details about the hearing.

"The Public Prosecutor demanded imposing proper punishments against the defendants and is seeking capital punishment for five of the defendants for their direct involvement in the murder," a statement from prosecutors said.

The suspects requested



HASAN JAMALI/AP 2014

Jamal Khashoggi, who wrote columns critical of the crown prince, was killed at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

copies of the indictments they faced, as well as asked for more time to prepare for their case, prosecutors said.

While vague on details about the case, prosecutors made a point to express concerns about Turkey. They alleged that Turkish officials did not answer two formal requests made for evidence in the case.

"To date, the Saudi Public

Prosecutor has not received any response, and the Public Prosecution is still awaiting their response," the statement said.

Turkish officials have previously said they shared evidence with Saudi Arabia and other nations over Khashoggi's killing.

Turkey also has demanded Saudi Arabia extradite those 18 suspects to be tried there for Khashoggi's killing. Turkish security officials have kept up a slow leak of videos, photographs and morbid details surrounding Khashoggi's slaying to pressure the kingdom, as the two U.S.-allied countries vie for influence over the wider Mideast.

Turkish media have published photographs of members of the crown prince's entourage at the consulate in Istanbul ahead

of the slaying. Khashoggi's body, believed to have been dismembered after his killing, has yet to be found.

Khashoggi, 59, entered the consulate Oct. 2 as his fiancée waited outside. But unbeknownst to him, a team of Saudi officials had flown in before his arrival and laid in wait for him.

Saudi Arabia denied for weeks that Khashoggi had been killed but later acknowledged the slaying. King Salman ordered the restructuring of the country's intelligence service, but he has shielded Prince Mohammed, 33, his son, who is next in line to the throne.

All that has not has not stopped widespread international criticism against the kingdom. Under Prince Mohammed, Saudi Arabia has seen the arrest of busi-

ness leaders, royals and activists while also recently granting women the right to drive.

U.S. senators in December passed the measure that blamed the prince for Khashoggi's killing and called on Riyadh to "ensure appropriate accountability."

Senators also passed a separate measure calling for the end of U.S. aid to the Saudi-led war in Yemen. Both measures drew angry responses from the kingdom, but a renewed international effort has begun to end the Yemen war.

Saudi Arabia was the world's third top executioner in 2017, behind China and Iran, according to Amnesty International's most recent figures available. The kingdom executed at least 146 people, according to the group.

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Sign-ups steady as health law case goes to appeals court

WASHINGTON — The government said 8.4 million Americans have signed up for coverage this year under the Affordable Care Act, reflecting steady enrollment even as supporters of the law appeal a court ruling nullifying it. Thursday's numbers underscore the unexpected staying power of "Obamacare," which President Donald Trump and Republican lawmakers failed to repeal after promising a better health insurance

plan in its place.

The numbers from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reflect the 39 states served by the federal HealthCare.gov website. The final count will be higher, after populous states like California and New York report.

Also on Thursday, Democratic-led states announced they're appealing a recent ruling by a federal judge in Texas that declared the Affordable Care Act unconstitutional.

U.S. military: Attack in Somalia kills 10 al-Shabab fighters

JOHANNESBURG — The U.S. military announced it has carried out an airstrike in southwestern Somalia that killed 10 members of the extremist group al-Shabab.

The U.S. Africa Command statement said the airstrike occurred Wednesday near Dheerow Sanle to "diminish al-Shabab's freedom of movement and to increase pressure on the terrorist network."

The statement said no civilians were injured or killed.

This is the first reported U.S. airstrike of the year in Somalia. The U.S. carried out at least 47 such strikes last year in the Horn of Africa nation.

The al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab controls large parts of Somalia's southern and central regions and carries out bombings against high-profile targets in Mogadishu.

7 killed after fiery crash, fuel spill on interstate in Florida

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Two big rigs and two passenger vehicles collided and spilled diesel fuel across a highway Thursday, sparking a massive fire that killed seven people, authorities said.

The wreck happened on Interstate 75 about a mile south of Alachua, near Gainesville. The flames were fed by about 50 gallons of diesel, authorities said.

Several others were tak-

en to the hospital, some with critical injuries, the Gainesville Sun reported. Authorities initially said six had died but late Thursday night revealed a seventh victim had died.

Emergency crews extinguished the fire and said they were treating the crash as a homicide investigation, but didn't say why. The fire was so intense that authorities said it damaged parts of the road.



SUMETH PANPETCH/AP

Residents in Nakhon Si Thammarat province on southern Thailand's east coast take shelter in an evacuation center Thursday. Authorities also suspended ferry services ahead of a powerful tropical storm expected to begin pounding the region late Friday.

Afghans blast Trump's praise of the 1979 Soviet invasion

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan officials on Thursday blasted President Donald Trump's praise of the 1979 Soviet invasion and occupation, which he described as a fight against terrorism, breaking with decades of Republican anti-communist beliefs.

In Trump's revisionist history of Afghanistan, "the reason Russia was in Afghanistan was because terrorists were going into Russia," he said during a Cabinet meeting Wednesday. "They were right to be there. The problem is, it was a tough fight."

It was a surprising break

from U.S. conservatives dating back to President Ronald Reagan, who saw the invasion as an attempt to spread communism and aided insurgent forces fighting Soviet troops.

The comments raised eyebrows with officials in Afghanistan, at a time when Kabul has been frustrated with Trump's sudden announcement of a plan to withdraw up to half of U.S. troops as peace talks with Taliban insurgents continue without Afghan government involvement.

A statement from President Ashraf Ghani's office described the battle against

the Soviets as a "national uprising for gaining freedom" and noted that the Soviet invasion was condemned by the United Nations and the United States at the time.

"All presidents of America not only denounced this invasion but remained supporters of this holy jihad of the Afghans," the statement said.

Trump's invitation for Russia and India to join the fight against the Taliban — along with Pakistan, where the militants have enjoyed safe haven — further complicated matters, an Afghan lawmaker said.

Sentencing overhaul leads to Tenn. man's release

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A Tennessee man will be one of the first prisoners to be released under a criminal justice reform law recently signed by President Donald Trump.

Matthew Charles had received national attention after being re-sentenced and ordered back to prison

in 2018, two years after a judge ruled his sentence was unfair. However, U.S. District Judge Aleta Trauger on Thursday reduced Charles' sentence to time served.

Trauger specifically cited the First Step Act as the reason the 52-year-old Charles was entitled to

immediate release.

The law aims to reduce recidivism among federal prisoners. It also reduces guidelines for crack cocaine offenses and made those changes retroactive.

Charles was sentenced to 35 years for selling crack in 1996. He is incarcerated at a Kentucky jail.

Zinke denies report that he lied to Interior investigators

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department's public integrity section is examining whether newly departed Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke lied to his agency's inspector general investigators, according to three people familiar with the matter, a potential criminal violation that would exacerbate Zinke's legal woes.

Zinke told The Associated Press on Thursday that he's been truthful with investigators looking into numerous ethics complaints against him and that the allegations are false and appeared to have been leaked to undermine his accomplishments as secretary.

Zinke left the administration Wednesday. He was facing inspector general inquiries tied to his real estate dealings in Montana and his involvement in reviewing a casino proposal by Native American tribes in Connecticut.

In Russia: After three-and-a-half days of fighting a mountain of concrete, cold weather and time, rescue teams in the industrial Russian city of Magnitogorsk ended a search for people who were inside an apartment building where an explosion triggered a partial collapse, giving a final death toll Thursday of 39.

In Nevada: Las Vegas police identified Krystal Whipple, 21, as the woman accused of driving over and killing a nail salon owner who chased her for failing to pay for a \$35 manicure. Security video footage of Saturday's incident shows Ngoc Nguyen, 51, jumping in front of a black sedan and being dragged as it speeds away.

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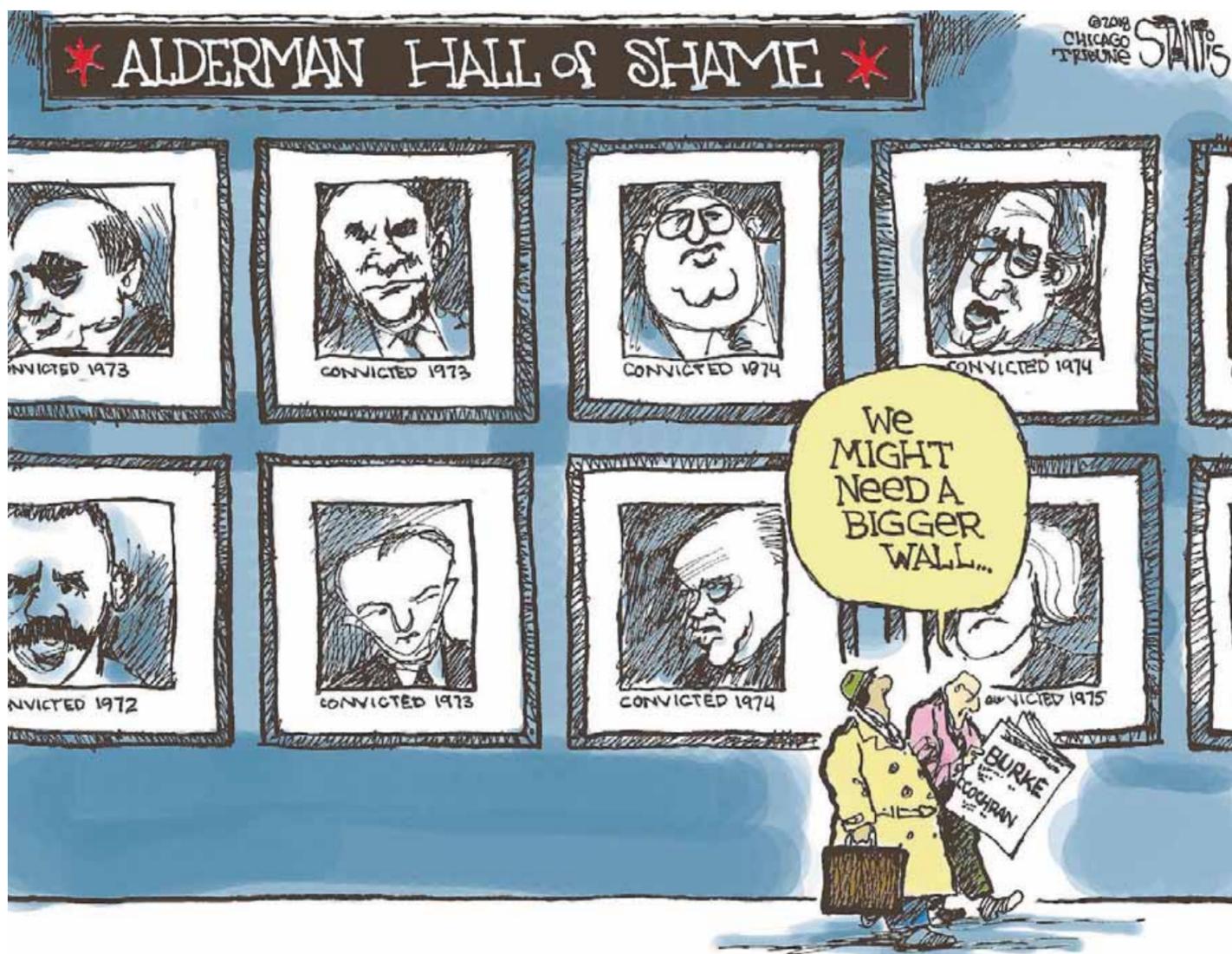
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EDITORIALS



SCOTT STANTIS

Burke's criminal case and Chicago's next mayor

The U.S. Department of Justice accusation that Chicago's most clouted alderman is a crook brims with dangerous implications for Edward Burke, 14th. His political, social and legal influence pervade this city's corridors of power. The feds essentially allege that by committing extortion, Burke has cheated Chicagoans — that he has used his role as their elected official for his personal gain.

The ripple effects extend beyond Burke's offices at City Hall, at his law firm and in his Southwest Side ward. Our judicial system views Burke, like any other defendant, as innocent until a court rules otherwise. But before any verdict settles that question, the criminal case against Burke will be obsessively digested by Chicago's court of public opinion. Among the immediate implications:

The feds' message to voters

■ With Thursday's allegations, the feds send a signal to voters who soon will decide whether to keep Burke in the Chicago City Council or push him out of office. Written between the lines of these accusations: *We at the Justice Department didn't want you to go to the polls Feb. 26 only to learn afterward that we're charging this candidate with a crime. We aren't telling you how to vote. We're telling you what we allege. Do with that knowledge what you will.*

■ For Burke's political cronies and business associates, a frightening question looms: Are these accusations the end of something or the beginning of something? The charges are based on events that allegedly predated federal searches of Burke's offices by

Guilty or innocent, Ed Burke exemplifies half of the alliance between aldermen and mayors who enable one another when they should be checks on one another.

more than a year. Maybe those searches marked the conclusion of an investigation. Or maybe there's more to this story. One sentence from the Tribune's initial news story about the federal filing will provoke curiosity — and maybe some alarm — among Burke's many contacts: "The evidence includes numerous recorded calls from Burke's cellphone as well as emails and other documents, according to the complaint ..."

■ This case is bad karma for the already tainted property tax appeals industry, long a troubling nexus of politicians, lawyers — and key players such as Burke who wear both hats. Reporting by the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois have established chronic inequities in property valuations under departed Assessor Joseph Berrios: The calculations tend to benefit property owners who hire these powerful attorneys, often at the ultimate expense of property owners in low-income and minority communities. To an extent none of us knows, the feds have taken an interest in this Venn diagram of politics, law and property assessments.

■ But perhaps the most urgent alert goes to candidates for mayor of Chicago and aldermen of its wards. For decades this city's mayors have allowed power to coalesce in a relative few aldermen who are part of the Democratic machine. The arrangement served both the legislative and executive branches: In return for aldermanic obedience in council voting, mayors let aldermen rule fiefdoms that ought to be free of political influence. Witness the \$100 million-per-year city workers' compensation program that Burke controls — without oversight from City Hall's inspector general.

Candidates for mayor and alderman:

Many of you said little beyond mumbles after federal agents raided Burke's offices. You hid behind the fact that none of us knew what was happening rather than speak about what's achingly wrong with Chicago's City Hall.

Mayors and aldermen, enabling each other

But you no longer can get away with lame comments about the legal system working through the accusations against Burke. Guilty or innocent, Ed Burke exemplifies half of the alliance between aldermen and mayors who enable one another when they should be checks on one another. If voters choose you, what reforms will you demand? We wrote in Sunday's Tribune that Chicagoans can elect a mayor and 50 aldermen who know and perform their respective jobs. Who pursue policy over politics. Who support

transparency in City Hall operations. Who coalesce around new leadership in committee chairmanships.

Another question for you, candidates, is whether — if these allegations prove true — Burke is an aberration or the logical product of a City Hall culture that long has tolerated influence-peddling. The long run of convictions here suggests that citizens and companies doing business with local government might face shakedowns at any turn.

Ald. Willie Cochran, 20th, has rejected a plea deal in his corruption case; federal prosecutors allege that he swiped money from a charity fund he oversaw that was supposed to support programs for kids and senior citizens. He is accused of spending some of the money on gambling and his daughter's tuition.

He also sought a kickback from a liquor store manager and accepted a bribe linked to a federal grant program, his 2016 indictment alleges.

A half-century of convictions

Cochran says he is innocent. If convicted, he would be the 30th Chicago alderman convicted since 1972 of crimes connected to their official role.

But that nearly half-century of sending aldermen to prison hasn't cleaned up City Hall.

This episode severely weakens Burke. But the system that allows mayors and aldermen to protect one another's influence will endure until new Chicago mayors and aldermen reform it.

Candidates, tell Chicagoans whether, and how, you would make any difference.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

I'll be the first to admit that my son's rambunctiousness can be challenging. It wears on you after a while. Indeed, a couple of nights ago I was feeling particularly not in the mood for his antics. I was annoyed, put off. I wanted some peace and quiet. I told him sternly to "calm down" and "be quiet."

Not the first time I've snapped at him, that's for sure. But I was being selfish.

There wasn't anything wrong with how he was acting. I just didn't feel like dealing with it.

So often that is why boys are drugged and punished and scolded in our society. We just don't feel like dealing with them. They present challenges that we lack the patience to meet, especially in an academic environment ...

Obviously we need to teach our boys to

be obedient and respectful. And they really do need to calm down and be quiet sometimes.

But boys also need to be boys. I'm afraid they're rarely given that opportunity these days. They're always being told "no," "stop," "calm down," "be quiet," "sit still."

We treat their boyhood like something that needs to be treated or fixed, like a malignant growth of some kind. We have

literally made boyhood into a mental illness. And why? Because we need them to fit into the systems we have in place. We need them to go with our flow, at our pace, on our schedule. A boy's personality, his whole way of being, is an obstacle in our path.

So we harangue him, stifle him, drug him, until we've made him compliant.

Matt Walsh, The Daily Wire

Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

Does your stuff pass the 'neighbor's garbage' test? If not, delete it from your life.



ERIC ZORN

The most galvanizing experience I had in 2018 was helping to clean out my mother-in-law's three-story house on Elmer Street in Pittsburgh.

She'd lived in it since the late 1950s. The four children who'd grown up there were long gone, her husband had died nearly 20 years ago, and the realities of aging demanded she drastically downsize and move into a small apartment nearby.

It was left to us — mostly my wife and her brother — to go through what she left behind, saving some, selling some, donating some and tossing most.

My mother-in-law is not a hoarder by any means. She kept a neat home. But, you know, stuff accumulates over 60 years. Books. Furniture. Art. Kitchen equipment. Linens. Supplies. Papers.

Knickknacks. On and on. Leading for us to days and days of sorting, evaluating, wondering and sighing.

Do we want this? Do we know anyone who might want it? Should we try to sell it? Is it, by any meaningful standard, trash? As our time in early July ran short for triage, we became increasingly ruthless and unsentimental. We saved or set aside for donation or sale almost nothing and heaved massive amounts of perfectly serviceable, potentially valuable and in some cases emotionally resonant stuff into contractor-grade Hefty bags for dispatch to the landfill or a charitable organization.

Draining. Sad. And, as I said, galvanizing.

When we returned to Chicago, my wife and I decided our new goal is not to leave such an enormous and ultimately wasteful task to our children and their life partners. Instead we will gradually, deliberately and with suitable discernment begin to give our house the Elmer Street treatment.

Not just routine tidying up and discarding, but something more

like what the Swedes call "death cleaning" — a permanent winnowing of possessions aimed not only at relieving our heirs of an otherwise inevitable burden but also at simplifying life during the time we have left (which we hope will be considerable).

In the words of Margareta Magnusson, "It is not very nice to leave things for your family to clear away." Magnusson is the author who popularized the concept in her 2017 best-seller, "The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning: How to Free Yourself and Your Family From a Lifetime of Clutter."

Weekend by weekend, corner of the house by corner of the house, or sometimes just shelf by shelf or drawer by drawer, we began "Elmering."

We quickly ran into two old enemies — "Somebody" and "Someday," as in the hypothetical Somebody who might be able to use a particular object on a far off Someday.

These are the enemies that have resulted in the construction of nearly 12 million commercial self-storage units in America,

according to the Self Storage Association, a trade group. Sure, these rent-a-sheds are useful to meet short-term needs during moves or temporary dislocations, but the industry reports that nearly 6 in 10 are now rented for a year or longer by those who, in my view, are simply postponing the inevitable.

We responded to each Somebody and Someday item not with the touchy-feely question, "Does it spark joy?" as proposed by decluttering guru Marie Kondo, but by applying the "Would you drag it in from the alley?" test.

If you saw this item on top of your neighbor's garbage bin, would you pick it up and bring it into your house? If so, keep it. If not, give it away or set it atop your own garbage bin.

The process has gone ... OK. We haven't once missed a single item we've gotten rid of. But our resolve faltered as life got busy around the holidays and Elmering tapered off.

Then, the other day, I was re-inspired by Detroit-area journalist Nancy Nall Derringer, who in a recent blog post announced

that her one-word resolution for 2019 is "delete."

The concept of choosing a single, guiding-light word for the new year instead of a series of goals dates back to at least 1999, when self-help authors Dan Britton and Jimmy Page began promoting the idea. Numerous websites — myoneword, getoneword, oneword365 and others — are now devoted to the idea, and my fellow columnist Mary Schmich regularly picks a word for her year and encourages readers to do the same.

I'm choosing "delete" for 2019. It has a nicer, more modern sound than "purge" and is less obscure than "Elmer." It also covers the reduction of not just physical objects that are mere burdens-in-waiting for the next generation, but also digital manifestations of clutter, unproductive worrying, feckless bickering and toxic associations, all of which occupy brain space and complicate life.

Delete. Empty trash. Don't look back. Make the Swedes proud.

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A U.S. soldier near the site of a suicide bomber attack on a police compound in Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2014. The war in Afghanistan has lasted over 17 years.

Will the never-ending war in Afghanistan ever end?

BY IVO DAALDER

As 2018 wound down, President Donald Trump reminded his Twitter followers of one of his most solemn promises. "I campaigned against the NEVER ENDING WARS, remember!" The tweet sought to address criticism of his sudden decision to pull U.S. troops out of Syria. But the real target may well have been the longest of America's "never-ending" wars — the conflict in Afghanistan.

Lost amid the fallout from Trump's Syria decision were reports that the commander in chief had also decided to withdraw half of the 14,000 U.S. troops deployed in Afghanistan. While a White House spokesperson later denied the report, there is no doubt that the president would like to end America's involvement in Afghanistan sooner rather than later.

On this, Trump is right — more so than the many generals and other national security

officials who for many years have argued that staying just a little longer, deploying just a few more troops and using just a little more force will guarantee ultimate success in what is by now America's longest war ever.

Though initially skeptical, Trump bought that line in 2017 when he agreed not only to stay in Afghanistan, but to increase the overall troop presence for an indefinite period. "My original instinct was to pull out — and, historically, I like following my instincts," Trump said in announcing that decision. But "my Cabinet and generals" had convinced him that walking away risked a repeat of 9/11. "We cannot repeat in Afghanistan the mistake our leaders made in Iraq," he said in a thinly veiled swipe at his predecessors.

But Trump's generals are now gone. Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, his second national security adviser who made staying in Afghanistan a top priority, left months ago. And

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and chief of staff John Kelly, both retired Marine generals who had likewise pushed the president to remain in Afghanistan, left office at the start of the new year.

As the Syria decision showed, Trump's instincts are now likely to be a better guide to future policy than whatever his advisers might argue. And his instinct is to end the never-ending wars. In the case of Afghanistan, he has a point.

The war in Afghanistan has lasted more than 17 years, and the overall situation has improved little over those years. The United States has spent more than \$130 billion in aid to Afghanistan, including \$80 billion to train and equip its security forces. And yet, Afghan government forces control barely half the country, with the Taliban insurgents currently controlling or contesting more territory than at any time since 2001. Indeed, despite the deployment of thousands more U.S. troops and a sharp escalation in U.S.

bombing raids, Afghan forces control less territory today than they did in early 2017.

Meanwhile, the cost of the war for the Afghan people has been rising steadily. In 2018, civilian casualties were higher than in any other year in the war. Afghan security forces have borne the brunt of the fighting, with more than 28,000 soldiers and policemen killed in the last three years alone.

Afghanistan is truly a never-ending war. A major reason is that we have never been clear about the overall mission of our engagement. Is the goal to go after the terrorist forces, principally al-Qaida and more recently affiliates of the Islamic State, that could threaten the U.S. homeland? Is it to end the Afghan civil war, which in one way or another has been going on for 40 years, by countering the Taliban and force it to the negotiating table? Is it to rebuild Afghanistan as a functioning and peaceful nation state? At times it has been any

one of these goals; at others all of them at once.

President Trump — and the nation — would be well served by a thorough, bottom-up review of our entire Afghan strategy. The Obama administration conducted such a review in 2009, but ultimately settled for a compromise policy that failed to agree on clear goals. The 2017 review led by McMaster mainly aimed to convince Trump not to act on his instincts to get out.

What we need now is a real assessment: Why are we there? What is the likelihood of success? When can we leave? And if the review concludes that success is not possible or the costs of getting there are too high — as seems likely — then let's follow the advice of the late Sen. George Aiken: Declare victory and go home.

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PERSPECTIVE

Why aren't there more Republican women in Congress?

BY MALLIGA OCH
AND SHAUNA SHAMES

The 116th Congress — sworn in Thursday — is the most diverse in U.S. history: 126 women took office, including 43 women of color. Yet, as many have noted, this new diversity is confined to one side of the aisle.

The number of Republican women in Congress is actually dropping from 23 to 13. Only one out of 36 freshman female representatives is a Republican. So while 2018 certainly was the Year of the Woman, Republican women are watching from the sidelines.

Whether you are progressive or conservative, this is bad news. As political scientists, we strongly believe that both democracy and feminism work best when there is a critical mass of women in each major political party. A democracy should reflect the diversity of its society. Considering that women make up over half of the U.S. population but only 23 percent of Congress, American democracy already underrepresents women. For Republican women, the mismatch is even more pronounced.

Nearly half of all women in this country regularly vote for Republican candidates. For example, Donald Trump won 41 percent of the female vote in 2016 and Mitt Romney won 44 percent in 2012. Yet the overall numbers of Republican women candidates and elected women has stagnated at around 15 percent for the past two decades and is now declining.

This is important for many reasons.

For one, Republican women, both as voters and legislators, often have different policy views and priorities than their male counterparts have. Elected Republican women have provided crucial voices in setting policy. For example, Republican women were vocal in their support to reauthorize the 1993 Violence Against Women Act last year. Republican women also have been able to speak about womanhood in a language that fellow conservative lawmakers could relate to. Further, GOP women have forged bipartisan compromises in the past few decades with Democratic women.

More generally, research has shown that women on both sides of the aisle provide excellent constituency service and are more effective lawmakers than men. In other words, it is a problem for all of us from Republican districts — and for democracy more generally — if women are mostly concentrated in one party.

Higher hurdles for GOP women

So what can be done? Most important, we should dispel the myth that the decline of women in the GOP is a Republican “war on women” with the GOP actively trying to keep women out of the party. Instead, our research shows that Republican women face greater barriers to



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An overwhelmingly male House Republican delegation is sworn in Thursday at the Capitol in Washington.

entry compared with either Democratic women or Republican men.

First, Republican women have more limited access than Republican men to campaign dollars at the crucial primary stage when fundraising numbers signal candidate viability.

Both in individual donations and political action committee, or PAC, giving, the picture looks bleak for Republican women. In 2018, Republican women raised about \$19 million from women donors. Compare that to \$159 million Democratic female candidates raised from women.

One of the biggest problems for Republican women is that they do not have access to an established and well-funded PAC network. While Democrats have EMILY's List, which supports pro-choice Democratic women as candidates, and many more well-funded progressive women's PACs, conservative women's PACs are fragmented and underfunded. One conservative counterpart to EMILY's List is the Susan B. Anthony List, which supports pro-life candidates of both sexes. In 2018, EMILY's List spent almost \$69 million in support of Democratic pro-choice women. In contrast, the SBA List spent around \$799,000 in support of pro-life candidates including Democratic and Republican men.

In addition to limited funds, conservative women PACs lack visibility and viability. The Wish List, supporting pro-choice Republican women, faltered within 10 years and ShePAC within two years. Research by political scientists Rosalyn Cooperman and Melody Crowder-Meyer show that few GOP donors have heard

of these efforts. Low visibility and limited funds mean that an endorsement of such PACs carries little weight compared with the endorsement of EMILY's List, which is widely seen as a signal of viability and leads to an influx of donations from other sources.

Other efforts to increase the number of Republican women such as the National Republican Congressional Committee's Project GROW — which stands for Growing Republican Opportunities for Women — also have fallen short. As the first female head of recruitment for the National Republican Congressional Committee, New York Rep. Elise Stefanik recruited more than 100 women to run for the Republican Party. Only one of them won office.

Second, Republican women have a pipeline problem. Typically, candidates first run for local or state office before making a run for Congress. Yet as of 2018, only 37.6 percent of all female state legislators across the U.S. are Republican. Fewer Republican women in lower offices means that fewer women will run for Congress. But that lack of a good bench is not due to a lack of ambition. Political scientist Abbie Erler of Kenyon College shows that Republican women are as ambitious as Democratic women. Instead, Republican women tend to live in states where opportunity structures are limited, meaning congressional delegations are small and turnover is low.

Third, Republicans reject “identity politics.” As political scientist Cathy Wineinger of Western Washington University shows, the Republican Party traditionally emphasizes individ-

ualism, social conservatism, a free-market economy and national security. The GOP dismisses group-based representational claims about identity or diversity, which the Democratic Party embraces. This ideological bent hampers internal discussion of why electing women is important and makes it harder to establish a positive mechanism to address the lack of women in the party.

This is why Stefanik's push for a new conservative women's PAC is so important. She correctly identified the most important step to getting more women elected: early financial and logistical support in primaries. Without an entity that provides training, access to experienced campaign staff and fundraising, the GOP will never remedy its women deficit.

In the long run, being the party of white men is a losing demographic strategy for Republicans. More important, democracy depends on the debate of multiple viewpoints by diverse people. We do not mean to suggest that there must be perfect numerical equality at all times, but inequities should rotate, not stagnate. For legitimate representative governance, each party needs to contain a strong core of elected women. The American governing system would be better with more women on each side of the aisle.

The Conversation

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The myth of home ownership

One afternoon some 40 years ago when I was starting my career, I spent some time speaking to an older and wiser colleague. In passing I mentioned that I hoped to own my own home one day. He was quick to correct me. No, he said. What you mean is you want to live in a home someday. Homeownership is a myth, he explained. Even once a mortgage has been satisfied, don't pay your property tax for a few years, he said. You will discover who really owns your home, and it isn't you. I remember that conversation every year when I open my tax bill. He lived in Cook County.

— Matthew Korzeniowski, Tinley Park

Don't add restaurant surcharges

Regarding the front page Dec. 28 article, “Meal comes with serving of health for your server,” about a Logan Square restaurant that will add a 4 percent surcharge to customer checks to cover employee health insurance and an increase in wages, why don't they just increase the price of their meals? Who wants a surcharge? Adding a tip amount is bad enough, especially when the restaurant gives a “suggested amount.” No other retail business, as far as I know, adds a surcharge to pay employee benefits. To me, it gives a negative vibe, and it almost seems like the restaurant is putting out a tin cup to cover expenses. Or playing on the sympathy of the patrons. No one likes a surprise when the check comes, especially when budgeting, and some may just reduce the amount of the tip. At a time when a few restaurants have raised prices and eliminated tips, it seems contrary to add a surcharge.

My message to the restaurant: Raise your prices and ditch the surcharge.

— Mario Caruso, Chicago

Finished with the ‘L’

After riding the “L” in Chicago my entire life I now have to give that mode of transportation up regardless of time of day. It is not worth being randomly stabbed, harassed or beaten up on the platform while I wait. The latest violent incident is the final straw. It is reminiscent of the groups of teens running amok on Michigan Avenue a number of years ago, or the groups of young people destroying cars in Hyde Park on Halloween night. The city is in crisis and needs immediate action. Issues of poverty, lack of education and other social ills will need solutions that will take time, money and investment in communities. Every mayoral candidate should be asked to present an actual, concrete step-by-step plan for stopping this violence on the first day she or he is in office. A candidate who cannot explain a plan should not be mayor.

— Jeanne Sokolec, Chicago

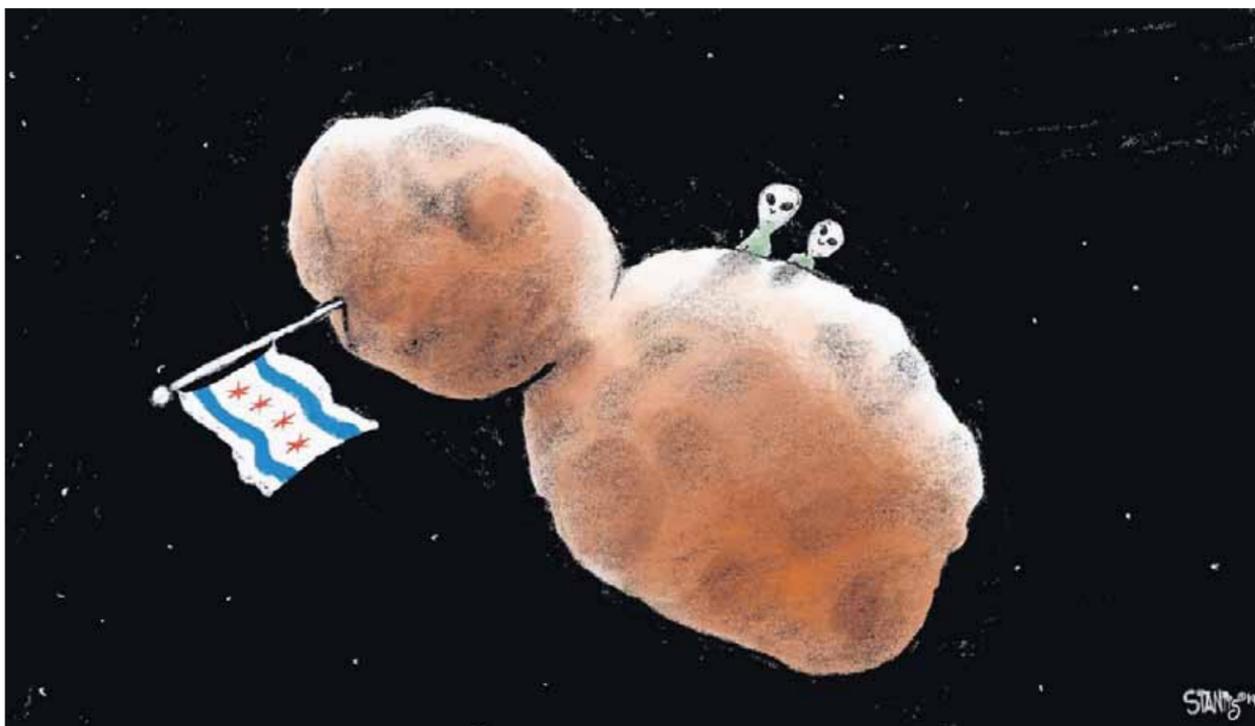
The ‘hopeless’ political atmosphere

Can we not at least agree on one thing: The current political atmosphere in the country is hopeless. The attacks will be worse, the jokes will be crueler, the talk of 2020 will be incessant and any hope of the problems in this country being solved will be kicked down the road until the one person who can bring this country to its sense is chosen. But we can't agree on who that person is and he or she will never be given the opportunity to even try.

Until we can set the theatrics aside and compromise the situation is hopeless. How sad is that.

— Sue Atkenson, Palos Park

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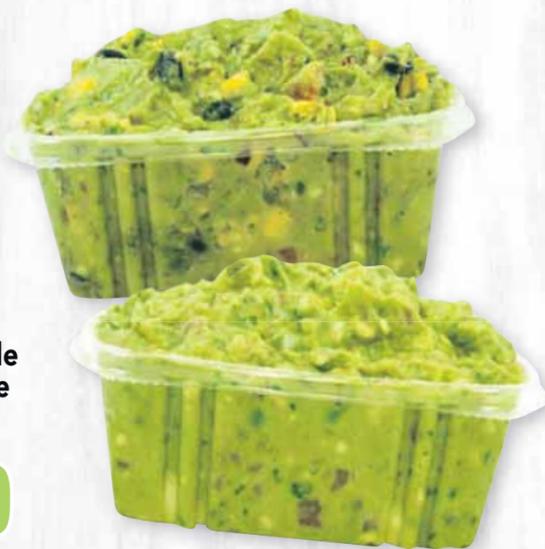
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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

Water Tower Place sets teen curfew

4 p.m. Friday and Saturday crack down comes after attacks near Red Line stop

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

The mall used to be one of the few places teens were free to hang out far from prying parental eyes. That's no longer the case at Water Tower Place on the Magnificent Mile, the latest mall to ban unsupervised teens on Friday and Saturday evenings in an attempt to crack down on disruptive incidents.

From 4 p.m. until the mall closes at 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, trained public safety officers will card visitors at the

Magnificent Mile shopping center's entrances, mall owner Brookfield Properties said Thursday.

Anyone without a valid photo ID confirming they are at least 18 years old won't be allowed into the mall unless they are accompanied by a parent or other adult who is at least 21 years old, Brookfield said in a news release.

The policy "is intended to help provide a safe, peaceful experience at our shopping center," Mitch Feldman, senior general manager of Water Tower Place, said in the news release.

The announcement comes less

than a week after a Saturday evening incident involving about 60 young people that gathered on North Michigan Avenue and forced the mall to close an hour early, said Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd.

A handful of the teens were believed to have been involved in an attack on people in the nearby Chicago Avenue Red Line station shortly before 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Hopkins said. Victims suffered bone fractures, cuts and bruises, police said in a news release.

"This stood out as an aberration because the injuries were severe," Hopkins said. "But this type of incident, involving large numbers

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ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Water Tower Place on the Magnificent Mile began enforcing a curfew on Friday for unaccompanied teens.



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Shopper Marie Goodman loads up on athletic apparel at Outdoor Voices in Chicago's Ranch Triangle neighborhood on Dec. 21.

Online retailers setting up shop in Chicago

Warby Parker, Allbirds, Parachute and others are proving the importance of bricks-and-mortar stores with new area openings

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Four days before Christmas, athletic apparel retailer Outdoor Voices opened a store in Chicago's Ranch Triangle neighborhood. It should feel at home among neighbors like Bonobos, Warby Parker and Marine Layer.

All are within a block of one another, and all began as online retailers before opening bricks-and-mortar stores. Soon, Outdoor Voices will be sandwiched between two more: home goods brand Parachute to the east and shoe retailer Allbirds to the west. Parachute opened temporarily for the holidays, but both plan to open their permanent stores this spring.



Italian sneaker-maker Koio expanded to Los Angeles in October and Chicago's Ranch Triangle neighborhood in November.

Brands that start online are increasingly recognizing the importance of bricks-and-mortar and amassing the resources to build physical stores. It's a bright spot in the retail sector, which has seen mass merchants like Sears, Toys R Us and Carson's close thousands of stores in recent years.

But don't count on the newer online brands to fill all that empty space in malls and shopping centers. Most are picky when it comes to where they want to put their stores, and many have their sights set on the same affluent neighborhoods and high-end malls.

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"If you're advertising online, you're next to all these brands. If you open a store, you become much more real. People perceive you differently."

— Johannes Quodt, co-founder of Italian sneaker-maker Koio

Cars.com tops list of Illinois job cuts in Dec.

Chicago Tribune

Illinois employers notified the state of more than 800 layoffs last month, according to a monthly report by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Cars.com, the Chicago-based car shopping website, had one of the larger layoffs. The company laid off 126 employees, or nearly 8 percent of its workforce.

The layoffs, which took place in December, "streamlined" Cars.com's field sales workforce as the company shifts resources from its online classified listings to broader digital offerings such as dealer websites and marketing campaigns.

"We need to move from a generic sales model to a more specialized one," Cars.com CEO Alex Vetter said Thursday. "While it's a reduction in our total field force, we're also augmenting and building up our inside sales efforts. To get new dealers on the platform, we think we can do it cost effectively from our call centers."

Founded in 1998 by a group of newspaper companies that included the former owner of the Chicago Tribune, Cars.com became an independent, publicly traded company in 2017. Tribune Publishing, the Tribune's current owner, has a multiyear advertising agreement with Cars.com.

Bridgeview Bank Mortgage Co. notified the state of 116 layoffs that began in November and were completed in December. Bridgeview Bank agreed last month to be acquired by First Midwest Bank.

Marshalls notified the state of 103 layoffs at its stores on West 47th Street and South Marshfield Avenue in Chicago. Hoffman Estates-based Sears Holdings Corp., which operates both Sears and Kmart stores, warned of 68 layoffs at a Bridgeview store.

Other employers warning of layoffs last month were:

■ Gateway Regional Medical Center in Granite City, which warned of 89 layoffs because of a lost contract.

■ Kerry, a food manufacturer, warned of 113 layoffs at its Gridley plant.

■ Vibra Hospital of Springfield, which caters to patients who need care for a month or longer, warned of 188 layoffs because it is closing.

■ DuPont warned of 33 layoffs at its plant in El Paso, Illinois.

United changes support animal rules

Airline says only dogs and cats allowed, limited to flights under eight hours

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Starting next week, United Airlines will only let passengers bring dogs and cats as emotional support animals and will bar all support animals from flights longer than eight hours.

The changes, which take effect Monday, are about finding the right balance between accommodating passengers' disabilities and protecting other passengers and

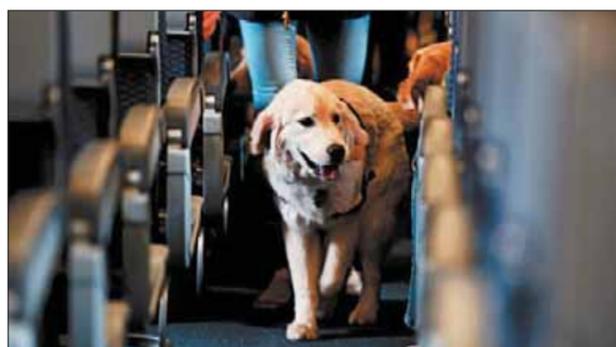
employees, United spokesman Charles Hobart said. The airline will let customers who booked travel prior to Thursday fly with animals that would have been approved to fly under its old policies as long as they have any necessary documentation.

United said it decided to limit emotional support animals to shorter flights after seeing an increase in incidents involving support animals on longer flights. Service animals, which unlike

support animals are required to have specialized training, still can travel on long-haul flights.

All dogs and cats traveling in the cabin — whether as emotional support animals, service animals or household pets — must also be at least 4 months old, since younger animals often have not received vaccinations, the airline said. Four months was already the standard for international flights,

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A service dog strolls through the aisle inside a United Airlines plane at Newark Liberty International Airport while taking part in training.

Online stores set up shop in Chicago

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Retailers that initially made most, if not all, of their sales online plan to open 850 stores over the next five years, according to a report from real estate firm Jones Lang LaSalle.

Some will undoubtedly end up in Chicago. The city ranked a distant fourth among locations where so-called clicks-to-bricks brands open a first permanent store, behind New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco, JLL said. But it's a natural stop for brands seeking their first destination off the coasts, said Phillip Golding, a vice president at real estate firm CBRE's urban retail group.

"Chicago is a big market, so there's an attraction to the trade area and the city as a whole," he said.

When Italian sneaker-maker Koio decided to expand beyond its first store in New York, it looked to its two next-biggest markets: Los Angeles, where it opened a store in October, and Chicago, co-founder Johannes Quodt said. Koio opened a store near the other online-first brands in the Ranch Triangle neighborhood in November.

Having a physical presence is a way to stand out among the flood of products filling consumers' Facebook and Instagram feeds.

"If you're advertising online, you're next to all these brands," Quodt said. "If you open a store, you become much more real. People perceive you differently."

Lingerie brand AdoreMe, which aims to open about 300 stores in the next five years, says it plans to keep its first locations close to its East Coast headquarters and distribution centers. But the company plans to venture farther as it gains

experience with physical retail and has already visited Chicago to look at potential locations, said Iris Voltaire, business and brand development manager.

Like many online-first brands, AdoreMe was initially proud to be store-free, Voltaire said. Its subscription model was designed for online retail, and the company was confident it could help customers pick the right fit, she said.

But over time, the company dropped the subscription-only model and realized some customers still insist on trying before buying, especially for products like lingerie, where fit is crucial.

Even if most companies now recognize the value of letting customers shop both online and in person, it takes time for brands to get the resources and scale to be ready for bricks-and-mortar sales, said Jason Trombley, senior vice president at JLL.

"They want to, and it behooves them to do so, but it's an expensive endeavor," Trombley said.

There are a few factors working in their favor.

Store closures have made landlords more open to working with newer companies that are reluctant to commit to traditional five- to 10-year leases.

"Vacancies have opened things up for digitally native brands to get a really good deal on a pop-up or short-term lease, and they're taking advantage of it," Gabriella Santaniello, president and founder of retail research firm A-Line Partners.

There are also companies trying to make the process of opening bricks-and-mortar stores easier for brands that lack experience.

Koio was able to open its



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Outdoor Voices is one of several online retailers opening bricks-and-mortar stores in the Ranch Triangle neighborhood.

Chicago store sooner than it otherwise might have because it tapped another company, Leap, to assist with finding a location, negotiating a lease, building out the store and finding staff, Quodt said.

The Chicago Koio store was Leap's first, and Leap co-CEO Jared Golden declined to say how many other brands the company is working with.

San Francisco-based b8ta also works with companies that want to outsource some or all of the work of operating stores. Companies that don't yet want to commit to their own locations can pay for space in b8ta's branded stores, one of which is in The Shops at North Bridge on Michigan Avenue.

"Everyone has the aspiration to own and operate their own stores, but getting the infrastructure to do it isn't easy," said Phillip Raub, co-founder and president of b8ta.

Despite growing enthusiasm for bricks-and-mortar among e-commerce companies, they will be only part of the solution for filling empty storefronts left

by struggling retailers. Many of those stores were part of big-box chains like Toys R Us and Sports Authority or department stores like Sears and J.C. Penney. They're far bigger than the average clicks-to-bricks store, which measures about 2,800 square feet, according to JLL's report.

Not only are many of those vacant stores too big, but they're often in the wrong places.

Clicks-to-bricks brands tend to cluster in the same malls or neighborhoods that are already known as shopping destinations. In Chicago, Armitage Avenue in the Lincoln Park community area, Southport Avenue in Lakeview and the Fulton Market district on the Near West Side are among the most popular, real estate experts said.

For many brands, that's by design.

Rob Royer, CEO of furniture company Interior Define, thinks today's consumers would rather visit multiple shops to get the best version of each product rather than one store with a little of everything. Picking

spots near brands that specialize in different products but have similar philosophies means more exposure to customers with "a similar perspective on how to shop," he said.

Interior Define had a showroom from the start, but the company saw interest take off after moving to a more visible spot on Armitage Avenue, Royer said. It now has six permanent stores nationwide.

Other retailers want a location that makes a statement. Away, which makes smart luggage, chose a highly visible spot in the Gold Coast neighborhood for its Chicago store to signal it was "playing with the big boys," JLL's Trombley said.

The store opened in late November. Away wasn't sure it would need bricks-and-mortar stores and experimented with a couple of concepts in New York, Berlin and Paris before committing to permanent locations, said Jen Rubio, co-founder and chief brand officer.

The luggage company thought the stores could help build awareness but

wouldn't necessarily be "a cornerstone of the business," she said in an email.

"We were quickly proven wrong when we realized how much our customers valued the in-store experience and getting to interact with our brand and team in real life," Rubio said.

Home goods brand Parachute has come to a similar conclusion. The Chicago store will be the company's sixth, and it plans to open 20 in the next year or so, founder and CEO Ariel Kaye said. Parachute's customers want to touch merchandise like bedding and linens and see it laid out like it would be in a home, she said.

While Parachute and other clicks-to-bricks brands are planning for growth, they're willing to wait for prized spots in the same neighborhoods rather than rushing for quick expansion.

"The retail apocalypse people talk about is more about the huge big-box retailers," Kaye said. "We're going after great neighborhoods, which are a little more coveted."

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Apple sneezes, major indexes catch cold

Dow slides 660 on profit warning, U.S. manufacturing dip

BY MARLEY JAY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks tumbled Thursday on Wall Street, with technology companies suffering their worst loss in seven years, after Apple reported that iPhone sales in China are slumping.

The rare warning of disappointing results from Apple reinforced investors' fears that the world's second-biggest economy is losing steam and that trade tensions between Washington and Beijing are making things worse.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 660 points, and the broader S&P 500 index fell 2.5 percent.

Apple stock plummeted 10 percent, erasing more than \$74 billion in market value. Technology companies and other major exporters, including heavy-machinery companies, also took big losses.

Some of the worst drops were at chipmakers that make components used in smartphones and other gadgets.

"For a while now there's been an adage in the markets that as long as Apple was doing fine, everyone else would be OK," said Neil Wilson, chief markets analyst at Markets.com. "Therefore, Apple's rare profit warning is a red flag



Trader Mark Muller works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday as stocks took a steep slide.

for market watchers. The question is to what extent this is more Apple-specific."

Investors were also unsettled by a report Thursday that showed signs of weakness in U.S. manufacturing.

The U.S.-China trade dispute threatens to snarl multinational companies' supply lines and reduce demand for their products. Companies such as General Motors, Caterpillar and Daimler have all said recently that trade tensions, combined with slower growth in China, were damaging their businesses.

"When the largest and second-largest economies in the world get into a trade dispute, the rest of the world's going to feel the effects. That's what we're seeing now," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer of Cresset Wealth Advisors.

In a letter to shareholders Wednesday, Apple CEO Tim Cook said iPhone demand is waning in China and would hurt revenue for the fourth quarter. Cook said Apple expects revenue of \$84 billion for the quarter. That's \$7 billion less than analysts expected.

Cook's comments echoed the concerns that have pushed investors to flee the stock market over the last three months. Many global indexes posted their worst year in a decade amid concerns about the global economy and the prospect of further U.S. interest rate increases.

The S&P 500 lost 62.14 points to 2,447.89. The Dow slid 2.8 percent to 22,686.22. The Nasdaq, which has a high concentration of tech stocks, retreated 202.43 points, or 3 percent, to 6,463.50.

U.S. government bond prices surged, sending yields to their lowest level in almost a year, and gold and high-dividend stocks like utilities also rose as investors looked for safer places to put their money.

A weak report Thursday on U.S. manufacturing also weighed on the market. The Institute for Supply Management said its index of manufacturing fell to its lowest level in two years, and new orders have fallen sharply since November. Manufacturing is still growing, but at a slower pace.

Apple's stock has slumped 39 percent since early October. The company also recently announced that it would stop disclosing how many iPhones it sold each quarter, a move many investors suspected was an attempt to hide bad news.

Apple took its biggest loss in six years Thursday and ended at \$142.19. Microsoft shed 3.7 percent to \$97.40. Among chip makers, Intel fell 5.5 percent to \$44.49. The S&P 500 technology companies had their worst day since August 2011.

Among big industrial companies, Caterpillar gave up 3.9 percent to \$121.51, and Deere lost 2.7 percent to \$144.05. Boeing, which sells many of its planes in China, declined 4 percent to \$310.90.

Companies that make heavy machinery such as construction equipment are facing less demand as China's economy contracts.



A stroopwafel is a caramel wafer from the Netherlands.

United Airlines bringing back stroopwafels

Chicago Tribune

If your New Year's resolution is to eat more stroopwafels, those wafer sandwich cookies with a gooey center, United Airlines has you covered.

In a tweet last week, the Chicago-based airline announced plans to add the cookie back to its snack menu this month. Its tweet received almost 2,200 likes and was retweeted about 200 times.

It was just six months ago that the airline removed the Dutch sweet from its cabin service, to the aghast of social media users who were not at all happy with news of a replacement, a maple-flavored wafer. In the Netherlands, stroopwafels are traditionally served atop a steaming cup of coffee or tea, which softens the caramel-y goodness sandwiched in between the two wafers.

United's decision to return stroopwafels to the snack rotation has been met with cheers from many travelers on Twitter, along with suggestions to also add Garrett's popcorn to the mix.

As one person replied, "My wife just told me I need to pick up my business travel in January to compensate for all the stroopwafels I didn't bring home the second half of 2018. Guess I'll be #1k (someone with 100,000 frequent flyer miles) in 2019?"

But not everyone is a fan. Another person asked instead for their flight to be on time.

And then there was this reply: "Really? That bit of sugar laden carbohydrate? This is terrible news, the seats keep getting smaller and people keep getting fatter, that StroopWaffle isn't helping the situation. How do you deal with the tooth decay?"

Officers will check IDs

Curfew, from Page 1

of juveniles engaged in hostile attacks that appear to be random, happens with disturbing frequency?"

Most of the incidents he hears about are more minor and aren't always reported, he said.

Brookfield said in an email that disruptive behavior from unsupervised teens has been an issue at Water Tower Place in recent months and it decided to move ahead with a formal curfew after the Saturday incident. The program also will help eliminate distractions for security officers at the mall, Brookfield said.

Water Tower Place is far from the first mall to require adult supervision. The Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., which, like Water Tower Place, is a major tourist destination, has had a similar policy since 1996.

At the Mall of America, children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 21 after 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and the policy was enforced all day between Dec. 26 and 31.

Brookfield has similar policies at a handful of other properties, but Water Tower Place is its first in Illinois to adopt one.

Starting Friday afternoon, public safety officers in the mall will check the identification of anyone who appears to be under 18 years old. Valid IDs must be tamper-proof and include a photo and date of birth. Acceptable forms of identification may include state-issued driver's licenses or ID cards, military IDs, school IDs or passports. Shoppers will be offered a wristband if they've passed an ID check.

Each adult can accompany up to four minors between ages 10 and 17. There is no limit on the number of kids under 10 one adult can supervise.

For about six years, west suburban North Riverside Park Mall has restricted unsupervised teens' access to the mall after 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Last weekend, the mall was forced to close several hours early on Saturday when large groups of young people caused disturbances that resulted in two arrests, said Harvey Ahitow, the mall's general manager.

On Wednesday, the mall again stepped up security measures and began barring unsupervised minors at 11 a.m. in response to

social media threats suggesting more incidents. There were no incidents, he said.

Incidents are more common on holiday weekends, and social media has made it easier for large groups to organize, he said.

"In my mind, we would absolutely have more trouble if we weren't controlling the kids coming into the center," Ahitow said.

The mall initially received some pushback from its movie theater and granted it an exemption. Some food court tenants also worried about losing business. But overall, Ahitow said he's received few complaints.

"When you create a more peaceful environment, it stands to reason you have more people going in who are going to shop," he said.

Water Tower Place has a number of tenants targeting young customers, including Forever 21, Hollister Co. and American Eagle Outfitters. Arcade and bar Dave & Buster's is seeking to move its Gold Coast location to the mall.

Asked if he worried the ID checks would be a turnover for tourists or teen shoppers, Hopkins said he wants Water Tower to succeed but approaches the issue "solely from a public safety standpoint."

John Chikow, president and CEO of the Magnificent Mile Association, said it's too soon to say how the businesses the group represents will react, or whether the policy will prevent disturbances in the shopping district.

"We stand behind our members determining what's best for their business in terms of creating a positive experience for their patrons," Chikow said. The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois has concerns about how malls like Water Tower Place apply age restrictions, spokesman Ed Yohnka said.

"Is it going to be applied equally to young people from the North Side of Chicago attending a movie as to a group from the South and West sides coming because one wants to buy a gift for their girlfriend or mother? Once these kinds of rules are in place, there's too much of an opportunity here for some sort of racial inequality," he said.

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Shares of New York-based Bristol-Myers Squibb fell 13 percent Thursday to \$45.12.

Bristol-Myers to buy Celgene in \$74 billion cancer-drug bet

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Bloomberg News

Bristol-Myers Squibb agreed to acquire Celgene Corp. in a \$74 billion deal that will unite two drugmakers battling for advantage in a crowded market for innovative cancer treatments.

Both companies have faced investor wariness about their prospects in recent months.

Bristol makes an immunotherapy drug called Opdivo that accounts for roughly a quarter of its sales but that has trailed a rival medication from Merck & Co. Meanwhile, Celgene has been looking for a follow-up for its blockbuster blood-cancer therapy Revlimid.

The proposed union of the two companies represents a big bet that combined mass will help overcome the obstacles confronting their respective cornerstone products.

If it is approved by shareholders and regulators, the cash-and-stock deal would rank as the largest pharmaceutical-company acquisition ever. Including net debt, the transaction values Celgene at \$88.8 billion, surpassing Pfizer Inc.'s deal for Warner-Lambert.

Under the proposed terms, Celgene shareholders will receive one Bristol-Myers Squibb share and \$50 in cash for each Celgene share, according to a statement from the companies Thursday. That would value Celgene at \$102.43 a share, a 54 percent premium to the stock's closing price Wednesday.

The reaction of investors suggested wariness. Shares in Summit, N.J.-

based Celgene soared by 20.6 percent to close at \$80.43, well short of the proposed deal price. Bristol shares fell 13 percent to \$45.12.

Shares of both companies had been beaten down last year. Bristol-Myers shares declined more than 15 percent in 2018, while Celgene shares sank 39 percent.

The deal is New York-based Bristol's largest under CEO Giovanni Caforio, and comes after the drugmaker has suffered high-profile setbacks in immuno-oncology, its biggest line of business.

Given Opdivo's large and growing share of its revenue, Bristol has been under pressure to diversify its portfolio. In a recent earnings call, Caforio said that the company would look to deals to diversify its pipeline. At various points in recent years as Bristol has stumbled with trial failures, its name has come up as a takeover target itself.

In purchasing Celgene, Bristol will get control of one of the most successful cancer drugs of recent years, the top-selling blood-cancer therapy Revlimid, which costs more than \$100,000 a year. It will also gain a promising experimental CAR-T therapy being developed by Juno Therapeutics, which Celgene acquired in a \$9 billion takeover deal last year.

Bristol has had talks with Celgene over the past two years, people familiar with the situation said. Caforio initiated more formal talks in September, the people said, and negotiations accelerated over the past few weeks. Recent declines in biotechnology stocks helped spur the deal on, the people said.

Airline changes rules for support animals

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but United previously let dogs and cats as young as 2 months old fly within the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Delta Air Lines announced similar policy changes last month, though passengers paying to bring a pet in the aircraft cabin are allowed to bring animals as young as 10 weeks old on domestic flights.

Chicago-based United is going a step further in limiting the kinds of animals it will accept as emotional support animals to dogs and cats. Dogs, cats and miniature horses with specialized training are permitted to fly as service animals, the airline said.

Dogs and cats already make up the overwhelming majority of emotional support and service animals on United flights, Hobart said.

Previously, United had a list of animals that couldn't fly as support or service animals, including hedgehogs, insects, non-household birds and exotic animals. But one passenger's attempt to travel with an unusual support animal put the airline in the spotlight last year, when United declined to fly an emotional support peacock named Dexter.

The new policy is

clearer and more efficient, Hobart said.

Airlines have been tightening the rules for emotional support animals over the past year, citing an uptick in incidents where support animals misbehaved or caused disturbances as their numbers have grown. Some carriers expanded lists of animals that can't fly and began requiring passengers to vouch for their animal's ability to behave.

Federal laws require airlines to permit passengers with disabilities to travel with service and emotional support animals in the cabin.

But in May, the Department of Transportation indicated it was open to some additional restrictions on support animals, saying it would not penalize airlines for limiting passengers to a single support animal or requiring documentation of vaccination or training.

The new rules aren't designed to limit the number of emotional support animals on board, though United does expect a reduction with the new restrictions on the types of animals it will carry, Hobart said.

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For-profit college foregoes \$493M million in debt relief

DES MOINES, Iowa — A Chicago-area for-profit college has agreed to reform its recruiting and enrollment practices and forego collecting about \$493 million in student debt owed by 179,529 students.

Career Education Corp., of Schaumburg, agreed to a settlement with attorneys general from 48 states and the District of Columbia to close an investigation that began in 2014.

New York reached an earlier agreement. California is considering joining the settlement.

The average student

debt relief will be about \$2,750.

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller says \$1.4 million owed by 715 Iowa students who took online courses will not be collected.

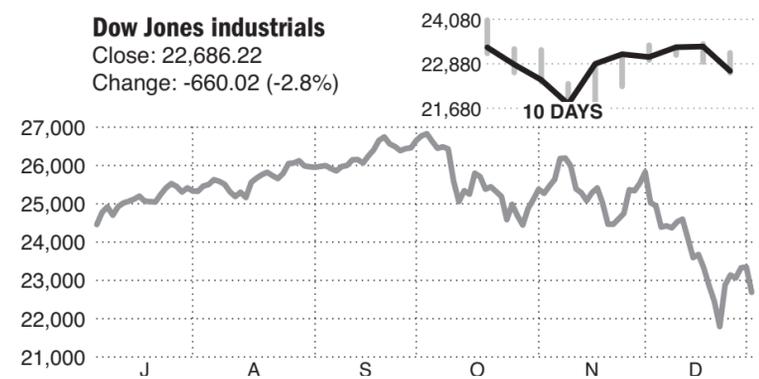
Miller says the agreement will end what he termed deceptive practices, including misrepresenting total cost and transferability of credits.

The company denies allegations of wrongdoing and says it will work "to demonstrate the quality of our institutions and our commitment to students."

— Associated Press

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 23,176.39 Low: 22,638.41 Previous: 23,346.24



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-202.43 (-3.04%)	-62.14 (-2.48%)	-25.02 (-1.84%)
Close: 6,463.50	Close: 2,447.89	Close: 1,330.89
High: 6,600.21	High: 2,493.14	High: 1,355.02
Low: 6,457.13	Low: 2,443.96	Low: 1,328.00
Previous: 6,665.93	Previous: 2,510.03	Previous: 1,355.91

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-11 to 2.55%	+10.80 to \$1,291.80	-1.44 to 107.77/\$1	-0.0036 to .8779/\$1	+5.55 to \$47.09

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-1.96	-1.76	-1.64	-9.06	-10.08	-9.20	-9.53	-8.68	-10.14

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	506.75	516	506	513.75	+7
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	375.50	380.50	374.75	379.75	+4
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	893.50	900.75	892.25	900.25	+5.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	28.04	28.18	28.00	28.18	+28
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	311.30	313.30	310.10	312.70	+1.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 19	46.26	47.49	45.35	47.09	+55
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 19	2.963	3.011	2.878	2.945	-0.13
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 19	1.3160	1.3676	1.3016	1.3495	+0.239

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	66.22	-3.28	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	95.15	+1.13
AbbVie Inc	N	86.29	-2.94	Equity Residential	N	64.16	+4.0
Allstate Corp	N	80.30	-1.34	Exelon Corp	N	44.12	+0.05
Apptargroup Inc	N	89.09	-1.09	First Indl RT	N	28.04	-0.4
Arch Dan Mid	N	64.48	-1.8	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	37.66	-0.4
Baxter Intl	N	310.90	-12.91	Gallagher AJ	N	70.54	-1.35
Boeing Co	N	45.00	-1.75	Granger WW	N	268.04	-8.54
Brunswick Corp	N	95.59	-3.0	GrubHub Inc	N	71.31	-4.15
CBOE Global Markets	N	47.57	-0.54	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	121.42	-3.63
CDK Global Inc	O	77.13	-2.04	IDEX Corp	N	123.45	-3.15
CF Industries	N	40.57	-1.46	ITW	N	92.08	-4.7
CME Group	O	181.50	-4.08	Ingredion Inc	N	121.89	-6.24
CNA Financial	N	43.59	-0.05	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	65.03	-0.5
Caterpillar Inc	N	121.51	-4.87	Kemper Corp	O	43.31	-0.03
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	21.56	+2.03	Kraft Heinz Co	O	22.91	-7.0
Deere Co	N	144.05	-4.05	Littelfuse Inc	O	163.16	-7.0
Discover Fin Svcs	N	58.41	-1.00	MB Financial	O	40.41	-1.15
Dover Corp	N	69.79	-1.46	McDonalds Corp	N	174.90	-1.6
Equity Commonwealth	N	29.46	+1.0	Middleby Corp	O	100.70	-1.26
				Mondelez Intl	O	39.74	-1.5
				Morningstar Inc	O	107.77	-5.5
				Motorola Solutions	N	110.76	-4.02
				NISource Inc	O	25.10	-2.16
				Nthrust Cp	O	81.89	-2.16
				Old Republic	N	20.21	+0.04
				Packaging Corp Am	N	82.89	-1.66
				Paylocity Hldg	O	57.31	-2.24
				Stericycle Inc	O	37.17	+3.0
				Teleph Data	N	33.16	+2.1
				TransUnion	N	54.15	-1.85
				Tribune Media Co A	N	45.15	-1.8
				US Foods Holding	N	31.52	-1.8
				USG Corp	N	42.86	-1.6
				Uita Salon Cosmetics O	243.36	-4.61	
				United Contl Hldgs	O	80.00	-4.18
				Ventas Inc	N	57.88	+9.6
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	67.33	-7.1
				Wintrust Financial	O	67.09	-8.5
				Zebra Tech	O	146.88	-9.36

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	8.06	+0.1
Brist Myr Sqb	45.12	-6.90
Bank of America	24.56	-0.6
Cheesack Eny	2.13	-0.06
Weatherford Intl Ltd	3.39	-0.01
Ford Motor	7.78	-0.12
AT&T Inc	29.58	+0.4
Vale SA	12.83	-1.64
Pfizer Inc	42.04	-1.21
Petrobras	14.26	+2.5
Wells Fargo & Co	46.57	-3.7
Freepport McMoran	10.07	-0.29
Sthwstn Energy	3.64	-0.08
Citigroup	52.56	-0.97
Ambev S.A.	4.24	+0.4
EnCana Corp	6.05	+0.7
Nabors Inds	2.34	+1.5
Schlumberger Ltd	37.60	+4.0
Oracle Corp	44.78	-4.4
Alibaba Group Hldg	130.60	-6.10
Square Inc	52.42	-4.78
Twitter Inc	27.99	-0.82
Delta Air Lines	45.61	-4.48
Verizon Comm	56.22	+2.0

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	130.60	-6.10
Alphabet Inc C	1016.06	-29.79
Alphabet Inc A	1025.47	-29.21
Amazon.com Inc	1500.28	-38.85
Apple Inc	142.19	-15.73
Bank of America	24.56	-0.6
Berkshire Hath B	191.66	-11.14
Exxon Mobil Corp	68.62	-1.07
Facebook Inc	131.74	-3.94
JPMorgan Chase	97.11	-1.40
Johnson & Johnson	125.72	-2.03
Microsoft Corp	97.40	-3.72
Pfizer Inc	42.04	-1.21
Procter & Gamble	90.64	-0.64
Royal Dutch Shell B	60.76	-0.4
Royal Dutch Shell A	59.21	-1.3
Unitedhealth Group	236.85	-6.64
Verizon Comm	56.22	+2.0
WalMart Strs	92.86	-4.8

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	27.16	-6.9	-6.4
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	24.61	-3.1	-4.5
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	141.85	-7.8	-13.7
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	55.82	-3.4	-8.3
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	51.08	-1.33	-10.2
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	41.76	-1.05	-7.1
American Funds IncAmrcA m	20.42	-1.9	-6.5
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	33.22	-0.7	-9.0
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	36.73	-0.85	-10.6
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	40.20	-0.87	-5.9
DFA EMktCorEq	18.93	-2.8	-18.4
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.31	+0.4	+1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	36.69	-2.9	-20.0
Dodge & Cox Stk	170.79	-2.94	-9.9
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.47	+0.4	+2.3
Fidelity 500ldxmsPrm	85.07	-2.14	-8.0
Fidelity Contrafund	10.72	-3.1	-6.7
Fidelity ContrafundK	10.73	-3.1	-6.6
Fidelity TlMktldxmsPrm	69.02	-1.64	-8.7
Fidelity USBldxmsPrm	11.35	+0.6	+8
Franklin Templeton Inca1 x	2.12	-0.2	-6.5
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.40	...	+5
PIMCO Incstl	11.82	...	+7
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.00	+0.6	+5
Schwab SP500ldx	38.36	...	-5.1
T. Rowe Price BCGr	93.09	-2.87	-3.5
T. Rowe Price GrStk	55.62	-1.52	-5.6
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	226.06	-5.67	-8.0
Vanguard DivGrlnv	23.87	-4.4	-3.1
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	65.24	-1.23	-8.0
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	67.02	-2.12	-8.2
Vanguard HCAmrl	78.29	-1.51	-3.2
Vanguard InTrnGdAdm	9.45	+0.5	+4
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.96	+0.4	+1.6
Vanguard InsidXins	222.26	-5.58	-8.0
Vanguard InsidXinsPlus	222.28	-5.58	-8.0
Vanguard InsTSMInPls	52.89	-1.26	-8.5
Vanguard MDCpdxAdmrl	167.29	-3.30	-12.4
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	117.61	-3.53	-7.0
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.47	+0.2	+1.3
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	62.13	-1.04	-11.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	28.41	-2.3	-5.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	16.85	-1.6	-6.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	30.47	-3.5	-7.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	18.57	-2.4	-8.8
Vanguard TtBldxAdmrl	10.51	+0.5	+7
Vanguard TtBldxAdmrl	10.51	+0.5	+8
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	21.74	-0.1	+3.3
Vanguard TtInBldxins	32.62	-0.1	+3.2
Vanguard TtInBldxInv	10.87	-0.1	+3.2
Vanguard TtInSldxAdmrl	25.06	-2.3	-16.8
Vanguard TtInSldxins	100.21	-9.3	-16.7
Vanguard TtInSldxinsPlus	100.23	-9.3	-16.7
Vanguard TtInSldxInv	14.98	-1.4	-16.8
Vanguard TtSMldxAdmrl	60.71	-1.44	-8.6
Vanguard TtSMldxins	60.72	-1.45	-8.6
Vanguard TtSMldxInv	60.69	-1.45	-8.7
Vanguard WngtNAdmrl	63.41	-7.3	-5.0
Vanguard WlslyncAdmrl	59.02	-2.1	-2.9
Vanguard WndsrldAdmrl	54.48	-9.8	-11.0

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.31	2.26
6-month disc	2.37	2.40
2-year	2.37	2.50
10-year	2.55	2.66
30-year	2.90	2.98

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1291.80	\$1281.00
Silver	\$15.706	\$15.442
Platinum	\$794.50	\$799.10

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.56

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	37.4602
Australia (Dollar)	1.4281
Brazil (Real)	3.7589
Britain (Pound)	.7918
Canada (Dollar)	1.3478
China (Yuan)	6.8719
Euro	.8779
India (Rupee)	70.065
Israel (Shekel)	3.7270
Japan (Yen)	107.77
Mexico (Peso)	19.5890
Poland (Zloty)	3.77
So. Korea (Won)	1125.34
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.90
Thailand (Baht)	32.22

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2464.36	-9/-0
Stoxx600	333.92	-3.3/-0
Nikkei	20014.77	/...
MSCI-EAFE	1712.18	+6.2/+4
Bovespa	91564.25	+551.9/+6
FTSE 100	6692.66	-41.6/-6
CAC-40	4611.49	-77.9/-1.7

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Legal Notices

Legal Notice

SSA 48 Old Town has scheduled a Commission Meeting for January 9, 2019 at 5:30pm, which shall take place at Wintrust Bank Old Town (100 W North Avenue, Chicago, IL 60610

Legal Advertisement

January 2nd, 2019 XPS RFI for ARTS EDUCATION PK-12 CURRICULUM DUE: January 23, 2019
See: www.cps.edu/purchasing

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) on the date and time (Central Standard Time) stated for the specific Request for Proposal (RFP) listed below at 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 350, Chicago, Illinois, 60604:

Project Name: General Contractor Services for Make Ready Program
Specification Number: 2018-100-053
Questions Deadline: January 18, 2019
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Proposal Due Date: January 30, 2019
Time: 2:00 P.M.
Contact Person: Deborah O'Donnell
Telephone Number: (312) 542-4725
E-mail Address:

do'donnell@thehacc.org
The RFP Package may be downloaded by registering on our website which lists a complete list of all current bid opportunities with the HACC: www.thehacc.org/e-procurement-services

Proposals that are not properly submitted will be considered non-responsive and be disqualified from consideration. Proposals submitted late will not be accepted. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the best interest of the Housing Authority of Cook County.

Richard Monocchio,
Executive Director

CITY OF CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

SETTING INTEREST RATE ON RENTAL AGREEMENT SECURITY DEPOSITS

Chapter 5-12 of the Municipal Code of Chicago hereby gives notice pursuant to Sections 5-12-081 and 5-12-082 of the Municipal Code of Chicago that the rate of interest on security deposits under rental agreements governed for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 shall be: 0.010 percent
This rate is based upon the average of the rates of interest, as of December 31, 2018, of the following types of accounts at Chase Bank, which is the commercial bank having the most branches located in the City of Chicago: Savings Account 0.01 percent and Six-month Certificate of Deposit (based on a deposit of \$1,000) 0.01 percent.

Erin Keane
City Comptroller
December 31, 2018

STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY

REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Case Number: 2018CONC001322
Request of:
Wai Ki Ricky Li
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Wai Ki Ricky Li
to the new name of:
Ricky Wai Ki Li
The court date will be held:
2-8-2019 at 9:30 a.m.
at 50 W Washington Street, Chicago, Cook
In Courtroom #1707.
/s/ Ricky Li
Wai Ki Ricky Li
Current Name

The Olympia Fields Public Library Board of Trustees meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Olympia Fields Conference Center 20701 Governors Highway, Olympia Fields, IL 60461 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting schedule is as follows:

January 23, 2019
February 27, 2019
March 27, 2019
April 24, 2019
May 22, 2019
June 26, 2019
July 24, 2019*
August 28, 2019
September 25, 2019
October 23, 2019
November**
December 5, 2019***
*July maybe cancelled due to vacation
**NO November meeting due to Thanksgiving holiday
***December Meeting is held the first Wednesday

PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT
ACTION: Notice of Public Workshops for the Draft Written Re-Evaluation of the O'Hare Modernization Environmental Impact Statement for the Interim Fly Quiet Runway Rotation Plan.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its intent to host Public Workshops for the Draft Written Re-Evaluation of the O'Hare Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (Draft Re-Evaluation) for the Interim Fly Quiet Runway Rotation Plan for Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois.

The Draft Re-Evaluation will identify the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Interim Fly Quiet at O'Hare International Airport pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. The FAA will host Public Workshops on the Draft Re-Evaluation. The Public Workshops on the Draft Re-Evaluation will be held on the following dates: Monday, February 4, 2019, at Belvedere Events and Banquets, 1170 West Devon Avenue, Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007; Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at White Eagle Banquets, 6839 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois 60714; Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at Hanging Gardens Banquet Rooms, 8301 West Belmont Avenue, River Grove, Illinois 60171; and Thursday, February 7, 2019, at The Diplomat West, 681 West North Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126.

Each Public Workshop will start at 2 p.m. (Central Standard Time), and registration to participate in the Public Workshops will conclude by 8 p.m. (Central Standard Time). Representatives of FAA and its consultants will be available to provide information about the Draft Re-Evaluation. Spanish language translators will be available at the Public Workshops. If you need the assistance of a translator, other than Spanish, please call Ms. Amy Hanson at (847) 294-7354 by January 18, 2019. The Draft Re-Evaluation will be available for review on line at (https://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_development/omp/ifa_re_eval/) and at libraries around O'Hare International Airport. The FAA will issue a separate notice at the time the Draft Re-Evaluation is available. This legal notice was scheduled to run in the January 3, 2019 issue of the Chicago Tribune and was delayed due to an error by the Tribune. 1/4/2019

Notice to Disadvantaged Businesses

Allan Mack & Sons, Inc., 16308 S. 107th Ave. Suite 14, Orland Park, IL 60467, (708)-460-6093, is seeking qualified small, disadvantaged businesses for the City of Joliet, IL Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant Phosphorus Removal Project for subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: Painting, Piping, Electric, Masonry & Roofing. All disadvantaged business should contact, IN WRITING, (certified letter, return receipt requested), Allan A. Mack to discuss the subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to bid opening date January 24, 2019. All bids will be evaluated based on price and experience.

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

In the Interest of Sincere Young
A Minor

No. 2018JD01887

Notice of Publication

Notice is given you, Antwain Mason (Father) respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on November 21, 2018 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIMBERLY M. FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of the HONORABLE JUDGE LANA CHARISE JOHNSON in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON January 11, 2019 AT 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 68 COURTROOM 6,

Or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE COURT
January 3, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: D. AUGUSTE, M. EANNACE
ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
ADDRESS: 1100 SOUTH HAMILTON CITY/STATE: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60612
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000
ATTORNEY No.: 33182

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

In the Interest of Armoni Adams
A Minor

No. 2018JD02079

Notice of Publication

Notice is given you, Charlene Adams (Guardian) respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on December 24, 2018 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIMBERLY M. FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of the HONORABLE JUDGE LINDA PAUEL in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON January 7, 2019 AT 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 60 COURTROOM 12,

Or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE COURT
January 3, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: M. LONG, W. LACY, A. WRIGHT
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

In the Interest of Armoni Adams
A Minor

No. 2018JD02079

Notice of Publication

Notice is given you, Jamell White (Father) respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on December 24, 2018 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIMBERLY M. FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of the HONORABLE JUDGE LINDA PAUEL in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON January 7, 2019 AT 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 60 COURTROOM 12,

Or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE COURT
January 3, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: M. LONG, W. LACY, A. WRIGHT
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

In the Interest of Serena Wilkins

Minor(s) Child(ren) of Tyesha Wilkins
(Mother)

Juvenile No.: 18JA00730

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Shannon Johnson (Father), AKA Shannon Johnson, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 3, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIMBERLY M. FOX in this Court and that in the courtroom of Judge Richard Stevens in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on January 24, 2019 at 9:30 AM IN CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notice or publication notices of the proceeding in this case including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
January 3, 2019

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

In the Interest of Noah Blankenship

Minor(s) Child(ren) of Kelsey Blankenship (Mother)

Juvenile No.: 15JA00809

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Zachary Swanigan (Father) respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 28, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIMBERLY M. FOX in this Court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Stevens in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on January 24, 2019 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate you parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, AND TERMINATE YOUR

PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
January 3, 2019

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

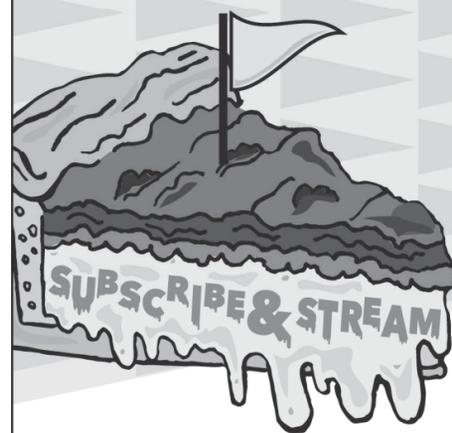
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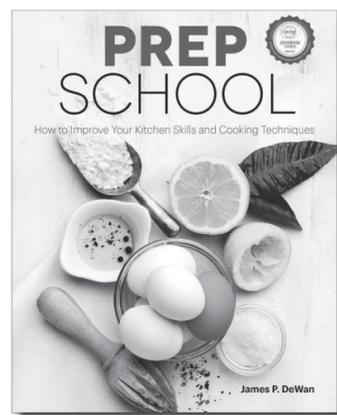
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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
January 4, 2019

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

In the interest of Danny Maldonado

Minor(s) Child(ren) of Lydia Maldonado (Mother)

Juvenile No.: 18JA01015

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Danny Martinez (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 18, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIMBERLY M. FOX in this Court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on January 13, 2019 at 10:30 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
January 4, 2019

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

In the interest of Demina Spears

Minor(s) Child(ren) of Evianna Raggs (Mother)

Juvenile No.: 18JA01006

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Unknown (Father), AKA Shannon Johnson, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 12, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIMBERLY M. FOX in this Court and that in the courtroom of Judge Nicholas Geanopoulos in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on January 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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January 4, 2019

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

In the interest of Nakyla Chapman AKA Nakayla Marie Chapman

Minor(s) Child(ren) of Arionna Chapman (Mother)

Juvenile No.: 16JA00782

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Arionna Chapman (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 2, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIMBERLY M. FOX in this Court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balanoff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on January 18, 2019 at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate you parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notice or publication notices of the proceeding in this case including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
January 4, 2019

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

In the interest of Hayder Al-Jaber Wahab Al-Jaber

Minor(s) Child(ren) of Huda Aljaburi (Mother)

Juvenile No.: 18JA01071 18JA01072

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 6, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIMBERLY M. FOX in this Court and that in the courtroom of Judge Nicholas Geanopoulos in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on January 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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January 4, 2019

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COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

In the interest of Christopher Davis, Jr Christian Davis

Minor(s) Child(ren) of Jasmine Baugh (Mother)

Juvenile No.: 18JA01140 18JA01139

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Unknown (Father), and any and all unknown fathers, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 4, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIMBERLY M. FOX in this Court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So.

Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on January 18, 2019 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

In the interest of Akaila Howard

Minor(s) Child(ren) of Angela Howard (Mother)

Juvenile No.: 18JA00260

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on March 16, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIMBERLY M. FOX in this Court and that in the courtroom of Judge Angela Buford in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on January 22, 2019 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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January 4, 2019

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COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

In the interest of Ellie-Rose Ephraim

Minor(s) Child(ren) of Hannah Ephraim (Mother)

Juvenile No.: 18JA01103

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Santiago Jimenez (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 19, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIMBERLY M. FOX in this Court and that in the courtroom of Judge Kimberly Lewis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on January 24, 2019 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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January 4, 2019

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Take notice that an application for a retail Liquor License had been filed by JORGE ALMARAZ 292 Lilac Drive Romeoville, IL 60446 For El Burrito Mexicano Real No. 2 119 E. Grand Avenue Northbrook, IL 60164 Any objections to the granting of said license shall be made to the President of the Board of Commissioners and Deputy Liquor Commissioner, in writing, signed by the objector, within ten days of the date of this notice, stating specifically the grounds of the objection. Any objections should be mailed to: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1160, Chicago, Illinois 60602 Zahra Ali Deputy Liquor Commissioner



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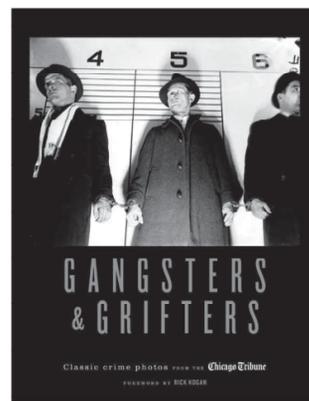
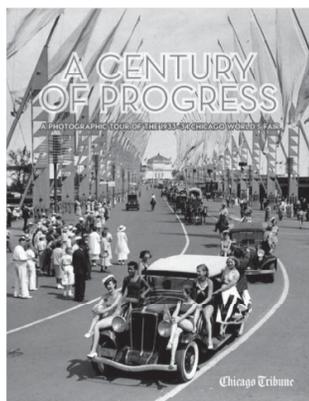
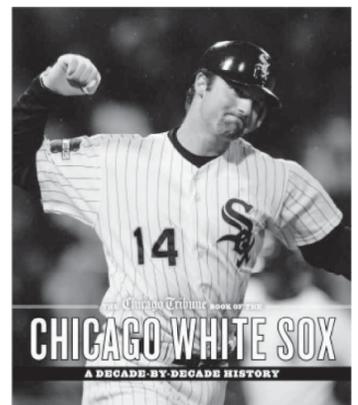
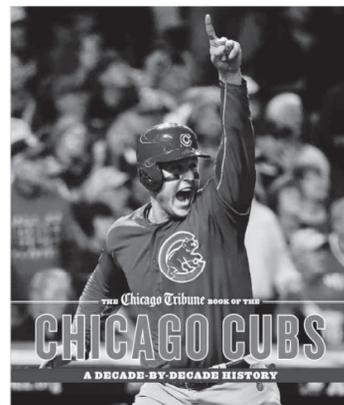
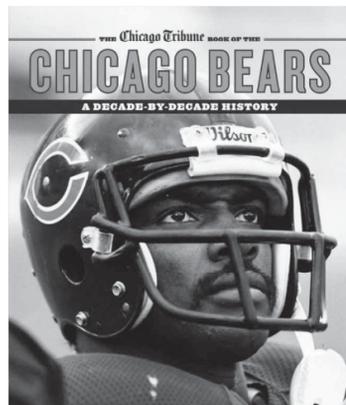
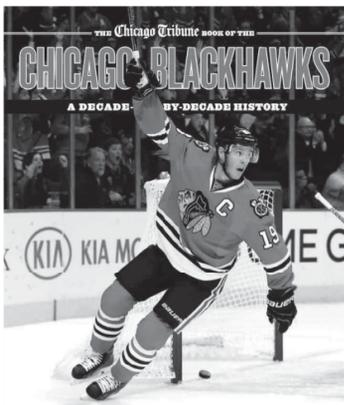
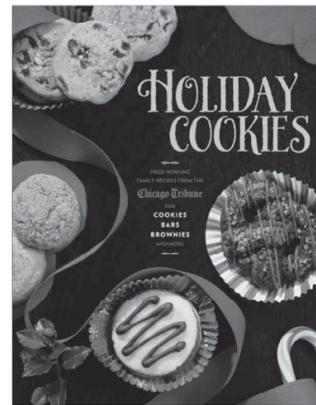
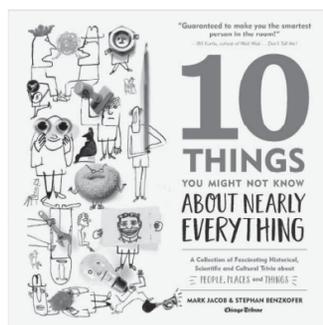
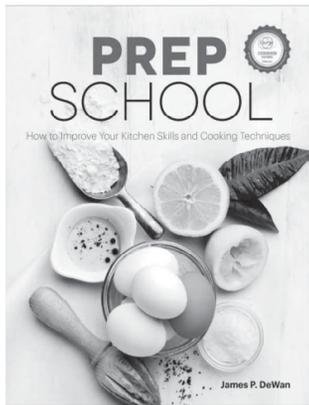
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OBITUARIES

MARC HAUSER 1959-2019

Photographer, master of Chicago's local color

By **KT HAWBAKER**
Chicago Tribune

"I'll always do conventional black-and-white photography — that's my first love," Chicago photographer Marc Hauser told the Tribune in 1996. It had been more than a decade since his portrait of John Mellencamp graced the cover of "Scarecrow," but Hauser's two-tone work was still full of steam.

In the interview, he claimed to shoot 7,000 rolls of film each year, with subjects ranging from Patti Smith to Bulls-era Michael Jordan — the greatest of all time, in any given field.

"I think there's more color in black and white," he continued. "You're more likely to be looking at the person rather than the color."

Chicago lost a great deal of its local color when Hauser, 66, died Sunday.

According to a representative from his studio, the artist died Dec. 30 following complications from diabetes and kidney failure.

"Marc was a very complicated person," longtime friend, client and collaborator Frank Biancalana said. "He was like a Damon Runyon character, larger than life and almost unbelievable. That's what made him such a superb storyteller. He told other people's stories with pictures."

According to those who knew him, Hauser was great at getting people to relax, and would begin photographing folks as soon as they got into the studio. "He didn't let them overthink or get stale," said Biancalana. "So many photographers shoot too much film. You didn't have that problem with Marc. You could say that we're now overwhelmed by images, but that was never the case of Marc. He took thousands of photographs, but very few images. His was a very unique and timeless quality."

Born in Rogers Park in 1953, Hauser was raised in



MARC HAUSER

A self-portrait of Marc Hauser, capturing the spunk and self-awareness he brought to his studio practices.

Wilmette, where his father kept a darkroom in the basement. After getting his first Brownie camera as a 13-year-old, Hauser's natural talent caught the eye of a local newspaper, which sent him to photograph moments from Chicago's cultural scene. This led to Hauser's very young apprenticeship with Playboy at age 14, a role that kicked open the door to celebrity and a distinctive style.

"When I was a kid, people used to say, 'You'll never be anything.' I wanted to prove that they were wrong," he told the Tribune in a 1994 profile. After working to overcome his shyness in the name of self-promotion, Hauser believed that his flamboyance and ability to market himself separated him from the pack. Creative directors and gallerists alike spoke of Hauser's brazen, singular brand. It was stormy, husky, brawling.

"When they hear Marc Hauser, they think of what I do. I own restaurants, I do jewelry, I do photography. I've made myself a celebrity by being who I am and by not being afraid, not afraid

to call people up and say, 'You should do something on my new book, I'll send you a couple.'"

Following a creative and financial heyday in the '80s and '90s, changes in photography and health issues resulted in Hauser taking a slower pace. His community began a GoFundMe page a few years ago to assist with his medical bills.

Despite these setbacks, Hauser continued documenting the city and people he loved, his final subjects a local couple expecting their first child.

"Photography for Marc was like air," Hauser's studio representative told the Tribune in an email. "He would breathe it 24/7. When he wasn't photographing a job, he was photographing for the pleasure of it — He would get some occasional breaks to smoke fine cigars (at least when he was still in good health condition). He also loved doing line drawings of imaginary characters."

Survivors include a long-time partner.

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Death Notices

Barrett, Lawrence J.

Lawrence J. Barrett, 83, of Arlington Heights. Beloved husband of Mary (nee Jahnke) Barrett; loving father of Kelly (John) Brogan, Tom (Jennifer) Barrett, Mary Beth Barrett and Tracy (Jason Frank) Barrett; cherished grandfather of Mahony, Delaney and Kiernan Brogan, Caden Barrett and Nicholas and Gwendolyn Franken; loved son of the late Dora (nee Setterman); dear nephew of the late Agnes Setterman. The family held a private memorial service. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to University of Wisconsin Foundation, "School of Engineering", US Bank Lockbox, Box 78236, Milwaukee, WI 53278-0236. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Blitz, Toby

Toby Blitz nee Gadlin, 95. Beloved wife of the late William Blitz. Loving mother of Jeffrey (Terry Lampert) Blitz, David (Dale Warren) Blitz, Alan (Caron Weil) Blitz and Michael (Robin Schusteff) Blitz. Cherished grandmother of Matthew (Anna) Blitz, Marnie (Shawn) Nunnally, Brian (Tracy) Blitz, Kevin (Allison) Blitz, Jared Blitz, Shelby Blitz, Ariel Blitz, Cortney (Amanda Hall) Blitz and Rachel Blitz. Adored great grandmother of Ryan, Emma, Wesley, Catalina, Asher, Logan, Maddie, Chase and Isla. Dear sister of the late Sam (the late Ruth) Gadlin. Dearest sister-in-law of the late Carmont (the late Mildred) Blitz and the late Nettie (the late Dr. Sumner) Hagler. Service Sunday 10AM at Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Rd., Northbrook, IL, 60062. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name to the "Blitz Family Children's Cultural Arts Fund" (BFCCA) for the benefit of the Temple Beth-El community, www.templebeth-el.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Cain, Eleanor J.

Eleanor J. Cain (nee Plociennik), age 73, beloved wife of the late Noble B. Cain; loving mother of Richard Krawczyk, Debbie (Jerry) Connolly, Pamela Cain and the late Robert Krawczyk; cherished grandmother of Ridge Krawczyk, Robyn Dzielwior, Robert Krawczyk, Jack and Casey Connolly; dear great-grandmother of Kenshin Krawczyk; dearest sister, aunt and cousin to many. Visitation Sunday 2-8 P.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park. Interment Private. Funeral Info: 708 532-3100



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Campbell, Berthina "Tina Marie"

Berthina "Tina Marie" Campbell, 81; passed away peacefully on January 1, 2019; loving wife of Jack; beloved mother of Joseph (Jill) and CAPT. Michael (Kathleen) Coffel; cherished grandmother of LTJg. Zachary, Anthony, Kara and Samantha; fond sister of Anthony (Margaret) Ricevuto; dear aunt of Dominic Ricevuto. Member of the National Board of Realtors. Most Recently at Coldwell Banker.

Visitation Sunday, January 6, 2019 from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME, 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Monday, January 7, starting with prayers at 10:45 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to Immaculate Conception Church, 7211 W. Talcott Ave, Chicago for 11:30 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Cancer Society are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Green Burials of Love, Ltd.**, Marion Friel - Funeral Director. Info (773) 774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Cattoen, Richard A.

Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (nee Bain); devoted father of Catherine Rozmus and the late Richard Cattoen; cherished grandfather of Michaela and Adrienne Rozmus; loving brother of the late Joan Elliot.

Memorial Visitation, Saturday, Jan. 5th, 2019, 9:30 AM until the time of the Memorial Mass at 10:30 AM at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church, 411 N. Wheeling Road, Prospect Heights.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

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In 1896 Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

In 1904 the Supreme Court ruled that Puerto Ricans were not illegal and could enter the United States freely; however, the court stopped short of declaring them U.S. citizens.

In 1948 Britain granted independence to Burma, now known as Myanmar.

In 1951, during the Korean conflict, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul.

In 1967 "The Doors," the self-titled debut album of the rock group featuring the song "Light My Fire," was released by Elektra Records.

In 1974 President Richard Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington to Boston collided with Con-

rail engines approaching from a side track in Essex, Md.

In 1990 Charles Stuart, who had claimed to have been wounded and his wife shot dead by a robber, leapt to his death off a Boston Harbor bridge after he himself became a suspect.

In 1995 the 104th Congress convened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era; Newt Gingrich was elected speaker of the House of Representatives.

In 1996, bowing to pressure from NATO and the United States, Bosnian Serbs freed 16 civilians who had entered Serb-held territory after NATO forces had declared roads in Bosnia open to all.

In 2000 former presidential rival Elizabeth Dole endorsed fellow Republican George W. Bush. Also in 2000 Israel and the Palestinians reached agreement on an Israeli troop pullback from 5 percent of the West Bank.

In 2001 it was announced

that George, the politics and lifestyle magazine founded by the late John F. Kennedy Jr., would fold.

In 2002 Florida coach Steve Spurrier resigned to pursue an NFL job, two days after leading the Gators to victory over Maryland in the Orange Bowl.

In 2004, in Iowa, seven of the nine Democratic presidential hopefuls participated in a feisty, first debate of the election year.

In 2005 the governor of the Baghdad region known for cooperating closely with American troops was assassinated along with six bodyguards as he drove to work.

In 2006 Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a significant stroke; his official powers were transferred to his deputy, Ehud Olmert. **Also in 2006** the U.S. Supreme Court agreed that Jose Padilla, held for 3 1/2 years as an "enemy combatant," could be transferred to civilian authorities in Miami.

In 2008 the government reported that the nation's jobless rate hit 5 percent in December 2007, a two-year high, fanning recession fears. **Also in 2008** Britney Spears lost custody of her two sons to ex-husband Kevin Federline a day after police and paramedics were called to her home.

In 2017, after a 15-week trial, a federal jury convicted six reputed leaders of the notorious South Side Hobos street gang on racketeering conspiracy charges alleging the gang carried out a total of eight murders over the course of a decade as well as a slew of kidnappings, robberies and shootings.

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Cellitti, Betty Jean

Betty Jean Cellitti, nee Stephens, age 90, longtime resident of Hinsdale passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Christmas Day. Betty was well known for being an exceptionally loving, patient, caring mother and grandmother. Betty's children and grandchildren enjoyed cooking, baking, playing cards, shopping, listening to music and just spending time with her. She touched the hearts of all who met her, and will be greatly missed by her family. Betty Jean was the beloved wife of the late Raymond; loving mother of Thomas (Mary) Cellitti, Janet (Dan) Sullivan, Margie (Randy) Click and Judy (Jim) Grillo; proud and loving grandmother of David (Kristin) Cellitti, Lisa (Joe) Herman, Danny (Elise) and Tony (Danni Marie) Cellitti; Ryan (Brianna) and Katelyn Sullivan, Amanda and Angela Click and Justina and Jimmy Grillo; cherished great-grandmother of John, Madeleine, Allison, Marissa, Azrael, Jaela, Jordan and Kara. Visitation Saturday, January 5, 2019, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral service 10:00 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (½ mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Entombment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to NBIA Disorders Association 2082 Monaco Ct. El Cajon, CA 92019-4235 or Lurie Children's Hospital, 224 E. Chicago Avenue, Box 4, Chicago, IL 60611 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Coleman, John Patrick

John Patrick Coleman died peacefully at home on December 29th, 2018 in Chicago, Illinois at the age of 81. John had lived with Parkinson's for the last several years and showed courage, humor and sometimes frustration battling this debilitating disease.

John Coleman is survived by his wife Mary W Coleman, nee O'Brien; children, Patrick and his wife Colleen, Julia widow of his son John, Kevin and his wife Nora, Brian and his wife Heather, Kathleen and her husband Kevin McCarthy. He is also survived by his sister Francis Crowe. He is preceded in death by his father Patrick, mother Anne, sisters Patricia and Mary and son John.

He was born on June 23rd, 1937 at home in the Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago, to Patrick and Anne Coleman. Both his parents grew up in Ireland. His father was a police officer with the Chicago Police Department and his mother was a phone operator with Illinois Bell. He went to St. Timothy Parish in Chicago for grammar school and then to Quigley Preparatory Seminary in Chicago and Saint Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee for high school. He received his undergraduate degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he met the love of his life Mary O'Brien, later Mary Coleman, who graduated from Mount St. Mary's College in Wisconsin. They were married on August 19th, 1961. He had continued to remain deeply in love with his bride for more than 57 years.

John later graduated from DePaul University with a law degree and from John Marshall Law School with a Master of Law Degree. For the next 40 plus years, he was active as a practicing attorney, beginning his career with Northern Trust before opening his own practice. He loved the practice of law and was an active member of the Chicago Bar Association, where he spent more than 25 years dancing as part of their male dance ensemble during their annual Christmas Show.

John and Mary welcomed 5 children into their home, Patrick, John, Kevin, Brian and Kathleen. They later became the loving grandparents of twelve: Bailey, Daniel, Emma, Grace, Georgia, Claire, Delaney, Mackenzie, Quinn, John, Connor and Courtney.

John was a lifelong Chicagoan and an active Catholic. He loved visiting the varied neighborhoods and churches throughout Chicago. He travelled the world by travelling our neighborhoods. He was also an active volunteer for many years at Maryville Academy for Youth with Fr. John Smyth. John and his wife Mary lived in Edgebrook for more than 50 years and were active parishioners at St. Mary of the Woods.

Funeral Services will begin 9:30 AM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago to St. Mary of the Woods Parish, 7033 N. Moselle, Chicago, for a Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Maryville Academy. Visitation 3 PM to 8 PM, Thursday, January 3rd, 2019 at the funeral home. The family would like to thank, in particular, Rainbow Hospice, Mickie Ahmed, and Avelino "Bill" Cabaneros for their caregiving and support over these last several months. Info 773-736-8388 or visit John's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Colleary, Ann M.

Ann M. Colleary, 90, nee: O'Donnell, passed away December 21, 2018 in Fort Myers, Florida. She was the beloved wife of the late James P. Colleary of Dowagiac, Michigan, the daughter of the late Patrick & Catherine O'Donnell of Chicago, IL and the sister of John P. O'Donnell (Kathleen) of Darien, IL. Ann was the beloved mother of Thomas Colleary, Nancy (Robert) Ashley, and Kathleen (Michael) Kuhn. Loving grandmother of Colleen (Matthew) Taylor, Emmett (Britany) Kuhn, and the late Meaghan Ashley, and aunt to many dear nieces & nephews. She was a Catholic school teacher, devoted to her many students, who returned that love. Friends may visit from 10 AM to 11 AM Friday, January 4, 2019 at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 51841 Leach Rd., Dowagiac, MI 49047 followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM (EST). Interment will follow at Sacred Heart of Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Masses will be appreciated. Those wishing to sign Ann's Memory Book online may do so at www.clarkch.com.

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Cordes, Lee Ann

Lee Ann Cordes, nee: Michaels, 84, of Lake Geneva, WI, died Tuesday January 1, 2019. Wife of Frank H. Cordes, mother of; Gaele Cordes, Robert (Kristyne) Cordes, Christopher (Julie) Cordes, Kelly (Howard) Schneider and the late Frank Cordes Jr., grandmother of 9 and great-grandmother of 5, sister to the late Terry Michaels, Dorothy Anders, Gene Michaels and Adam Michaels. Services Sunday January 6, 2019, 2:30 P.M. at Derrick Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 800 Park Dr. Lake Geneva, WI. Visitation Sunday 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorials requested to: American Parkinson's Disease Association Wisconsin Chapter 5900 Monona Dr., Ste 407, Monona, WI 53176. To sign the on-line guest registry go to: www.derrickfuneralhome.com.

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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 Cemetery, Justice, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Church. For information call the Funeral Home at (815) 459-1760.

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Eisen, Steve

Steve Eisen formerly "Eisenstadt" passed away on 12/31/2018 at age 58 in Henderson, NV. Steve is survived by his loving children: Danny, Jordan and Eliana, nephews, niece, cousins and friends. Preceded in death by his parents Devra and Irwin Eisenstadt and sister, Sharon Israel. Having been born and raised in Chicago, seeing his beloved Cubbies win the world series was one of the happiest days of his life. Steve loved business and owned Mortgage of Nevada. His warmth and humor will forever be missed. Brief memorial service: Friday, January 4, at 11 AM at King David Memorial Chapel with gathering of family and friends following the service.

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Fitzmaurice, James

Beloved husband of 63 years of the late Jean H. Fitzmaurice (nee Hughes). Devoted father of 8; James Jr. (Lois), Jean (Bill) Morrisette, Mary Ann (John) Meskill, Cathy (Keith) Hooper, Michael (Jean), Judy, Lorrie (Joe) Weber, and John (Julie). Cherished grandfather of 22; great-grandfather of 22. Loving son of the late John and Della Fitzmaurice. Preceded in death by his 5 sisters. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Jim also leaves behind Fittie his barking sheltie. Well taken care of by Vesta, his caregiver. Visitation Saturday 8:30 a.m. until time of prayers 10:45 a.m. at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the charity of your choice may be made. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Geis, Charles F.

beloved husband of Deborah (nee Meierkort); loving father of Christopher (Anne) Geis, Jennifer (Moe) Rosario and Justin Geis; proud and cherished grandfather of Moses and Madison Rosario; dear brother of Kathy (Bob) Bellavia, Margaret Geis, Debbie (Jerry) Elliot and the late Donna, Alma and Fred Geis; fond uncle of many; devoted son of the late Fred and Agnes; son in law to Ed and the late Patricia Meierkort. Memorial visitation will be held tomorrow, Saturday at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Interment private. Info 847-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Gerber, Debbie Bea

Debbie Bea Gerber (nee Katz) age 59, beloved wife of David Gerber, happily married for 38 years; preceded in death by her parents Harry and Dorothy (Donald Shull) Katz; adored sister of Adele Cheri Rasmussen and the late Lisa Lee Hershelman; treasured aunt of Jodi Hershelman; proud Grandma Debbie Gerber of Aria and the late Kimmie; much loved daughter-in-law of Sanford and the late Esther Gerber; cherished sister-in-law of Ira Gerber and David Cervantes. Debbie was our Hero and Champion of Life. Chapel service Friday, January 4, 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Judes Ranch for Children. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

Shalom Memorial Funeral Home

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Giesche Lawhorne, Barbara

It is with great sadness that the family of Barbara Giesche Lawhorne announces her passing on January 1, 2019.

Born in Chicago, the only child of Robert Giesche and Elsa Walter Giesche, she grew up in Riverside, IL. Barbara graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor's degree with a major in Spanish and was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority. Barbara married Robert Emmett Lawhorne and moved to Clarendon Hills, IL, while working for IBM in Chicago. They later built a house in Oak Brook on Spring Road which was featured in Home and Garden as one of the most modern homes in the West Suburbs of Chicago where they raised their two children (R Adam and Ann). Robert and Barbara later purchased the La Grange Giesche shoe store from Robert Giesche (Father of Barbara). They then opened Giesche Shoes in Yorktown shopping center. Barbara moved to Aiken, South Carolina 5 years ago where she had been living with her daughter and son in law. Barbara is survived by her son R. Adam Lawhorne, spouse Amanda K Nemeth and grandson, Emiliano Nemeth, (Chicago, IL), daughter Ann E. Lawhorne, spouse David Lamey (Aiken, SC) and predeceased by her husband Robert E. Lawhorne (1993). Barbara enjoyed a long life pursuing her interests in travel, modern art and design. She traveled all over the world and had a profound love for the culture and people of Mexico. She will be missed greatly as those of us who knew her will try to navigate a world without her.

Services will be held on Saturday, January 5th promptly at 1:00pm, **Hursen Funeral Home** 4001 Roosevelt Rd, Hillside, IL 60162

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Glymbacki, Alice M.

Alice M. Glymbacki, age 72, suddenly late of Tinley Park. Devoted daughter of the late Walter and Violet (née Budziak) Glymbacki; loving sister of Violet (Daniel Sr.) Przybysz, the late Josephine (Dennis) Richie, Walter Jr, James Glymbacki, and Jeanette Janicek; dear aunt of Daniel Przybysz, Jr., Patricia Peiffer, Jennifer Brennan, and Phillip Ritchie. Visitation Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Funeral Service at 1:00 p.m. at Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service), 14318 S. LaGrange Rd. (Northbound traffic: U-turn permitted at 143rd St.), Orland Park. Future Inurnment Holy Cross Cemetery. (708) 460-2300 or www.thornridge-funeralhomes.com

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Gross, Charles

Charles Gross, age 94. Beloved husband of the late Charlotte. Loving father of Debra (Gregory) Peiffer, Loren (Jacqueline) Gross, and Randy (Karen) Gross. Proud grandfather of Kevin (Sofia), Jeffery, Krysten, Julianne and Danielle. Dear brother of Faye, Lillian and the late Irving, Sylvia, Rose, Mary, Regina and Jack. Memorial service Sunday 2PM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Honor Flight Chicago, 9701 W. Higgins Road, Suite 310, Rosemont, IL 60018-4703, www.honorflightchicago.org Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Hausenbauer, Christine L.

Memorial Visitation for Christine L. Hausenbauer, 66, of Palatine, will be from 12 Noon until 3:00 PM on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home, 201 N. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. Interment will be private. Christine was born in St. Louis, MO on December 2, 1952 to Derald and Wilma Wallace. She passed at home on January 2, 2019. Christine is survived by her daughters, Katie (Matthew) Hausenbauer -Koster, Terri (Matthew) Perlberg; grandchildren, Ray, Emmett, Maryann, and Otis and her sister, Cindy West. For funeral information, 847-358-7411 or AhlgrimFFS.com

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Healy, Marguerite Rose

Marguerite Rose Healy nee Murphy; beloved wife of the late Dennis J.; awesome and loving mother of Dennis (Karen), William (Constance), Walter (Maureen), Marguerite (Robert) Nader and Noreen (Daniel) Woods; cherished grandmother of Jack, Maggie, Noreen, Tommy, D.J., Claire, Nora, Bobby, Molly, Casey, Annie, Thomas, Kathleen, Kevin, Matthew, Erin, Michael, and William; devoted daughter of the late Walter and Kathleen (nee Keating) Murphy; amazing sister of Joanne (Charles) Planek and the late Mary Catherine (the late Roy) Hickey, Joseph, Jerry and Walter (the late Mary) Murphy; fond sister-in-law of William (Barbara) Healy, Noreen (Seamus) Fleming, Eileen (Michael) O'Connell and the late Sr. Cecelia, O.S.J., Margaret (the late John) Nally, Bernadette Healy, Michael (Margaret) Healy and Jerry (Eileen) Healy; fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation 11 to 7 p.m. Sunday January 6, at Drechsler Brown & Williams Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Friends and family will meet at Ascension Church, 801 S. East Ave., Oak Park on Monday for mass at 9:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191.

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Heneghan, Michael T

Michael T. Heneghan, age 60, veteran US Navy, cherished son of Mark and Eileen, nee Patton; loving father of Rebecca Stella, brother of Mary Ellen Bak, Mark Heneghan, Evelyn Doyle, Teresa (Red) Jensen, Colm, Colleen, Seamus (Sharon), Peter (Sue) and the late Sean and Patrick Heneghan; dear uncle of 18; fond nephew and cousin of many. Friends and family will meet Monday, January 7, 2019, visitation at Our Lady of Ransom 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. followed by a Mass. Our Lady of Ransom, 8300 N. Greenwood, Niles, IL. Christian Burial Private.

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Hogan, John M. "Jack"

Age 94, WW II Army Veteran. Beloved husband of 69 years to Peg (nee O'Connor). Devoted father of Mike, Kevin, and Ellen (Joseph) Mulvey. Proud grandfather of Connor, Brendan, Meghan, and Kathleen. Dear son of the late Michael and Kathleen Hogan (nee Healy). Cherished brother of Don (late Rita), and the late Leo (Joan), Ed (Joan), and Jim (Eileen). Loving brother-in-law of the late Jack (Pat) O'Connor. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews.

"Friend to all" Graduate of St. Sabina '38 and Leo High School '42. Proud member of the Cavaliers, St. Linus Way Off Broadway Palace Review and the Good Times Show Lounge, Skylarks Unlimited, The Has Beens and a regular featured guest on The Browsers Radio Show. St. Xavier Men's Basketball Booster and season ticket holder. Visitation Saturday 2-8 p.m. Funeral Monday 9:00 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Bede the Venerable Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Leo High School, 7901 S. Sangamon, Chicago, IL 60620 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Irwin, Richard R

On December 23, 2018, at the age of 89, beloved husband of Jean Swedlund Irwin, passed away suddenly on their 68th wedding anniversary. Cherished father of 5, Kathleen Jean (McLean), Richard Alan (Kathleen), Nancy Lynn Hayles, Jeanne (Curtis) DeCamara, Julie Ann (Anthony) Raio. Loving grandfather of 10, Kevin Thomas (Brenda) McLean, Kathleen Elizabeth (David) Yurkovich, Richard Patrick (Melissa), Kelly Kathleen (Dino) Angelos, Russell Whitney (Megan) Hayles, Jennifer Kate (John) Mulvaney, Kyle Andrew (Amy) Wilson, Brittany Nicole (Keith) Sirignano, Anthony Nicholas Raio, Victoria Eden (Jason) Mathias. Proud great grandfather of 17: Colin, Ethan, Jack, Lily, Quinn, Megan, Connor, Liam, Luke, Mara, Elsie, Aubree, Michelle, Lizzie, Jett, Xander and Mila. He leaves behind two loving sisters, Patricia (Harry) Miller and Dorothy (Carl) Lucas. Predeceased by loving parents Harold and Anna Mae Irwin and brothers Harold (Dolly), Kenneth (Gladys), Donald (Sue), Douglas (Joanne and Barbara), young brother Bert and infant twin sisters. Richard was an uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews and many family members in North Carolina. Richard was a proud U.S. Marine who served during the Korean Conflict. A family and friends celebration to honor this great man will be held this Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 1-5 pm. Please call a family member for details if needed.

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Kiley, Eleanor

Loving mother of Nona (Jeff) Bernard, Mary (Ken) Wulffen, and Judy Kiley; proud grandmother of John (Jackie) Stancel. Kileen (Frank) Smerecky, and Sean Bernard, cherished great-grandmother of Kaitlynn Smerecky and John Stancel; fond aunt, cousin, and friend of many. Preceded in death by her husband, the late William J. Kiley, and her three siblings.

Eleanor will always be remembered for her love of animals and children. That same love was instilled in her three daughters. Eleanor was a dedicated, caring, and loving mom and companion to her daughter Judy. She will always be remembered for her big heart. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 5th, at Malec & Sons Funeral Home, 6000 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646, from 10:00am until time of memorial service at 11:00am. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the St. Jude Research Foundation would be appreciated. For more information, please call 773-774-4100 or visit www.malecandsonsfnh.com

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Klein, Edward

Edward Klein, age 92. Beloved husband of the late Irma Klein nee Katz. Loving father of Carole (Ronald Klein) Klein-Alexander and Lewis Klein. Dear grandfather of Marisa (Edmund) Dunn and Benjamin Alexander. Fond great-grandfather of Eleanor Rose and James Thomas Dunn. Cherished brother of the late Eileen (the late Arnold) Grubman and the late Stuart (the late Beverlee) Klein. Long-time companion of Muriel Weinberg. Memorial service Sunday 11AM at Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, 1201 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to GiGi's Playhouse-Deerfield, 2511 Waukegan Rd., Suite 106-107, Bannockburn, IL, 60015-1569 or Leukemia Society, www.ils.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Knight, Andrea

Andrea S. Knight, 91, passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family on December 29, 2018. She was born in Hartford, Connecticut on November 4, 1927, to John W. and Dorothy (nee Bill) Saladine. Andrea was an active advocate for people with intellectual disabilities. Andrea is survived by her loving husband of 69 years, Robert P. Knight; loving mother to Susan (Lawrence Jones) and Margaret (Brad Kulkin); loving grandmother to Nicholas and Matthew Jones and Abigail Kulkin. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert P. Knight, Jr. in 1984.

Memorial services are currently pending and will be held Winnetka Congregational Church. Memorial contributions may be expressed to ARC of Illinois or the Winnetka Congregational Church in loving memory of Andrea Knight. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com

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Krouse, Paul C

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum mourns the loss of Paul C. Krouse. A long time friend, partner, and Museum Founder. Paul and his beloved wife, Ann Wolk Krouse, were early leaders in the effort to create the Museum, and remained deeply devoted to advance the cause of Holocaust remembrance and education. The Museum sends heartfelt condolences to the entire Krouse family.

Howard M. Lorber, Chairman
Allan M. Holt, Vice Chairman
Sara J. Bloomfield, Director

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Leavitt, Theresa

Theresa F. Leavitt, nee Rossi, passed away on December 29th, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Joseph J. Leavitt. Dear Aunt of Adrian "Sonny" (Maureen) Bernardi and the late Maurizio "Ricky" Bernardi. She is survived by a host of great friends and her special companion Brandy III. Visitation 9 AM - 11 AM, Saturday, January 5th, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago. Funeral Mass 11:30 AM, Cicerero of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganav Ave, Chicago. Interment Private at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Theresa's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Loll, Robert A.

Robert A. Loll, age 80, passed away on December 27, 2018 at his home in Lake Wylie, South Carolina. He was the beloved husband to Kathleen, his wife of 57 years and the love of his life. He was a devoted father to his four children: Robert (Lisa), Patrick (Raquel), Colette, Brian (AngiLyn) and a revered grandfather (Papa) to his seven grandchildren: Ryan, Mitchell, Madeleine, Christopher, Matthew, Quinn, and Patrick. He is also survived by his brother Paul and predeceased by his sister Dorothy.

Bob was born in Chicago to Dorothy and Clarence Loll and earned his degree from Loyola University. In 1967 Bob and Kathleen moved to Park Ridge, Illinois where they raised their family surrounded by dear friends and neighbors. Although Bob's family was the source of his greatest joy and fulfillment, he was also an accomplished business executive. After a 35-year career at Brach's Candy in Chicago, he continued to lead various companies in the Carolinas and retired after building a successful family business with his children. Bob was happiest while sailing, playing golf, traveling with family or raising a glass in celebration. He was an active member of the River Hills Country Club, the Lions Club and his local men's group. Bob will long be remembered as a humble man who lived his ideals. He was the anchor of his family. Bob's heart remained in Chicago, where his family will hold a funeral mass and celebration of his life, the details of which will be forthcoming.

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Mantis, Panagiota

Panagiota Mantis, 74, nee Rigas; Born in Argos, Argolidos, Greece; Beloved wife of the late Dimitrios; Devoted mother of Christine (Peter) Pahopos; Cherished grandmother of Evangelos and Demetra; Loving sister of Chrysoula, Petroula and Christo; Dearest aunt to many nieces and nephews and friend to many. Visitation Friday, January 4, 2019 from 9 a.m. until time of Funeral service 10:00 a.m. at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Elmhurst, IL. 893 N. Church Rd. Elmhurst, IL. Interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD. Info: 773-889-1700.



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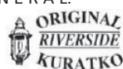
Martyn DDS, Norbert 'Doc'

Norbert "Doc" Martyn, DDS age 89; beloved husband of Diane nee Wojcik; loving father of the late Maureen Carr, Thomas (Darcy) and Michael Martyn; dear grandfather of Tom Jr., David and Daniel; great grandfather of Audrey, Alice, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Hayden and Shelby; fond brother of the late Terese Martyn. Doc was an avid radio-controlled airplane flyer. Visitation Friday January 4, 2019; 2 pm to 9 pm at Kosary Funeral Home 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. Funeral Saturday January 5th 9:45 am from Chapel to St. Bernadette Church for Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 am Interment Resurrection Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or www.kosaryfuneralhome.com

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McAndrews, Leo J.

Leo J. McAndrews, age 74, of Westchester. Beloved husband of Cathy, nee Biancalana; loving father of Elizabeth (John) Comeaux and Patrick 'PJ' (Angela) McAndrews; proud grandfather of Quinn, Grayson and Teague Comeaux and Angelo, Mia and Theodore McAndrews; dear brother of Rose McLaughlin, Kathy (William) McGinn and Helen Ann (Dennis) McMahon. Leo was a loyal fifty-year employee of Emerson Automation Solutions (formerly Appleton Electric) and he was an avid golfer. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Road, Westchester (2 Blks. W. of Mannheim Rd) on Sunday, January 6, 2019 for a Memorial Visitation from 9am to 12 Noon. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Leo's name to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL. 60631. Arrangements entrusted to the Original Kuratko Family, Brian D. Kuratko-Director. Funeral info at 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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Nehf, Noel Ann

Noel Ann Nehf, Dear daughter of Gloria (and the late Robert) Nehf; Loving sister of Holly (Robert) Kennedy, Deborah (Ted) Stevens, Jay, Jonathan (Donna), Jill (Tom) King, Robert (the late Jan) and Peter Nehf; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; In lieu of flowers her family would appreciate contributions to MSA Coalition at multiplesystematrophy.org; Memorial Visitation and Remembrance Saturday, 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago; Interment Private; For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.



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Panek, Jo Ellen

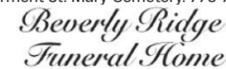
Jo Ellen Panek, 74, of Crystal Lake, loving wife of Richard Panek; mother of Stephan (Michelle) Panek, and Amanda (Brenon) Steffensen; step-mother of Loree (Tom) Prchal, Kathleen Short and Mark Panek; grandmother of 10; great grandmother of many; dear sister of Bonnie (Ronald) Sheirok. Visitation 3-8pm, Sunday, at Davenport Family Funeral Home, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake. Funeral service at 11am, Monday, at Lord and Savior Lutheran Church, 9300 Ridgefield Rd., Crystal Lake. Interment at River Valley Memorial Gardens, West Dundee. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Lord and Savior Lutheran Church at the address above. Arrangements were entrusted to Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal Lake. For information, please call 815-459-3411 or visit www.davenportfamily.com to leave an online condolence for the family.



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Prosapio, Jane A.

Jane A. Prosapio, nee Jablonsky, age 67. Loving daughter of the late Rudolph and Ann Jablonsky, nee Schmitz. Beloved wife of Carmine. Dear mother of Vince (Jen) Prosapio, Thomas (Amy) Gallagher and Alyssa Prosapio. Loving grandmother of Anthony, Briana, Ronin and Lavinia. Dear sister of Thomas (Pam) and James (Sue) Jablonsky. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Proud Avon lady for over 30 years. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave to St. Terrence Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Visitation Friday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. 773-779-4411



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Reynertson, Rosemary V.

Rosemary V. Reynertson (nee Fahey), age 98, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1985, formerly of Itasca, IL and Ballwin, MO, passed away on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at her home. She was born October 10, 1920 in Chicago, IL. Visitation Friday, January 4, 2019, 4:00-8:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL. A Mass of Christian will be celebrated Saturday, January 5, 9:30 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville, IL. Interment: SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville. For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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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.

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Rudin, Kenneth Jacob 'Kenny, KJ'

It is with profound sadness and immeasurable loss that we lay to rest our beloved Kenneth "Kenny, KJ" Jacob Rudin, 24. Kenny is survived by his devoted loving parents, Debbie and Scott, and his best friend and adoring brother David. Kenny was a shining star who touched the lives of so many with his bright smile and huge heart. He will be deeply missed by his Grandparents who loved him immensely, Merle "Muggy" and the late Sidney Evans and Fred "Popi" and the late Marilyn Rudin. Kenny was adored by his aunts and uncles, Ellen and Stephen Stampler, Linda Wagner, Shannon and Scott Evans, and Sheila and Joe Gutman. Kenny will be deeply missed by cousins Danny, Carlee, Lola, Brian, Johanna, Mikey, Angela, Lauren, Scott, Ally, Matthew, Eric and sweet Payton who cherished him. Kenny was so grateful for his helpers and best buddies whom he treasured, James, Bobby, Joanna, Lisa, Ashton, Jonathan and was loved by his Keshet family and friends. Services will be held for Kenny this Sunday, January 6th, 10:00 AM, at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe, and will be followed by a private burial. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to honor Kenny at either Helping Hands Network (www.helpinghandstoday.org) or Keshet (www.keshet.org). For information and condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Sayerstad-Oliva, Marcy

Marcy Sayerstad-Oliva, 66, passed away January 2, 2019. Marcy was the loving daughter of Roy and Alice Sayerstad; beloved wife of the late Mario Oliva; Dear sister of Alan (Pat) Sayerstad and the late Gary (Joan) Sayerstad; Cherished aunt of Michael (Lisa) Sayerstad, Eric (Mary) Sayerstad, Allison (David) Sayerstad, and many great nieces and nephews; Best friend of Linda, Chris, Annie, Vikki, Debbie and so many more; Beloved California relatives Gus, Lynn, Krista, Beck, Kennet, Kari, Michael, and Glen; Loving cousin of Juanita. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 6th, 2019 from 3pm-7pm at Oehler Funeral Home, 2099 Miner St. (corner of Northwest Hwy./Rt.14 and Rand Rd.), Des Plaines. Funeral Service will be held Monday, January 7th at 11am at North Northfield United Methodist Church (797 Sanders Rd, Northbrook, IL 60062). In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Sarcoma Foundation of America (CureSarcoma.org). For additional information please call 847-824-5155 or Visit www.oehlerfuneralhome.com

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Sehnoutka, Elizabeth 'Betty'

Elizabeth "Betty" Sehnoutka, nee Hastik, age 85 of La Grange Park. Beloved wife of 63 years to Norman Sehnoutka; loving mother of Russell (Linda) Sehnoutka, Tracey (Timothy) Edwards and the late Norman (Patti) Sehnoutka; dear grandmother of Norman III (Siobhan) Sehnoutka, Christine (Derek) Baston, Jonathan Sehnoutka, Erin Edwards and Alexander Edwards; great grandmother of Nicola, Olivia and Lucia; sister of the late Walter (Gladys) Hastik and Otto Hastik; aunt of Sharon (Joseph) Bukvic. Memorial Gathering Friday, January 4, 2018 from 5 P.M. to Time of Service 7:30 P.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Interment Private. Memorials appreciated to Alzheimer's Association, Illinois Chapter, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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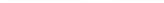
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Simons, Mark Walter

Mark Walter Simons died after a long battle with cancer on December 28, 2018 at the age of 54. Mark is survived by his wife Pamela J. Kuzniar and their children Sophia J. Simons, Kate Alexandra, Pamela A. Izvanariu, and his brother Peter Simons. He is preceded in death by his Father Walter F. Simons (1924-2008) and Mother Helen M. (Nielsen) Simons (1922-2014) and his sister Lorel F. Simons (1951-1969). Mark was born on April 20, 1964 in Elmwood Park to Wally and Helen Simons. The family moved to Deerfield when Mark was two years old. Mark graduated from Deerfield High School in 1982. He went on to graduate Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts from Illinois State University in 1986. He attended graduate school at Northwestern University and received a Master of Arts in English in 1987 and a Master of Arts in Radio, TV and Film in 1988. He worked at J.P. Simons, a company established by his grandfather, and eventually returned to school. In 2002 Mark received his Juris Doctor, Cum Laude from Loyola University Chicago School of Law. He married Pamela J. Kuzniar in 2002. Mark practiced Family Law in Lake County Illinois and was respected by his peers and often appointed to represent children by the Court. Mark was an accomplished musician and often participated in the Bar Association variety show. He loved writing music and performing. His priority however was family and he was a loving and devoted father. A visitation will be held on Friday, January 4, 2019 from 10:00 am until time of memorial service at 11:00 am at Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home, 1787 Deerfield Road, Highland Park, Illinois for close family and friends to celebrate Mark's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter (orphansofthestorm.org) or the American Civil Liberties Union (aclu.org). The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, caregivers and staff at the Cardinal Bernadine Cancer Center at Loyola Medicine and Journey Care Hospice for their care, efforts and dedication. For info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com



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Snyder, Michael A.

Michael A. Snyder, 70, of Georgetown, Texas passed away on December 16, 2018 surrounded by his immediate family. He was born on September 10, 1948 in Berwyn, IL. Mike was a three sport athlete at Lyons Township High School in La Grange, IL and continued his athletic career with a scholarship in football at Southern Illinois University. A knee injury curtailed his athletic career. After college he became a very successful sales manager with Evinrude Corporation. Because of his success, he built his own company, Snyder Recreational. Despite his sardonic business motto, "Buy High; Sell Low: The Mike Snyder Story," he maintained a phenomenal reputation because he treated his customers with unmatched integrity and compassion. Mike had a love for animals especially his horses. It was pure joy for him to see his horses race. Chicago did not have a more diehard fan than Mike. He loved the Bears, Blackhawks, Bulls, and Sox. If you went to his house there was always a game on, a smile on his face, and people there enjoying the games with him. His girls knew the starting lineup of the Bulls from the moment they could talk. If you needed to know anything about a sport, he was the guy to ask. Michael lived his life wholly concerned with how he could care and provide for the people he cherished, more often than not he would go out of his way to bring a smile to someone's face. He was a caring and thoughtful father to his three daughters and his pride for them reflected in his efforts to make sure of their success. He was a grandfather that was very supportive even when you couldn't count them all on two hands. Michael had the best sense of humor with a booming laugh and a contagious smile that could ignite happiness in all around him. He was a loyal friend and father that would give you the shirt off his back. He is survived by his three daughters, Jenny (Andrew) Mason, Kelly Hilgenberg, and Shannon Snyder and 12 grandchildren, Bailey, Cameron, Caleb, Cade, Mallory, Molly, Austin, Jake, Cole, Seth, Brody, and Jace. He has one great granddaughter, Parker. He is also survived by his brother Richard (Carol) Snyder and his sister Jody (Robert) Snyder and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mom, Joan Paugh Snyder and dad, Arthur Charles Snyder. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to second-stride.org. You are welcome to join us at a Celebration of his life on January 5th, 4:00 P.M. at Urban Creekside, 411 W. Main Street, Round Rock, Texas. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.cookwaldendavidsfuneralhome.com

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Supple, Carolyn F.

Carolyn F. Supple, age 72, of Shorewood, formerly of Chicago, passed away December 30, 2018. Retired Chicago Public Schools teacher and Chicago Teacher's Union member. Beloved daughter of the late Thomas P. and Rosemary M. (nee Ward) Supple; loving sister of Mary Anne (Robert) Britz, Phillip J. (Patricia) Supple, Patricia E. Supple, Kathleen M. (Joseph) Farej, Thomas V. (Mary) Supple, William J. (Jeanna) Supple, Bridget R. Supple, Elizabeth J. Supple, Fr. Richard A. Supple, O.Carm., Daniel C. (Sharon Teeling-Supple) Supple, Gerard P. Supple, and the late Michael E. Supple; and fond aunt and great aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, January 6, 2019, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black Road, Joliet. Funeral Monday, January 7, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to Holy Family Catholic Church, Shorewood, for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL. For more information and to read her complete obituary, please visit www.fredcdames.com or call (815) 741-5500

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Supple, Gerard

Gerard Peter Supple, age 54, of Shorewood, Thursday, January 3, 2018. Born July 17, 1964 in Evergreen Park, he was a Marist High School graduate and worked for Cornerstone Services in Joliet. Beloved son of the late Thomas and Rosemary (nee Ward) Supple; devoted brother of Mary Anne (Robert) Britz, Phillip J. (Patricia) Supple, Patricia E. Supple, Kathleen M. (Joseph) Farej, Thomas V. (Mary) Supple, William J. (Jeanna) Supple, Bridget R. Supple, Elizabeth J. Supple, Fr. Richard A. Supple, O.Carm., Daniel C. (Sharon Teeling-Supple) Supple, the late Michael E. Supple, and the late Carolyn F. Supple; and fond uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, January 6, 2019, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black Road, Joliet. Funeral Monday, January 7, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to Holy Family Catholic Church, Shorewood, for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL. For more information and to read his complete obituary, please visit www.fredcdames.com or call (815) 741-5500

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Togher, Brigid

Brigid Togher, nee Bourke, age 82; Beloved wife of the late Anthony; Loving mother of Anthony, Mary, James (Renee), Anne (Michael) McIlvain and Jack (Anne); Grandmother of Shauna (Nino) Randazzo, Courtney (Michael) Moritz, Connor Togher, Cody (Diana) Togher, Kevin Togher, Killian McIlvain, Kelsey Togher; Allison McIlvain and Colton Togher; Great-grandma of Briggie, Gabby, Declan and Aiden; Sister of the late Tom (Peggy) Bourke, the late Mary (Tom) McGarry, the late Margaret Watkins, Rose Ellen (James) Corduff, Michael Bourke and the late Annie (Joseph) Gibli; Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews; Kind and generous friend to many; Visitation Sunday 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Monday 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 4100 W 107th St, Oak Lawn; Mass 10:00 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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TORBIK, ROGER

age 77 of Chicago, At Peace In Christ Jan 2, 2019. Beloved husband of Linda, Loving father of Patricia (David) Winter, William (Radina) and Brian. Fond grandfather of Alex and Chris Winter, Thomas and Juli Torbik and Brandon, Benjamin and Bradley Torbik. Visitation Fri. Jan 4, 2019 4-9 PM, Funeral Sat. 11:00 AM at Mt. Olive Church, 3850 N. Tripp, Chicago. Interment Private. Contributions to Gateway Cancer Research. For info: SYMONDS-FAIRBROTHER FUNERAL HOME, Chicago 773-286-5610

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Vidmer, Robert J.

Robert J. Vidmer, 94, passed away on New Years Eve. A memorial service will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in LaGrange on Saturday, January 19 at 10:00 am.

For a complete obituary, please go to www.dupagecremations.com

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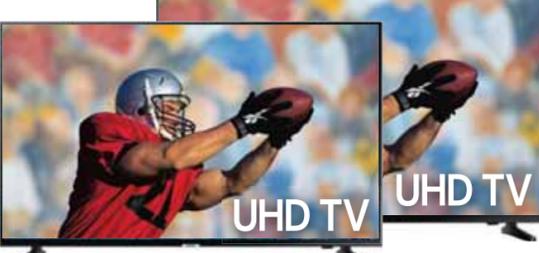


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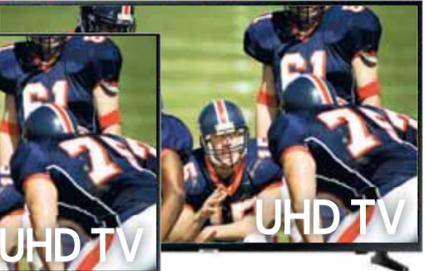
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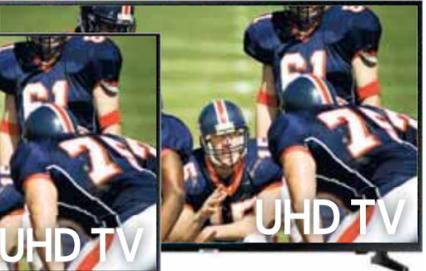
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Nick Foles' career reached a turning point when he signed with the Chiefs, for whom Matt Nagy was the offensive coordinator.

Nagy witnessed Foles' football rebirth with Chiefs

BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

A lot of backup quarterbacks use the offseason to lower their handicaps. Nick Foles spent his writing an autobiography, "Believe It," after his improbable run to Super Bowl MVP a

year ago.

One report last summer said Foles skipped a few meals to ensure fans could get autographed copies of the book at each stop along a tour that had lines wrapped around blocks.

With starting quarterback Carson Wentz sidelined, this time with a back injury, the Eagles once again are pinning their postseason hopes on Saint Nick. Things are quite a bit different this season with the Eagles having to claw their way through a tough December schedule to sneak into the NFC field as the sixth seed — and only after the Bears defeated the Vikings on Sunday. A year ago this week, the Eagles were resting as the No. 1 seed coming off a 13-3 regular season.

Certainly there is more pressure on Foles and for a couple of reasons. First, he was Wentz's backup with one previous playoff start a year ago. If the Eagles had not won in January, who would have blamed the No. 2 quarterback? Second, and more pertinent to Sunday's meeting

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BEARS

Legend? Or the fall?

Teammates say Trubisky will be up to challenge

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

A steady roar from Vikings fans rumbled around U.S. Bank Stadium on Sunday. Drumbeats led the "Skol" chant. Fans raised their hands over their heads in a rhythmic clap. The eerie Gjallarhorn sounded.

When Bears center Cody Whitehair and wide receiver Taylor Gabriel think about quarterback Mitch Trubisky's developing composure, both point to this particular afternoon.

Gabriel, who has played in five career playoff games, said it was one of the top five environments he has experienced.

Amid that raucous atmosphere, Trubisky helped the Bears eliminate their division rival from playoff contention. Playing without his top three receivers for much of the game, he led three touchdown drives, including a 16-play, 75-yard march that ate up more than nine minutes in the third and fourth quarters.

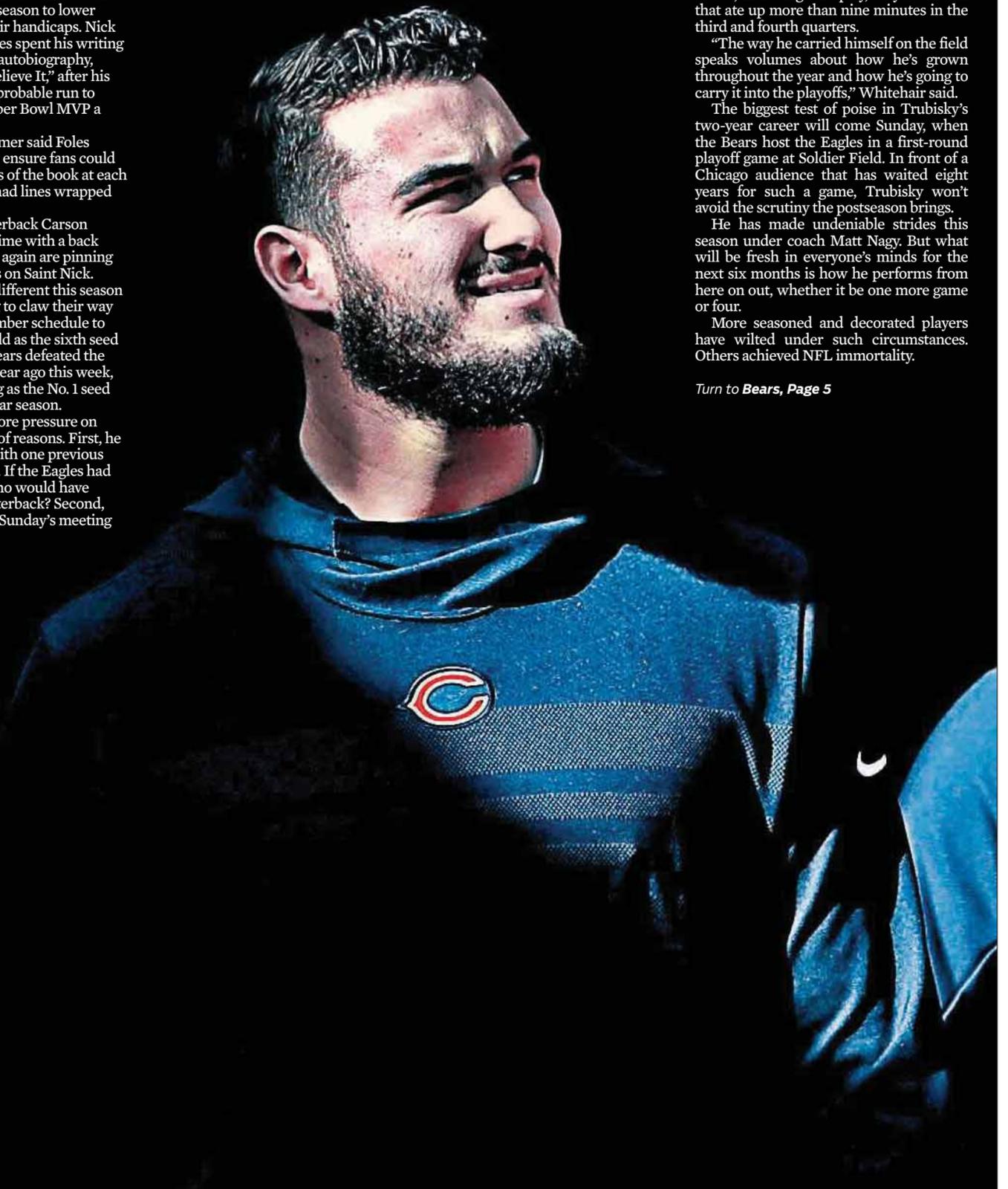
"The way he carried himself on the field speaks volumes about how he's grown throughout the year and how he's going to carry it into the playoffs," Whitehair said.

The biggest test of poise in Trubisky's two-year career will come Sunday, when the Bears host the Eagles in a first-round playoff game at Soldier Field. In front of a Chicago audience that has waited eight years for such a game, Trubisky won't avoid the scrutiny the postseason brings.

He has made undeniable strides this season under coach Matt Nagy. But what will be fresh in everyone's minds for the next six months is how he performs from here on out, whether it be one more game or four.

More seasoned and decorated players have wilted under such circumstances. Others achieved NFL immortality.

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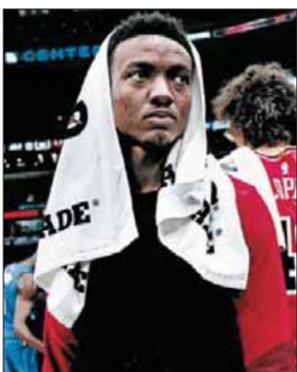


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Quarterback Mitch Trubisky appears focused and calm a few hours before the game against the 49ers.

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Wendell Carter Jr. walks off the court after not playing for the final 20:17 of Wednesday's 112-84 home loss to the Magic.

BULLS

Carter stays positive after benching

Philosophical rookie: 'It's something I can use to play better'

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Taj Gibson loved playing for Vinny Del Negro. The valuable two-way forward said so many times publicly while playing for a Bulls coach who often drew questions for his strategy.

Gibson loved playing for Tom Thibodeau, a coach hardly anybody questioned until manage-

ment and ownership did near the end of his tenure as their working relationship soured.

And what do you know: Gibson always praised Fred Hoiberg, another coach who seemed to fall squarely in the crosshairs of criticism from time to time.

Gibson is gone, but the Bulls

seemingly drafted his low-maintenance replacement in Wendell Carter Jr., who is experiencing consistent losing for the first time in his career and playing for his second coach in his first NBA season.

"I never like to look at (the coaching change) as an excuse as to why I'm not playing well," Carter said after practice Thursday. "It is difficult with all the changes going on, but I never look at it as an excuse. It's something I can use to play better, do whatever

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ISLANDERS 3, BLACKHAWKS 2 (OT)

Delia makes 47 saves to earn point

Blackhawks show promise on road, tying the game 2-2 early in the third period, but they fall short in overtime. **Page 3**

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PAUL SULLIVAN

Sorry, MLB, fans prefer NFL

In an attempt to be snarky on the final weekend of the NFL regular season, Major League Baseball sent out a wordless tweet that contained two emojis of a baseball and football.

Though I'm not fluent in emoji-speak, I believe the message was "baseball is greater than football."

The tweet has garnered more than 35,000 likes and 1,800 replies since it was posted Dec. 29, and sparking debate in an otherwise dull offseason obviously was MLB's objective.

For many, there's no debate at all. Baseball is the so-called national pastime and a beloved sport handed down from generation to generation. But whether it's a better sport than football is in the eye of the beholder. Most fans I know love both sports, and because they overlap only in September and October, there's no reason to choose one over the other outside of a few Sundays every fall.

But the seemingly innocuous tweet might be a sign MLB is worried about its sinking status in the modern sports world. Overall MLB attendance was down 4 percent in 2018 at 69.6 million, the first time it has dropped under 70 million since 2003.

And according to Sports Media Watch, 40 of the 50 most-watched sporting events in the U.S. in 2018 were NFL games, including the top seven.

The World Series is baseball's showcase, and 2018 featured an intriguing matchup between iconic franchises with national followings. But according to the Nielsen Company, the decisive Game 5 between the Red Sox and Dodgers ranked only 38th on the list of prime-time TV telecasts in 2018 with 17.64 million viewers.

The Red Sox's Series-clinching win finished behind three NBA Finals games between the Warriors and Cavaliers, 14 "Sunday Night Football" games, one "Thursday Night Football" game, the NFL season opener and two College Football Playoff games, not to mention four NFL postseason games, including Super Bowl LII, which naturally was tops with 103.39 million viewers.

As the NFL playoffs begin, it's apparent the MLB emojis are backward.

MLB knows it has issues, which is why the league and players union made a concerted effort last season to speed up the game with shorter breaks between innings



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The Red Sox's World Series clincher trailed 25 other prime-time sporting events in ratings.

and limited mound visits. At the general managers meetings in November, MLB Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem noted average game time was down around 4½ minutes to about three hours, saying it was "going in the right direction."

Still, the attendance drop is glaring, thanks in part to early weather-related issues (a record 28 postponements in April), the proliferation of rebuilding (some say tanking) teams and increasingly high ticket prices. Halem said owners are "heavily focused on making sure if people, particularly families, want to attend baseball games, that there are options to do so that are affordable."

So what happened? "Generally, there's a lot of competition for people's time," Halem said. "Our local (regional sports network) ratings were good. People may be consuming baseball in different ways. But it's an area that the commissioner is focused on."

An absence of action might be the biggest problem. There were more strikeouts (41,207) than hits (41,109) for the first time in MLB history, and the lack of balls in play

leads to more dead time even when batters aren't loitering outside the box adjusting their batting gloves.

"A lot of people like the way the game is being played right now," he said. "Other people like to see more balls in play. On any of these issues, I don't think there is a right answer, and some of these trends may be cyclical, too, and may reverse themselves because teams are very competitive."

Meanwhile, the NFL just completed its highest-scoring season in history and saw a 5 percent ratings increase from 2017. Some games last 3½ to four hours, and no one raises a stink. This postseason includes venerable franchises such as the Bears and Cowboys, new stars such as Patrick Mahomes and Jared Goff and old standbys such as Tom Brady and J.J. Watt.

Baseball will always be a great sport and the preferred choice of millions. There's no place I'd rather be on a summer day than in a ballpark. But when it comes to star power and watchability, football is king.

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WHITE SOX

Report: Machado gets contract offer



Jerry Reinsdorf wants to know if you think Manny Machado looks good in a White Sox uniform.

OK, maybe not the Sox chairman himself but a Twitter feed from one of his companies.

The Twitter account @WatchStadium on Thursday edited a photo of Machado in a Sox uniform, along with a mention of a tweet from USA Today's Bob Nightengale reporting the Sox officially have made an offer to the free-agent shortstop. The tweet then posed the question: "Manny looks pretty good in black and white, don't ya think?"

The Twitter account is for Stadium, a multiplatform national sports channel Reinsdorf runs out of the West Side. The outlet broke the news Dec. 14 that the Sox had acquired Yonder Alonso, Machado's brother-in-law, from the Indians.

Perhaps it's a coincidence the account is so interested in Reinsdorf's baseball team. But in an interview with the Tribune's Phil Rosenthal last year, Reinsdorf said of Stadium: "I don't know how fast it will grow, but I really think we have a great group of partners and there's so much synergy here."

Putting Machado in a Sox uniform is about as synergistic as it gets.

The Sox declined to comment on negotiations with Machado. They brought him to Chicago last month for meetings, and they are one of three suitors to have publicly wooed Machado, who also has met with the Yankees and Phillies.

Most have speculated Machado would prefer the Yankees, and he created a stir last week when he started following the Yankees-owned TV outlet, the YES Network, on Instagram. He later unfollowed it after media outlets made a commotion over the move.

The Sox also have pursued Bryce Harper, the other prominent free agent on the market, though Nightengale's tweet indicated the Sox are more focused on Machado right now.

— Paul Sullivan

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Holiday dealt; Payne cut

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

The Bulls got a jump on what they hope is a busy trade season when they dealt Justin Holiday to the Grizzlies on Thursday for shooting guards MarShon Brooks and Wayne Selden Jr. and unprotected second-round picks in 2019 and 2020.

The Bulls are still shopping Jabari Parker and Robin Lopez ahead of the Feb. 7 trade deadline. But dealing Holiday and his expiring \$4.5 million contract is a start.

It will open considerable opportunity at small forward for rookie Chandler Hutchison, whose minutes have increased of late. Some of Hutchison's increased playing time has come as the backup power forward, a role soon to be filled by Bobby Portis when he returns from a sprained right ankle.

To make room for Brooks and Selden, the Bulls waived guard Cameron Payne. That closed the books on Payne's disastrous stint in Chicago, which began when the Bulls traded Taj Gibson, Doug McDermott and a 2018 second-round pick to the Thunder in February 2017 for Payne,

Joffrey Lauvergne and Anthony Morrow. Brooks, however, might not stick with the Bulls, a source said.

In his second tour with the Bulls, Holiday started 72 games last season and all 38 this season. He is averaging 11.6 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.2 assists in a career-high 34.9 minutes per game, and he recently set a franchise record by sinking at least one 3-pointer in 43 straight games. He's shooting 35.9 percent from 3-point range with a career-high 71 attempts per game.

Trading a dependable veteran such as Holiday also could affect the Bulls' chances of winning, which would appease draft lottery enthusiasts. They have the league's fourth-worst record at 10-28, though Portis' return will add a valuable scoring reserve to the core of Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn, Lauri Markkanen and Wendell Carter Jr.

Brooks, the No. 25 pick by the Celtics in 2011, is averaging 6.6 points in 29 games. Selden is averaging 5.4 points in 32 games. Both 6-foot-5 guards have expiring contracts.

Carter stays upbeat after benching

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I can help this organization have a quick turnaround."

It sometimes is instructive to remind oneself that Carter is just 19 years old.

"I always try to find ways to find things that are positive about every single thing," Carter said. "I never want to look at anything in a negative light. There was no negativity in him having me watch most of the game. I definitely feel where he was coming from. Next game, I may play 35 minutes. It's a long season. I know that I'm not going to play 35 minutes every night."

Carter spoke in response to questions about coach Jim Boylen's decision to play the No. 7 pick for only 13 minutes, 28 seconds — and not at all in the final 20:17 — in Wednesday's embarrassing 112-84 home loss to the Magic.

Boylen said afterward that Carter could learn more by sitting and being introspective about his play. Carter didn't do much other than miss five shots.

Boylen doubled down on his decision Thursday while expressing gratitude for Carter's maturity and coachability.

"I appreciate everything he's about," Boylen said. "I appreciate his physicality. I appreciate his want-to. I thought as a group our energy was low. I thought as a group our frustration came quickly, which you can't do. It's a long game."

"He was one of those guys where I thought it came quickly, and it kind of hurt our spirit a little bit during the game. But

he'll bounce back. He's working right now, and he's a great kid. He's a big piece for us."

Alongside another low-maintenance foundational piece in Lauri Markkanen, Carter projects to be a long-term contributor like Gibson. That he doesn't point fingers — also like Gibson — earns Carter even more respect within the organization.

One game after failing to draw a foul for the first time this season, Carter went scoreless for the first time Wednesday. That broke a three-game streak of double-figure scoring games, including two double-doubles.

Carter vowed to bounce back for Friday's home game against the Pacers, who present a tough matchup if Myles Turner plays with a broken nose. The Pacers have won five straight and have been off since Monday, so they'll be rested.

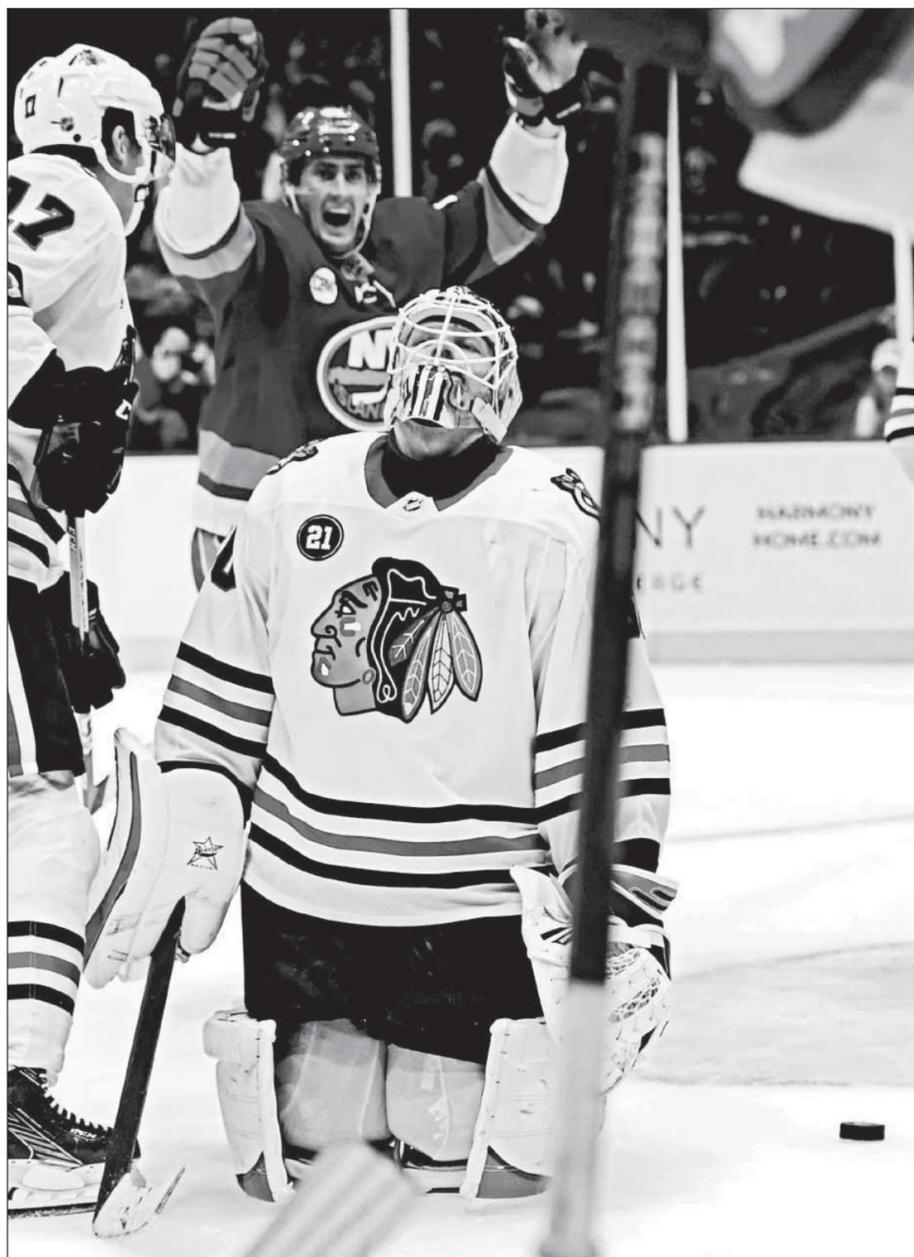
"I wasn't playing well at either end," Carter said of his Wednesday performance. "I feel like I wasn't affecting the game at all. I was frustrated with myself where I wasn't helping my team win. I don't usually have nights like that."

But Carter had at least one, revealing that Mike Krzyzewski once benched him during his lone season at Duke. Carter said he rebounded the next game to play well.

"I worry more about moving on from mistakes in-game," Boylen said. "He's done that real well at times and sometimes he's struggled. But I'm thankful he's here."

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BLACKHAWKS



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Blackhawks goaltender Collin Delia reacts after the Islanders' Devon Toews scores the winner in overtime.

ISLANDERS 3, BLACKHAWKS 2 (OT)

Point of whew

Hawks outshot 50-21, still climb up the standings

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Patrick Kane described the Blackhawks' close loss to the Bruins in the Winter Classic on New Year's Day as a game "you could probably argue we deserved better than we got." Thursday night's 3-2 overtime loss to the Islanders, he said, was one "we didn't get what we deserved."

"It's a funny game sometimes," Kane said. "We're trying to instill a winning mentality." The Hawks lost another close one, but it felt more lopsided as they had to claw back in the third period and rely on goaltender Collin Delia to stop all but three of the Islanders' 50 shots.

Kane said "I think you feel fortunate" to have earned a point as the Hawks try to scale a steep climb to an unlikely playoff spot.

"It's nice to get that point," he said. "It always feels like you leave something on the table when you give one up in overtime. That's a tough feeling. We probably didn't deserve a point but we got one. We're a team

right now that's trying to find a way ... to keep ourselves in games."

The loss snapped a three-game road winning streak by the Hawks, who entered Nassau Coliseum having won five of their last seven overall.

Kane tied the score at 2-2 on a power-play goal early in the third period. His expression read, "I'll take it," after the one-timer seemed to flutter off his stick.

"I think my hands were a little sweaty," he joked. "Those are always fortunate ones."

The Hawks could use more fortune turning their way.

Delia blamed himself — which his teammates quickly put a lid on — for giving up the overtime goal to Devon Toews, the rookie's first NHL goal.

"Not getting that seal, but you have to recover faster to make that second save," Delia said. "It's disappointing."

He had won his first three starts since being called up from Rockford to fill in for injured starter Corey Crawford (concussion). Delia entered Thursday's game with a 1.67 goals-against average and .957 save percentage, stopping all but five of 116 shots he had faced.

The Islanders outshot the Hawks 50-21, including a 14-3 advantage in the first period and

18-3 in the third.

"I didn't even know how many shots I was facing," Delia said. "Just trying to make the next save and battle for the guys. They're playing hard."

The surging Islanders won their fifth straight behind two goals from Mathew Barzal, including a second-period power-play score for a 2-1 lead.

The Hawks started strong, scoring 3:05 into the game on Dominik Kahun's goal off assists from Duncan Keith and Brandon Saad. It was Kahun's second straight game with a goal.

It was also the seventh straight game in which the Hawks scored first — a previous sore spot this season. It was a short-lived advantage as Barzal scored three minutes later on a rebound.

"We got some good goaltending and found a way to score on the power play and we got to overtime," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "We could have come away with two (points), but ... we'll have to be better."

Colliton said he's looking for more consistency.

"We had spurts here and there where we'd have one or two shifts but never three in a row," he said.

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COLLEGES

NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL

Fitzgerald staying at NU, agent says

No thanks, NFL: Teams are asking, but coach to remain with Wildcats

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

Home forever.

An exultant Pat Fitzgerald declared that late Monday after Northwestern's stunning comeback victory in the Holiday Bowl, and his agent confirmed it Thursday night to the Tribune. Chicago-based Bryan Harlan said that although multiple NFL teams have inquired, Fitzgerald would not be a candidate or interview.

Harlan would not get into specifics, but a source said three teams inquired, including the Packers.

Multiple outlets reported Sunday that Packers CEO Mark Murphy, who elevated Fitzgerald to head coach at Northwestern in 2006, wanted an audience with Fitzgerald.

It's not known whether Fitzgerald has long-term NFL ambitions. But they won't be realized now and probably not anytime soon.

Among the many reasons for him to stay at Northwestern are these:

■ His team just broke through and won the Big Ten West for the first time.

■ Northwestern recently opened a \$270 million lakefront facility that is among the nation's best.

■ He loves athletic director Jim Phillips and university President

Morton Schapiro.

■ His next quarterback figures to be Hunter Johnson, a five-star recruit who transferred from Clemson.

■ He's from the Chicago area and his family is entrenched on the North Shore.

■ Mentor Gary Barnett told him he erred in leaving Northwestern for Colorado after a seven-year stint.

■ Fitzgerald already is extremely well-compensated, earning \$4.5 million per year — a higher figure than previously reported.

A source close to Fitzgerald told the Tribune the coach was "too smart" to pursue the Packers job because Fitzgerald is so well-suited to the college game. Coaches such as Pete Carroll and Jimmy Johnson who successfully made the transition have been outnumbered by the likes of Lou Holtz, Nick Saban and Dan Devine, who did not.

O-line coach hired: Fitzgerald has selected Kurt Anderson as his new offensive line coach. The school cannot announce the move until its human resources department signs off, but a source confirmed an ESPN report. Anderson, from Glenview, worked as a quality control analyst this past season under NU offensive line coach Adam Cushing, who left to become head coach at Eastern Illinois.

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ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

Four-star linebacker Cooper picks Illini

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Illinois seemed like the obvious choice for Shammond Cooper, a four-star linebacker from St. Louis whom the Illini have been recruiting since his sophomore season, and he affirmed their work to land him Thursday by announcing his commitment before the Under Armour All-America Game in Orlando, Fla.

Cooper said he will still take an official visit this month to Florida State, which has made a late push for him. His other finalists were Oklahoma and Missouri. National signing day is Feb. 6.

Cooper played at Trinity Catholic High School with four-star quarterback Isaiah Williams, who signed with the Illini last month during the early signing period. Illinois tight ends coach Cory Patterson coached Cooper and Williams at Trinity Catholic before taking the job in Champaign last year.

Landing Cooper is a major boost to the Illini recruiting class, which also features December signees Williams and Marquez Beason, a four-star cornerback from Texas. Both are ranked in the top 110 of the 247Sports.com national composite rankings and also played in the Under Armour game.

Illinois' 2019 class now numbers 12 players and despite its small size moved up from 66th nationally to 61st with Cooper's commitment. In terms of average rating per recruit, the class ranks seventh in the Big Ten.

Cooper, who is listed at 6-foot-2 and 195 pounds, is ranked 293rd nationally (17th among inside linebackers) and fifth in Missouri. As a senior, he helped lead Trinity Catholic to Missouri's Class 3A state title, posting 137 tackles and five sacks, according to 247Sports.com.

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INDIANA 73, ILLINOIS 65

Langford, Hoosiers deal Illini third straight defeat

BY CAMERON STEWART
Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Romeo Langford scored a career-high 28 points, Juwan Morgan added 14 points and 10 rebounds and No. 21 Indiana defeated Illinois 73-65 in a Big Ten matchup Thursday night.

Langford shot 8 of 13 from the field and 11 of 15 from the line for the Hoosiers (12-2, 3-0), who won their seventh consecutive game.

They play six of their next eight on the road, starting Sunday at unbeaten and second-ranked Michigan.

Samson Oladimeji scored 20 points and Giorgi Bezhaniashvili added 18 for Illinois (4-10, 0-3).

The Illini charged to an early 25-15 lead, making 11 of their first 18 shots. Indiana turned up its defense and limited Illinois to 35 percent shooting for the rest of the game.

The Hoosiers forced nearly as many turnovers (25) as they allowed field goals (21). Five of Illinois' turnovers came on shot-clock violations.

Indiana's defense also sparked its offense with 22 points off turnovers.

The Hoosiers led by as many as 15, but a late run by Illinois, fueled by a three-quarters-court press that took the Hoosiers out of rhythm, helped cut the lead to



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Indiana's Romeo Langford goes to the basket against Illinois' Adonis De La Rosa during the second half Thursday in Bloomington, Ind.

four. Langford and Morgan made their free throws late to extend the lead to the final margin of eight.

The Illini lost their third straight, and the road ahead doesn't appear to give them a break, with three ranked opponents on the January schedule. They visit Northwestern on Sunday at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Kane hopes Toews is an All-Star too

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Newly selected to the NHL All-Star Game, Patrick Kane said he would like to see Blackhawks teammate Jonathan Toews join him.

"I don't want him to have that week off and I have to go three or four days," Kane joked. "It's always nice to have another Blackhawk there."

Kane will make his fifth straight All-Star Game appearance and his eighth out of a possible nine in his career. Toews could be named as part of the "Last Men In" online voting by fans that runs through Thursday.

"Being named to the team is an honor," Toews said repeatedly to a few questions about his potentially making the roster.

Kane said he understands why Capitals captain Alex Ovechkin is skipping the All-Star Game after fans voted him the Metropolitan Division captain, noting that he wants the extra rest that will come with the Capitals' week off

after the All-Star break.

The Hawks have a similar break, but Kane said he couldn't imagine now not playing when he's voted in.

"It's always an honor to represent the NHL," he said. "It's pretty special. You have the best players there. It's a weekend that's not so serious. At the same time, you get to be with the best players, you get to talk to them."

Kane would make one tweak to the way All-Star rosters are formed.

"I don't know why they have to have every team represented," he said. "I think they should pick the best players and not worry about having every team represented."

Davidson activated: The Hawks activated defenseman Brandon Davidson from injured reserve Thursday.

He underwent right knee surgery in November with an expected healing time of up to eight weeks. He has one assist in seven games with the Hawks after signing a one-year contract. Defenseman Jason Garrison

had his contract terminated after he cleared unconditional waivers. He was placed on waivers Wednesday after he did not report to Rockford.

Garrison, who was acquired by the Hawks from the Oilers with Drake Caggiula for defensemen Brandon Manning and Robin Norell, Garrison spent 58 games last season with the Chicago Wolves.

Back to the beginning: Unsurprisingly, Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton didn't bubble over with emotion walking into the Nassau Coliseum for Thursday's morning skate.

Colliton was drafted by the Islanders in 2003.

"It's good memories," Colliton said. "It's the only organization I was with. It's fun to be back. It would be nice to get a win here."

He was selected in the second round in the entry draft but didn't make his debut until 2005. Colliton played in just 57 NHL games with three goals and three assists, and he's now the youngest active NHL coach.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
			PHI 3:40 NBC-5, AM-780				
	IND 7 WGN-9, AM-670		BKN 2:30 NBCSCH, AM-670			@POR 9 WGN-9, AM-670	
			@PIT 7 NBCSN, AM-720	CGY 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720		NSH 7 NBCSN, AM-720	

FRIDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA	7 p.m.	Pacers at Bulls	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670
	7 p.m.	Mavericks at Celtics	ESPN
	9:30 p.m.	Thunder at Trail Blazers	ESPN
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
	6 p.m.	IUPUI at UIC	ESPNU
	6 p.m.	SMU at Tulane	ESPN2
	6 p.m.	Ball State at Toledo	CBSSN
	8 p.m.	Buffalo at Eastern Michigan	CBSSN
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
	7 p.m.	DePaul at Marquette	FS1
GOLF			
	5 p.m.	Sentry Tournament of Champions	Golf Channel
WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS			
	8 p.m.	Nebraska at UCLA	ESPN2
COLLEGE HOCKEY			
	6 p.m.	Ohio State at Michigan State	BTN
	8 p.m.	Penn State at Minnesota	ESPNU
TENNIS			
	2 a.m.	Brisbane ATP/WTA	Tennis Channel
	5 a.m.	Brisbane ATP/WTA	Tennis Channel
	5 a.m.	Brisbane ATP/WTA	Tennis Channel
MEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL			
	7 p.m.	UC Irvine at Loyola	NBCSCH

NFL PLAYOFFS

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS	CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Saturday Indianapolis at Houston, 3:35 (ESPN) Seattle at Dallas, 7:15 (FOX-32)	Sunday, Jan. 20 NFC: TBD, 2:05 (FOX-32) AFC: TBD, 5:40 (CBS-2)
Sunday L.A. Chargers at Baltimore, 12:05 (CBS-2) Divisional Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 12 Baltimore/LA Chargers/Indianapolis at Kansas City, 3:35 (NBC-5) Bears/Dallas/Seattle at L.A. Rams, 7:15 (FOX-32) Sunday, Jan. 13 Houston/Baltimore/LA Chargers at New England, 12:05 (CBS-2) Dallas/Seattle/Philadelphia at New Orleans, 3:40 (FOX-32)	Monday, Jan. 27 at Orlando, Fla. AFC: Tampa Bay vs. NFC champ, 5:30 (CBS-2) Pro Bowl Sunday, Jan. 27 at Orlando, Fla. AFC: Tampa Bay vs. AFC champ, 5:30 (CBS-2) Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 3 at Atlanta AFC: Tampa Bay vs. NFC champ, 5:30 (CBS-2) CALENDAR Feb. 26-March 4: NFL combine, Indianapolis. March 13: League year and free agency begin. March 24-27: Annual owners meeting, Phoenix. April 25-27: NFL draft, Nashville, Tenn.

NFL Team Game Highs and Lows

WEEK 17 POINTS	WEEK 17 YARDS	
54, L.A. Rams vs. Kansas City 11/9	52, Pittsburgh vs. Carolina 11/8	
51, New Orleans at Cincinnati 11/11	51, Kansas City at L.A. Rams 11/9	
48, Tampa Bay at New Orleans 9/9	48, N.Y. Jets at Detroit 9/10	
48, Chicago vs. Tampa Bay 9/30	48, New Orleans vs. Philadelphia 11/18	
48, L.A. Rams vs. San Francisco 12/30	Fewest	
0, Arizona at L.A. Rams 9/16	0, Buffalo at Green Bay 9/30	
0, Tennessee vs. Baltimore 10/14	0, Indianapolis at Jacksonville 12/2	
0, N.Y. Giants vs. Tennessee 12/16	Dallas at Indianapolis 12/16	
0, Green Bay vs. Detroit 12/30	0, Washington vs. Philadelphia 12/30	
TOTAL YARDS		
Most	576, Tampa Bay at Cincinnati 10/28	
565, Dallas vs. Philadelphia 12/9 (OT)	565, Oakland vs. Cleveland 9/30 (OT)	
551, L.A. Rams vs. Minnesota 9/27	551, Kansas City vs. Cincinnati 10/21	
Fewest	89, Washington vs. Philadelphia 12/30	
89, Jacksonville at Houston 12/30	131, Atlanta vs. Baltimore 12/2	
137, Arizona at L.A. Rams 9/16	RUSHING YARDS	
Most	323, N.Y. Jets vs. Denver 10/7	
296, Baltimore vs. Cleveland 12/30	281, Houston vs. Tennessee 11/26	
273, Seattle at L.A. Rams 11/11	273, New England vs. Buffalo 12/23	
Fewest	14, Minnesota vs. Buffalo 9/23	

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE	DATE	BOWL	SITE	TEAMS	TM
Mon CFP Final		Santa Clara, Calif.	Alabama (14-0) vs. Clemson (14-0)		7
OTHER BOWLS					
J19	Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West		2
J19	Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.	American vs. National		3
J26	Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South		1:30
DATE BOWL SITE RESULT					
D15	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T 24, Alcorn St. 22		
D15	Cure	Orlando	Tulane 41, La.-Lafayette 22		
D15	New Mexico	Albuquerque	Utah State 52, N. Texas 13		
D15	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St. 31, Arizona St. 20		
D15	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Georgia Tech 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	Friscillo	Frisco, Texas	Ohio 27, San Diego State 0		
D20	Gasparilla	St. Petersburg	Marshall 38, USF 20		
D21	Bahamas	Nassau	Florida 28, S. Carolina 0		
D21	Famous Idaho	Boise	BYU 49, Western Michigan 13		
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	The Tech 31, Hawaii 14		
D26	SEVPRO	Dallas	Boston Coll. 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	Brom, N.Y.	Wisconsin 35, Miami 3		
D27	Texas	Orlando	Virginia 28, S. Carolina 0		
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		
D29	Peach	Atlanta	Florida 41, Michigan 15		
D29	Belk	Charlotte, N.C.	Virginia Tech 23, E. Michigan 21		
D29	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Nebraska 16, Ark. State 13		
D29	Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Clemson 30, Notre Dame 3		
D29	Orange	Miami Gar., Fla.	Alabama 45, Oklahoma 34		
D31	Liberty	Annapolis, Md.	Cincinnati 35, Virginia Tech 31		
D31	Sun	El Paso, Tex.	Pittsburgh 14, Pittsburgh 13		
D31	Redbox	Dallas	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		
J1	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Iowa 27, Mississippi State 22		
J1	Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky 27, Penn State 24		
J1	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU 40, UCF 32		
J1	Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Olio State 28, Washington 23		
J1	Sugar	New Orleans	Texas 28, Georgia 21		

FCS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday at Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas
North Dakota State (14-0) vs. Eastern Washington (12-2), 11 a.m. (ESPNU)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston: Signed CS Juan Centeno and Cleveland: Signed RHP Justin Grimm to a minor-league contract.
Kansas City: Named Chris Deluca major league tie therapist/second assistant athletic trainer and Dave Iannica minor league medical coordinator.
Minnesota: Designated RHP Aaron Slegers for assignment.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
New York: Signed RHP Arquimedes Caminero and OF Ymer Liriano to minor league contracts.
Philadelphia: Agreed to terms with RHP David Robertson on a two-year contract.
FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Detroit: Signed P Ryan Santoso and RB Kerwyn Williams to reserve/future contracts.
Indianapolis: Signed CB Janin Collins to the practice squad. Released DE An-

thony Winbush from the practice squad.
Washington: Signed RB Russell Hansen and DT Darius James to reserve/future contracts.

HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Arizona: Recalled C Laurent Dauphin from Tucson (AHL).
Dallas: Reassigned RW Denis Gauranov Texas (AHL). Recalled RW Erik Condra from Texas.
Detroit: Assigned C Wade Megan to Grand Rapids (AHL).
New Jersey: Agreed to terms with coach John Hynes on a multiyear contract extension.
COLLEGE
Chattanooga: Named Jacob Huesman tight end coach. Joe Pizzo offensive line coordinator. Kenny Baker defensive line coach and Mike Yeager special teams and defensive assistant coach.
Memphis: Named Deke Adams defensive line coach.

GOLF

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS	
R1 at Plantation Course at Kapalua; Kapalua, Hawaii; 7:58 (36-37)	
Yardage: 7,518; Par 73	
Kevin Tway	31-35
Gary Woodland	34-33
Justin Thomas	35-32
Dustin Johnson	33-33
Marc Leishman	34-34
69 (-4)	
Andrew Putnam	33-36
Andrew Landry	36-33
Patton Kizzire	36-33
Jason Day	36-34
Bryon McRoy	35-34
Bryson DeChambeau	35-34
70 (-3)	
Patrick Reed	36-34
Brooks Koepka	36-34
Bubba Watson	35-35
Webb Simpson	32-38

LATEST LINE

NBA	FRIDAY
Indiana 6	at Bulls
at Boston off	at Dallas
Utah 8½	at Brooklyn
at Memphis off	Washington 7
at Minnesota off	at Orlando
at Milwaukee 13	at Atlanta
at L.A. Clippers 10½	at Phoenix
at L.A. Lakers off	New York
at Portland off	Oklahoma City

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	FRIDAY
SMU 9½	at Tulane
at Ill.-CHI 4½	at Ball St
at Toledo 5½	at E. Michigan
Buffalo 10½	

NHL

at Pittsburgh -125	Winnipeg +115
at Carolina off	Columbus off
Nashville -185	at Detroit +170
at Dallas off	Washington off
at Arizona -119	New Jersey +109
at Colorado off	N.Y. Rangers off
Las Vegas -120	at Anaheim +110

COLLEGE FOOTBALL	MONDAY NATIONAL	CHAMPIONSHIP
NFL PLAYOFFS		
at Houston 1	Indianapolis 2	
Dallas 2	Seattle 5	
PLAYOFFS		
at Bears 6	Philadelphia 3	
at Baltimore 3	L.A. Chargers 3	

AHL

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
Iowa	19	8	4	3	45	120	96
WOLVES	20	11	3	1	44	130	105
G. Rapids	19	11	3	2	43	107	104
Texas	17	11	3	1	38	120	100
Milwaukee	16	12	5	1	38	90	95
Rockford	15	13	4	3	47	79	100
San Antonio	15	17	1	0	31	86	98
Manitoba	13	16	2	0	28	75	100

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Iowa 3, Wolves 1
Utica 4, Syracuse 2
Rochester 5, Bridgeport 4 (SO)
Grand Rapids at Jacksonville 11/18
San Antonio 3, Manitoba 1
Milwaukee 2 at Rockford 1
San Diego 2, Bakersfield 1

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
San Antonio at Wolves, 7
Bridgeport at Syracuse, 6
Charlotte at Belleville, 6
Grand Rapids at WB/Scranton, 6:05
Lehigh Valley at Providence, 6:05
Toronto at Binghamton, 6:05
Springfield at Hartford, 6:15
Rochester at Lowell, 6:30
Manitoba at Texas, 6:30
Rockford at Iowa, 7
Colorado at Bakersfield, 9
San Jose at San Diego, 9
Tucson at Stockton, 9

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Capital City 105, Maine 104
St. George Valley 97, Santa Cruz 89
Rockland 103, Memphis 100
Oklahoma City 110, South Bay 107

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Windy City at Erie, 6
Capital City at Canton, 6
Grand Rapids at Delaware, 6
Lakeland at Greensboro, 6
Wisconsin at Fort Wayne, 6
Westchester at Raptors, 6:30
St. Louis Falls at Aqua Caliente, 9

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Memphis 25, Toledo 107
Denver 117, Sacramento 113
Houston at Golden State, late

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Indiana at Cleveland, 6:30
Utah at Cleveland, 6:30
Brooklyn at Memphis, 7
Dallas at Boston, 7
Atlanta at Orlando, 7
Washington at Miami, 7
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 7:30
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 8
New York at L.A. Lakers, 9:30
Oklahoma City at Portland, 9:30

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Charlotte at Denver, 4
Utah at Detroit, 6
Dallas at Philadelphia, 6:30

ATP WORLD TOUR QATAR EXHONMOBIL OPEN
OF At The Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex, Doha, Qatar
#1 Novak Djokovic d. #5 Nikoloz Basilashvili, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
#6 Grigor Dimitrov, 7-5, 7-6.
Pierre-Hugues Herbert, 6-2, 6-4.
#4 Marco Cecchinato d. Dusan Lajovic, 7-6 (2), 6-2.

ATP WORLD TOUR TATA OPEN MAHARASHTRA
OF At Mahalunge Balewadi Tennis Complex, Pune, India
Ivo Karlovic d. Ernests Gulbis, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).
Steve Darcis d. Malek Jaziri, 7-5, 6-2.
#1 Kevin Anderson d. #7 Jaume Munar, 6-3, 6-3.
Gilles Simon d. #5 Benoit Paire, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

WTA SHENZHEN OPEN
At Longgang Tennis Centre, Shenzhen, China
Sorana Cristea leads Alison Riske, 2-0, susp.
Veronika Kudermetova leads Vera Zvonareva, 1-0, susp.

WTA ASB Classic
At ASB Bank Tennis Centre Auckland, New Zealand
Purse: \$226,750 (int'l.)
Serifina: hard-court/indoor
Victoria Kuzmova d. Sofia Kenin, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3.
Amanda Anisimova d. #5 Barbora Strycova, 6-3, 6-3.
#6 Venus Williams d. Lauren Davis, 6-4, 6-3.
Bianca Andreescu d. #1 Caroline Wozniacki, 6-4, 6-4.

Women's Doubles
#1 Barbora Krejickova and Katerina Siniakova d. Lucie Hradecka and Andreja Klepac, 6-3, 6-2.
#2 Gabriela Dabrowski and Xu Yifan d. El Hozumi and Alicia Rosolska, 6-2, 7-5.
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STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Quarterback Mitch Trubisky's steady play Sunday amid a raucous atmosphere against the Vikings in Minnesota was the latest, and perhaps best, example of his developing composure.

Trubisky is taking charge

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"Just go through the list of quarterbacks that win in the playoffs and win in Super Bowls," Nagy said. "And that's how people remember you."

Nagy was talking about the legacy of guys like Tom Brady and Troy Aikman, but Trubisky soon will be introduced to the weight that January and February performances carry in ultimate judgment.

Ultimate measuring stick

If Trubisky wants a reminder of what the playoffs can do for a quarterback in a team's lore, he simply needs to look at the man operating the opposing offense Sunday.

The Eagles' Nick Foles, who has 26 regular-season victories as a starter over seven seasons, has more Super Bowl rings than Dan Marino.

You can do the same bit for every unlikely quarterback to win it all. Marino is a Hall of Famer who ranks fifth all time with 61,361 passing yards, but he'll always have that asterisk.

*Never won a Super Bowl.

"Obviously there are quarterbacks out there that can light up the regular season and get to the postseason, and they don't do anything," Eagles coach Doug Pederson said. "Then there are those that ... maybe have a decent regular season, but when the lights get brightest, they shine the brightest."

"Sometimes it's unfair to a quarterback, but at the same time they are measured by playoff wins and possibly Super Bowl wins. Whether you win or lose a playoff game, it's definitely a learning experience that young quarterbacks can take away from and grow and get better."

Pederson watched Foles become the darling of last season's playoffs, stepping in for injured starter Carson Wentz to throw for 971 yards with six touchdowns and one interception in three games on the way to the Eagles' first championship since 1960.

Foles had an incredibly talented team to help lift him, but there was something in his makeup that allowed him to rise to the biggest of football occasions.

"Nick doesn't get rattled, quite frankly," Pederson said. "He stays pretty calm even when faced with adversity in the game."

"He processes information fast. He loves to have repeat plays throughout the game where he's gathering that information. That unique ability to take a deep breath, exhale, calm the storm, keep things simple in his mind is kind of who Nick is."

Trubisky said watching Foles and the Eagles make their run last year was "really cool," and he expressed hope Wednesday



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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— Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky

the Bears can do something similarly special.

"That's the amazing thing about the playoffs," Trubisky said. "You can't just count anybody out. ... That's how it is in the NFL. Anybody can beat anybody on any given week, so you just try to get hot at the right point."

Does Trubisky have that in him?

Letting go

Trubisky stepped to the lectern after the Bears' biggest regular-season win and said he was trying not to be selfish.

He loved dancing with his teammates at "Club Dub" to celebrate the 15-6 Sunday night triumph over the Rams, but he was disappointed in himself. After missing two games with a shoulder injury, his return was error-filled. His 110 passing yards were a season low. His three interceptions were a career worst.

"I don't know if that was something I was doing mentally from sitting out two weeks, just (trying to) come out and put on a show and make big plays," Trubisky said then. "I just need to do my job."

Three days later, after another round of

self-assessments, Trubisky acknowledged he was "too amped up" and "trying to make all-world plays." It's those admissions that will give the quarterback's critics and backers some pause about whether he'll stay composed on the playoff stage.

There were, however, silver linings to the game. The intensity at Soldier Field that night provided the ultimate training ground for a home playoff game.

"Those are great learning experiences," Trubisky said. "It's just going back and talking it over with Coach and really reflecting on what I need to do for my team to put us in a great position to win every single week. Those were instances where I came back and was critical of myself, watched the film and really figured out how I could change my mindset and do a better job in practice during the week prepared."

One of the traits Nagy frequently has praised this season is Trubisky's aptitude for self-reflection, and the quarterback responded over his next three games.

In wins over the Packers, 49ers and Vikings — the first of which clinched the NFC North title — Trubisky completed 76

percent of his passes with three touchdowns and his first three-game streak without an interception.

"He's a competitive dude, and he's got that great balance of letting the crap go and building on the good stuff," offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich said. "You don't want to truly forget about it, but you've got to let it go. He's done that to a degree a lot better."

'He can be great'

Gabriel pointed to his diving 40-yard catch Sunday against the Vikings as an example of what Trubisky can do when he's poised. There were other clutch moments, such as Trubisky's 22-yard dart to Kevin White on third-and-6 with pressure in his face.

"When you look at his last game, he's not as jittery, his feet aren't going," Gabriel said. "He's comfortable and checking through all of his reads."

"Last week's catch, he was on it. ... It was a crazy blitz that came at him, and he was comfortable in the pocket, moved to his left and made the throw like that."

The task for the Bears all week has been trying to make sure Trubisky will feel that comfort in Sunday's highly charged environment, with an urgency the Bears haven't faced during Trubisky's 26 games as a starter. Backup quarterback Chase Daniel said there's no substitute for experience, but the veterans have been counseling him.

Tight end Trey Burton's message to Trubisky was to have fun and not focus on what outsiders are saying about him.

Daniel's task was to help Trubisky maintain the same routine and preparation for Sunday's game as he has all season.

In his one year guiding him, Nagy has seen Trubisky improve his completion percentage from 59.4 to 66.6, his passer rating from 77.5 to 95.4 and his touchdown passes from seven to 24. So Nagy reminded his protegee to "not change" and "don't put any extra added pressure on himself."

"Control himself," Helfrich said. "Do exactly what we've asked him to do — nothing more, nothing less. If his eyes and feet are in the right place, his head's in the right place, then he can be great."

For his part during midweek preparations, Trubisky wasn't much interested in a deep dive into what this month might mean for his ultimate legacy.

"We can talk about that when I'm a lot older," he said.

The outside discussion will begin Sunday.

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—Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio on how much he has prepared for potential head coaching job interviews



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio is concentrating on nothing else except his plan to shut down the Eagles in the playoff game Sunday.

A won-track mind

Head coaching job interviews can wait for focused Fangio

BY DAN WIEDERER
Chicago Tribune

Vic Fangio fielded 25 questions Thursday during his weekly news conference at Halas Hall. Predictably, 10 of them centered around his future and his opportunities to interview for head coaching positions. Already, the Broncos and Dolphins have requested permission to talk with Fangio. Both teams will be able to do so next week after the Bears play their NFC wild-card-round game against the Eagles.

Five other NFL head coaching positions are currently vacant. And it's possible the Bears defensive coordinator could attract interest for a few of those openings as well.

But as a true in-the-moment grinder, Fangio is keeping his focus this week on preparing for the Bears' playoff opener. So for those wondering how the 60-year-old coach is balancing his time between preparing to play the Eagles and readying for next

week's job interviews?

“I’ve done zero on that second part,” Fangio said Thursday. “Zero. ... I have enough on my plate coaching these guys and the other things. (I’ll) deal with it as they come up.”

As it just so happens, Bears coach Matt Nagy was in this same boat a year ago. As the Chiefs offensive coordinator, Nagy spent the first week of January preparing to face the Titans in the AFC playoffs while also knowing he had head coaching interviews behind that.

The Chiefs lost their postseason opener 22-21 and the next day Nagy shot into head coaching interviews with the Bears and Colts. Still, he insists he didn't let those interviews affect his playoff preparation.

Instead, Nagy said, he prepared for potential head coaching interviews far in advance.

“Meaning months or a year or years prior,” he said. “That’s when you do it. That way when you get into these times right now, you don’t spend an ounce (of energy) on it, really. And that’s what I was able to do.”

“I had a great conversation with Coach (Andy) Reid last year at this time and I promised him

I’m not going to spend one ounce of energy and time on my interviews throughout the week. I’m not doing that to our team. I won’t do it. And I held my promise to that.”

Fangio is following Nagy’s distraction-free formula — for the most part. Asked Thursday how much he prepared earlier in the year for potential opportunities, Fangio again shrugged.

“Zero,” he said with a smirk. “Maybe that’s why I’m here.”

The Bears certainly would love to keep Fangio and wouldn’t be disappointed if he failed to land a new job in the weeks ahead. Fangio’s fingerprints are all over the defense, a united and nasty bunch that led the NFL in takeaways (36) and finished third in sacks (50) during the regular season. The Bears defense also scored six touchdowns and held opponents to 14 points or fewer seven times.

Earlier this week, cornerback Prince Amukamara cringed when asked about the possibility of Fangio exiting Chicago for a bigger job elsewhere.

“Man, I don’t want to think about that,” Amukamara said. “Everybody in the league knows how great of a coach and a person

Coach Vic is and they know what he brings to the table. I’m sure he’s top priority on a lot of people’s lists.”

Nagy expressed his own enthusiasm for the recognition Fangio is receiving and the opportunities that are coming his way.

“For his name to be thrown out here as a possible head coaching candidate, how can you not be happy for someone as a person and as a coach?” Nagy said. “People work hard for these chances. But at the same time, this is all about this team right now and how hard we’ve fought to get to this point.”

“Vic’s been in this way longer than me. He knows how to handle this situation.”

So far this week, Nagy has seen no signs that Fangio’s attention is drifting or that he has wandering eyes. For now, Fangio is fully invested in his responsibilities with the Bears.

“Every time I walk into his office, man, he’s grinding,” Nagy said. “He’s got that remote in there and he’s just writing stuff down and grinding with stuff for the game. I appreciate that.”

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Nagy was right there for football rebirth of Foles

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with the Bears at Soldier Field, the Eagles aren’t as good as they were last season.

Sure, they have a locker room full of players with playoff experience, but they have had to deal with a slew of injuries all season, most significantly to the secondary, and that’s just one reason they needed to come through the patio screen door to reach the playoffs with a 9-7 record.

Most had left them for dead after a 48-7 drubbing in New Orleans on Nov. 18. They found a way to win five of their final six and are ready to see if they can repeat with Foles, who’s set to start Sunday after being forced out of a 24-0 victory over the Redskins with a rib injury. (A hit from Texans pass rusher Jadeveon Clowney a week before might have caused the injury.)

Like last season, when Wentz suffered a knee injury, Foles got three weeks at the end of the regular season to settle into the starting role. Beginning in Week 15, he has completed 87 of 113 passes (77 percent) for 962 yards with six touchdowns and three interceptions. The Eagles have a nondescript running game, although they’ll surely look to find some balance Sunday, so they’re going as far as Foles and their defensive line can take them. One thing Foles does a much better job of than Wentz is avoiding sacks, and that’s important against the Bears.

What Foles has yet to do the

last two seasons is win in a difficult road environment. Yes, the Eagles were 13-point underdogs when they pulled off a 30-23 upset of the Rams on Dec. 16 at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, but no one describes that as a rowdy atmosphere for visiting teams. However, Foles outdueled the Patriots’ Tom Brady on the sport’s largest stage, and that’s more than enough evidence he has the swagger needed with the Eagles a six-point underdog against the Bears’ top-ranked scoring defense.

“There is an I’ve-been-there type of confidence that Nick can carry into the game,” Eagles offensive coordinator Mike Groh said.

An interesting dynamic is in play for this game, in which the human element is so prominent. Bears coach Matt Nagy and Eagles coach Doug Pederson have such a close relationship from time spent together under Andy Reid in Philadelphia and Kansas City that Nagy said Wednesday he couldn’t even begin to encapsulate it all — although he did peg Pederson as an ice cream junkie with a preference for vanilla with rainbow sprinkles.

Foles has a deep appreciation for each coach. He was at a crossroads in his career, contemplating retirement, before the Chiefs called him to back up Alex Smith as training camp began in 2016. Pederson had left Reid to take the Eagles job, and Nagy had been promoted to offensive

coordinator.

“I went to training camp; I signed late,” Foles said after Sunday’s game in Washington. “I came to Kansas City and went to get my physical, and I was dropped off at Nagy’s house in Overland Park. I had known him from my rookie year (with the Eagles). I got to spend time with his family and hang out. Then I drove back (to training camp in St. Joseph, Mo.) with him. I didn’t have a car and he let me use his car during training camp so I could get from place to place. And he just rode with a coach, and that’s just who he is as a person.”

Nagy joked that Foles returned the vehicle “fairly clean” at the end of camp, but the seat back had been adjusted too far back. Reuniting with Reid and his way of handling players — something Nagy believes in wholeheartedly — reignited Foles’ passion for the game, leading him on a path that’s almost as unlikely as Kurt Warner going from stocking grocery shelves to Super Bowl MVP.

“It was a low point,” Nagy said. “Nick is as good of a human being as you will find. You want to talk about people who do things the right way. He’s somebody who cares about others, somebody who just wants to play for the love of the game. And he was at a low point then. Coach Reid has a history of bringing in people who are maybe at a low point and saving their careers. And I love that. I absolutely love

that about him. I have learned that. I appreciate it.

“I can still remember the day that Nick and I were in my car together when I picked him up from the airport. He came over to my house and was seeing my kids. And he was just living life a little bit — the things away from football. And we got him back up loving the game. And you see what he’s done last year and where he’s at now. So I have tons of respect for him.”

Foles’ journey is remarkable. The Eagles have a \$20 million option for him in 2019 that they’re unlikely to pick up, and the 29-year-old will surely attract attention elsewhere. Maybe he seems like a long shot in this postseason, but it was a year ago the Eagles took to wearing dog masks because, as the No. 1 seed in the NFC and after a banner regular season, everyone was treating them as the underdog.

“The big thing is we’re a confident team,” Foles said. “We talk about it all the time. It’s about the people inside this building that work together, and with that confidence and belief in one another, you can go out there and do great things.”

“We’ve been able to do that the last several weeks. Those weeks don’t mean anything right now because we’re in a new week. We will continue to believe that way, continue to prepare that way.”

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Jackson better, returns to practice

Bears’ promising health situation gets even better with safety back

BY RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

Bears safety Eddie Jackson practiced Thursday for the first time since spraining his right ankle Dec. 16. He was listed as limited on the team’s participation report as the Bears continued preparing for Sunday’s wild-card-round game against the Eagles.

When coach Matt Nagy spoke to reporters Thursday morning before practice, he gave no clear update on Jackson. But he did answer a question about why the Pro Bowl selection didn’t practice Wednesday after testing his ankle with head trainer Andre Tucker.

“Andre ... just felt like yesterday to keep him out (was) the best thing,” Nagy said. “They’re going through some things right now, and we’ll keep an eye on it. If it’s something we think we want to go ahead and get him out there for practice, we’ll do that. And if not, then we’ll keep him out.”

They opted to have Jackson participate, which bodes well for his availability Sunday. How well he can run and change directions remain to be seen. Jackson is expected to speak to reporters Friday afternoon after practice.

If Jackson is able to move well, his presence in the deep secondary would help defend against Eagles quarterback Nick Foles and coach Doug Pederson’s passing game, which is known to stretch the field. Jackson has six interceptions in 14 games this season, including two returned for touchdowns.

“This guy does have a big arm and he does like to throw the deep ball,” defensive coordinator Vic Fangio said of Foles. “So if there’s a chance that he can throw a deep ball and he sees it, he will throw it. That’s his mentality, that’s Doug’s mentality. So they will do it. And a big part of this game will be how we defend the deep balls.”

If Jackson plays, the Bears would begin the postseason missing only one first-stringer — slot cornerback Bryce Callahan, who is out for the season with a broken left foot. That is a remarkable level of good health, considering how decimated the Bears were by injuries over the last two seasons.

On the offensive side, the Bears’ three injured receivers — Allen Robinson (ribs), Anthony Miller (left shoulder) and Taylor Gabriel (ribs) fully participated in practice for the second straight day.

Miller acknowledged his left shoulder completely dislocated during Sunday’s game against the Vikings.

“The shoulder came all the way out, so I had to pop it back in,” he said. “I’ve had to do that on numerous occasions this season.”

That’s a good indication Miller will have postseason surgery to stabilize his shoulder. For now, though, he’ll continue to wear the harness he has worn most of his rookie season.

“It’s not going to do anything different from what I’ve been doing,” he said. “I haven’t been 100 percent all season. I’ve still been managing to make plays and do my part for the team. That’s what I’m going to continue to try to do.”

Robinson and Gabriel said they feel well and are looking forward to the postseason experience at Soldier Field.

This will be Robinson’s first playoff game. He was sidelined by a torn ACL in his left knee last season during the Jaguars’ run to the AFC championship game.

Gabriel, on the other hand, played for the Falcons when they blew a 28-3 third-quarter lead in Super Bowl LI against the Patriots. He had three catches for 76 yards in the game.

Gabriel said he counseled his fellow receivers on the intensity of postseason one-on-one matchups.

“It can get a little chatty,” he said. “And not just chatty, but it can get a little grabby. So some (penalties) might not get called. So don’t look for calls.”

Right guard Kyle Long sat out practice to rest his right foot. He missed eight games before playing 27 snaps Sunday against the Vikings as a tune-up for the postseason. Nagy said he hopes Long can play the whole game against the Eagles.

Outside linebacker Aaron Lynch (right elbow) did not practice.

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“It ultimately comes down to the community and the fan base.

(Women) don't want to deal with the toxicity.

They don't want to deal with the media going crazy over them.

They don't want to deal with living with the boys or getting preferential treatment. They don't want to deal with all of that.

They just kind of want to play.”

—Susie Kim on female esports gamers

A DIGITAL DIVIDE

Women navigate toxicity, other barriers in esports

BY JAKE SEINER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Susie Kim thinks the women gamers are out there. As general manager for a championship esports team, she would know.

She's not surprised none of them are on her roster.

The Entertainment Software Association reported this year that 45 percent of U.S. gamers are female, yet women make up a scant portion of the professional esports player pool. Executives for games like “League of Legends” and “Overwatch” say they are eager to add women to pro rosters, where players can make hundreds of thousands of dollars. Yet LoL's Championship Series hasn't had a female gamer since 2016, and the Overwatch League's inaugural season featured just one.

The industry has grappled with harassment and toxic behavior since the Gamergate scandal of 2014, when a group of male gamers organized to target women throughout the industry. Women say they feel marginalized within the community and are routinely subject to nasty comments about their ability or appearance. For elite gamers, much of it comes from fans, but opponents and teammates are sometimes just as challenging. At the lower levels, women are often bombarded by hyper masculinity in a space where most everyone is anonymous.

Kim's London Spitfire won the first Overwatch League championship in June. Speaking to The Associated Press before the grand finals, she said there are “absolutely” women talented enough to be playing in the Overwatch League.

“But they're just like, ‘It's a headache. I don't want to be part of this at all,’” Kim said. “I don't blame them.”

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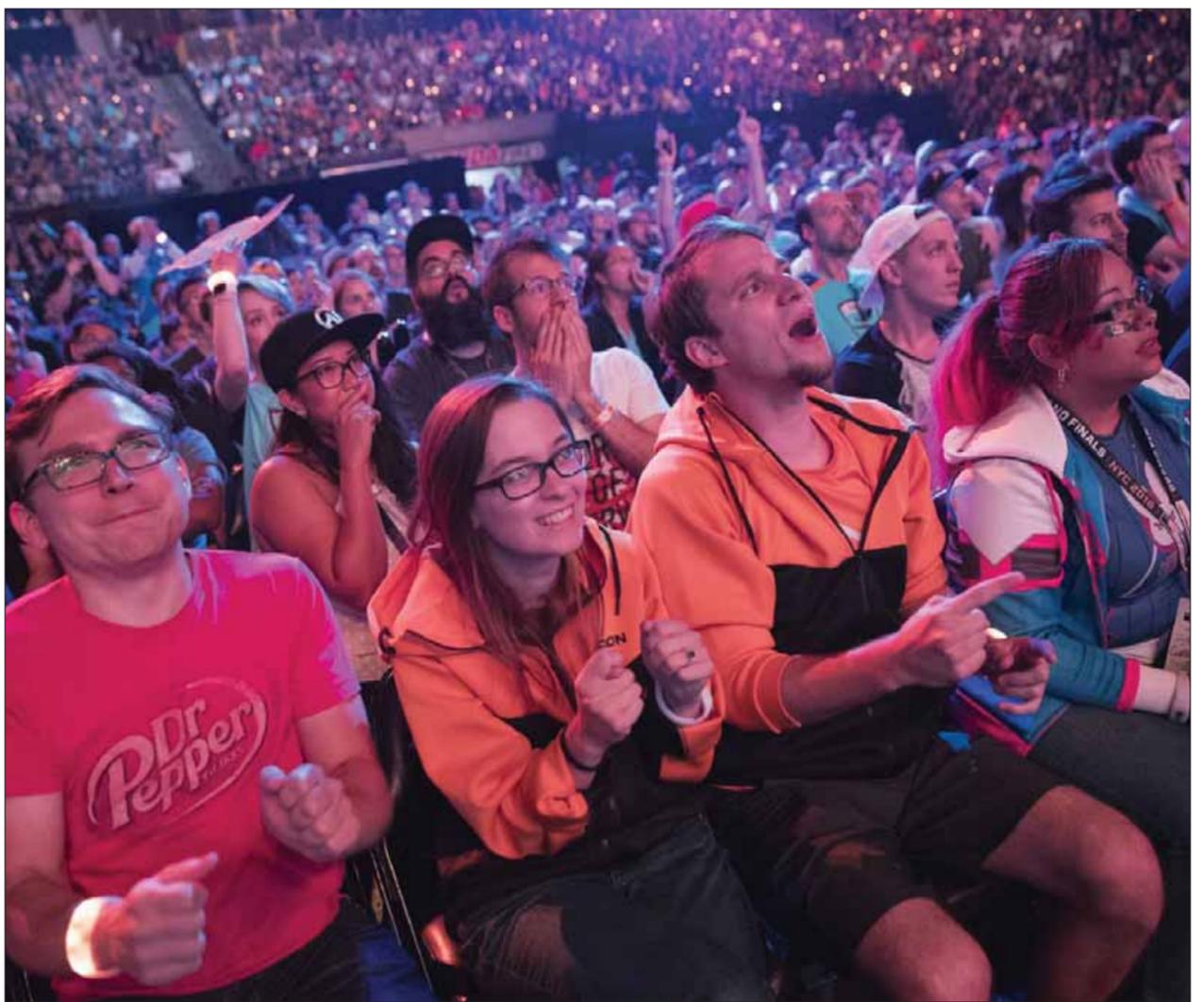
Maria “Remilia” Creveling is the only woman — and only transgender woman — to compete in the LoL Championship Series (LCS), the top pro league for the world's most popular esports. Her stay in the LCS was short-lived and not the inspiring breakthrough some fans had hoped.

Creveling was a standout support player and qualified for the LCS with team Renegades in 2015. She made her debut the next year under intense scrutiny. Many celebrated her, but the comment sections accompanying live streams of Renegades matches were flooded with sexist and transphobic harassment. Fans disputed her gender identity, wrote critically about her appearance and bashed her abilities.

A few weeks into the season, Creveling removed herself from the Renegades' roster, citing anxiety and self-esteem issues. She hasn't returned to the LCS since.

Creveling declined to be interviewed by the AP, but did say she has resumed competing and will be looking for a new team soon.

Other major esports have similarly thin histories of women at the highest levels. The NBA 2K League said it had one woman in a pool of 250 finalists for roster spots in its inaugural season. She did not land one of the 102 available slots. The Overwatch League had one woman for its inaugural season, Kim “Geguri” Se-Yeon with the Shanghai Dragons. Sasha “Scarlett” Hostyn, a transgender woman, won a major



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Philadelphia Fusion fans react as the London Spitfire takes the lead during the Overwatch League Grand Finals competition at Barclays Center. Most professional esports are devoid of female players at their highest levels, even though 45 percent of U.S. gamers are women or girls.



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Cosplayer fans watch the competition between the Fusion and Spitfire during the Overwatch League Grand Finals competition. Executives for titles such as League of Legends and Overwatch say they are eager to add women to pro rosters, but many female gamers say they're discouraged from such careers by toxic behavior and other barriers.

“Starcraft II” tournament in February and is the only woman to win such an event in that game.

Se-Yeon and Hostyn have been reluctant to embrace the spotlight as female role models. Both have said they simply want to be seen as talented gamers.

“Being the icon or being looked up to because I'm female — I'm grateful,” Se-Yeon said via translator at a press conference in March. “But I don't really have any thoughts about it. That's not how I want to be known.”

At lower levels

Tiffany Chang is a fan of Se-Yeon's. The amateur player doesn't blame the “Overwatch” pro for shying away from attention as a woman. Chang sometimes gets the urge to do the same.

Chang hosts Twitch streams of herself playing “Overwatch” and other games to collect donations for charity, and routinely plays online against strangers. Women like Chang encounter a lot of toxic

behavior, much of it the same sort of trolling women see elsewhere on the internet. They'll get remarks about their appearance, the tone of their voice, and more than anything, a dismissal of their ability and knowledge in the game.

Even if Chang can tune out the harassment, it can still affect her performance. Esports like LoL and “Overwatch” are heavily teamwork and strategy dependent. Each player chooses a character, and those characters are designed for specific roles, like attacking, holding territory or healing. A good “Overwatch” team needs tanks and healers, just like a football team needs quarterbacks and left tackles.

Women are often pressured to play as female characters, and female healers in particular. In “Overwatch,” that character is usually Mercy, a fairy-like flying doctor who can heal and resurrect teammates. Chang has been harassed for playing as other characters, but also gets snide comments when she plays as Mercy. In

certain games, it becomes impossible for her to assume any role, even if she's simply trying to help the team.

“You want me to do this, and you're going to harass me for it?” she said. “It's definitely something that we face.”

Briah Luther gets the same treatment in LoL. Sometimes when the 35-year-old school teacher shouts out a key bit of information, like the location of an attacking opponent, men simply ignore her, leading to a huge tactical advantage for opponents. It's a common complaint from female gamers, and that lack of trust can sink a team and affect players' rankings in the competitive sphere.

“The second they realize I'm a woman, I no longer have power,” Luther said.

Ella Lasky has pro gaming aspirations, and the 12-year-old is on a promising path. She is one of the top players in the “Minecraft” City Champs circuit operated by Super League Gaming. Most importantly to her parents, video games have played a key role in her social development.

“It's given her a sense of pride,” said Ella's mother, Johanna.

Ella was featured on a Nickelodeon TV show about the league, and that exposed her to a different side of esports. Internet commenters did not respond well to a woman taking center stage on a video game broadcast.

“Why is the girl so loud? Why is the girl shouting? The girl needs to shut up. She's annoying me with her voice,” Johanna recalled reading. “I explained to her, I think part of it is that because you're a girl, you're being targeted.”

Ella wasn't fazed and plans to keep gaming. But she's already keenly aware of the assumptions made by many in the esports community based on her gender.

“I don't think girl gamers get as

much respect as boy gamers,” she said.

What can be done

Publishers have made progress responding to harassment complaints since the Gamergate scandal, but video games are still not a space known for gender equality. Riot Games, which publishes LoL and operates the LCS, was criticized just this summer for its treatment of female employees in a story by Kotaku. Riot apologized publicly to fans and employees, and it has outlined a plan of action to address the issues.

More in-person gaming might help. Women say men and boys tend to be better behaved without the anonymity of online play. The Laskys think that's one benefit of the Super League competitions, where teams gather at movie theaters to compete face-to-face.

Some fans also are disappointed by the number of women promoted by the streaming service Twitch, as well as game publishers.

One issue at the pro level is the housing situations for elite teams. Esports athletes are often placed in swanky team housing, but sharing a living space with a group of college-aged men isn't ideal for many women.

Then there's the anxiety of the spotlight. Fans have eagerly dismissed barrier-breaking female gamers as mere PR stunts, and the weight is even greater on women when they find themselves alone on that platform.

“It ultimately comes down to the community and the fan base,” Kim said. “(Women) don't want to deal with the toxicity. They don't want to deal with the media going crazy over them. They don't want to deal with living with the boys or getting preferential treatment. They don't want to deal with all of that. They just kind of want to play.”

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On target



BUTCH DILL/AP

Saints quarterback Drew Brees completed 74.4 percent of his passes this season, setting a new standard in the NFL. His career rate of 67.3 percent also is the highest all time.

Drew Brees awed Saints teammates again with his completion rate. The 39-year-old quarterback set an NFL record for completion percentage, connecting on 74.4 percent of his passes (364 of 489) this season.

BY BRETT MARTEL | Associated Press

It's one thing to throw passes as accurately as any quarterback ever has, which the New Orleans Saints' Drew Brees arguably does.

His pinpoint control was even documented in a "Sport Science" episode in which Brees' ability to hit a target compared favorably to that of an Olympic archer.

Yet Brees attributes his record career and single-season completion percentages to far more than his ability to throw passes wherever he wants. And he is also quick to stress that he can't do it alone.

"We work at it. It takes an entire group and it starts with the guys up front, goes to the receivers catching the ball, tight ends, backs, everybody in protection and running routes and timing," Brees said. "I mean, there is so much that goes into that."

Brees takes time during or after virtually every practice or even offseason workout to help receivers and blockers see the field the way he sees it, to help them understand how he's inclined to act when the approach of a defense causes plays to develop any variety of ways.

During the course of 18 full regular seasons, Brees, who turns 40 on Jan. 15 and has one year remaining on his contract, has set an entirely new NFL standard for completion percentage. His 74.4 percent completion rate (364 of 489) this season broke the NFL record of 72 percent that Brees himself set last season. Brees owns three of the six highest single-season completion rates in NFL history. His 70.6 rate in 2009, when the Saints won the Super Bowl, tied Kenny Anderson for the highest of all time. He owned

the record alone after completing 71.2 percent in 2011. That stood until Sam Bradford's 71.6 percent in 2016, which Brees broke the very next year.

Brees' career completion rate of 67.3 percent also is highest of all-time. And he leads in passing yards and number of completions.

Saints coach Sean Payton, who played quarterback in college and very briefly as a pro, and whose entire 30-year coaching career at the college and pro levels has involved working with offenses, attests to the rarity of what Brees has accomplished by completing nearly three-quarters of his passes this season.

"Honestly, it's a high mark. I can't recall being with a quarterback or an offense where (a QB) is completing balls at that high number," Payton said. "It's exceptional and I don't think you take it for granted. That efficiency is impressive."

Brees is a stickler for throwing mechanics. He has trained for years with throwing coach Tom House, a former major league pitcher. And the ex-Purdue star



BUTCH DILL/AP

Drew Brees, right, celebrates with teammates Austin Carr, left, and Keith Kirkwood after Brees' touchdown pass to Kirkwood against the Falcons this season. Carr and Kirkwood were both undrafted free agents.

sounds like an engineer when he explains the "kinetic chain," which, in his case, refers to the transfer of energy from his feet to his hips, shoulders and ultimately the index finger in his throwing hand as he unloads the ball. He drops terms like "ankle eye," referring to an imaginary eye on the inside ankle of a passer's back foot, which should be looking straight at the intended target.

"His accuracy is exceptional," Payton said. "Then the methodical approach, the amount of time he puts into the situations, those things factor in."

Tight end Ben Watson, whose 15-year NFL career included several seasons with New England's Tom Brady, said Brees spends as much or more time explaining what he's thinking, seeing and needing on a given play than any QB or offensive coordinator he's known. Brees goes into fine detail with receivers about route depth, timing and leverage. He reminds offensive linemen that when he's taking just a three-step drop blocks need to be aggressive so that defensive linemen will be forced to engage with their hands, preventing

them from getting their arms up to bat down the ball.

Sometimes, Brees can sound defensive when discussion turns to his completion rate, as if he's sensitive to the notion it's only so high because he often throws short, particularly to running backs. Brees tends to harken back to advice from his second NFL head coach, Marty Schottenheimer, who'd extol the virtue of modest completions by saying one never goes broke taking a profit.

"I know this: completions usually equal positive plays. Positive plays move the chains, moving the chains scores points, scoring points wins games," Brees said. "So you just focus on getting the ball in the hands of your playmakers as early and often as possible. Good things happen. But we work on that. That's not easy."

Added Watson, "The No. 1 thing about having a high completion rate is getting to a play that has a high chance of being a completion."

"A lot of our plays have options," Watson continued, citing different versions of a given passing play for zone or man-to-man coverage, as well of the option to

check out of a play and call an entirely new one because of defensive alignments.

So Brees' sophisticated understanding of opposing defenses "is just as important as his accuracy or a guy catching the ball," Watson concluded.

Saints veteran receiver Ted Ginn played in Carolina when Cam Newton was the NFL's Most Valuable player in 2015. Ginn said Brees was MVP-worthy this season — and not just for his completion percentage record or the fact that the Saints went 13-2 in Brees' 15 starts.

"He's one of the smartest human beings that I know on and off the field," Ginn said. "You can understand why him and Sean have been together for a long time."

And Ginn added that Brees' affability, leadership and ability to communicate play a part, too.

"The guy is amazing and he does a lot of things that a lot of people wouldn't even know," Ginn said. "He's really like a father figure out there to a lot of our guys that's on that field. We really believe in that guy — and that guy really believes in us."

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CACTUS FLOWER FILMS/FOCUS FEATURES

In Dava Whisenant's documentary, the cast of "Bathtubs Over Broadway" celebrates corporate-sponsored shows that were produced during a time of postwar optimism in America.

'BATHTUBS OVER BROADWAY' ★★★ 1/2

PROMOTIONAL POETRY

Doc takes us behind the scenes of secret company-sponsored performances

By CHRIS JONES | Chicago Tribune

Cans of 7-Up formed chorus lines. Crusts of bread crooned. Dishwashers and disposals danced of desperation. Insurance men sung of how they could "serve all coverage needs." And buckets of paint and clusters of ball-bearings and turkey processing equipment and air conditioners and combine harvesters and spark plugs and the detritus of the industrial Midwest were all, for one shining moment, as heroically at home in the American musical theater as Alexander Hamilton.

Such promotional poetry was the province of "industrials" — live production shows staged in service of, and at the expense of, a deep-pocketed corporate entity like Chevrolet or Hardee's or Gulf Oil and, in most cases, designed to buoy and educate the troops at an annual sales convention. And in Dava Whisenant's funny and moving documentary "Bathtubs Over Broadway," this forgotten genre of live entertain-

ment, at its peak from the mid-1950s to the mid-'70s, gets its loving moment in the legit spotlight — as do the now-veteran performers and songwriters who created these campy custom productions.

Campy did not mean cheap. When "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway in 1956, car companies were simultaneously producing shows with six times its budget — thus it hardly was

surprising that major stars like Chita Rivera and Tony Randall were willing to stay in a luxury hotel and "put the dazzle in diesel." So to speak.

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for brief language)

Running time: 1:27

Playing: Now at the Music Box, 3733 N. Southport Ave., www.musicboxtheatre.com

obsessed with collecting rare "souvenir" recordings of corporate gigs that few put on their resume. In essence, the simply shot, modestly budgeted film follows Young's journey deeper

and deeper into this sub-genre — always hidden from the public and mostly embarrassing to performers. No reason for that, Young and the film assert. And indeed, "Bathtubs Over Broadway" offers plenty of evidence that these shows contained material from songwriting greats — composed by the likes of Sheldon Harnick ("Fiddler on the Roof"), no less — that might well have become standards of the American songbook had the lyrics not referenced, say, liquid manure.

For fans of musicals — who absolutely should not miss this film — the documentary is another reminder that top-drawer musical-theater talent has long been more abundant in America than prestigious paying gigs, and that great actors can make you cry when they're singing about car-key blanks

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NBC

Melissa Fumero as Amy Santiago and Andy Samberg as Jake Peralta in "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," which brings its sixth season to NBC.

WINTER TELEVISION PREVIEW

What to watch in 2019, plus a few final seasons

By DANIELLE TURCHIANO
 Variety

As the number of scripted series continues to grow (more than 500 in 2018), it is not just a race to produce the biggest quantity, but also the highest quality programming. Looking at the upcoming slate for 2019, there appears to be no shortage of unique stories coming.

Here, Variety previews the most anticipated scripted television of 2019 — both new and returning.

"You're The Worst," final season premieres Wednesday, FX. Stephen Falk's non-traditional rom-com will deliver one final, alcohol-soaked, Sunday Funday-infused, roller coaster

ride as Jimmy (Chris Geere) and Gretchen (Aya Cash) inch their way closer to walking down the matrimonial aisle. The show has always been strongest when relying not just on one couple of characters, but the supporting ensemble, so before the series shuts off for good, there should be moments of marginal growth for Edgar (Desmin Borges), Lindsay (Kether Donohue), and maybe even Paul (Allan McLeod) or Vernon (Todd Robert Anderson).

"Brooklyn Nine-Nine," Season 6 premieres Thursday, NBC. After a whirlwind of an upfrontrun season that saw this long-running cop comedy canceled at

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'CAPERNAUM' ★★★

Giving the innocent a voice, an advocate

By ROBERT ABELE
 Los Angeles Times

Lebanese filmmaker Nadine Labaki's "Capernaum" is a poverty saga with a heart-in-your-throat urgency, a grueling tale of child endangerment and youthful resilience on Beirut's sorriest streets that some viewers may absorb as little more than an adrenalized version of movie miserabilism. And it is both unflinching and sentiment-driven in equal measure. But that's also part of its special alchemy. Labaki's mix of incredible nonprofessional actors and craftily engineered melodrama, which earned her the Jury Prize at this year's Cannes Film Festival — she's the first female Arab filmmaker to win a major award there — is often breathtaking in its intensity. (The film is also Lebanon's submission to the Academy Awards.)

Translated as "Chaos" and built around a boy's odyssey of survival, "Capernaum" is anchored by a knockout kid performance, the kind that brings to mind churning memorable portrayals of poor, teetering-edge youth in neorealist classics "Bicycle Thieves" and "Pixote." Zain al Rafeea, a pint-size 12-year-old with wiry energy but the sadly knowing eyes of an outmatched prizefighter, plays Zain, whom we first meet in



MOOZ FILMS

The Lebanese drama "Capernaum" follows Zain (Zain al Rafeea), right, who runs away from home in an attempt to escape poverty.

MPAA rating: R (for language and some drug material)

Running time: 1:59

Playing: Now at the Music Box, 3733 N. Southport Ave., www.musicboxtheatre.com. In Arabic with English subtitles.

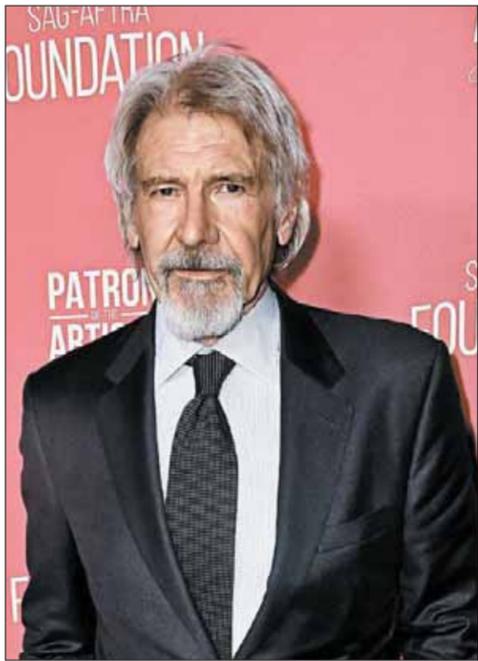
handcuffs being led into a courtroom from the prison where he's serving a five-year term for stabbing someone. He's not accused of anything this time, though. Zain is there to sue his negligent parents, Souad (Kawsar al Haddad) and Selim (Fadi Kamel Yousef), for giving birth to him. (Asked his age by the judge, neither he nor his mom and dad seem to know.)

From so gimmicky a bracketing construct, though, comes the movie's primary narrative pulse: the swirl of hardship that leads to the trial. Zain is one of many siblings living with their scraping, scamming parents in a cramped, decrepit apartment. Everyone's under the thumb of shifty landlord Assaad (Nour El Hussein), who runs the nearby convenience store, and whose overtures to Zain's 11-year-old sister Sahar (Cedra Izam) trigger the wary, street-savvy boy's protective side. But when he can't prevent the inevitable — his parents selling Sahar to Assaad for food — an angry, defiant Zain runs away.

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Harrison Ford, a four-time Golden Globe nominee, is among the stars set to present at the awards this year.

Ford, Nyong'o among Globes presenters

Harrison Ford, Lupita Nyong'o, Gary Oldman, Sam Rockwell, and Halle Berry are among the stars set to present awards at the 76th annual Golden Globes Awards telecast on Sunday.

Other celebrity presenters for the night include: Chadwick Boseman, Saoirse Ronan, Michael B. Jordan, Sterling K. Brown, Jessica Chastain, Kaley Cuoco, Jamie Lee Curtis, Dick Van Dyke, Idris Elba, Justin Hartley, Taraji P. Henson, Allison Janney, William H. Macy, Mike Myers, Jim Parsons, Octavia Spencer, Ben Stiller and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

The ceremony will be hosted by Andy Samberg and Sandra Oh and air live on NBC.

Ford is a recipient of the Cecil B. DeMille award as well as a four-time Golden Globes nominee. Nyong'o was nominated for best performance by an actress in a supporting role in a motion picture in 2014 for "12 Years a Slave," a role that went on to win her the Oscar. Oldman won the Golden Globe last year for best performance by an actor in a motion picture for "Darkest Hour."

Rockwell took home the best supporting actor in a motion picture award for "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" last year. Berry is a four-time Golden Globes nominee, having won best performance by an actress in a miniseries or motion picture made for television for "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge."

— Variety



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

Grande to headline Coachella: The organizers of the 2019 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival have announced the top acts scheduled to appear at the multiday event in April. The big names scheduled to perform at the two-weekend festival in Southern California include Ariana Grande, above, Childish Gambino, Tame Impala and Janelle Monae. Other performers booked to play at the event include Diplo, Solange and Weezer.

Inaba joins 'Talk': Carrie Ann Inaba is no longer a temp on "The Talk." The CBS daytime show announced Wednesday that Inaba has joined the panel of hosts, moving up from recurring guest host. "The Dancing With the Stars" judge replaces Julie Chen, who left the show in September. Inaba joins hosts Sara Gilbert, Sheryl Underwood, Sharon Osbourne and Eve.

Poulter leaves social media following 'Bandersnatch' abuse: Actor Will Poulter has announced that he is reassessing his "relationship with social media" following abuse from online trolls over his looks in the new "Black Mirror" episode "Bandersnatch." Poulter tweeted Wednesday night that the move was "in the interest of my mental health." The British actor, who turns 26 later this month, said he made the decision "in light of my recent experiences."

Jan. 4 birthdays: Singer Michael Stipe is 59. Actress Dot Jones is 55. Actress Julia Ormond is 54. Country singer Deana Carter is 53. Actress Jill Marie Jones is 44.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Worried about smoking, sugar habit

Dear Amy: My girlfriend is very sweet and kind. She smokes and consumes way too much sugar by drinking soda. She doesn't like to smoke around me, so she often cancels or truncates our time together, so I get to see her for maybe an hour or two at a time. She has a stressful job, but her lifestyle certainly doesn't help. She is often tired.

I am a healthy person. I have a disabled son who lives in a group home and needs me to manage his care. I am really his only guardian. I am the only person available to help my elderly mother. I lost my father at my age (57) because he didn't take care of himself.

I have explained this to her and she promises to quit and be healthier, but she doesn't show me any improvement.

I don't want to tell her how to run her life, but I do need someone I can grow old with. I believe that she (like a lot of smokers) is unwilling to see the heartache her habit might cause to people. She admits she is an addict but has not responded to books or courses I show her on how to stop.

I feel I must have some concrete action or I might need to just take a break so we can consider what we want to do.

— Lost in Iowa

Dear Lost: You cannot run your girlfriend's life, and you probably cannot coach her successfully into better health habits, unless she engages as a full participant. She is addicted to smoking, and until she wants to and is able to kick her addiction she will smoke, regardless of your

harsh judgment.

People who love addicts have tough decisions to make. You either continue to encourage your girlfriend to get healthy while detaching from her unhealthy habits, or you acknowledge her right to live her life the way she wants to but without you as a witness.

It's called a nonnegotiable, and it goes something like this: "Your smoking has an intolerable impact on me. I can no longer be your romantic partner as long as you're smoking. I hope you will be able to stop, but that is up to you." (I'd leave her sugar consumption alone for now.)

And then you take your break and let her make her own choice.

Dear Amy: My best friend and I are both 17. Last summer she broke up with her first serious boyfriend. Ever since then she has been going out with multiple guys in their mid-20s.

She lost her virginity to a random man she met online and has been having mental breakdowns increasingly.

She doesn't tell any of the guys she has sex with that she is underage. I'm worried she will get hurt with these strangers, get pregnant or catch an STD.

She recently disclosed to me that she was sexually abused as a kid by her grandfather, and I think this may be affecting her now. She has depression and OCD and is being tested for bipolar.

I've talked to her about her mental health and ask her if she thinks these flings are healthy for her. She agrees that they aren't

but says she needs the rush she gets with these men. Once their fling is over, she is ashamed and really depressed. I don't know how to help her, and I am really worried about her.

— Concerned Friend

Dear Concerned: You are a stellar friend, and your concerns are valid. Your friend seems caught in a vicious cycle. She is using sex to try to medicate her own depression, and, as she is seeing, this only makes things worse. And as you note, the consequences of this behavior for her could be quite stark.

Please urge her to talk to a counselor about this. If she already has diagnosed mental health issues, as well as a history of abuse by a family member, she should definitely keep up with her treatment, including talk therapy.

Dear Amy: "Upset" was concerned that her husband's ex-wife was beneficiary of his retirement account. You questioned the fact that the beneficiary can't be changed.

Amy, I have a pension from a government job. You name the beneficiary when you retire, and I assure you it is set in stone. I hope they take your advice to see a professional estate planner.

— Retired

Dear Retired: I've heard from dozens of people about this. Many report being locked in place.

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'ESCAPE ROOM' ★★

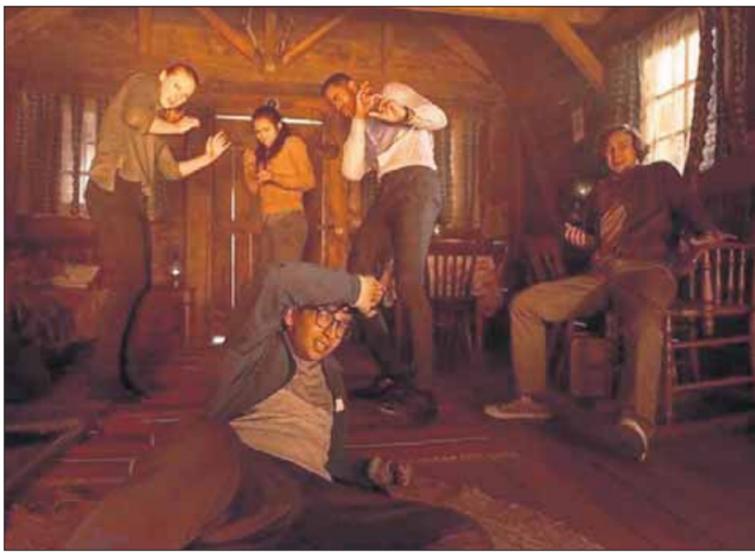
Six trapped characters in search of an exit, an audience who cares

By OWEN GLEIBERMAN

Variety

In one of the more effectively preposterous death-trap suspense scenes of "Escape Room," half a dozen terrified strangers, who have signed on to compete in a game of experiential survival, find themselves in an oversize bar that looks like it might, under different circumstances, be a fun place to hang out. It's a couple of stories tall, with a pool table, a sprawling bar and an oversize jukebox. Except that the entire room is turned upside down. As Petula Clark's "Downtown" plays with wavy slurred speed on the jukebox, pieces of the floor begin to drop away, revealing what looks like an elevator shaft to hell. One of the people ends up dangling over the abyss from a thinly stretched phone cord, at which point you may stop breathing for a second. But only for a second.

Can our heroes figure out the clue that will let them exit the room and move on to the next trip-wired chamber of horror? "Escape Room," directed by Adam Robitel ("Insidious: The Last Key"), is one of those movies, like "Game Night" or any of the "Saw" films, in which the world we're watching is entirely rigged. The genre was probably invented 40 years ago, when Ira Levin wrote "Death-trap" (or maybe eight years before that, when Anthony Shaffer wrote "Slueth"), but it got kicked into the age of head-trip technology with David Fincher's "The Game" (1997), in which the ever-shifting reality that surrounded the Michael Douglas character reflected the prospect of life being hijacked by the morph-happy consciousness of video games. The



DAVID BLOOMER/SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT

Deborah Ann Woll, from left, Taylor Russell, Nik Dodani (on floor), Jay Ellis and Logan Miller must find their way out of "Escape Room."

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for terror/perilous action, violence, some suggestive material and language)

Running time: 1:49

"Saw" series added its own layer of booby-trapped grunge torture: Jigsaw, the harlequin puppet, may have been a vengeful sadist, but he was really the serial killer as God, devising Rube Goldberg contraptions of death to toy with you.

"Escape Room," which is like "Saw" remade as a PG-13 group date, jettisons the torture but keeps the death. It's a game of survival of the fittest in which the planners of the game are several steps ahead of the characters, and the film works hard to stay steps ahead of the audience, but only by basically making itself up as it goes along.

The contestants, who have to escape a linked series of rooms, have signed on to win a possible prize of \$10,000. They

think their job is to look for keys, hidden compartments and cryptic word clues, and it is. But they don't realize that the stakes of the game are real — i.e., their lives are truly on the line — until they gather in the first chamber, which looks like an elegant waiting room, only to discover that it's a giant oven that's about to bake them. From there, they stumble through a vent and out into a picturesque wintry wilderness, where it's only a matter of time before the vast stretch of ice before them starts to crack and give way.

The characterizations in a movie like this one tend to take a back seat to the churning of the plot, and in "Escape Room" that's even more true than usual. Everyone on screen is playing a Johnny (or Jane) One-Note: Logan Miller as the mouthy slacker millennial, Deborah Ann Woll as the scarred Iraq War veteran, Tyler Labine as the trucker with a proletarian chip on his shoulder, Jay

Ellis as the heartless dandy of a financial player, and Taylor Russell as the wallflower who's like the virtuous quiet girl in a slasher firm. Nik Dodani, in giant glasses, plays the one character who's game for all the games — a junior veteran gamer who, no matter how treacherous things get, thinks it's all just for fun. I wish the film had done more with him.

Even when these movies are good, they're pure carny contraptions. But next to the unevenly diverting trap-door convolutions of "Escape Room," something like "Death-trap" begins to look like Chekhov. The first part of the film gets some airy momentum going. Then, however, we learn the secret of what the characters have in common, and it gives you that slightly sinking feeling of one contrivance too many. Who gives a damn if they live or die? Certainly not the movie, and so, following suit, not the audience, either.

Netflix viewing popularity varies from state to state

By STEVEN ZEITCHIK

The Washington Post

One of the core assumptions about Netflix is that, thanks to its popularity and ubiquity, the service can blur boundaries. From Nashua, New Hampshire, to Newport Beach, California, Seattle to Sarasota, Florida, we're all watching the same thing.

Except it turns out we're not.

A researcher in Salt Lake City named Victoria Merinda has compiled the most searched-for Netflix shows in the country over this past year and proceeded to break them down by state. And it turns out, Americans are interested in very different shows depending on where they live.

To wit: No single series captured the top ranking in even one-fifth of states.

Equally surprising, 12 states — a quarter of the country — had a favorite show no other state had. Whether it was "Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life" (North Dakota) or "Disenchantment" (Oregon), "House of Cards" (Tennessee) or "Mindhunter" (Pennsylvania), these states went their own way.

"I was interested to see whether certain regions liked one show and other regions liked a different show," said Merinda, who helped conduct the research for the tech-comparison site HighSpeedInternet.com. "But it turned out that so many states had different results."

Merinda and her colleagues took about 40 of the most high-profile shows available on the service, both licensed series and Netflix originals, keeping them mainly to those that generated new episodes within the past few years. Then she examined Google Trends in each state for 2018 to see which of the 40 ranked highest.

The highest trending of these Netflix series? "13 Reasons Why." The Bakerian teen drama polarized

viewers this past season but still was the most talked-about in seven states, including Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina and Mississippi.

Right behind it with wins in six states — including Maine, Iowa, Nevada and South Carolina — was "The End of the F***ing World," the drama about a pair of disaffected teens traveling across England.

Those two shows aren't major surprises: They each saw the buzzy release of new seasons in 2018.

But a number of states went for more geographically specific choices.

Some of those easily compute. You'd expect "Making a Murderer" to be popular in Wisconsin, where the story took place. "Ozark" for Missouri isn't a stretch. And the most sought-after shows in New Mexico were "Breaking Bad" and "Better Call Saul," both of which are very clearly set there.

But others may require more creative explanations. Like "Iron Fist," the Marvel series about a social outliner. Two of the three states in which it was most popular? Alaska and Hawaii, the two states not on the U.S. mainland.

Meanwhile, "Stranger Things" was popular in four states — Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Nebraska.

"Maybe there's something to the idea that with all this space out here in the West, people are more likely to turn to creepy mysteries and conspiracy theories like 'Stranger Things,'" said Merinda, a Utah resident and a devotee of the series.

Then there's "Orange Is the New Black." Among the five states in which it was most popular were Oklahoma and Louisiana, states that have the country's two highest prison populations.

The results are surprisingly telling all around. Americans may stream shows they like. But what they like is often that which hits close to home.

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Fox and then resurrected by the Peacock, the members of the 99th precinct will be back for even bigger adventures. Now Jake (Andy Samberg) and Amy (Melissa Fumero) are married, and Holt (Andre Braugher) and Holt (Andre Braugher) may be the commissioner. The stakes are higher, so the laughs should be that much stronger, too.

"True Detective," Season 3 premieres Jan. 13, HBO. Four years after Nic Pizzolatto's second season of his crime anthology came and went, the third has heat for bringing star Mahershala Ali back to TV, as well as for its complex storytelling that will see the mystery play out in three individual time periods.

"The Passage," premieres Jan. 14, Fox. Justin Cronin's vampire novels are a meaty trilogy that have seen multiple attempts at adaptation, both in film and in this small-screen version, but "Friday Night Lights" writer and producer Liz Heldens finally got it right. Starting the journey at the beginning, when the virus is contained and Brad Wolgast (Mark-Paul Gosselaar) is tasked with collecting the child (Saniyya Sidney) who will prove to be the key to everything, the show blends the supernatural genre elements with which book readers fell in love with a sweet story of father-daughter-style bonding.

"Black Monday," premieres Jan. 20, Showtime. From the creator of "Happy Endings" comes a period comedy set in 1987, during the worst stock market crash in the history of Wall Street. The series that stars Don Cheadle, Andrew Rannells and Regina Hall will attempt to answer what caused that crash in the form of a "group of outsiders" who took on the "blue-blood, old boys' club." While the methods may be at times outlandish, the sentiment at the center is grounded and timely.

"American Gods," Season 2 premieres March 10, Starz. It has been a long, complicated road to the second season of the cable fantasy series based on Neil Gaiman's novel, so seeing how things shake out for Shadow Moon (Ricky Whittle) and Mr. Wednesday (Ian McShane) has been an equally long time coming. The second season sees the duo preparing for war between the old and new gods, which means the action, emotion and stakes should only be bigger the second time around.

"Jane the Virgin," final season premieres spring 2019, The CW. Jennie Snyder Urman's dramedy about a young woman who was accidentally artificially inseminated has come a long way in its four seasons thus far. It won over critics and the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, earning the show's star Gina Rodriguez multiple Golden Globe nominations (and one win). Its fifth and final season will see the show writing the final chapters of family, romance, and telenovela-style twists, including answering just how Michael (Brett Dier) is back from the dead (...or is he?) and who Jane (Rodriguez) will end up with once and for all.

"Veep," final season premieres spring 2019, HBO.



Chris Geere and Aya Cash play a couple that may or may not make it down the aisle in "You're the Worst."



Mahershala Ali in Season 3 of "True Detective."

The Julia Louis-Dreyfus-led political comedy sat out 2018, just as real-life politics were getting crazier every day so all eyes will surely be on its return. When it does come back, it is doing so with the shortest season ever, consisting of only seven episodes, but as indicated on his social media feeds, showrunner David Mandel has packed a plethora of jokes, callbacks and iconic show imagery into that final run.

"Game of Thrones," final season premieres in April, HBO. After eight years, the premium cabler epic is signing off with a short (only six-episode) final season whose theme will be centered on "desperate characters" coming together to face a common enemy. A high body count is all but guaranteed, but so is high fanfare around the ratings and awards giant.

Dates this year

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"Big Little Lies," Season 2, HBO. Since it didn't drop in 2018, after all, there is even more intrigue around the follow-up to the awards-magnet first season of the drama based on Liane Moriarty's novel of the same name. This time around, the show will be a brand new story, from Moriarty and David E. Kelley, seeing the returns of stars Nicole Kidman, Reese Witherspoon, Laura Dern, and Shailene Woodley — with the addition of Meryl Streep.

"Catch-22," Hulu. George Clooney is returning to the small screen to produce, direct, and star in this limited series adaptation of Joseph Heller's book of the same name. The series, which is an American-British-Italian co-production, also stars television favorite faces Kyle Chandler, Hugh Laurie and Christopher Abbott.

"Deadwood," HBO. After 13 years, viewers will be transported back to Dead-

wood, S.D., for a revival movie that reunites the cast of the three-season premium cable drama. The project had been talked about since the cancellation of the original series, and as the years ticked on, the question of when it would come still ranked high on the list of things about which execs at the network were asked. The entire cast can't return — a couple of actors, such as Powers Boothe, have since passed away — but the majority, including Ian McShane, Timothy Olyphant, Paula Malcomson, Kim Dickens, William Sanderson and Gerald McRaney, are.

"First Wives Club," BET. "Girls Trip" scribe Tracy Oliver has re-imagined the 1996 film of the same name into a half-hour dramedy starring Jill Scott, Ryan Michelle Bathe, and Michelle Buteau. Putting female-centric stories first, the show will see this trio of friends getting over their ex-husbands, who have wronged them to various degrees. Viacom has a lot at stake with this one, having originally picked up the show for its Paramount Network, but deciding to move it to BET while production was already well under way.

"Fosse/Verdon," FX. Lin-Manuel Miranda is heading to television next year with a limited series based on Sam Wasson's biography of famed choreographer Bob Fosse. Set as a two-hander about Fosse (Sam Rockwell) and his partner Gwen Verdon (Michelle Williams), the show is sure to be the next in a long line of prestige projects for the cable network, focusing on big worlds and even bigger personalities.

"Good Omens," Amazon. Neil Gaiman's next television venture is a six-part streaming series based on the 1990 novel he co-wrote with Terry Pratchett. It's the first of a number of projects he will create for

Amazon, after signing an overall deal there earlier this year. The genre-bending series stars David Tennant and Michael Sheen as a demon and an angel, respectively, who work together to try to stop the apocalypse.

"The Politician," Netflix. Before Ryan Murphy signed his unprecedented \$300 million, five-year Netflix deal, there was a bidding war among the streaming networks for his new political anthology series. It ultimately landed at Netflix, and he subsequently signed that deal. Casting rumors for the show that centers on a young politician (Ben Platt), with each new season following him during a different race, have kept the buzz big for the show. While at one point Barbra Streisand was considering a role, ultimately that one went to longtime Murphy muse Jessica Lange. The rest of the cast rounds out so far as Dylan McDermott, January Jones and Zoey Deutch.

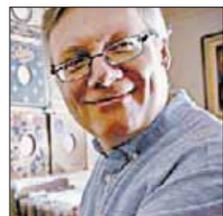
"Ratched," Netflix. The first streaming series Ryan Murphy sold was an origin story for the Hannibal Lecter-esque villain of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest": Nurse Ratched. After developing boundary-pushing broadcast and cable series for years, intrigue is high for what Murphy will do when he has even fewer rules. The series received a two-season commitment right off the bat and sees Murphy teaming up once again with Sarah Paulson, who plays the title role.

"Untitled Morning Show," Apple. The tech giant made a huge move when it negotiated Jennifer Aniston's return to television alongside new small-screen darling Reese Witherspoon. The duo will star and executive produce, joining other big name talent behind the camera, including showrunner Kerry Ehrin and director

Mimi Leder. The subject matter that goes meta to look at television production, as well as the impact of the #MeToo movement, only adds to the anticipation. A lot is on the line for the show, given its big budget, as well as untested foray into the scripted arena for the company. Expectations could not be higher, but sources say they are now in production, so let's hope they bring this one to screens sooner rather than later.

"Watchmen," HBO. Damon Lindelof's return to television would be highly anticipated, regardless of what the project was, but given that it is a series based on Alan Moore's graphic novel of the same name, the interest is that much higher. In another feat of worldbuilding, "Watchmen" is set in a time and place where superheroes are not celebrated as saviors, but rather hunted as outlaws. Lindelof will be putting his own spin on the story, rather than ripping plot strictly from the comic pages.

"What We Do in the Shadows," FX. Jemaine Clement and Taika Waititi adapted their 2014 mockumentary into a half-hour small-screen series. Featuring a trio of vampires who have been around (and have been friends and roommates) for hundreds of years, the show balances comedic moments of them still struggling to adapt to life with the darker reality of their blood-thirsty urges. The film has a cult following, but Clement and Waititi are not set to star in the series version, so some of the intrigue comes from the unknown aspects.



Steve Young in "Bathtubs Over Broadway."

Bathtubs

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(yes, there really was such a show). Watching the footage, though, is also a reminder of how much corporate America has changed. These shows thrived in a world of postwar optimism, when lifer employees were proud of their companies and their employers rewarded that loyalty with generous retirement plans and Hawaiian sales meetings and shows that made ordinary salesmen (and they were almost all men) feel like heroes. When corporate America abandoned that loyalty, and the perks and pensions, the industrialists began to disappear.

The film doesn't address the sexism of most of the shows — which is a significant omission. And musical theater experts will wish there had been a deeper dive into how to rescue or repurpose the songs that still sound better than half the new stuff on Broadway. But then Young — a self-described "comedy writer with comedy damage" — does not claim to be a specialist. Merely curious. Until he falls in love with a community of show-biz vets.

For Chicagoans, the film has particular pleasures, including the voice of the late Dennis Kennedy, an actor who appeared in more than his share of these shows, along with his partner Ami Silvestre. Indeed, one of the giants of the field, Sid Siegel, is finally tracked down by Young in Buffalo Grove of all places. New York might have had Broadway, but plenty of industrials were created in the Midwest, closer to the tractors.

All theater is ephemeral by nature, of course, but industrials have always been especially that way, given that no one benefited from publicity, so there was none. They were for insiders and, for the most part, created by a distinctly community of brilliantly talented insiders who, as the years flew by, eventually found that this had been their life's work.

Young, whom we see losing his own job as Letterman ends his show, has tears in eyes as he talks of these artists for hire. He clearly comes to see that they were not unlike himself — or indeed this critic. There's no shame in creating to order for an honest living.

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'THE CHARMER' ★★★

Secretive immigrant seeks wife

By GUY LODGE
Variety

The visa-motivated courtship of convenience has been the subject of many a romantic comedy, though when you consider the bleak reality of the situation, it's hardly a laughing matter: For one's life and location to hang in the balance, determined by cold governmental paperwork and the fickle whims of a stranger's heart, is a quandary likelier to end in despair than delight. "The Charmer," an accomplished, deceptively titled debut feature from Danish-based Iranian filmmaker Milad Alami, treats the situation with anxious gravity, following an Iranian immigrant in Denmark as he trawls the singles-bar circuit in desperate pursuit of a ticket to remain. What seems a premise for an earnest social-issue drama is darkened and complicated, however, by a progressively *noir*-ish strain of morally elusive mystery.

A note of troubling discord is struck from the enigmatic first scene of "The Charmer," as a young blonde woman slowly pads around the interior of a comfy, plushly appointed Copenhagen apartment before launching herself, quite suddenly and decisively, out of the living-room window, while an unseen cohabitant showers in the room next door. It takes some time for this disorienting opening gambit to lock into place, as the unidentified woman's abruptly curtailed narrative calmly gives way to the seemingly unconnected story of Esmail (Swedish-Iranian actor Ardan Esmaili, impressive in only his second feature), a young Iranian expat who's as handsome, suave and affable as the title implies.

He's a catch with a catch, however. On the Copenhagen nightlife strip he favors, single women see him as an



Ardan Esmaili, left, and Soho Rezanejad tear up the dance floor in "The Charmer."

No MPAA rating

Running time: 1:41

Playing: Now at Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 N. State St., www.siskelfilmcenter.org. In Danish, Persian and English with English subtitles.

urbane eligible bachelor, in the kind of sharply cut business suit that implies a closet full of expensively identical ones at home. What they don't know is that he's living in nervous limbo, rapidly running out of time on his migrant visa, eking out a living as a furniture mover while rooming in a shelter for similarly unmoored male immigrants. (He also has only the one suit, as precious and exhaustively maintained as any superhero costume — an incidental ritual that keeps snagging the camera's notice.) Those aren't the only problems with this picture, but Alami and Ingeborg Topsøe's finely whittled screenplay plays its revelations patiently, putting a lot of early trust in their leading man's powers of silent implication and the serene foreboding of Sophia Olsson's charcoal-streaked cinemato-

graphy.

We meet Esmail at the tail-end of a relationship with a Danish woman that one might guess has followed the arc of several others before it: Despite their sexual chemistry and his outward viability, she breaks it off, complaining that he's "rushing it." She's not wrong; she just doesn't know the real reason why. Back to the bars it is, then — though in an otherwise astutely observed contemporary piece, it's a curious false note that someone so urgently in need of romantic partnership hasn't pursued online or app-based dating options. When he meets whip-smart, Iranian-born Danish citizen Sara (electropop singer Soho Rezanejad, making a striking screen debut), his problems might be solved — though she's got his number, and isn't willing to make it easy for him.

As time tenderizes their initially guarded attraction and "The Charmer" tentatively blossoms into a romance, we wonder if our hero might not even have to settle for a paper marriage. As it turns out, true love simplifies very little in a narrative as sharply se-

cretive as the man at its center. As a pair of urgent but elliptical subplots close in on Esmail, notes of paranoid psychodrama enter the mix in a film that confidently straddles tones for much of its running time, only once or twice teetering into over-cranked genre territory.

Alami's keen-eyed, detail-oriented insight into Scandinavia's growing Iranian community, with its subtle internal divisions and its sliding scale between assimilation and proud cultural preservation, gives "The Charmer" resonance beyond its more intimate effectiveness as a character thriller; it's a film that shares its somewhat cool empathy across the very different experiences of people on either side of the integration line. Esmaili's quietly agitated, deftly code-switching performance, meanwhile, must persuasively evoke any one of those life stories depending on the company he's in, holding the viewer's gaze while continually backing away from our full acquaintance. Esmaili's future may be up in the air for most of the film; the actor Esmaili's looks rather more assured.



SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

"Capernaum" is now playing at the Music Box Theatre.

Innocent

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A brief, empathetic exchange at an amusement park between Zain, looking for work, and cleaner Rahil (kind-eyed Yordanos Shiferaw), an undocumented Ethiopian woman who hides her infant son, Yonas, in the park's bathroom, sparks a mutually beneficial arrangement: Zain's baby-sitting in their leaky hovel for a roof and food. Looking after someone becomes Zain, but once more, the designs of an unscrupulous man — in this case, a market vendor (Alaa Chouchnieh) offering Rahil access to forged papers — upends any hope for this put-upon trio.

The kinetic realism of Labaki's close-to-the-ground direction and Christopher Aoun's agile cinematography — a hard swerve from the romantic

style of her previous two features, the crowd-pleasers "Caramel" and "Where Do We Go Now?" — is often a marvel to behold. Even more impressive, perhaps owing to Labaki's parallel career as a sought-after actor (she plays an attorney in the courtroom scenes), is her ability with her untrained stars. She finds a magically resonant space between documentary-like vibe and dramatic performance that honors the characters' inherent humanity while memorably framing the wretched circumstances that dictate their actions. Her direction of children, especially, most notably the increasingly fraught scenes with Zain looking after the wonderfully expressive Yonas — a movie toddler for the ages who will agitate your wish for a peaceful outcome to no end — are models for capturing the grace and need in beleaguered innocents.



JIM COOPER/AP 2006

A new film deconstructs the rise and fall of Roger Ailes, late head of Fox News Channel.

'DIVIDE AND CONQUER' ★★★

Roger Ailes movie takes look at an 'incredible ego'

By MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN
The Washington Post

The portrait of Roger Ailes, the late, disgraced Fox News chief, that emerges in the meticulous and highly watchable (if one-sided) documentary "Divide and Conquer: The Story of Roger Ailes" is of a power-hungry, paranoid serial sexual harasser and friendless bully, a man who purchased a small-town newspaper in Putnam County, N.Y. — where his weekend home was — just so he could shape coverage of hyperlocal issues.

Director Alexis Bloom's documentary is also a story of incredible ego. In one anecdote, told by Warren Cooper and Karen Kessler of Evergreen Partners, the crisis management firm brought in to handle allegations of sexual impropriety against the Fox News CEO, Ailes and his wife, Beth, were told that it would be better to settle, rather than fight the charges. According to Kessler, Beth jumped up from chair and angrily said, "We will never settle this case. You need to understand something: Roger is more important than America."

It's a telling moment in a film that has

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many of them.

Also appearing on camera are the actor Austin Pendleton, a childhood friend of Ailes', former Fox News host Glenn Beck and former Fox News journalist Alisyn Camerota, who accused Ailes of sexual harassment. These and other interview subjects offer insights not just into Ailes' career — and his prescient understanding of the importance of media in shaping opinion through fear and other emotions — but also into his psyche. Ailes himself, a hemophiliac since childhood, was a deeply fearful and

distrustful person.

That's liable to make you more sad than angry. Ultimately, "Divide and Conquer" offers useful lessons — and maybe even a little hope — for people on both sides of the national divide, about just how we came to this terrible, but not irreversible, place.



FOX SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES

Wes Anderson directed and co-wrote "Isle of Dogs," a stop-motion animated film.

Japanese woodcuts, sci-fi, anime inspire 'Isle of Dogs'

By MICHAEL ORDONA
Los Angeles Times

"Isle of Dogs" is a beloved mutt.

On the surface, it's a halting, heart-touching story of a boy and his dog (and another, rougher dog learning to love, and a human pro-dog activist versus anti-dog meanies). It has the hallmarks of director and co-writer Wes Anderson's live-action work transferred to stop-motion-animated dogs living on a gigantic pile of garbage. But peel away those layers and you get ... 18th century Japanese woodcuts, 1960s science-fiction movies, anime, stillness and more.

Co-production designer Paul Harrod said that by the time he arrived to the team, one of the key references Anderson and co-production designer Adam Stockhausen had established was "the Edo-era *ukiyo-e* illustrations by people like Hokusai and Hiroshige." Harrod noted the irony of using these placid depictions of landscapes and waves, "considering the film essentially takes place on a trash heap. We had to apply a different set of textures. For that, we turned to a couple of photographers: Edward Burtynsky (known for industrial landscapes) and Chris

Jordan," whose works depict industrial waste products on a massive scale.

In "Isle," which was released in April, dogs are banned from Megasaki City and banished to Trash Island, home of a defunct "animal-testing plant," as the filmmakers put it. A young boy, Atari (voiced by Koyu Rankin), goes there to find his dog, Spots (Liev Schreiber). He meets tough dog Chief (Bryan Cranston) and others, with dogcatchers and a lethal robot en route to eliminate the supposed canine threat.

"Our general approach was to look at it through the lens of the early mid-1960s and to imagine what the world would look like, 20 years in the future, as seen from that point," Harrod said. "Some of the Japanese science-fiction films of the 1960s that were directed by Ishiro Honda (known for Godzilla movies) — even though they're space adventures, sometimes, when you're on Earth, it still looks kind of like contemporary Japan of that period."

Cinematographer Tristan Oliver said Anderson sent him "a watch list of maybe 40 Japanese movies from the '60s and '70s. ... From this distance, they sort of meld into one,

which is what we were after: a distillation of that feel!"

Lead animator Jason Stalman said Anderson referenced anime legend Hayao Miyazaki, but perhaps not as one might expect.

"'Spirited Away' and 'Howl's Moving Castle' — he especially referred to the peace and stillness in those beautifully composed shots. That was going to be a wonderful challenge for a stop-motion puppet animator, to have these moments but to keep the character alive," he said.

Stalman and Anderson shot live-action references of themselves acting out scenes to the actors' recorded dialogue. Stalman would meld those visuals and the vocal performances to try to approximate, for instance, "Tilda Swinton's emotional transitions" or "Bill Murray — he doesn't do much, right? He has a spark of naughtiness in his eyes." Stalman said Anderson would extend shots, add frames, even ignore established cinematic geography to get the effects he wanted.

"You can't be precious; you have to roll with those punches. It seems kind of scary at the time, but when you see it in the end, you go, 'Oh my God, he was right.'"

WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Tom Selleck

"Blue Bloods" (9 p.m., CBS): Frank (Tom Selleck) finds himself uncertain as to whether a recent run-in with community activists was an accident or a coordinated set-up in a new episode called "Disrupted." Elsewhere, Jamie (Will Estes) resolves to make more independent decisions on his own and Danny (Donnie Wahlberg) and his neighbor take the measure of each other after learning their children have started dating.

"Den of Thieves" (7 p.m., Showtime): Christian Gudegast wrote and made his directorial debut with this 2018 action thriller that focuses on California's most infamous — and successful — bank robbery crew as they plan an elaborate and, in fact, seemingly impossible heist on the Federal Reserve Bank of downtown Los Angeles. As the story unfolds, the story cuts back and forth between this crooked team and an elite unit of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

"Hawaii Five-0" (8 p.m., CBS): Still badly shaken by the murder of one of their ohana, Steve and Catherine (Alex O'Loughlin, Michelle Borth) launch an effort to track down the killer in the new episode "Hala I Ke Ala O'i'ole Mai" (Hawaiian for "Gone on the road from which there is no returning"). They're joined in this venture by Danny, Junior (Scott Caan, Beulah Koale) and a pair of old friends, Wade Gutches and Harry Langford (guest stars David Keith and Chris Vance).

"The Blacklist" (8 p.m., NBC): The new "The Corsican" wraps up a two-part story that began Thursday, as Liz (Megan Boone) and the Task force find themselves in a life-or-death race to stop an imminent bombing by a person on the Blacklist who has remained stubbornly elusive so far. Meanwhile, Red (James Spader) has an encounter with someone that may well change the trajectory of his life forever.

"The Hollywood Walk of Fame Honors" (8 p.m., CW): Dean Cain hosts this new special celebrating the celebrities who over the years have been honored with a star on the famous Hollywood Walk of Fame. Among the stars whose ceremonies are included here are Mark Hamill, Jennifer Garner, Dwayne Johnson, Tracy Morgan, Zoe Saldana, the boy band 'N Sync and "Weird Al" Yankovic.

"My Lottery Dream Home" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., HGTV): HGTV fan favorite David Bromstad returns in new episodes of this hit reality show, which HGTV also sneaked earlier this week in a New Year's Day preview. For those new to the series, Bromstad's goal in this show is to meet with lucky folks who recently received a sudden, unexpected windfall, as in a lottery, and showing them how they can sink their winnings into a true fantasy home. Properties include a stunning cabin getaway with river views in upstate New York.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Benedict Cumberbatch; actress Minka Kelly; comic Orlando Leyba.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Julia Roberts; actor Patrick Wilson.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Amy Adams; comics Jeff Ross and Dave Attell; Kurt Vile performs.*

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	Univ 66	Jesus	Mi marido tiene familia	Amar a muerte				
	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: "Live PD -- 01.04.19." (N) (Live) ©				
	AMC	*(5) Cast Away ('00) ***	The Green Mile (R,'99) ***	Tom Hanks, David Morse. ©				
ANIM	Dr. Jeff: RMV	Dr. Jeff: RMV	Dr. Jeff: RMV				Dr. Jeff ♦	
BBCA	Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (PG-13,'91) **	Kevin Costner. ©					Norton (N) ♦	
BET	blackish ©	blackish ©	Get Rich or Die Tryin' (R,'05) **	Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson. ♦				
BIGTEN	College Hockey (N)	The B1G	The B1G	The B1G	BTN in 60 ♦			
BRAVO	Medicine (7:44) Monster-in-Law (PG-13,'05) **	Jennifer Lopez. ©					Monster ♦	
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend	Politics	
CNBC	Deal or No Deal ©	Deal or No Deal ©	Deal or No Deal ©	Deal or No Deal ©	Shark Tank ©	Shark ♦		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦		Funches (N)	
COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Comedy Central Roast ©				
DISC	Gold Rush: The Dirt (N)	Gold Rush: "The Devil's Deadline." (N) ©					Moonshine ♦	
DISN	Cinderella (PG,'15) ***	Cate Blanchett. ©	Coop	Raven	Andi Mack			
E!	Little Fockers (PG-13,'10) *	Robert De Niro. ©	Little Fockers (PG-13,'10) *					
ESPN	NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Boston Celtics. (N) (Live)			NBA Basketball (N) ♦				
ESPN2	College Basketball (N)	Women's College Gymnastics (N)		SportsCenter (N) ©				
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©	The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News			
FOOD	Diners, Drive In, Drive	Diners, Drive In, Drive	Diners, Drive In, Drive	Diners, Drive In, Drive	Diners, Drive In, Drive	Diners, Drive In, Drive	Diners, Drive In, Drive	
FREE	*(6:30) The Goonies (PG,'85) ***	Sean Astin. (SAP)	grown-ish	grown-ish	700 Club ♦			
FX	Taken 3 (PG-13,'14) **	Liam Neeson, Forest Whitaker. ©			Taken 3 ♦			
HALL	Frozen in Love (NR,'18)	Rachael Leigh Cook. ©	A Country Wedding (NR,'15) ©					
HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream (N)	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	
HIST	Ancient Aliens ©	Ancient Aliens: "The Alien Phenomenon." (N) ©			Aliens ♦			
HLN	CNN Special Report ©	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
LIFE	Surviving R. Kelly ©	Surviving R. Kelly (N) ©	Surviving R. Kelly (N) ©	Surviving R. Kelly (N) ©	Surviving ♦			
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)		11th Hour ♦			
MTV	Ridic. (N)	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous. ♦			
NBCSCH	College Volleyball: UC Irvine at Loyola-Chicago. (N)		Chicago Bulls Postgame		Bulls (N)			
NICK	Cousins	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends ©	
Ovation	*(6) Die Hard (R,'88) ***	Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman.	The Negotiator (R,'98) ***					
OWN	20/20 on OWN ©	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	20/20 ♦				
OPY	Snapped ©	Snapped: "Shelly Arndt."	Snapped ©	Dateline ©				
PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Meet the Fockers (PG-13,'04) **	Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. ©				
SYFY	Constantine	Fast Five (PG-13,'11) **	Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. ©		Futurama ♦			
TBS	Star Wars: Return of the Jedi (PG,'83) ***	Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford. ©	Star Wars ♦					
TCM	The Caine Mutiny (NR,'54) ***	Humphrey Bogart. ©	(9:15) Cyran de Bergerac ('50) ***					
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: "Extended: Make It or Break It." (N) ©		Dr. Pimple Popper (N) ©		I Am Jazz ♦			
TLN	Camp Meeting		Life Today	Dare	7th Street			
TNT	Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (R,'12) * ©		(9:15) Zombieland (R,'09) ***					
TOON	Samur. Jack Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	The Jellies	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©	Ghost Adventures: "Abandoned Spirits." (N) ©			Ghost ♦			
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	
VH1	RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars (N) ©	Grown	Grown (N)	B.A.P.S (PG-13,'97) **				
WE	Love After Lockup ©	Love After Lockup (N) ©	Extreme Love (N) ©	Love- Loc. ♦				
WGN America	*(6) Escape Plan (R,'13) ***	Escape Plan (R,'13) **	Sylvester Stallone. ©					
PREMIUM	HBO	The Girl Next Door (R,'04) **	Emile Hirsch. ©	(8:50) Tomb Raider (PG-13,'18) ***				
	HBO2	*(6:58) The Sopranos ©	Sopranos	(8:42) The Sopranos ©	The Sopranos ©			
	MAX	Dunkirk (PG-13,'17) ***	Fionn Whitehead. ©	(8:50) The Fate of the Furious ***				
	SHO	Den of Thieves (R,'18) **	Gerard Butler, Pablo Schreiber. ©	Access (N)	Assassin ♦			
	STARZ	Counterpart ©	Outlander ©	(9:01) The Rundown ('03) ***				
STZNC	*(6) Moonrise Kingdom ***	The Other Guys (PG-13,'10) ***	Will Ferrell.	Joe Dirt ♦				

'Aquaman' actor on Black Manta as hero

Yahya Abdul-Mateen II also talks about Jordan Peele's 'Us' — but not too much

BY TRACY BROWN
Los Angeles Times

For "Aquaman" co-star Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, the journey to his latest role really started with opening up a comic book and becoming a fan.

The Yale School of Drama-trained actor admits he was initially skeptical about playing Black Manta, the knife-wielding vengeful mercenary he brings to life in the James Wan-helmed DC superhero hit.

Having never been much of a comics reader, Abdul-Mateen wasn't very familiar with the character. It wasn't until he saw chatter from fans online that he realized Black Manta was more than just his signature helmet. "They love this character," he said. "They love the suit and they love the helmet and they love his wit and his dry sense of humor."

This enthusiasm persuaded him to seek out some comics and further develop his understanding of the "Aquaman" villain. "In my eyes he's the hero of my story. He's coming off a personal win with his father," said Abdul-Mateen. "We meet him at a high. He's coming off this success and his father's just given him this gift. In his mind he's on top of the world. Then Aquaman comes aboard the ship and takes that away from him."

For Abdul-Mateen, Manta is just a guy who's trying to take something back that was taken away from him. A very focused, morally ambiguous, extremely skilled and highly intelligent guy.

Preparing to play a mortal who holds his own in battle against a muscular half-Atlantean superhero, of course, involved a fair amount of training. "I had just come off 'The Greatest Showman,' so I was really light and I was moving sort

of like a dancer," Abdul-Mateen said. "So I told my trainer I wanted to be heavy on my feet. I wanted to feel the ground beneath my feet."

Abdul-Mateen has a big 2019 ahead. His post-"Aquaman" film projects include Jordan Peele's hotly anticipated March horror movie "Us," Netflix's "All Day and a Night" from "Black Panther" co-writer Joe Robert Cole, and the immigrant love story "Sweetness in the Belly." He's also part of another major event for comics fans: HBO's secretive "Watchmen" series, inspired by the groundbreaking graphic novel by Alan Moore, Dave Gibbons and John Higgins.

The following is an edited transcript.

Be warned: This interview contains minor plot spoilers for "Aquaman."

Q: What stuck out about Black Manta's character to you?

A: He wasn't a guy who was going to blast you into outer space. He wasn't going to pulverize you. He wasn't out for an evil plot to take over the world.

If he wanted to destroy you, he'd come up to you close and drive a knife through your heart. He's a guy who just operates on a different wavelength than a lot of the other villains.

He's got one very, very simple agenda, which makes him a very dangerous man: He wants revenge for his father, and that's something people could relate to.

Q: What was it like putting on that suit for the first time?

A: It was really exhilarating, because I had been working out for about a month and a half to get in shape. I wanted to wear the suit and not have the suit wear me. When I finally stepped into it I remember feeling so powerful and that every step counted. You



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Yahya Abdul-Mateen II portrays a mercenary called Black Manta in "Aquaman."

could really feel the intimidation factor.

They weren't expecting me to be on set that day; I was just trying on the costume. I put on the costume and walked on set, and you could just hear it. It got quiet and all eyes were on me. I knew I was in something really, really cool.

Q: Black Manta is missing from the final battle but returns in the end credits stinger. Presumably he'll factor into a sequel, if it happens. What do you think is next for the character?

A: Hopefully we'll get to see more of the guy that I found in the comic books. The guy that I found to be humorous. The guy who was really, really smart and who is a leader and takes charge. A guy who has different sides.

There's so much more to him than just a guy with this drive that we're intro-

duced to in our movie. He's really fascinating.

There's so many more questions to be answered: Where does he live? Where does he sleep? What does he like and dislike? I'm hoping that wherever he goes, wherever he shows up, that I have the opportunity to show all of the different facets and sides of this character.

Q: What other DC characters would you like to see Black Manta encounter?

A: I think the Joker, because that's another character that's so unpredictable. Black Manta has a lot of good comedy with Harley Quinn in the "Suicide Squad" series that I really, really like. He doesn't like to work with other people, but that was a situation where he was forced to work with people. So you get to see him try to be the adult of the group. I'd defi-

nately like to see him trying to herd the cats and to wrangle some people.

I also would like to see him and Batman in a situation together. Because they're both, supposedly, really wealthy guys, with really, really high IQs and they don't have superpowers. They're engineers who make their own equipment and they're skilled in hand-to-hand combat. So they're sort of similar in that way and it'll be cool to see what happens when you see them together.

Q: What can you tell us about your upcoming movie "Us" — other than it's Jordan Peele's first movie since "Get Out"?

A: What can I say? A family goes on vacation and it takes a mysterious and frightful turn. It's another psychological think piece with an excellent cast. And I think if I keep on talking, I'll probably get myself in a

little bit of trouble, so that's all I can say right now.

Q: What was it like working with Peele?

A: It's an actor's dream working with Jordan. He's so smart, he cares about the project, and he really, really likes actors. He keeps the morale high on set and he celebrates actors' successes. I felt like I was working with someone who was taking care of my talent.

Q: Can you even say anything about "Watchmen"?

A: I can't say anything about "Watchmen."

It's a really good cast — Regina King and Tim Blake Nelson and Jeremy Irons. The world building is going to be pretty special. Damon Lindelof — he's such a brilliant writer and mind for television. I think it's a project that has a pulse on the world right now.

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 4): Teamwork realizes dreams this year. Provide your talents, sweat equity and leadership. Romantic sparks fly unexpectedly. The spotlight shines your way this winter, before shared fortunes realign. Your partnership blossoms this summer, inspiring a new personal style.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Discuss your ambitions with family. Career opportunities multiply, with Mercury in Capricorn. Speak with influential people over the next three weeks. Raise the conversation level.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Make long-distance connections. Enter a three-week expansion phase, with Mercury in Capricorn. Travel, research and education flourish.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Solve problems through logic. Collaborate on solutions. A three-week partnership phase begins, with Mercury in Capricorn.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. A three-week partnership phase begins, with Mercury in Capricorn. Solve problems through logic. Collaborate on solutions. Communicate, compromise and negotiate win-win situations.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. High energy levels propel your actions. Work smarter and faster. Begin a three-week physical power phase, with Mercury in Capricorn.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Use your creativity to share your message. For three weeks, with Mercury in Capricorn, it's easier to express your feelings and affection. Talk about love.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Enjoy a domestic phase over three weeks, with Mercury in Capricorn. Share memories and traditions, and invent new family games.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Practice and learn voraciously. Begin a three-week study phase, with Mercury in Capricorn. It's easier to express yourself. Communications are wide open.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Pay more attention to finances for three weeks. It could get lucrative, with Mercury in Capricorn. Use your wits to win. Profit through communication.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. An intellectual phase dawns, with Mercury in your sign. You're especially brilliant. Discuss ways to support growth.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 6. A thoughtful period develops, with Mercury in Capricorn. Dreams could seem prophetic. Prioritize introspection and meditation over the next three weeks. Appreciate ritual and gratitude.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Team coordination and communication flourishes, with Mercury in Capricorn. Work together and get farther, faster. Everything you need is in your network. Collaborate for shared gain.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ Q 8 6
 ♥ K
 ♦ K Q J 8 7 2
 ♣ A 5 3

West
 ♠ K 9 5
 ♥ 8 7 6 2
 ♦ A 4 3
 ♣ K Q 7

East
 ♠ 10 7 4 3
 ♥ 10 5 4 3
 ♦ 9 6 5
 ♣ 10 4

South
 ♠ A J 2
 ♥ A Q J 9
 ♦ 10
 ♣ J 9 8 6 2

North in today's deal used Fourth-Suit Forcing improperly. The idea is that the bid of the fourth suit creates a game force and it is not necessary to make jump bids after the force is created. North should have bid three diamonds rather than four diamonds and the partnership could have settled in the superior contract of three no trump. Note that this is the only auction where the Fourth-Suit Forcing bid must be a jump, to avoid confusing it with a natural bid of one spade. All other fourth-suit bids are at the two level or higher. South showed that he was aware of the old bridge maxim: Before you criticize partner for poor bidding, make sure he can't criticize you for poor play.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	All pass

*Artificial, fourth-suit forcing
 Opening lead: Five of ♠

The opening spade lead went around to declarer's jack and the 10 of diamonds lost to West's ace. West led a heart to dummy's king and South led a low club to his eight and West's king. A diamond from West was won on the table as South shed his low spade. Declarer crossed to his hand with a spade to the ace and led the jack of clubs, pinning East's 10, and showing us all how to handle this weak trump combination for only one loser.

"Now about the bidding," said South.

— Bob Jones
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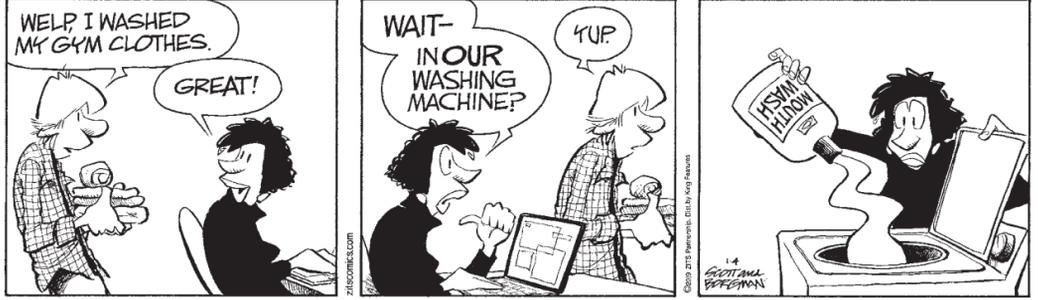
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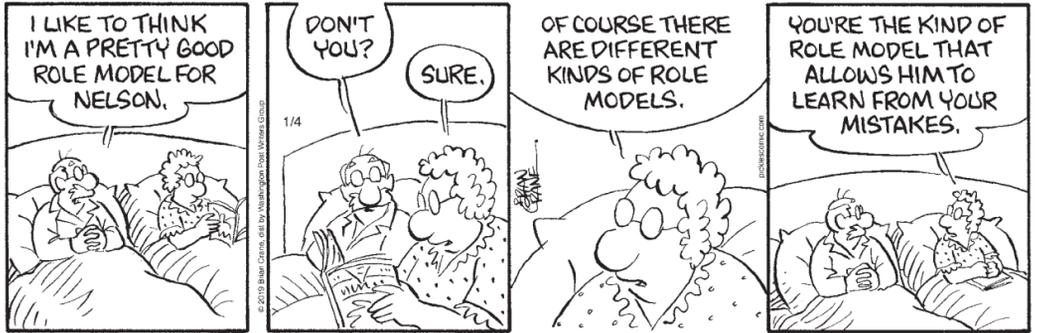
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Classic Peanuts



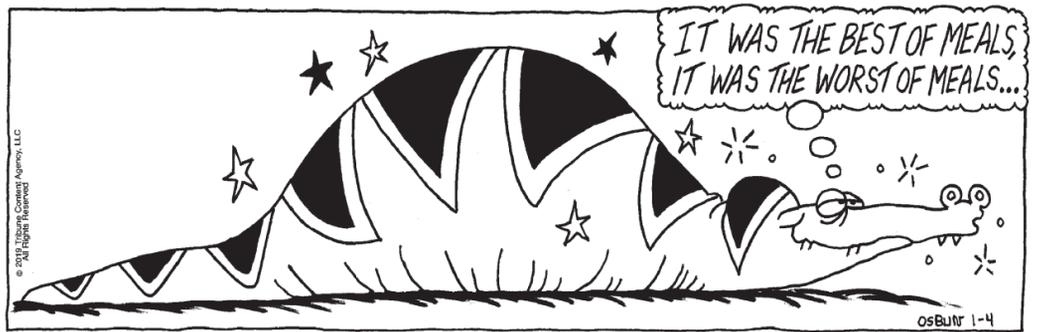
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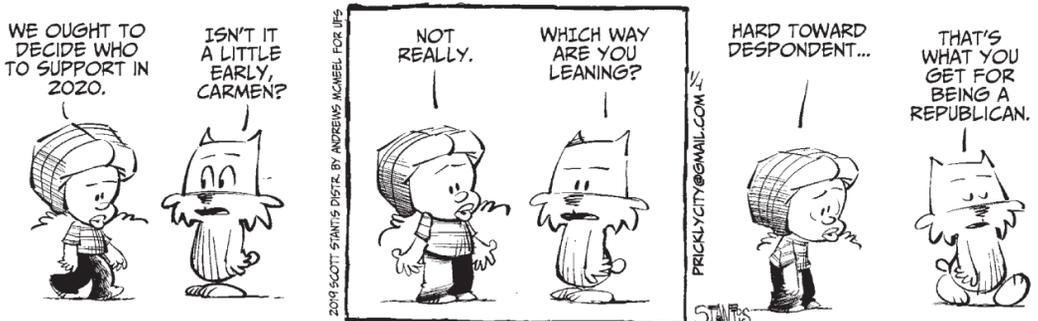
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Animal Crackers



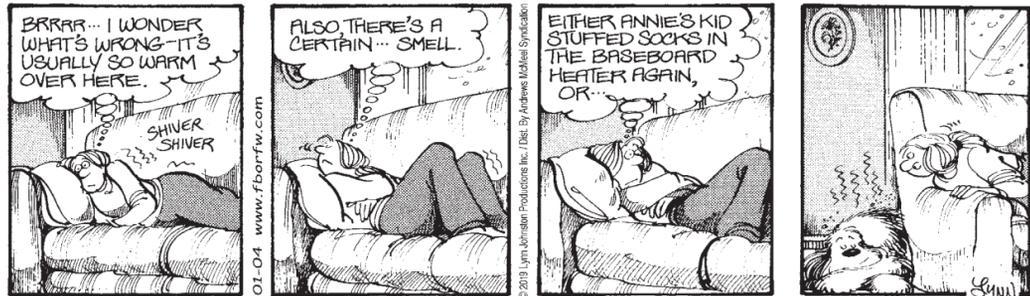
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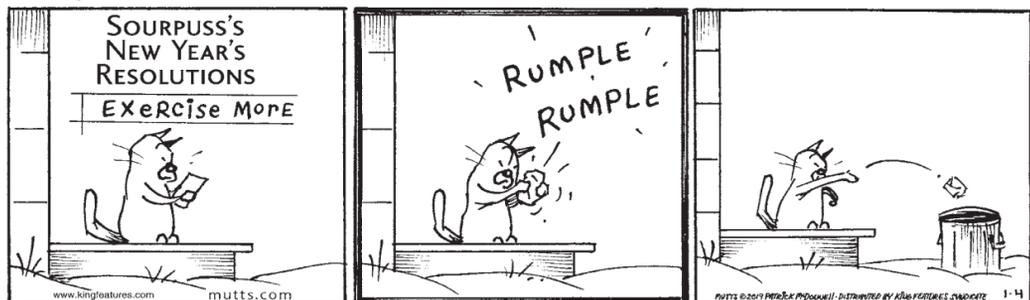
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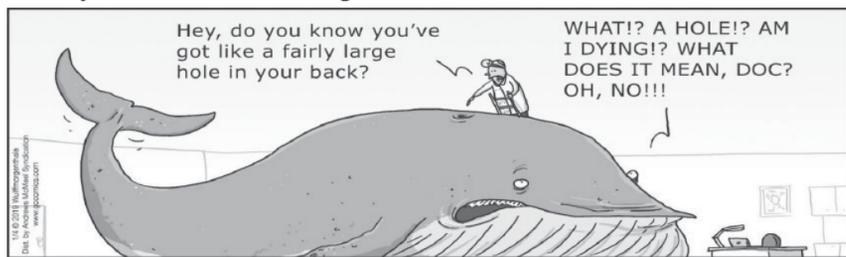
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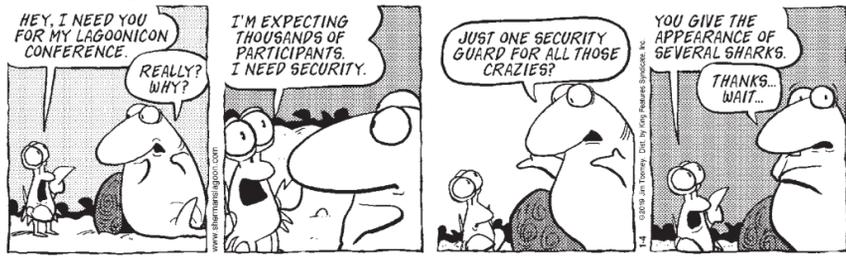
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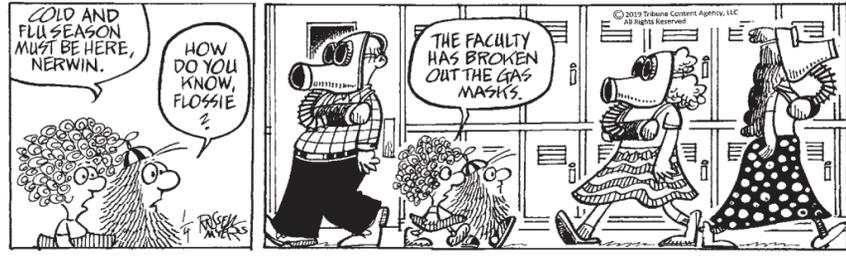
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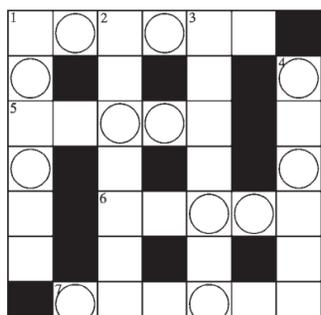
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Deep Purple's classic rock hit "Smoke on the Water" describes events surrounding a rock concert in what country?
A) Belgium
B) France
C) Germany
D) Switzerland
Thursday's answer: Bacteria in your mouth produce sulfur compounds that cause bad breath.

Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
- Was contingent
 - More modern
 - Different
 - Foul odor
- CLUE DOWN**
- Mythical Orion
 - ___, Rhode Island
 - Made of clay
 - Burn
- ANSWER ACROSS**
1. EIHGDN
2. ERENW
3. HROTE
4. CHESNT
- ANSWER DOWN**
1. NEHURT
2. PTRONWE
3. HNREAT
4. RCHCSO

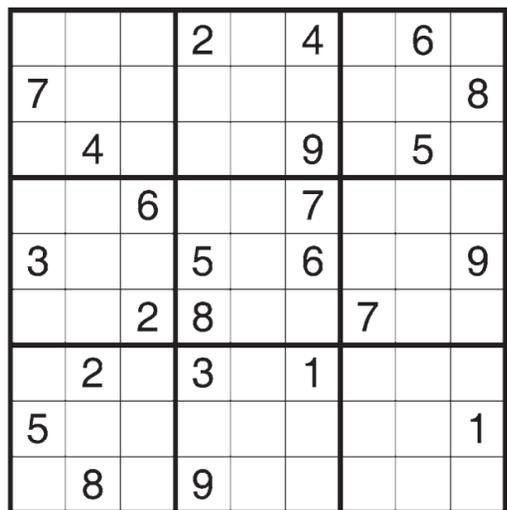
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS _____ Electric Corporation was founded in Pittsburgh on Jan. 8, 1886.

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ANSWERS: 1-A-Hinged 5-A-Newer 6-A-Other 7-A-Stretch 8-A-Other 9-A-Other 10-A-Other 11-A-Other 12-A-Other 13-A-Other 14-A-Other 15-A-Other 16-A-Other 17-A-Other 18-A-Other 19-A-Other 20-A-Other 21-A-Other 22-A-Other 23-A-Other 24-A-Other 25-A-Other 26-A-Other 27-A-Other 28-A-Other 29-A-Other 30-A-Other 31-A-Other 32-A-Other 33-A-Other 34-A-Other 35-A-Other 36-A-Other 37-A-Other 38-A-Other 39-A-Other 40-A-Other 41-A-Other 42-A-Other 43-A-Other 44-A-Other 45-A-Other 46-A-Other 47-A-Other 48-A-Other 49-A-Other 50-A-Other 51-A-Other 52-A-Other 53-A-Other 54-A-Other 55-A-Other 56-A-Other 57-A-Other 58-A-Other

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

1/4



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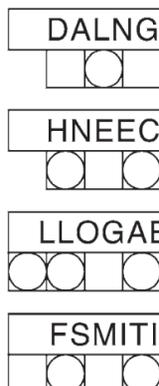
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Thursday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



Thursday's answers

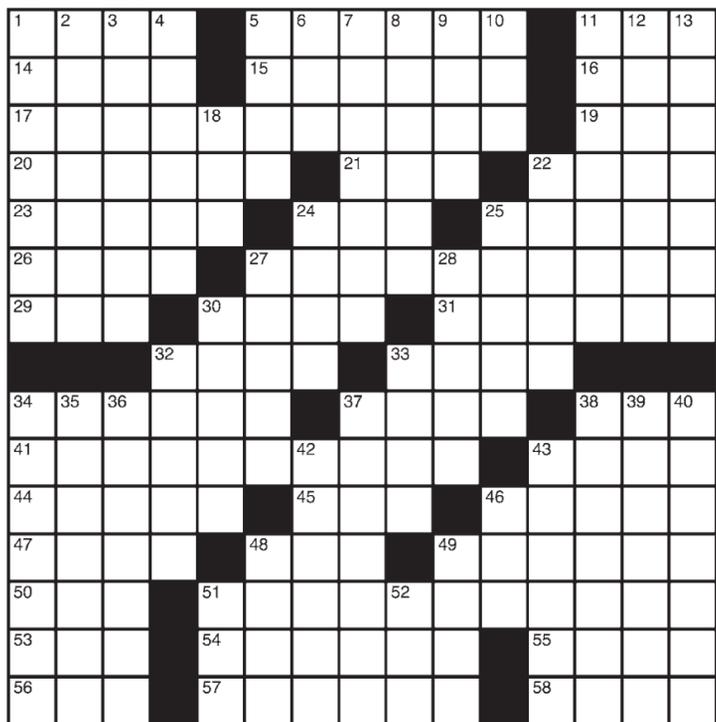
Jumbles: FLIRT DECAY URCHIN OPPOSE
Answer: When it became clear they were breaking up, the Beatles were — DONE "FOUR"

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Crossword

1/4



- Across**
- Logician Turing
 - 15-Across protagonist
 - HMO group
 - Try out, briefly
 - 1986 sci-fi sequel
 - Exist
 - Give it the old college try
 - Spray —
 - It's no exit
 - Start of a cheer
 - Await judgment
 - Woman in the Book of Ruth
 - Sailing pronoun
 - "Much appreciated," in Munich
 - Aligned
 - Benchmarks on the way to mastery
 - Pigs out (on)
 - One may be rolled out in a stadium
 - Plenty
 - Lip-thrusting look
 - 33 N.Y.C. part
 - 34 Make even smoother
 - 37 N.W.A. rapper —E
 - 38 Posed
 - 41 "Please don't expect any more from me"
 - 43 Comedian Daniel
 - 44 Start of an old late-night intro
 - 45 Daybreak deity
 - 46 "It's ___ than I thought"
 - 47 Nothing like wetlands
 - 48 Screech —
 - 49 Garden of Eden protector
 - 50 Carpet feature
 - 51 See 40-Down
 - 53 Phillies' div.
 - 54 Effective deal maker
 - 55 Amazes
 - 56 Eight minutes of the average sitcom
 - 57 Puts up
 - 58 "Hey, you!"
 - 18 Old U.K. record label
 - 22 Luxury watch brand — Philippe
 - 24 Database function
 - 25 Rail against
 - 27 Catalan architect Antoni —
 - 28 See 12-Down
 - 30 "Hamilton" got 11
 - 32 Trimmed
 - 33 Orange tubers
 - 34 "Rude Boy" singer
 - 35 May birthstone
 - 36 1981 Bill Murray military comedy
 - 37 Small-headed?
 - 38 Sad subjects
 - 39 Takes over the duties of
 - 40 With 51-Across, Sinatra classic, and a hint to completing three puzzle answers
 - 42 What diets and beauticians may promise, with "a"
 - 43 It covers the end of the foot
 - 46 "___ cares!"
 - 48 Nobel Peace Prize city
 - 49 Hubs: Abbr.
 - 51 German I
 - 52 Fore site?
- Down**
- Expand, as a residence
 - Conductor Bernstein
 - Lovey-dovey
 - Generic
 - Filing aid
 - Down with something
 - Mrs. Lovett's business in Broadway's "Sweeney Todd"
 - Imposed
 - NBA center — Kanter
 - Fashion initials
 - Purple shade
 - Like a bar free-for-all
 - Emailers
- Thursday's solution**
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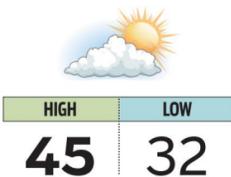
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FRIDAY, JAN. 4 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 17° RECORD HIGH: 64° (1997) RECORD LOW: -14° (1884)

1 more day of sun before clouds, winds return

LOCAL FORECAST

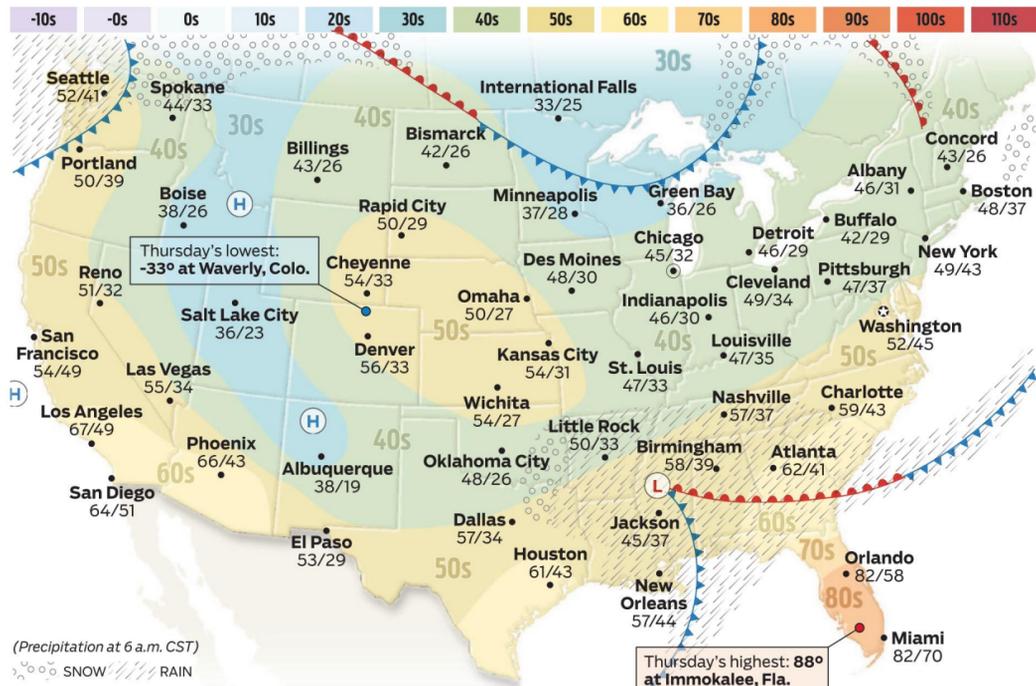


■ As low pressure and heavy rainfall tracks through the Gulf Coast states, the Chicago area rests on the back side of high pressure centered over the Central Appalachians.

■ The combination of southwest winds and mostly sunny skies boost afternoon highs into the middle 40s – around 15 degrees above normal for this date.

■ Winds shift a little northwest overnight with temperatures dropping into the upper 20s to lower 30s under clear skies.

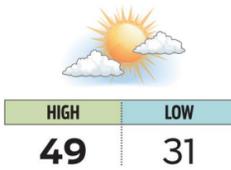
NATIONAL FORECAST



The Chicago area's first glimpse of sun in 2019 ended up being a 100 percent sunny day Thursday. At the same time, winter storm warnings were up in Oklahoma with 3-7 inches of heavy, wet snow occurring across the state into the overnight hours. While the storm leaves Oklahoma, spreading heavy rains over the Gulf Coast states and Tennessee River Valley on Friday, Chicago will experience a second consecutive day of 100 percent sunshine and temperatures in the 40s.

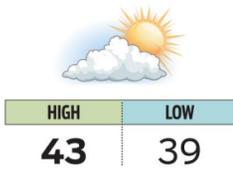
Saturday will mark the third straight mostly sunny and seasonably mild day here. But Sunday, low pressure developing in the central Plains will spread cloudiness over our area – temperatures again warming into the 40s well inland, but easterly winds will keep those attending the Bears playoff game in the upper 30s.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5



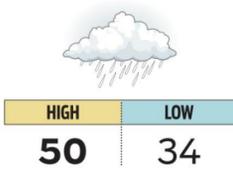
Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Clear skies overnight. West winds shift northwest at night.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6



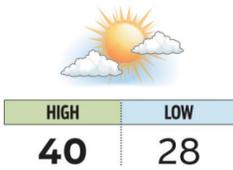
A sunny start but increasing cloudiness during the day. High temperatures 40-45 inland with readings in the upper 30s along the lakefront. Clouds thicken overnight with rain likely toward morning.

MONDAY, JAN. 7



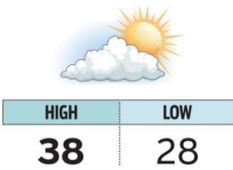
Cloudy and mild with rain. High temperatures upper 40s to lower 50s. Rain ending by evening becoming partly cloudy. Southwest winds shift northwest by evening.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8



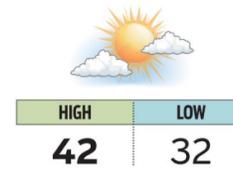
Considerable sunshine despite scattered clouds. Cooler with highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Clear skies overnight. Northwest winds.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9



Partly sunny with highs in the upper 30s. Partly cloudy at night. Northwest winds.

THURSDAY, JAN. 10



Mostly sunny and a little warmer with highs 40-45. Clear skies overnight. Southwest winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
On Jan. 1, the low temperature at Peter Sinks, Utah, was -48 degrees, the coldest in the Lower 48 that day. Surrounding temperatures were in the teens. How can Peter Sinks get so cold?
— Bud Dyke

Dear Bud,
Peter Sinks, located in extreme northern Utah, occasionally registers the nation's coldest temperature on a given day (and on Feb. 1, 1985, its temperature dropped to -69 degrees, only one degree shy of the Lower 48's all-time low of -70 degrees at Rogers Pass, Mont., on Jan. 20, 1954).

Low temperatures at Peter Sinks are the result of its high elevation (8,164 feet) and unique topography. It is a basin 1 half-mile in diameter with no outlet, like a large bowl. Cold air collects in the basin on clear, calm nights. Very low temperatures can occur there, especially during outbreaks of arctic air in the winter.

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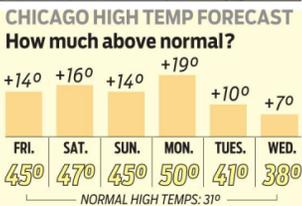
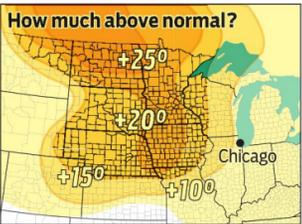
January 2019's mild spell brings string of above normal temps

MILD IN CHICAGO—BUT SNOWY IN OKLAHOMA
Thursday's snowfalls
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TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK
It's the early winter mild spell which keeps giving
Days 1 to 5: Friday Jan. 4 through Tuesday, Jan. 8



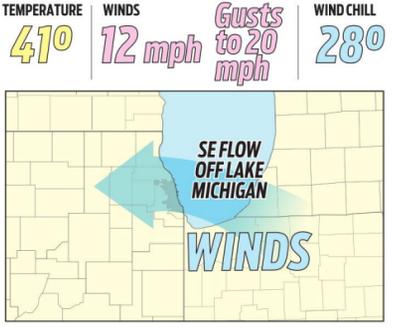
THURSDAY AFTERNOON'S TEMPS



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SUNDAY'S BEARS GAME WEATHER



CHICAGO DIGEST

THURSDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	39	23	Midway	41	25
Gary	41	27	O'Hare	38	24
Kankakee	39	25	Romeoville	40	23
Lakefront	41	26	Valparaiso	41	25
Lansing	38	24	Waukegan	40	23

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Thu. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.06"
January to date	0.02"	0.19"
Year to date	0.02"	0.19"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Thu. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	10.6"	11.2"
Normal to date	14.3"	10.2"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wind SW 7-14 kts.	W 10-22 kts.
Waves 1-2 feet	1-2 feet
Fri. shore/crib water temps 36°/33°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

JAN. 3	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	40.4%	41.1%
Average snow depth	2.9"	3.1"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	6 days	6 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Thursday's reading	Moderate
Friday's forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particulates

FRIDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:18 a.m.	4:33 p.m.
Moon	6:00 a.m.	3:38 p.m.

FRIDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:17 a.m.	3:21 p.m.
Venus	3:33 a.m.	1:41 p.m.
Mars	11:00 p.m.	11:10 p.m.
Jupiter	5:03 a.m.	2:22 p.m.
Saturn	7:13 a.m.	4:25 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:45 a.m.	20° SE
Mars	5:30 p.m.	48.5° S
Jupiter	6:00 a.m.	9° SE
Saturn	Not visible	

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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ON THE TOWN



The Brothers Osborne, T.J. (left) and John Osborne, have gone from under-the-radar underdogs to hitmaking headliners.

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Two-ring circus

The Brothers Osborne are chill about being hot stuff

By DAN HYMAN | Chicago Tribune

In the music business, the concept of an overnight success is almost entirely a fallacy. And yet Brothers Osborne can pinpoint the moment when the entire perception around the band changed.

Where for years singer T.J. Osborne said the Maryland-bred country duo “were these underdogs and kind of under-the-radar,” following the breakout success of their 2015 single “Stay A Little Longer,” not to mention them

being nominated for a Grammy the following year, suddenly the vibe at their shows became decidedly different.

“It did change, for sure,” Osborne said when calling from Nashville on a mid-December morning. “Now people were showing up to shows with the mentality of ‘I heard you guys are hot (stuff). I want to be impressed!’ We really felt the pressure.”

Not that the singer and his guitarist-songwriter brother

Turn to , Page 2

TAKE 10

By JESSI ROTI
Chicago Tribune

1. Ian's Party: Annual D.I.Y festival returns, boasting over 50 acts — including locals the Cell Phones, Fury, Djunah, Avantist and many others — for three nights across two venues. \$45 weekend pass, \$20 Friday-Saturday, \$15 Sunday. For complete lineup, visit iansparty.com

2. Winter Wonderfest: It's the last weekend to enjoy Navy Pier's annual indoor winter carnival and amusement park. General admission starts at \$20. Through Sunday. 600 E. Grand Ave. navypier.org/winter-wonderfest

3. Logan Center Family Saturday: This month's edition is geared toward kids and tech. Learn about and play around with innovative machines, check out short films from local artists like Brandon Breaux. Free. 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, 915 E. 60th St. tinyurl.com/k5deh4m

4. Wonderland Express: See the Chicago Botanic Garden's

magnificent model train collection — complete with meticulously-crafted, miniature Chicago landmarks for the last time this season. \$10-\$13. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sunday. 1000 Lake Cook Road. tinyurl.com/y8m9ckag

5. “La Ruta”: Written for the women of Ciudad Juarez, “La Ruta” honors the stories of those who have disappeared without a trace while commuting to work in the maquiladoras. \$20-\$89. Performances through January 27. Steppenwolf Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St. steppenwolf.org

6. The Music of Bob Marley for Kids: The Rock & Roll Playhouse presents an afternoon of the iconic reggae artist's music, with additional storytime, hands-on activities with instruments and more. \$15. 11 a.m. Sunday. Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St. tinyurl.com/ya962brw

7. Bronzeville Echoes “Faces & Places of Chicago's African American Music”: Explore Black Chicago's musical revolution through ragtime, jazz and blues with seldom-seen artifacts,



SARAH FOX PHOTO

Nick Smalkowski and Donna Polydoros are Djunah.

sheet music and records. Free through Sunday. Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. tinyurl.com/y7pkv7lz

8. Incense Making: Join artist Mike Pare for this BYOB, hands-on, sensory introduction to the ancient art of incense making using natural materials. Each participant will take home 12-20 rolled pieces. \$70. 1 p.m. Sunday. Rebuilding Exchange, 1740 W.

Webster Ave. tinyurl.com/ybu-vjyqb

9. Smart Museum Family Day: Named “Abominable Beanies and Kitten Mittens,” families can create their own cold weather gear by adding wild monster faces to hats and cute kitten ears, noses, and whiskers to mittens. Free. 1-4 p.m. Saturday. Smart Museum of Art, 5550 S. Greenwood Ave. tinyurl.com/y72nkxex

10. Hip-hop Yoga Flow: Beginners can get in touch with their inner yogi through this introductory class set to hip-hop with instructor Janise. No previous experience required. \$10; \$35 for four classes, \$70 for eight. 2 p.m. Saturday. Pink Giraffe Art Studio, 2340 E. 75th St. tinyurl.com/y8zu23s8

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TURN IT UP

BY GREG KOT



Handling the spotlight

Osborne, from Page 1

John let it affect them: in the past several years the country-rock duo, whose music is as much a toast to the Southern rock of Allman Brothers Band as a clear disciple to “Waylon & Willie,” has emerged as one of the most acclaimed and annually awarded acts in country music. Making its name with raucous, anything-goes live performances, T.J. said living up to the hype required little more than continuing to let loose each night onstage.

“This may sound arrogant,” the baritone-voiced singer said, “but we kept stepping out there every night and delivering. Sure, we thought maybe we’d fall flat on our face, but we also knew we just had to prove to people that we are real musicians and we do love this and we are dedicated and we take it seriously.” Now, as they prepare to launch a headlining tour that kicks off on Jan. 10 at the Riviera Theatre, T.J. said “I think people have seen us do that enough to where it’s starting to become the opposite thing: they’re now coming in with this curiosity. We’re not in the test lab anymore.”

These days, the singer said the challenge for him and his bearded brother becomes how best to keep each concert fresh — a notable challenge when some of Brothers Osborne’s most ardent fans have seen the tandem perform upwards of 50 times. “We are always thinking about that,” T.J. explained. “Not to mention — we like to change it up for ourselves. If we were just up there doing paint-by-numbers it would just get boring for us as well. We like to move stuff around and get in those places where we really don’t know what’s gonna happen and we’re on the edge and it feels like it could almost fall apart. Those are those little fun moments where it feels like the crowd is anticipating the next move as much as we are.”

It helps that the brothers’ most recent album, 2018’s “Port Saint Joe” is their wildest and most accomplished effort yet, whiplashing from the fiery, barnburner “Shoot Me Straight” to the more subdued and tender ballad to a certain man’s holy trinity, “Weed, Whiskey & Willie.” Describing the album as “not made to be this slow-pitch-down-the-middle sort of ear candy,” but rather “a journey,” T.J. emphasized how the album’s loose quality stemmed directly from the manner and



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION/AP

Musician John Osborne, left, and T.J. Osborne of the Brothers Osborne take questions at the 52nd annual CMA Awards.

When: 8 p.m., January 10
Where: Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave.
Tickets: \$35-\$45; 773-275-6800 or www.rivieratheatre.com

setting in which it was recorded. In 2017, when the duo trekked to the Florida beach studio of super-producer Jay Joyce (Eric Church, Cage The Elephant) there was little to no plan in place. “We just wanted to get all these arrangements down and really just get out of Nashville for a bit,” the singer said. “Everyone needed to clear their head from the Nashville treadmill. And before we knew it we had the whole thing recorded. It happened really effortlessly. It just poured out.”

Despite their 2016 debut album “Pawn Shop” producing three Top 25 radio singles, T.J. said Brothers Osborne never aim

for the charts. “Don’t get me wrong: I’d like hit songs,” the singer said. “But John and I more focus on where it’s gonna end up — which is performing it in front of thousands of people. And that’s more what I think about than anything. If it can work there it can work anywhere.”

Get him going and T.J. will tell you what he really thinks about artists who cater to radio. “There are songs that could literally be No. 1 and do nothing for the artist,” he said, getting more animated. “They’ll gain no fans from it. They’ll sell no tickets. It’s just disingenuous.” Sure, he admitted that “Port Saint Joe” is so left-field at points that he and his brother wondered if it would even receive mainstream support, but he wouldn’t have been offended if that was the case.

“Because there are always a lot of hoops to jump through and people to not offend and bosses to report to,” he said of achieving a hit on country radio. “It’s a compli-

cated system. But for us if I can roll into a theater in a big city or even a county fair in Iowa and be able to play this music and it works, that’s all I need.”

The duo plans to spend much of 2019 on the road when not writing and recording its upcoming third album. T.J. admitted that traveling as much as Brothers Osborne do wears on the body and mind (“Everyone asks our least favorite part about what we do and that’s it.”) but he wouldn’t choose any other life.

“You get a little burned out but it’s all for that fix of getting onstage,” he said. “There’s not anything — not a drug or a drink — that can replace the feeling of performing. I love every aspect of this wild circus.”

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Chicago’s The Edwards are (from left) Emma McCall, Kyle Maurisak, Chris DePorter, Chris Murphy, and Stuart MacFadyen.

LOCAL SOUNDS

The Edwards were born of a happy artistic accident

BY BRITT JULIOUS
 Chicago Tribune

“I don’t think there’s anything we are necessarily trying to do,” said Kyle Maurisak, the founder of new Chicago band the Edwards. And yet, the group is quietly making an impact on the local scene for its captivating sound after only a little more than six months in existence.

According to Maurisak, the project’s origins were small and humble at best. Maurisak began making music for himself as a sort of cathartic experience. The songs were in the pop-rock genre and were never meant to be heard by other people. Maurisak jokingly referred to these songs as by “the Edwards,” a riff on his middle name and the jangly sounds reminiscent of bands from the early aughts with similar band names.

Earlier this year, Maurisak began listening again to those songs, crafted between 2011 and 2015. “It was sort of just a coincidence that there were a few songs in there that I wanted to try out,” Maurisak said. He approached his musician friends — who all came from a variety of different backgrounds about how they would rework the songs. And thus, a new band was born.

“A lot of the early iterations of the songs were just straightforward, jangly pop-rock tunes. But in our band, we have Stuart, who plays bass and comes from more psych rock and garage rock bands. Our other guitarist, Chris, is really influenced by music from the ‘70s. And I think that bringing all of those things together and taking these old songs and having everybody change them a little bit, have made them a bit more expansive any little less like a straightforward pop tune. For lack of a better word, they’ve become a little noisier and a little more trippy,” he said.

Some artists may find collaborating with other people to be difficult, but Maurisak believes the process has only improved his original songs for the better. He begins his songwriting process with a melody or a lick

When: 9:30 a.m. Friday
Where: Cole’s Bar, 2338 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Tickets: Free (21+); www.colesbarchicago.com

on the guitar. Using a small recording set up, Maurisak begins to craft the track. “Then I bring it to the band, and they wreck it, and in the best way possible,” Maurisak said. “The end result always ends up being something I never could’ve pictured or imagined in my mind. It ends up being the result of everybody kind of weighing in and bringing their influences to the table.”

The majority of the songs the group now plays live have been written in the last year or two. But their first single, “Northern States,” stems from those earlier productions. Like all of the tracks they currently create, “Northern States” was shaped and structured by the ideas of the new band members. The result is a song that is slow, melodic, and comforting, like the best of Chicago’s emerging independent artists. It’s a surprisingly warm and richly crafted tune, a perfect complement to the harshness of the city’s winters.

But according to Maurisak, the track initially began as an upbeat, percussive tune. It’s difficult to discern whether that original sound would have been better, but the final product audiences listen to now is undoubtedly one of the best releases by a new artist in the last year. “You don’t always understand the full potential an idea can be when you’re sort of just taking it on by yourself,” Maurisak said. “Everything we put out doesn’t sound like how I originally intended it to be, and that’s a really, really good thing.”

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New Year blasts off with tenor sax legends



HOWARD REICH
On Music

If the trumpet stands as a symbol of New Orleans jazz — thanks partly to the larger-than-life persona of Louis Armstrong — there's little doubt as to which instrument signifies Chicago jazz to audiences around the world: the tenor saxophone.

For though Chicago has produced more than its fair share of singular jazz pianists (from Herbie Hancock and Ramsey Lewis to Willie Pickens and Muhil Richard Abrams) and similarly influential violinists, drummers, bassists and whatnot, the tenor saxophone tradition would be greatly diminished without the contributions of Chicagoans Gene Ammons, Von Freeman, Johnny Griffin, Eddie Harris, Clifford Jordan, Fred Anderson, Franz Jackson and others.

And the very muscularity of the instrument — which tends to dominate the bandstand — reflects the broad-shouldered athleticism and pull-no-punches character of Chicago jazz.

So it seems fitting that the first weekend of the New Year will be rich in Chicago tenor players young and old, launching 2019 with a great blast of sound.

Among the highlights:

Victor Goines. True, Goines was born and raised in New Orleans and, in many ways, lives and breathes Crescent City musical values. But Goines has been director of jazz studies at Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music since 2007 and regularly plays top Chicago rooms such as the Green Mill and Winter's (when he's not touring the world with Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra). Goines collaborates regularly with hard-hitting Chicago instrumentalists, while his big-and-beefy approach to the tenor horn hardly could be more at home here. *7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Winter's Jazz Club, 465 N. McClurg Court (on the promenade); \$25; 312-344-1270 or www.wintersjazzclub.com.*

Isaiah Collier. Anyone who wonders about the future of Chicago tenordom can find hope and inspiration in the work of Collier, a promising young musician who studies at the Dave Brubeck Institute in California. I first encountered Collier in 2016, when he was a 16-year-old student at the Chicago High School for the Arts. "Yes, his playing proved a bit wild and over-emphatic at times — just as you'd expect of an emerging jazz musician discovering his talents," I wrote at the time. "But the size and depth of Collier's tone, the self-assurance of his delivery and his obvious ease around the instrument justly drew cheers from the hometown crowd." Subse-



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE/

Reedist Victor Goines will be one of many performers this week to show off that Chicago tenor sound.

quent performances have shown the continued progress of Collier's art. How does he sound today? Only one way to find out. *7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Sunday at Room 43, 1043 E. 43d St., presented by the Hyde Park Jazz Society; \$10 adults; \$5 university students with I.D. and children with adults; www.hydeparkjazzsociety.com.*

Jerry Bergonzi. In jazz circles, players with overwhelming technique and monumental sound sometimes are affectionately termed "monsters." By that standard, Bergonzi qualifies. Though not a star by conventional definitions, Bergonzi's work with Dave Brubeck, Dick Oatts, Bruce Barth, Joey Calderazzo and other leonine players places him at the pinnacle of the art of jazz improvisation. Due to Bergonzi's teaching

duties at the New England Conservatory, he doesn't tour as often as one might hope, which makes this Chicago engagement a signal event. *9 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; \$15; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.*

Eric Schneider. One of the busiest of Chicago tenor men, Schneider long has held the Green Mill stage as Friday nights turn into Saturday mornings. The sessions are thoroughly unpredictable, since various Chicago and visiting musicians show up to sit in with the band. One thing's for sure: Schneider offers propulsive energy steeped in the syntax of swing. He's joined by pianist Dennis Luxion, bassist Steve Hashimoto and drummer Rick Shandling — plus

whomever he welcomes onto the stage. *1:30 to 4 a.m. Saturdays at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; no cover; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.*

Pat Mallinger. Though Mallinger seems capable of playing just about anything with a reed, his tenor work stands out for its fervor and creativity, as listeners will recall from his contributions to the long-gone and much-missed Chicago Jazz Ensemble. Like the aforementioned Eric Schneider, Mallinger is a redoubtable figure on the bandstand and host of a weekly, free-wheeling session at the Mill, this one marking the passage of Saturday nights into Sunday mornings. *Midnight to 5 a.m. Sundays at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; \$5 cover from midnight to 2 a.m.; no cover from 2 to 5 a.m.; 773-*

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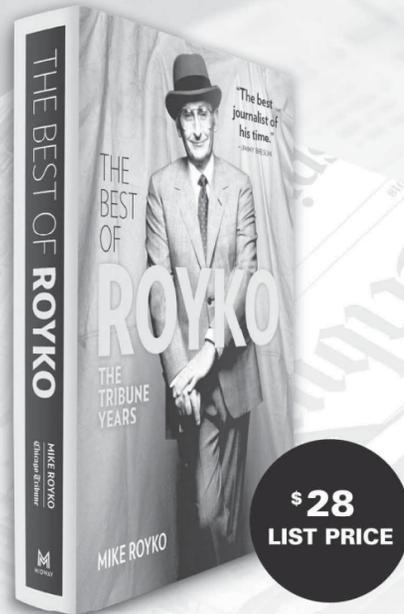
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A fraught, promising future

Beach Bunny simultaneously faces adulthood, fame

BY ALLISON STEWART
Chicago Tribune

Lili Trifilio, the primary singer and songwriter for the surf pop project known as Beach Bunny, has often written about the adulthood she knew would one day come for her. The terrifying inevitability of her grown-up future was a frequent songwriting topic even in her earliest days, years before she knew what becoming an adult might look like.

In a few months, Trifilio, 22, will graduate from DePaul University with a degree in journalism, just as Beach Bunny is slowly picking up momentum. The band's newest EP, "Prom Queen," got national attention when it dropped last summer. On Thursday, Beach Bunny will play one of the biggest shows of its nascent career at Lincoln Hall.

Trifilio feels increasingly torn between the career in music she wants, and the practical future already laid out for her. "I'm trying not to overthink it too much, because I get very stressed," she says. "We're all just kind of like, do we get adult jobs, or what do we do? There's definitely a pressure to jump into a full-time, really time-consuming career, but I think since music's doing really well right now, (we're) just making sure it's still a priority, and just trying to figure out what we can do post-college to make sure we can be financially stable, but still tour frequently."

Beach Bunny started out as an acoustic solo project. Its first real song, "6 Weeks," was something Trifilio assembled for fun, in her parents' house. "I showed my neighbor, and she was like, 'That's so good. You have to put it everywhere. You should promote it.' Once it got a lot of good feedback, I was like, maybe I should start playing shows or something."

Trifilio had played briefly in the folk duo Fingers x Crossed, with her friend Rachel Vogrich, but otherwise had little live experience. "We played a couple of shows, so it wasn't the hardest transition, just because I'd been onstage a couple times before," Trifilio says. "But it was definitely scary, because I couldn't lean on her."

Beach Bunny's 2015 debut EP, "Animalism," was winsome,



BEACH BUNNY

Surf-pop outfit Beach Bunny (from left, Jon Alvarado, Lili Trifilio, Matt Henkels and Aidan Cada) play a high-profile gig at Lincoln Hall Thursday.

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Where: Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave.

Tickets: \$13-\$15; 773-525-2501 or www.lh-st.com

deeply felt, and often unsparingly sad. "All my previous songs before 'Prom Queen' were kind of like, breakup songs, or sad songs," says Trifilio. "But that was just because I was writing about what I was going through at the time, and people put the label of sadgirl music, or emo music or whatever, just because I was singing a bunch of sad stuff."

Beach Bunny's songs are intimate and practical in a way that recalls Liz Phair — with whom Trifilio is unfamiliar. But like Phair, her audience is heavily comprised of young women. At shows, "the younger girls run up, and they're like, 'This song helped me so much. This boy broke up with me and I was so sad.' I would

never want to write a song that's so self-deprecating, or too dark or too vulnerable in a negative way that would make them feel bad about themselves."

Trifilio worries about the effects of writing too many breakup songs, or not writing enough. When she wrote the title track to "Prom Queen," a song about the tyranny of beauty standards ("I'm no Quick Curl Barbie / I was never cut out for prom queen / If I'm pretty, will you like me?"), it felt to her like a terrifying departure.

"I was very scared to release that, because it was social commentary and not a personal, gut wrenching heartbreak song," she says. "I was scared people were gonna be like, 'That's cool, but that's not what we came to expect.' Since that song did well, it's slightly easier for me to be like, 'It's OK if this song is a little bit out there, or maybe doesn't talk about just, like, boys.'"

The "Prom Queen" EP was

Beach Bunny's first real work as a group. Trifilio recruited the other members after she entered a battle of the bands in Elgin in 2017. There was \$1,000 in prize money, and she thought the publicity would help — and realized she needed to actually have a band to compete.

The newly populated Beach Bunny made it as far as the semifinals, by which time its new members had already bonded. "I didn't even need to have the conversation, like, 'Do you guys want to do this, or not?' At that point, we were already a little family."

Beach Bunny had been hers alone, a way for the self-proclaimed "control freak" to express her most private dorm room thoughts, but its conversion from a bedroom-y project to a sturdy four-piece has been mostly smooth. Trifilio has remained in charge. "It's democratic as far as, 'Should we get this color shirts?' But as far as songwriting, it's pretty much just me."

As Beach Bunny prepares for its fraught, promising future, outward signs of success have begun to pile up. "Prom Queen" was successful in a low-key, indie way, as was a just-ended tour that brought Trifilio to New York City for her first visit ever. The Lincoln Hall homecoming show has also made her feel optimistic, at a time when she needs it the most.

"At the beginning, a lot of people, not that they thought it was bad or anything, but they were just like, 'Oh, you know, it's a hobby, something that will fade out and stuff,'" she says. "Now, since it's doing well, I try to make a point of showing how serious I am about it. I think people for the most part are encouraging, like, 'Yeah, you should do what you can, while you're still young.'"

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IN PERFORMANCE

Force of nature
White Mystery
is pure Chicago

BY STEVE KNOPPER
Chicago Tribune

On Christmas Day, Miss Alex White of the roaring Chicago garage-punk duo White Mystery posted an early Instagram photo from the band archives. It shows her as a 5-year-old, surrounded by Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Masters of the Universe presents, a Little Golden Book with puppies on the cover and her 3-year-old brother, Francis Scott Key White. Their matching hair is so bright-red that it threatens to burn out the photo.

"It's just a very typical North Side Chicago picture," Alex says, by phone from the West Rogers Park two-flat where the siblings have lived their entire lives. "You've got Francis wearing his little Chicago Bears sweatshirt. 31 years old, and he's still wearing a Chicago Bears sweatshirt. Not very much has changed."

Not everything was happy about the Whites' family Christmases. "We would get all these gifts, and my mom would make me return all the ones that required batteries," Alex White continues. "I got a Pottery Wheel and it was the coolest thing ever — and my mom made me return it! We were raised simply. We loved Legos and we loved our instruments."

Now that they've exceeded 100 songs, 1,000 concerts, 200,000 miles on the road and 10 years as a band, Francis and 33-year-old Alex are starting to contemplate the next phase of White Mystery. The first one began when they

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were kids — they banged around with a Fisher-Price piano and a saxophone and created a song called "Baby Blues," then took piano lessons together at Warren Park, listening to their parents' Rolling Stones and Who records all the while.

When she was 11, Alex ventured to ska shows at Metro, then took guitar lessons a couple of years later. Francis switched to drums. They played together frequently, sometimes in actual bands. Alex was in the Red Lights, the Hot Machines and Miss Alex White and the Red Orchestra — the latter of which was a side project while she earned her business-management degree at DePaul University. The "eureka" moment, as she called it, came when she looked down at the sidewalk and saw a silver Airheads candy wrapper labeled "White Mystery, 'Out of Control.'"

"We decided to start our band based off that," recalls Francis, who had regularly purchased Airheads at a shop near his bus transfer while attending Lane Tech College Prep High School.

Flailing their distinctive long hair, approximating the White Stripes/Black Keys vocals-guitar-drums template, the Whites developed a melodic, upbeat rock 'n' roll style in which Alex shouts to



DIANE ALEXANDER WHITE PHOTO

Francis Scott Key (left) and Alex White are rock duo White Mystery.

be heard over her power chords and Francis' rumbling drums. Then she sings even louder than that. Their first few albums were fast and tight, barely more than two minutes per song, but they stretched out and experimented over time — 2014's "Follow Me, Jack Rabbit" might as well be on Led Zeppelin's "IV." For last year's "Hellion Blender," they went back to simplicity.

"We talked about how this would be a return to our punk albums," Alex says.

The album's best song is "Two Flats," which Francis White wrote on his phone while driving through an especially cold stretch of Chicago winter — it's rambling and non-linear but covers an impressive stretch of local culture and history, from John Wayne Gacy to John Dillinger, from the Red Line to the Lady in Red. "Snowflakes in the dark start looking really eerie," he says. "I started working from there, and every thought I had about Chicago came pouring out, I guess."

"Hellion Blender" ends on two spoken-word tracks, "Disco Ball" and "Part Deux," in which Francis recites dark lyrics about crucifying witches, snake bites and panicked crowds. They were inspired, in part, by the band's 2008 New Year's Eve Empty Bottle show opening for Jay Reatard. The singer-songwriter, who died a few weeks later, memorably tore down a giant disco ball during his set. "I think I wrote both of those while I was trying to fall asleep next to my girlfriend, who I'd recently started dating," Francis says. "And trying to come to terms with my experiences on the road and return to normalcy and not being alone and seeking out companionship, and dealing with all the thoughts and feelings and resentments growing inside me."

By phone, the Whites are reflective, comparing their early days of relentless touring in a Pontiac Vibe with almost no money to their 2014 Levi's print-and-billboard campaign and their

recent opening slot for Austin rock hero Roky Erickson. For their Cubby Bear show this weekend, they'll play a 90-minute career retrospective, from 2010's "White Mystery" to "Hellion Blender." After that, the indie band will retrench and work on a book that recalls what Francis calls "a decade of rock 'n' roll experience and entrepreneurship and telling stories of triumph and defeat." Alex is on a Jan. 29 DePaul University panel at Merchandise Mart titled Entrepreneurship in the Creative Arts.

Beyond that, they haven't contemplated their future as a band. "Like the rest of the world, we're transitioning, and trying to figure things out," Francis White says. "One thing I know is, I love playing music with my sister, so I don't think I'm ever going to stop."

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Bar embraces Japanese tradition

BY GRACE WONG
Chicago Tribune

You may have heard of omakase sushi, where chefs create a dazzling array of dishes to tantalize your palate, highlight rare ingredients and demonstrate their prowess. Well, Julia Momose is taking the idea of omakase to cocktailing with Kumiko, her bar in the West Loop.

Experience omakase at the eight-person bar — the rest of the dining area is a la carte. Momose, one of Food & Wine's best mixologists of 2016 and formerly of GreenRiver and The Office at Aviary, said she hopes to have conversations with her guests and create a special experience for them.

"Omakase is not a one-way street," she said. "It's a conversation between the bartender and the guest to create the best possible pairings for that person."

Kumiko is a partnership between Momose and Cara and Noah Sandoval, general manager and chef of Oriole. Momose's husband, Sammy Faze, will join her behind the bar, and she's brought on Mariya Russell, formerly at Oriole, as chef de cuisine, who will run the kitchen with Noah Sandoval,



Julia Momose hopes to create a unique experience at Kumiko.

executive chef. Russell's husband, Garrett, will also help with the bites, five of which are paired with the cocktails during the omakase experience. Look for small dishes like loup de mer grilled over binchotan coals, and steamed buns with Berkshire pork belly.

"We're really embracing beverages that go well with food," Momose said.

While the official menu is not yet final-

ized, Momose said the drinks will highlight shochu, sake and spirit-frees, what Momose calls her nonalcoholic cocktails.

"I really want people to taste sake and shochu and Japanese tea outside the realm of cocktails," Momose said. "I want them to try something new in cocktail form and then have them try it on its own."

Spirit-free cocktails will have just as much focus as the alcoholic ones. Her parents, who live in Japan, don't drink alcohol and are the inspiration for her championing of spirit-free beverages.

Kumiko is more than a year in the making, and Momose made multiple trips to Japan to pick out ingredients and glassware. You'll even find small ceramics her parents sent her from Japan.

"I've never had a baby before, but it really is like a baby with every little piece coming together and having seen it from an empty shell to what it is now," Momose said.

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— Grace Wong

WHERE TO EAT NOW

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. Reviewers make every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

Osteria Langhe This cheerfully minimalist restaurant focuses on the food and wine of the Piemonte. Menu highlights include flawless risotto and beautiful prosciutto-wrapped rabbit. Open: Dinner Monday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$17-\$25. 2824 W. Armitage Ave., 773-661-1582. — Phil Vettel

Osteria Trulli Fans of Lincoln Square's Trattoria Trullo (now closed) and the original Macello's (now under new owners) in the Market District will be happy to know that chef Giovanni DeNegrì has set up shop in Arlington Heights, cooking the masterful cucina povera of his native Puglia. Don't skip the excellent wood-oven pizzas, or whatever whole fish DeNegrì is roasting that day. Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$20-\$34. 1510 E. Hintz Road, Arlington Heights, 224-347-1010. — Phil Vettel

Oyster Bah As the name suggests, this is a seafood restaurant with a New England accent. In theatrically seafarin' surroundings, you'll find excellent oysters, New England stuffies and a bountiful lobster roll. Open: Dinner daily, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$28. 1962 N. Halsted St., 773-248-3000. — Phil Vettel

Pacific Standard Time PST was one of the most eagerly anticipated openings of 2018, largely because of its impressive pedigree: Chef Erling Wu-Bower delighted palates as chef at Nico Osteria, and Joshua Tilden, who was former director of strategic operations at One Off Hospitality. California cuisine inform Wu-Bower's vision; what helps him execute that vision are twin wood-burning hearth ovens, which produce one delight after

another. Open: Dinner daily, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$20-\$35. 141 W. Erie St., 312-736-1778. — Phil Vettel

Parachute In a cozy corner in Avondale, husband-wife chef duo Johnny Clark and Beverly Kim use Korean ingredients to bring new, unexpected nuance to familiar dishes. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$36. 3500 N. Elston Ave., 773-654-1460. — Phil Vettel

Passerotto Passerotto serves up "fun Korean fare" with a smidgen of Italian from chef-owner Jennifer Kim. Well-composed small plates are consistently interesting, approachable with a touch of the unexpected. Prices are low enough to encourage multiple tastes, and the large plates are family-style platters that add a communal element to dining. Kim does nice work with raw fish, seasoning them sparingly and highlighting their pristine flavor. Star large plates include the soondubu, a stew featuring clams, mussels and tofu in a kimchi broth, sort of a Korean bouillabaisse. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Small plates \$9-\$16; shared entrees \$32-\$38. 5420 N. Clark St., 708-607-2102. — Phil Vettel

Prime & Provisions This steakhouse ages and cuts its Black Angus steaks in-house and augments its excellent beef with impressive side dishes and appetizers (the thick-cut bacon and the crab-lobster cake in particular). The star dessert is the "table-side s'mores," Amy Arnold's smoking (literally) take on a campfire classic. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$29-\$72. 222 N. LaSalle St., 312-726-7777. — Phil Vettel

Publican Anker This Wicker Park spot offers a little bit of everything. Find a wide selection of vegetable and fish dishes, which often come with exceptional bread made by Publican



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Portsmouth The Dana Hotel in River North has been home to a few shrug-worthy restaurants over the years, but in Portsmouth, a restaurant operated by the Fifty/50 group, the Dana has a restaurant worthy of attention. New England native Nate Hensler offers seafood dishes that are thoughtful and delicious, skirting the usual clichés; there's no lobster roll on the menu, for instance, but there's a crabmeat-stuffed bao with herbed mayo. Even cacio e pepe, above, gets sumptuous uni butter and caviar. Pastry chef Chris Teixeira follows the fishy theme with desserts inspired by coastal cities worldwide, and a bread program that offers nori ciabatta and bonito-flake sourdough. Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$29-\$62. 660 N. State St., 312-202-6050. — Phil Vettel

Quality Bread, or opt for the pub burger, which exudes umami like Ryan Gosling radiates charm. Beer and cocktails are worth a look, but the wine list offers more surprises. Open: Dinner daily, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$12-\$29. 1576 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-904-1121. — Nick Kindelsperger

Quiote This bilevel Logan Square Mexican restaurant wants to be your round-the-clock dining destination — your local morning cafe, casual lunch-hour taqueria, trendy neighborhood dinner spot and even late-night bar. It mostly succeeds, with considerably good tacos and some of the best tortas in the city. The basement mezcal

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Ramen Shinchan Shinchan is a fine example of southern Japanese cuisine. It's there that I encountered Chicagoland's finest bowl of tonkotsu ramen — the bloodstream-haltingly rich and savory broth cooked from pork bones. The chef's treatment of tonkotsu is classic, no culinary twists or dialing down for Western palates. Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$8-\$12. 1939 S. Plum

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River Roast Well-known chefs Tony Mantuano and John Hogan are behind this riverfront restaurant. The sized-for-two roasted entrees are the stars, including an insanely good chicken. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$25, entrees-for-two \$39-\$42. 315 N. LaSalle St., 312-822-0100. — Phil Vettel

Roister This boisterous, messy, decidedly un-Alinea restaurant from the Alinea group offers nearly all of its dishes cooked on a 6-foot-high open hearth. Plates have no common denominator except for a fearless use of acidic and fermented flavors. Fair warning: The dining room is loud. Reservations are made via online tickets, but some walk-in dining is possible. Open: Dinner daily, brunch Friday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$31-\$59. 951 W. Fulton Market. — Phil Vettel

RPM Steak This chic, sleek steakhouse exceeds expectations in so many ways I can scarcely list them all. There are superior cocktails in the bar, which offers great people-watching; a dizzying array of beefy options, from grass-fed steaks to A5 Japanese wagyu; superb seafood; and a memorable chicken. Dinner-jacket-clad servers are utterly professional. I feel more sophisticated eating here. Also somewhat underdressed. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$23-\$155. 66 W. Kinzie St., 312-284-4990. — Phil Vettel

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THE THEATER LOOP

BY CHRIS JONES



Chris Jones' wishes for theater in 2019

Happy New Year! Here are some of my wishes for 2019.

Chicago's officially designated Year of Chicago Theatre has real and lasting impact: What does the Year of Chicago Theatre mean? In essence, it's a grab-bag of marketing resources and, if it is doing its job, you should be hearing a lot more about Chicago theaters in 2019 than in previous years. Expect to see advertisements at Chicago's O'Hare Airport while you wait for your bags; a theater-themed film series next summer at Millennium Park; theater-themed motifs at city-sponsored parades and other events; some modest amounts of cash finding their ways to your favorite theater companies and lots of new, out-of-town tourism commercials extolling the virtues of Our Town's thespian population. Let's all hope that this parting gift to Chicago's theaters from the Emanuel administration results in some real growth in service of theatrical excellence. And let's further hope it helps audiences grow.

The new mayor cares about the arts: We've heard worrying little so far about Chicago's arts-and-culture sector from the current crop of mayoral candidates. Sure, the city has many pressing problems, beginning with the curse of gun violence that threatens to derail so much of what has been achieved. But the arts — which provide enrichment, education and employment — are part of that solution. In my experience, politicians rarely have a sophisticated appreciation of these things unless they attend arts events regularly. So let's hope that the new mayor sees things this way. And is willing to go to the theater with fellow Chicagoans and laugh, cry and learn how to walk for a while in the shoes of another.



TIMELINE THEATRE COMPANY

A rendering of what the renovated TimeLine facade could like in a few years once finished.

The Pritzker administration revives the arts across Illinois: The art have been languished statewide in recent years, not just as a consequence of the state's fiscal crisis, but due to a lack of attention from elected state officials. Let's hope that J.B. Pritzker turns that inertia into action, and lends his presence and clout to the arts all across the State of Illinois. Let's hope we get his reading lists, award recognition, show recommendations, and far better fiscal understanding for those arts entrepreneurs who want to bring hope to struggling communities.

Hard hats appear at the Uptown Theatre: The long-awaited Uptown

Theatre renovation — as I reported several times this year — now is a done deal. But skeptics want to see the actual crews in action before they believe. This is understandable, given the intensity of feeling about this particular theater and all the false starts of the past. So let's all hope that, once the weather improves, we'll see hard-hatted workers, painters and plasterers all walking through the door ready to go to work.

The Uptown Entertainment District continues to grow: I'm applying capital letters to the Uptown Entertainment District to make the point that huge development progress was made in 2018 on this neighborhood on Chicago's

North Side. The pieces are coming together for a vibrant place to experience Chicago nightlife and theaters must be a part of that, along with the storied music venues in the neighborhood. That's already happening — TimeLine Theatre Company has plans to move to the corner of Broadway and Argyle Streets, the drag venue known as The Baton is headed Uptown, and other creative entrepreneurs are looking at space. Instead of the artificiality of the Lincoln Yards neighborhood — theaters never do well in fake 'hoods — let's hope for a vibrant cultural impact in, and on, what already is a district teeming with artistic history. In 2019, Uptown is rising.

"Hamilton: The Exhibition" is a quality experience: The planned arrival in April of "Hamilton: The Exhibition" is an important event for Chicago, not least because it is coming here first. This months-long premiere stop will test the premise of whether the brand that is "Hamilton," the musical, can be extended beyond the show into a museum-life experience themed around the Founding Fathers. Will all the out-of-towners who have been coming to Chicago come back here to see "Hamilton: The Exhibition," even if they have to trek out to Northerly Island? Can this new endeavor really draw? Those are the questions and the answer lies in the degree to

which the exhibition can (or can't) match the quality of the show. Will it be a must-see? An international magnet for "Hamilton" fans? If so, that could be a major boost for Chicago's culture and tourism. But it won't be easy. This is not something that Broadway musicals have tried before. Hamilton Inc. will have to knock it out of the park and into the lake.

Steppenwolf Theatre Company gets its expansion: Steppenwolf Theatre, for all its faults, remains this city's most powerful brand in the realm of legitimate theater. It deserves an upgraded physical plant — most especially a decent second stage that does not require an audience to travel in a cramped elevator to the fifth floor and to what should be a rehearsal space. Lincoln Park's Halsted Street corridor would look a whole lot better with an upgraded — you might say, finally completed — Steppenwolf campus. And the North Side's most unsightly parking garage would make a long-overdue exit. Look for good news here in 2019.

The audience diversifies: Chicago theaters have done an excellent job at diversifying their contracted workers and their programming. But it remains challenging for most of them to attract audiences beyond the traditional base that has supported Chicago theater for decades. Let's hope theaters can put some of the focus in 2019 on expanding who wants to come and watch. The answer isn't just in writing grants or looking for funding — it's about really connecting with ordinary Chicagoans from all across the city and touching their hearts with hope.

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"Blue Man Group" ★★½
"Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. The Blue Men still chomp marshmallows, bang drums and paint up audience members — but this remains a fine gateway for the young into the arts. If you've never had the pleasure, go. *Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at www.ticketmaster.com*

"Familiar" ★★
The aptly named "Familiar," now at Steppenwolf under the skilled direction of Danya Taymor, is by Danai Gurira, a hugely successful Zimbabwean-American actress and playwright and the daughter of immigrant parents. It's about the marriage of a young lawyer named Tendikayi (Lanise Antoine Shelley) to an American named Chris (Erik Hellman), and the debate of how much attention the inter-racial nuptials should pay to Zimbabwean traditions. This production sometimes sacrifices truth for laughs, but "Familiar" is written with great empathy. *Through Jan. 13 at the Steppenwolf Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St.; \$20-\$109 at 312-335-1650 or www.steppenwolf.org*

"Gaslight District" ★★
The best work in the new Second City e.t.c. Stage revue "Gaslight District" engages at an equal level with the paying customers in the seats. For example, there's a terrific Uber Pool

bit mocking the faux communities that emerge in the traffic-snarling world of shared rides. And cast member Jasbir Singh Vazquez plays a guy who shows up at the offices of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, requesting his own deportation. Vazquez is as good as anyone I've seen on the e.t.c. Stage. I wouldn't say new director Anneliese Toft's revue is fully secure in its own skin, but it's funny and knows how to hit hard against soft targets. *Open run on the Second City e.t.c. Stage, 1608 N. Wells St. in Piper's Alley; \$21-\$48 at 312-337-3992 and www.secondcity.com*

"Hamilton" ★★
This heartland "Hamilton" is performed by players mostly younger and less experienced than the original New York cast and is less flashy. But it is more in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a spectacular democratic experiment. And in Chicago, a city where theater is founded on truth, it is somehow very much more human and vulnerable. That Chicago-style sensibility is led by Miguel Cervantes, the superb actor in the title role. *Open run at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; \$65-\$400 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"The Steadfast Tin Soldier" ★★
The hero of the gorgeous new show at Lookingglass Theatre is tormented by a big baby, swallowed by a



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Sandra Delgado and Laura Crotte star in "La Ruta."

HOT TICKET

"La Ruta" ★★
Chicago playwright Isaac Gomez, who grew up in El Paso, Tex., wrote "La Ruta" for the women of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico; this new drama with music is now in a world-premiere production at Steppenwolf Theatre directed by Sandra Marquez. Hundreds, if not thousands, of young women working in the maquiladoras, or factories, have disappeared without a trace over the past decade, and Gomez clearly wanted to do right by those women. There is work yet to do on "La Ruta," but this is a deeply committed play. *Through Jan. 27 at Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St.; \$20-\$89 at 312-335-1650 or www.steppenwolf.org*

storm drain, chased by a rat and incinerated. Mary Zimmerman's new adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" is barely more than an hour long and does not use a lick of human speech. But this is a major new work, with the message that we don't die, we merely change shape. It's one holiday show you don't want to miss, and it's still playing on Michigan Avenue for another week or so. *Through Jan. 13 at Lookingglass Theatre in the Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave.; \$35-\$85 at 312-337-0665 or www.lookingglass theatre.org*

"The Woman in Black" ★★½
"The Woman in Black," now at the Royal George Theatre, is an old-school gothic ghost story, adapted by Stephen Mallatrat from the novel by Susan Hill about a young lawyer sent to a remote English house to deal with a dead woman's affairs. Plenty of people could tell you what happens next. Director Robin Herford's 1987 production was such a hit that it moved to London's West End, where it plays to this day. Chicago's show is actually directed by Herford, starring Adam Wesley Brown and Bradley Arma-

cost. With low levels of lighting, amplified sound effects and no digital trickery, this is most certainly the scariest show in town. *Through Feb. 17 at the Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at 312-988-9000 or theroyalgeorgetheatre.com*

"Women of Soul" ★★
What qualifies someone to be a woman of soul? At the Black Ensemble Theater — which prides itself on welcoming everyone — you can hear a cast of eight women performing numbers made famous by Mahalia Jackson, Natalie Cole, Janis

THEATER OPENINGS

Monday

"I Call My Brothers": A car bomb rocks Stockholm and leaves the Arab-Swedish Amor on an edge as he tries to live out his quotidian life amid heightened identity politics. *Through Feb. 2 at Rivendell Theatre, 5775 N. Ridge Ave.; 312-219-4140 and www.interoabangtheatre.org*

Wednesday

"The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical": As a son of Poseidon, Percy Jackson has newly discovered powers he can't control, monsters on his trail, and is on a quest to find Zeus' lightning bolt to prevent a war between the Greek gods. *Through Jan. 13 at the Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St.; 800-775-2000 and www.ticketmaster.com*

Joplin, Mary J. Blige, Gloria Gaynor, Donna Summer, Whitney Houston and Adele, among others. The evening ends with a glorious musical tribute to Aretha Franklin. Penned and directed by Daryl D. Brooks, "Women of Soul" is all about the vocal talents in the room, such as Jerica Exum, Cynthia Carter and relative newcomer Hannah Efsits. If you're a fan of this genre, you'll think, what's not to like in such a show? And you'd be right. *Through Jan. 27 at Black Ensemble Theater, 4450 N. Clark St.; \$55-\$65 at 773-769-4451 or www.blackensembletheater.org*

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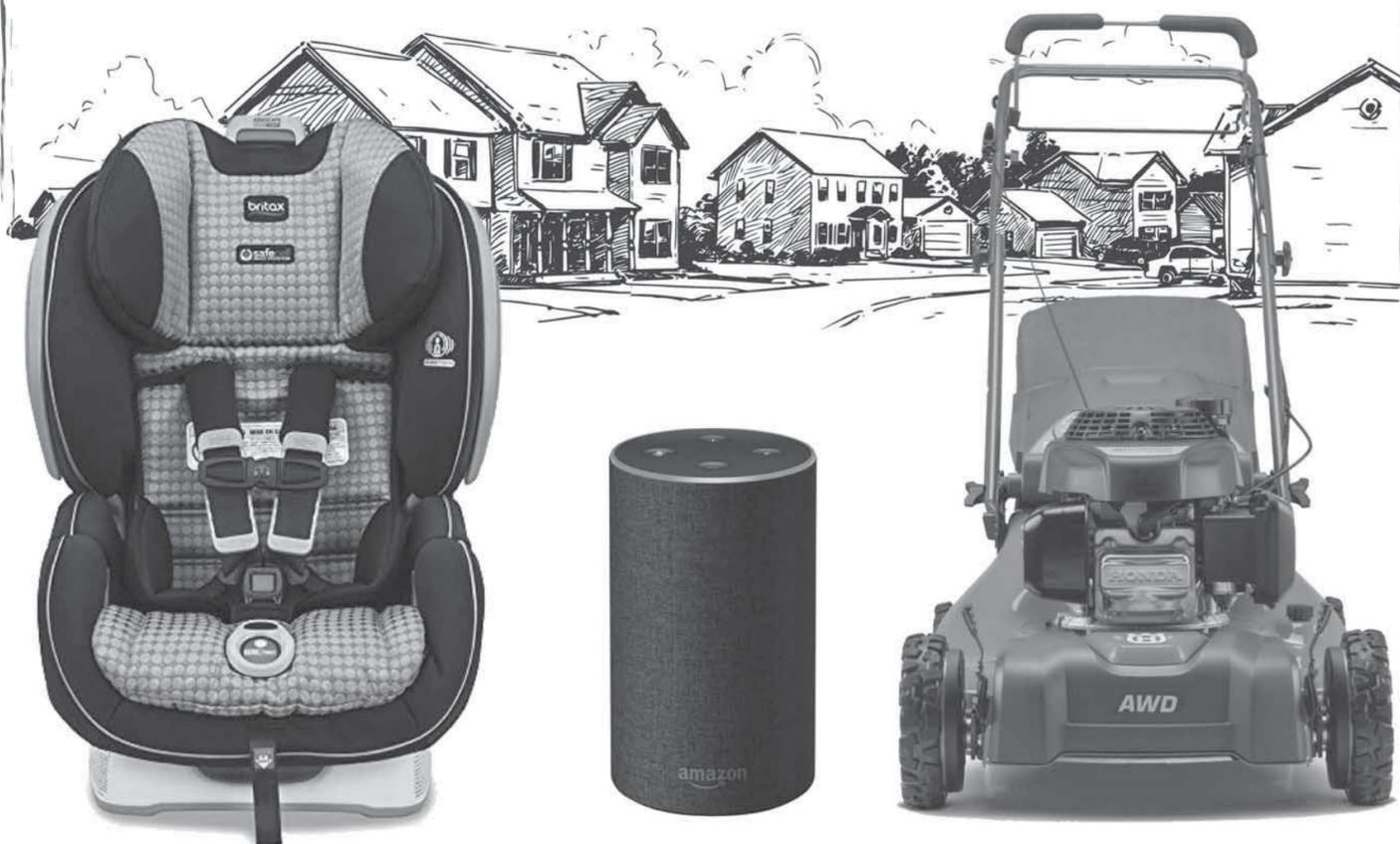
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These cars won't be returning for 2019

It's time to mourn the vehicles whose time has come and gone, passing into the great beyond for the 2019 model year:

Alfa Romeo 4C

Coupe: If you're going to have fun in an affordable Italian sports car, one that has a Formula 1-inspired carbon fiber monocoque chassis, you'd want it to be a droptop, right? That's why Alfa Romeo's seductive 4C Spider convertible remains in production, while the 4C Coupe has been axed.



Cadillac ATS

Sedan: Cadillac's compact sedan joins the Catera and Cimarron as GM consolidates its sedan line-up. Given consumers' preference for compact crossovers like Cadillac's excellent new XT4, it's little wonder this cramped car is dying. The ATS Coupe survives, but only for another year.



Chevrolet City Express

This badge-engineered version of Nissan's NV200 was never popular, despite offering two years of free maintenance. The NV200's sales were more than double Chevy's; Ford's Transit Connect outsold it by more than 4-to-1. Even the Fiat-based Ram ProMaster City outpaced it.



Ford C-Max

Neither good looking nor popular, Ford's hybrid and plug-in hybrid never reached Toyota Prius levels of acceptance, and no wonder. Its fuel economy never matched the Prius's either. And while the C-Max is fun to drive, Ford has failed to update it, a problem that plagues most of its line-up.



Ford Focus

Despite its age, the Focus is still agile and fun to drive, something most of its competitors never mastered. While the Focus's older platform is smaller than newer rivals, it still offers decent practicality and fuel economy. And it's offered as an EV or in high-performance RS and ST trim.



Volkswagen Tiguan Limited

When Volkswagen introduced a larger, better equipped, they continued selling the older, smaller Tiguan as the Tiguan Limited. But the old model's price wasn't cheap enough when comparably equipped to make it competitive. And who wants the old Tiguan anyway?



Not long for the showroom: The Ford Taurus will be built through March; the Ford Fiesta through May. The Volkswagen Beetle will survive through July, offered as "The Final Edition." Opel plans to stop building the Buick Cascada, although GM has not confirmed the report, or when it could happen.

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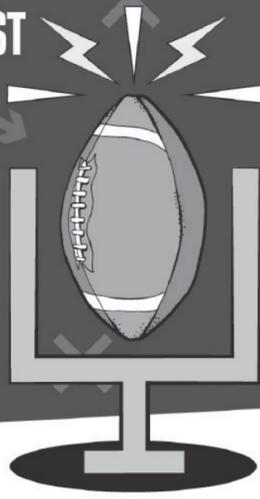
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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker – Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES 2006-3 TRUST, HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff, v. ELLA W. SANDERS; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; COMENITY BANK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH14662 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Ella W. Sanders, 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: Lots Forty-Seven (47) and Forty-Eight (48) in Block Eight (8) in Herron's Subdivision in the North West Quarter (1/4) of section Thirty (30), Township Thirty-Eight (38) North, Range Fourteen (14), East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. 7201 South Seeley Avenue, Chicago, IL 60636 20-30-115-001-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Ella W. Sanders, 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 February 4, 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. Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-netterstrom@manleydeas.com file number: 18-034734 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys

F18090197 LCARE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Nations Lending Corporation, an Ohio Corporation Plaintiff, CASE NO. 18 CH 14799 vs. Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Alberto Diaz aka Alberto Luis Diaz; Wells Fargo Bank, National Association sbm to World Savings Bank, FS; Erica Gonzalez; A.D., a minor heir; G.D., a minor heir; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 14799 2427 Elm Street, River Grove, Illinois 60171 Horan Calendar 61 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Alberto Diaz aka Alberto Luis Diaz, 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 23 IN ELIAS AND NORMAN RESUBDIVISION, A RESUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH EAST FRACTIONAL QUARTER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, P.I.N.: 12-27-424-028-0000 Said property is commonly known as 2427 Elm Street, River Grove, Illinois 60171, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Alberto Diaz and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1722710057 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 4, 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

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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, 2019 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. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 GALINA PATTERSON, purchaser or assignee Judd M. Harris #55136 Dated: January 2, 2019 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net

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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 000030 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. 175-0010199 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: 3928 W. Jackson Blvd., in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-106-019-0000 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, 2018. 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: January 2, 2019 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net

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TO: West Side Management Corporation, c/o Edward J. Novak, registered agent; West Side Management Corporation; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; 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 001796 FILED: March 1, 2018 AMENDED PETITION FILED: December 18, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0010062 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2013-2015) 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: 546 N. Sawyer Avenue in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-11-222-012-0000 Vol. 553 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 8, 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 8, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on May 20, 2019 at 1:00 p.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**

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TO: Edwin Nino Abreu; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; 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 001797 FILED: March 1, 2018 AMENDED PETITION FILED: December 18, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0010064 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2012-2015) 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: 521 N. Sawyer Avenue in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-11-223-014-0000 Vol. 553 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 8, 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 8, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1706, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on May 20, 2019 at 2:30 p.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 8, 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 VESNA VELASQUEZ, purchaser or assignee Judd M. Harris #55136 Dated: January 2, 2019 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net

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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

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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). 22-35-209-025-0000 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 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.; Newpoint Advisors Corporation, c/o USCA, Reg. Agent; Newpoint 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

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TO: OCCUPANT; ELIAS VILLALOBOS; ELIZABETH SALGADO; RAMON SOLIS; Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Cook County State's Attorney; City of Calumet City; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006852 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0005771 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1350 KENILWORTH AVE., CALUMET CITY, IL 60409 Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-20-204-025-0000 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; ARTHUR FARMER; MARY FARMER; PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC; Department of Housing and Urban Development ; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; TASHA WADE; MONTIQUE WADE; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006853 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0005809 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 17419 COMMUNITY ST., LANSING, IL 60438 Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-29-303-012-0000 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; SHENA HAWKINS; BERNICE TERRACES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; HOMEANGEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC D/B/A ADVOCATE REALTY AND MANAGEMENT, LLC; SAGE FAHEY; MARISOL HAMPTON; NORTHWEST PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.; OCCUPANT HAWKINS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006854 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0005829 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3127 BERNICE RD., UNIT #3127-1, LANSING, IL 60438 Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-30-408-057-1019 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 04/09/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month

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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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; SHAMIKA HUGHES; TERRACE GLEN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; DAVID SPENCER; TERRACE GLEN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006855 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0005849 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 18361 TORRENCE AVE., UNIT #18361-T-D, LANSING, IL 60438 Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-31-311-015-1004 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; JAMES LOUGHJIN; THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTSEE TO FIRSTMERIT BANK N.A. TUT 13-8914; TIERRA GRANDE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. F/K/A BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO; OCCUPANT SHERWOOD; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006856 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0005873 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 18332 WENTWORTH AVE., UNIT #D-1, LANSING, IL 60438 Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-32-308-028-1004 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 by applying to the County

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TO: OCCUPANT; AMORY JEAN KNAUFF; ADVANTAGE MANAGEMENT; PRAIRIE PARK AT WHEELING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Kovitz, Shifrin Nesbit; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; PRAIRIE PARK LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006858 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0005881 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 40 PRAIRIE PARK DR., UNIT 2-203, WHEELING, IL 60090 Legal Description or Property Index No. 03-02-100-074-1139 (2014) 03-02-100-080-1139 (2015) n/k/a 03-02-100-82-1139 (2016 & 2017) 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; CYNTHIA HARCUS; LEXINGTON COMMONS COACH HOUSES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; REALMANAGE, LLC D/B/A ALMA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES F/K/A ROWELL, INC. Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. F/K/A LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A LASALLE BANK, F.S.B. F/K/A LASALLE CRAGIN BANK, FSB F/K/A CRAGIN FEDERAL BANK FOR SAVINGS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006862 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0005903 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1056 DEERPATH CT., UNIT #1-5-18-L-A-2, WHEELING, IL 60090 Legal Description or Property Index No. 03-03-100-054-1106 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: BARBARA NELSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF CHARLENE ZAGER; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF FRANK ZAGER; FRANK ZAGER; STEVEN NELSON; OCCUPANT; STEVE ZAGER; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND

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PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006863 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0006059 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8800 S TROY ST., EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60805 Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-01-109-027-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; BELMONT REALTY CORP.; 51ST AVENUE STATION CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; CHATHAM GROVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; RTG-OAK LAWN, LLC; ALLIANCE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LTD.; City of Chicago; OCCUPANT; MELISSA MAZIRM; BRITANY SEARS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006864 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0006113 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 9440 S 51ST AVE., UNIT #E-1, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-04-417-046-1130 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; BRIAN GALLAGHER; Village of Oak Lawn; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; CARL DIVINCENZO; FRANCISCO GUZMAN; MEGHANN JENSEN; TD BANK USA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A TARGET NATIONAL BANK F/K/A RETAILERS NATIONAL BANK; TARGET NATIONAL BANK F/K/A RETAILERS NATIONAL BANK; NANCY STEVILAS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006866 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0006162 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 10013 MOODY AVE., OAK LAWN, IL 60453 Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-08-314-007-0000 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 04/09/2019. 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

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TO: OCCUPANT; MIGUEL GARCIA; ETHEL MAUL; CARLOS GARCIA; DESTINEY GUZMAN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006867 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0006170 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 10004 S. 52ND AVE., OAK LAWN, IL 60453 Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-09-311-025-0000 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT BE; OCCUPANT, UNIT 1E; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2E; OCCUPANT, UNIT BW; OCCUPANT, UNIT 1W; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2W; JAMES HIMMELL; BARBARA MAZUR; PATRICIA ELLIS; Illinois Department of Employment Security; Illinois Attorney General; RENT COLLECTOR; DENISE FOSTER; AUSTIN HAYNES, UNIT 2W; YURIDIA LARA, UNIT 1W; CLIA MARTINEZ; MARCELLUS MIREE, UNIT 2W; MARKUS MIREE, UNIT 2W; TRAVERA MIREE-HAYNES, UNIT 2W; ROSLYN SMITH, UNIT BW; DOUGLAS WARE; ROSLYN SMITH, UNIT BW; MAURICIO FLORES, UNIT 1W; OCCUPANT SIMS, UNIT 1E; OCCUPANT THOMAS UNIT 1E; OCCUPANT THOMAS UNIT BE; J. KHENDI; GENEVA TAYLER, UNIT 2W; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006868 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0006199 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 49821 S. CRAWFORD AVE., A/K/A PULASKI RD., EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60805 Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-11-124-051-0000 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO

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TO: OCCUPANT; ANTONIO ELLIS; CONNEMARA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Kovitz, Shifrin Nesbit; CACV OF COLORADO, LLC; VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD; KATE JENSEN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006870 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0006274 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 10445 MANSFIELD AVE., UNIT G-7, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-17-217-020-1022 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; RICHARD VINYARD; FIELDCREST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; FIRST MIDWEST BANK F/K/A GREAT LAKES BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BLUE ISLAND; TAXPAYER OF: SCOTT VINYARD; OCCUPANT CARTER; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006871 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0006399 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4948 W CIRCLE CT., UNIT #708, CRESTWOOD, IL 60445 Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-33-403-096-1142 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

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TO: OCCUPANT; DAISY APOLLO; CARLETTE APOLLO; NAGLE AVENUE PARKING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; JESS FOREST; NAGLE AVENUE PARKING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; 1608 N. NAGLE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; 1600-12 N NAGLE, LLC; 1608 N. NAGLE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006920 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009443 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1614 N NAGLE AVE., UNIT #11, CHICAGO, IL 60707 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-31-423-053-1011 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3; U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AHL1; JAZMIN CRUZ; OLGA BELTRAN; JENNIFER GAMA; OCCUPANT DAVALOS; OCCUPANT LASSALLE; OCCUPANT PACHECO; OCCUPANT ROMAN; VENTURA DAVALOS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006921 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009451 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2162 N MELVINA AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60639 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-32-119-042-0000 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; DUSTIN ANDREWS; SPAULDING PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GUARANTEED RATE, INC.; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC; GUARANTEED RATE, INC.; CONNECTED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC D/B/A CONNECTED FIRE SAFETY SERVICES; GEOFFREY CREEDEN; NATALIE ANDREWS; SAMUEL RIOLO; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006922 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold

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06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009602 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2016 N SPAULDING AVE., UNIT #P-4, CHICAGO, IL 60647 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-35-233-034-1017 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; OSCAR FIGUEROA; ADRIANA TORRES;; NEIGHBORHOOD LENDING SERVICES, INC.; ROSA FIGUEROA; City of Chicago; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006924 FILED: 10/10/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009810 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5251 S WASHTENAW AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60632 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-12-410-018-0000 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; CHRISTIAN ORENES a/k/a ORENES J. CHRISTIAN; CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; City of Chicago; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON C/O BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC; LEXINGTON COMMONS COACH HOUSES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MADONNA LABRANCHE; DARRELL PARROTT; CHRISTIAN ORENES A/K/A ORENES CHRISTIAN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006942 FILED: 10/11/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0010127 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7221 S ROCKWELL ST., CHICAGO, IL 60629 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-25-212-009-0000 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 04/09/2019. 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

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TO: OCCUPANT; KOFFI CISSE; COURTYARD IN FORD CITY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Kovitz, Shifrin Nesbit; AMERICAN COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT, INC. D/B/A ACM COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT; WILLIAM NELSON; LORNA CISSE; DANIEL CISSE; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006943 FILED: 10/11/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0010182 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4233 W 76TH ST., UNIT G-33, CHICAGO, IL 60652 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-27-401-058-1069 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; JOHN MURLASITS; Discover Bank; THERESE KAMMHOLTZ; PATRICK KAMMHOLTZ; PETER KAMMHOLTZ; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006945 FILED: 10/11/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0010266 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 511 W 44TH PL, CHICAGO, IL 60609 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-04-316-024-0000 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; JOEL BROWN; ZELMA WHITE; THORNTON WHITE; PATRICK BROWN;

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CORLISS JONES; ZORAIDA JONES; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006946 FILED: 10/11/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0010292 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 138 W SWANN ST., CHICAGO, IL 60609 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-04-443-029-0000 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; CESAR MORENO; JOSE EVANGELISTA; MARIANA EVANGELISTA; MANUEL MORENO; City of Chicago; ONEMAIN FINANCIAL OF ILLINOIS, INC. F/K/A SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC. F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.; RODRIGO EVANGELISTA; JENNY GUILLEN; ESTEFANI GUILLEN GARCIA; MIGUEL GUILLEN GARCIA; RUTH ANN MORENO; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006947 FILED: 10/11/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0010313 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4629 S HONORE ST., CHICAGO, IL 60609 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-06-421-012-0000 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3; OCCUPANT, UNIT 4; OCCUPANT, UNIT 5; OCCUPANT, UNIT 6; JIMMIE LOCKETT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF JIMMIE LOCKETT; GEORGIA SHAFFERS; ERICA SHAFFERS; CRC - IL, LLC; FNA ELM, LLC; DITECH FINANCIAL LLC; City of Chicago; CORPORATION COUNSELCTY OF CHICAGO; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006949 FILED: 10/11/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0010514 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 834 W GARFIELD BLVD, CHICAGO, IL 60609 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-08-430-022-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of

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redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; REMI ODUNSI; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN BROKERS CONDUIT; CITIMORTGAGE, INC./o C.T. Corporation System; AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE CORP., F/K/A AMERICAN BROKERS CONDUIT ; CITIBANK, N.A.; DANIESHA BATIE ; SAMUEL CANTY; JERRY LEE; MARVIN WILLIAMS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006950 FILED: 10/11/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0010568 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5639 S EMERALD AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60621 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-16-101-032-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; PRINCE & PRINCE HOLDINGS, INC.; Village of Skokie; City of Chicago; LATONYA CHEEKS; TANISHIA CHEEKS; VALERIE NIMOX; FREDDIE SCOTT; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006951 FILED: 10/11/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0010626 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 730 W 61ST PL., CHICAGO, IL 60621 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-16-315-044-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

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TO: OCCUPANT; IDRIS OMOSANYA; PEOPLE IN NEED; LILLIAN WALLACE; MIA STEPHENS; CAVAUGHN MORRIS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006952 FILED: 10/11/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0010628 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 419 W 61ST., CHICAGO, IL 60621 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-16-317-013-0000 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; LYLE WILSON; TAXPAYER OF; FIRST MIDWEST BANK, F/K/A BANCO POPULAR NORTH AMERICA F/K/A BANCO POPULAR ILLINOIS F/K/A PIONEER BANK & TRUST COMPANY; POPULAR BANK F/K/A BANCO POPULAR NORTH AMERICA F/K/A BANCO POPULAR ILLINOIS F/K/A PIONEER BANK & TRUST COMPANY; MARQUETTE NATIONAL BANK F/K/A SUMMIT FIRST SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, FEDERAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A SUMMIT FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk ; JACE MCCUNE; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF JACE MCCUNE; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD006953 FILED: 10/11/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0010631 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 618 W ENGLEWOOD AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60621 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-16-321-087-0000 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 04/09/2019. 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 04/09/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/24/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/09/2019 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.

