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In Burke fallout, ethics plans arise

Mayoral candidates push reform in wake of corruption charges

By JOHN BYRNE, BILL RUTHHART AND GREGORY PRATT
 Chicago Tribune

The cavalcade of government ethics reform proposals kept coming from Chicago mayoral candidates Tuesday amid the fallout from powerful Ald. Edward Burke getting charged by federal authorities with attempted extortion.

Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot pushed stronger conflict-of-interest rules, term limits and for so-called aldermanic privilege that gives aldermen veto power over ward projects to be heavily curtailed. City Hall veteran Gery Chico called for a ban on outside income for elected officials and an end to aldermanic privilege. And public policy consultant Amara Enyia held a news conference Tuesday afternoon to call for similar reforms in front of the Southwest Side Burger King at the heart of the charge that Burke allegedly shook down the restaurant's owners for permits.

It marked the second straight day that many in the field of 15 candidates held news conferences to push reforms in light of the Burke scandal, which has dominated the race for more than a month since the FBI raided Burke's City Hall and ward offices in November.

"I think there is a great deal of pressure building to do something, and I think any time we have an opportunity to consider ethics reforms that make us better and make us less susceptible to these type of transgressions is

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CAROLYN KASTER/AP

President Trump makes his plea for a border wall during a prime-time address Tuesday night from the Oval Office at the White House.

Trump on wall: 'A choice between right and wrong'

But Pelosi, Schumer urge president to end 2nd-longest federal shutdown

By CATHERINE LUCEY, JILL COLVIN AND LISA MASCARO
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a somber televised plea, President Donald Trump urged congressional Democrats to fund his long-promised border wall Tuesday night, blaming illegal immigration for the scourge of

drugs and violence in the country and framing the debate over the partial government shutdown in stark terms.

"This is a choice between right and wrong," he declared.

Democrats in response accused Trump of appealing to "fear, not facts" and manufacturing a border crisis for political gain.

Addressing the nation from the Oval Office for the first time, Trump argued for spending some \$5.7 billion for a border wall on both security and humanitarian grounds as he sought to put pressure on newly empowered Democrats amid the extended shutdown.

Trump, who is scheduled to visit the Mexican border Thursday, invited the Democrats to return to the White House to meet with him Wednesday, saying it was "immoral" for "politi-

cians to do nothing." Previous meetings have led to no agreement as Trump insists on the wall that was his signature promise in the 2016 presidential campaign.

Responding in their own televised remarks, Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer accused Trump of misrepresenting the situation on the border as they urged him to

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STERLING BAY RENDERING

The Lincoln Yards development plan had included Live Nation Entertainment, but that idea is now moot.

It's junkyard for Lincoln Yards plan

Proposal to no longer include 20K-seat stadium, entertainment district



RYAN ORI
 On Real Estate

One of the most ambitious real estate projects ever planned on Chicago's North Side is about to undergo sweeping changes after developer Sterling Bay on Tuesday confirmed Lincoln

Yards no longer will include a 20,000-seat stadium for a soccer team owned by Cubs owner Tom Ricketts and an entertainment district with venues run by Live Nation Entertainment.

Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, on Tuesday emailed constituents to say he told Sterling Bay, the Chicago developer behind the proposed 70-acre, \$5 billion-plus mixed-use project, that he does not support the proposed sports and entertainment venues. Hopkins wants the space that would have been used for a stadium to

instead become open recreational space.

Hopkins also told constituents he wants a proposed entertainment district "replaced by restaurants, theaters, and smaller venues that will be scattered throughout the site. Live Nation will have no ownership interest in any of these venues."

Hopkins' announcement, which came a day after the Tribune reported the alderman was expected to reject the planned

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In new crop of legislators, big names are supplanted

Several won't be back in Springfield as lawmakers sworn in

By MIKE RIOPELL
 Chicago Tribune

The new class of Illinois lawmakers will be sworn into office Wednesday, giving Democrats big majorities in both the House and Senate that could help Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker enact his agenda if they go along.

The last two years of partisan fights, budget wars and tough elections have fueled significant turnover: About 30 percent of the lawmakers who take the oath will be different from the person who sat in the same seat two years ago.

Several Republicans who

voted to raise income taxes in 2017 didn't run for re-election again, and some big names left for other reasons — with several departures robbing the General Assembly of some of its most influential women.

Former Senate Republican leader Christine Radogno stepped aside just before the budget stalemate was resolved. House Speaker Michael Madigan's top deputy, Barbara Flynn Currie, didn't run for re-election. Juliana Stratton will be sworn in as lieutenant governor in less than a week. And state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton won't return after her narrow loss in the Republican gubernatorial primary to Gov. Bruce Rauner.

The biggest names, though,

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JOHN KASS

A true gift from my family: Christmas in the ICU

Before the New Year gets any older, I probably should tell you about the wonderful Christmas gift my family gave to me:

A trip to the emergency room. And then on to the ICU.

They kept me alive. Looking back on all the things that have happened since, I know I'm fortunate to be able to write this.

The doctors say I'm lucky to be alive.

Naturally, some would rather I skipped writing about this, preferring a steaming hot take on politics.

But human nature doesn't change, and the pantheon of dancing political weasels isn't going anywhere. They'll be here tomorrow and the next day, too, their fangs glistening as they brag to George Stephanopoulos about their moral virtue.

So I'll write about my holidays, when there was no time for politics because we had 30 guests coming over for Christmas dinner.

That meant standing rib roasts of beef to cook outside on the smokers to a perfect internal temperature of 125 degrees. And Betty and the boys were scrambling to complete all those other last-minute tasks.

There were roasts to pick up from the butcher, and the grill racks to clean. The lump charcoal to get. Gravy to be made from stock and demi-glace. The wine and spirits and pies to buy, and all those sides to make.

And there was that gorgeous ham waiting for us at the Palace Grill on Madison, where George Lemperis read a column about my ham problem and got it into his stubborn Greek head to cook one for me.

Through all those errands on Christmas Eve, Betty and our sons — and even George — noticed something odd about me. I wasn't myself.

"You all right?" George asked.

Yeah, I'm all right.

But I wasn't.

Because over the previous two or three days, I'd been drinking frightening amounts of pop, eggnog, shakes, floats — anything with sugar in it — as if I were starving, which I found out later, was true. My cells had been

starving. And I didn't know.

And when we secured the beautiful ham in the fridge at home, Betty and our sons confronted me.

"You're going to the hospital right now," said one son.

But we've got 30 people coming over!

"Something's wrong," said the other son, "get in the car."

Later, I said. We have guests.

"No," Betty said, "now!"

As they pushed me into the car, I remember shouting, weakly: Nobody tells me what to do!

But they didn't listen.

I don't remember much else except being in the ICU with IVs in my arms.

That first night, my blood sugar levels reached 976. The doctors said I could easily have fallen into a coma where my brain, kidneys and other organs would have been damaged, perhaps beyond repair.

You have diabetes, said a doctor.

"Diabetes? No! That's impossible!"

I reportedly told the docs in the ICU.

"Diabetes? Ridiculous! What, no pasta?!" Now, I'll never be invited to spaghetti dinner after midnight in Chinatown!!

"Chinatown?" asked the doctors.

The roasts were put into the freezer, the pies and George Lemperis' succulent ham were given away, and I spent about a week chewing crushed ice in a hospital.

I sulked for a day or two. But sulking is dumb. Now I contemplate vegetables and read "nutrition facts" on the back of food packages.

But it's not cancer. It's not ALS. It can be managed.

"You may think of diabetes as something of a friendly disease," said a doctor at the hospital. "You can manage it. And if you manage it, with diet and exercise it will stay somewhat friendly."

"But turn your back on it just once, and it will stab you and stab you and stab you without mercy," he said. "You understand now?"

I think so.

Diabetes is serious business, but I can't help but be amused: The fat man now tries to become the thin man.

The foodie columnist who waxes

on about demi-glace and pasta baked in the juices of roast lamb or chicken is now confined to leafy green vegetables and a couple of ounces of skinless chicken.

Who said irony is dead?

But some 30 million people have diabetes in America, and there are at least double that number who are pre-diabetic, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

I've got a lot to learn about all of this. Perhaps you can help me. Perhaps we can help each other. Many must be like me: unaware of the disease, at risk of coma and worse.

But I do promise that if I become one of those ostentatiously born-again health proselytizers, talking about kale smoothies and carb counts — well, just taze me, bro.

And I haven't told many of my foodie friends. And at least for a while, I think it's a good idea for me to stay out of kitchens, until I begin to figure this thing out. If you quit smoking, do you hang out in a cigar store? If you quit drinking, do you go to a bar?

Clearly some changes are in order. For years I routinely skipped my doctor appointments rather than dare miss a column deadline. That will change. And Zeus the Wonder Dog will be my walking companion. I've already dropped some weight. I can even button my sports coats.

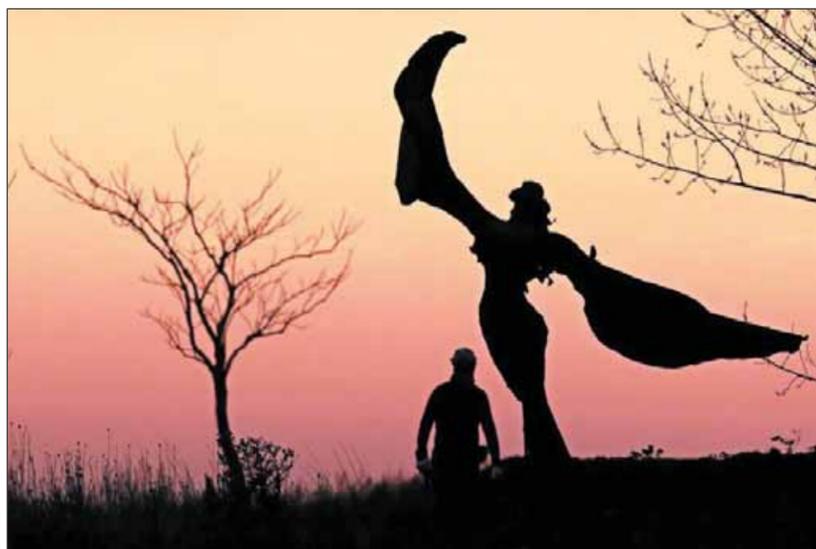
It might be fun to learn about whole grilled fish and oysters and various fish stocks and bouillabaisse. And there's got to be some way to cook broccoli that doesn't make me feel somewhat homicidal.

And though this isn't on the American Diabetes Association website, I am told there is one secret food I may eat without any worry whatsoever: whole roasted politician.

There seems to be a never-ending supply. But do I serve it with horseradish cream or an egg lemon sauce?

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A construction worker begins his work near the Daphne Garden sculpture as the sun rises over Northerly Island on Tuesday.

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Time for New Year's purge — and tips for doing it



MARY SCHMICH

Once upon a time, the most popular word in the New Year's resolution lexicon was "diet" and according to some surveys it still is. But whoever conducts these surveys is clearly not talking to the people I know, for whom the 2019 New Year's buzzword is "purge."

"What did you do over New Year's?" you ask someone.

"I purged!" they say.

I've engaged in conversations like that at least a dozen times in the past few days and the purgers sound as excited as lottery winners.

Remember when purging was called "de-cluttering" or "getting organized?" Those were kinder terms for gentler times.

Sure, sure, Marie Kondo has made a fortune with her book "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" and its recent Netflix spinoff, but I have yet to hear anyone say, "I've been tidying up" when they mean they've been attacking their closets and junk drawers like a junkyard dog on a garbage heap.

Tidying up is for the faint of heart. Purging is for athletes, soldiers, conquerors, and despite its association with political persecutions and other troubling behaviors, it evokes the just-do-it energy many of us need for the New Year's attack on our excess stuff.

"Boy, I love to purge!" testified a colleague who recently got rid of a lot of stuff related to having babies.

I purged last weekend too, and as I did I came up with a few purging principles, which I'd like to share here:

1. Your stuff is never just your stuff. But your stuff is not you.

Your stuff is a reflection of your habits, needs, preoccupations and relationships during the period in which you acquired aforementioned stuff, which means purging is like time travel.

As you sift and sort, you encounter the part of yourself that once thought a fuchsia top was a good idea and wonder: Who was I



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then?

It doesn't matter. The fuchsia top has got to go.

2. If you don't remember you own it, then you may as well not.

"Oh, my God, I'd forgotten I had this!" is the purger's common cry. Remember: Nine times out of 10, if you've forgotten it, it's time to let it go.

3. Sometimes less really is more.

It's better to have less tattered underwear even if it means having less underwear. The same principle applies to paper grocery bags with broken handles and old sponges that will never lose their evil smell.

4. More than two of anything is more than you need.

OK, this doesn't apply to underwear, batteries, fresh garbage bags and dishware. It does apply to phone chargers if you own only one phone.

Speaking of batteries, why do you own so many? Why don't you know if they're new or used?

5. Just because you loved it once doesn't mean you still do.

This truth applies to old books and CDs as surely as it does to certain old relationships. It definitely applies to that fuchsia top you kept because you wore it so often during a time you look back on fondly.

6. A sock with holes in the

heels is as useless as a spoon without a handle.

So what if, according to family legend, your Aunt Mary Louise darned the holes in her brothers' socks? You have never darned in your life and you're not going to start now. Any sock you can't wear is a sock you shouldn't keep.

By the way, you're never going to find the mate to that single glove.

7. Your idea of tasteful has changed.

You realize this as you purge, proof that you have improved with age, even if your fuchsia top has not.

8. Cleaner is better.

Sometimes what you're eliminating in a purge is dirt, the kind you may sense without seeing. How long has it been since you washed the covers on your guest futon or your living room pillows? Never? Me too, but I'm here to tell you: Doing it will make you at least 2 percent happier.

9. There are too many rubber bands in the world.

Purging reveals many mysteries of life, like where do all those rubber bands come from? Why are they cluttering your junk drawer?

10. Just because it's on sale doesn't mean you should buy it.

11. Books can be clutter too.

Don't let the book romanticists tell you otherwise. I dropped several dozen of mine in an Open Books collection box on Sunday and my heart felt 100 pounds lighter. Open Books, a great non-profit bookstore, also picks up: www.open-books.org/donate-books/

12. Wear sunscreen. But not if it has expired.

Why do you own so much expired sunscreen anyway?

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No punishment for an ex-police union head

He won't be ousted from FOP for Van Dyke trial remarks

BY JEREMY GORNER AND CHRISTY GUTOWSKI
Chicago Tribune

An attempt to oust a former president of the union representing thousands of rank-and-file Chicago police officers failed after the local's executive board refused Tuesday to impose any discipline.

The allegations against Dean Angelo Sr. had been brought by Martin Preib, a second vice president of the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police who was part of the slate headed by Kevin Graham, who beat Angelo in a heated election for the three-year post in April 2017.

Preib sought to have Angelo, who sits on the executive board as immediate past president, thrown out of the union for speaking to the news media during then-Officer Jason Van Dyke's trial last fall for the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald.

Preib alleged that Angelo violated union bylaws by misrepresenting himself as the FOP's spokesman while talking to reporters covering the trial at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

A special three-member disciplinary panel appointed by the union to look into the allegations found no evidence of wrongdoing and recommended that no disciplinary action be taken against Angelo, according to sources.

The FOP's executive board, meeting in private Tuesday, backed that recommendation, voting to clear Angelo of wrongdoing, the sources said.

In a statement late Tuesday, Angelo said he felt vindicated by the decision. "This (inquiry) is something that should never have happened," he said.

In the 2017 union election, members of the current FOP leadership campaigned on a vow to take a more confrontational approach to reforming the Police Department, castigating Angelo and others as too accommodating.

Preib has been particularly outspoken, alleging that the media and civil rights lawyers falsely accuse police of misconduct. The union's official communications have adopted that theory, accusing media outlets of nurturing a "blood-thirsty antipathy to the police."

If found guilty of violating bylaws, Angelo would have faced a range of penalties from a written sanction to a fine or even expulsion from the FOP.



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Former Chicago Fraternal Order of Police head Dean Angelo Sr. sits next to Tiffany, the wife of Jason Van Dyke.

In an October letter obtained by the Chicago Tribune, Preib told the union's executive board he had filed charges against Angelo on allegations he had misrepresented himself as the FOP spokesman when he spoke to reporters Sept. 19 and 20 during Van Dyke's trial.

The FOP played a visible role during the trial, picking up the tab for much of the officer's legal defense and showing up in support in the courtroom.

During breaks in the trial, Angelo, who regularly sat by Van Dyke's wife, Tiffany, often spoke to reporters gathered in the front lobby.

In several of those interviews — routinely recorded by the Tribune — Angelo qualified his comments by noting he was not representing the FOP or Chicago police. Instead, he said he

was speaking as a retired department veteran with two adult children now on the police force and as a Van Dyke family friend.

On Sept. 19, reporters asked Angelo about the recent death of Jon Burge, a disgraced former Chicago police commander who went to prison for lying about torturing African-American suspects to coerce confessions to murder.

Angelo prefaced his remarks by saying he had been with the department for 37½ years, his last three as FOP president.

Angelo then defended Burge, saying, "I don't know that Jon Burge got a fair shake based on the years and years of service that he gave the city. But we'll have to wait and see how that eventually plays out in history."

That same day, the FOP posted condolences for Burge on social media as well as a similarly supportive message asserting that the "full story" about Burge had never been told.

In the Oct. 5 letter detailing the charges, however, Preib characterized Angelo's comments on Burge as "inflammatory statements that were not condoned by the Lodge and which jeopardized the legal and media strategy of a high-profile criminal case against a fellow member."

The letter, dated the same day a Cook County jury convicted Van Dyke of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery for each time the 17-year-old McDonald was shot, alleged that Angelo "failed to engage in and carry on such functions that will serve the best interests of this organization and our membership."

Angelo's time as FOP president was rocked by the fallout over the court-ordered release of the police dashboard camera video showing Van Dyke, a white officer, shooting the black teen as he walked away from police with a knife in his hand.

During the campaign, Graham and Preib went after Angelo for, among other things, not pushing back against allegations of police misconduct that they

deemed to be false.

Neither Graham nor Preib could be reached for comment on the vote rejecting disciplinary action for Angelo.

Under Graham's leadership, the FOP routinely declines to comment to the Tribune.

The current FOP leadership suffered a blow last week when a federal appeals court rejected the union's attempt to intervene in court in attempts to reform the Police Department. The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a lower court ruling that the FOP waited too long to try to intervene in litigation against the city to force a consent decree.

The FOP has aligned itself with President Donald Trump, whose administration has argued that too much police oversight could lead to increased violence on the street — a point on which the union leadership agrees.

In the wake of the Van Dyke case, a former police detective and two officers were criminally charged with conspiring to exaggerate McDonald's actions to try to justify the 2014 shooting. A judge deciding their fate after a bench trial is scheduled to announce her decision Jan. 17.

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Organizers don't anticipate this month's rally being on the scale of past Women's March events in Chicago.

'We are ready to fight for humanity'

Chicago student plans local Women's March rally

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

Weeks after Women's March Chicago announced there would be no march in the city this month, a young activist is organizing a rally in the Loop in support of the national movement.

The rally, organized by an activist aligned with Women's March Illinois, is scheduled for 10 a.m. Jan. 19 at Federal Plaza at Adams and Dearborn streets, according to organizers. The event is not associated with Women's March Chicago — and it's not expected to be as large as prior events.

"This will very much be a more informal rally to just be part of this important day of action," said Mrinalini Chakraborty, a founder of Women's March Illinois.

Chakraborty said organizers don't anticipate the rally being on the scale of past Women's March events in Chicago or other cities. The group is helping connect the lead organizer to volunteers and other Chicago activists. A list of speakers had not been announced as of Tuesday.

Jasmine-Marie Cruz, 19, a freshman at Roosevelt University, is leading efforts to organize the gathering, timed to coincide

with events around the country. Cruz started planning the rally, the first she's organized, on Saturday. She started working toward the rally after learning Women's March Chicago wasn't holding a march this year. Cruz said she thought it was important for Chicago to be represented in the national movement.

"The community is so diverse," she said about Chicago. "I want people to be empowered, to feel like there will be change. I think with the government shutdown, people feel powerless."

Cruz, from Kenosha, attended last year's Women's March in Milwaukee and walked away feeling inspired.

"It was so important to me, and I was so inspired by women there," she said.

Cruz has spent the past few days trying to connect with other young activists in Chicago to get support for the rally.

"I want people to see that the next generation is ready and able to continue the fight that so many others started for us," Cruz said. "We are ready to fight for humanity and to fight for equal rights and equal pay and to fight against hate and racial and gender discrimination."

She has identified 10 issues as priorities for those attending the rally, from environmental justice to immigrants' rights.

News of the rally comes weeks after Women's March Chicago announced it would not organize the annual march in January that in the past had drawn thousands of participants to the Loop. Organizers, who are not directly tied to the national organization behind the Women's March, cited high costs as one of the reasons they weren't planning the march this year. The group said much of their resources were used to organize "March to the Polls" in October to spur an uptick in midterm election voting.

Harlene Ellin, a spokeswoman for Women's March Chicago, said organizers have encouraged women to create events to mark the day the national march is taking place. They call the initiative "operation activation," although the group is not formally hosting any event.

"We are calling on Chicago-area women to spearhead or participate in community actions that help other people," Ellin said.

Nationally, Women's March leadership has been rocked by claims of anti-Semitism, in part because of a founder's ties to Louis Farrakhan, whose Chicago-based Nation of Islam has been labeled an anti-Semitic hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

In New Orleans, organizers in late December an-

nounced they were canceling their local Women's March, according to a social media post. Organizers cited a call for leaders of Women's March Inc., to resign as one of the reasons why they weren't moving forward with a local effort. The New York Times reported in December that divisions within the national leadership date back to the start of the marches, when at least one of the organizers expressed concerns about anti-Semitic comments.

Chakraborty said she doesn't see rifts within the movement, and said the topic is much more complex. Women's March Illinois has continued to support the national leadership because of work the organizers have done prior to 2016, Chakraborty said.

"I don't see a division," Chakraborty said. "I see pain, I see questions, I see concerns."

And while a massive march isn't planned for Chicago this time around, Women's March Chicago will follow the efforts of other women's groups across the country ahead of the 2020 presidential election.

"We will be back," Ellin said.

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Top cop calls 2018 'a year of progress,' but a difficult one

BY JEREMY GORNER
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In what could be his final speech to the City Club of Chicago, police Superintendent Eddie Johnson reflected on 2018, a year that saw continued progress in combating violence but also one that came at a personal cost for the department.

Calling 2018 "a difficult year" for the Chicago Police Department, Johnson noted that four officers were killed in the line of duty and that four committed suicide. Another took his life last week. "While police work is often a calling for the men and women within our ranks, it can also be a thankless job," said Johnson, who faces an uncertain future after almost three years at the helm as Chicago elects a new mayor next month.

Johnson's remarks to business and civic leaders came on the same day a front-page story in the Chicago Tribune said the Police Department's mental health assistance program has more than doubled its contacts with officers and their families since 2013 without any significant increase in clinical staffing. The department's employee assistance program has five mental health clinicians, but a police spokesman told the Tribune that six more would eventually be added.

Johnson also called 2018 "a year of progress" as violent crime dropped by double digits for the second consecutive year.

"I'm convinced this is a result of investments in new technology and a renewed commitment to community policing," he said.

Homicides and shootings each fell by 14 percent from 2017, while homicides have dropped 27 percent and shootings 32 percent since 2016, he said.

Two South Side districts — South Chicago and Englewood — saw the fewest shooting incidents in two decades in 2018.

Johnson noted that technology centers — using mobile technology, crime cameras and, in some cases, gunshot detection systems to more quickly notify dispatchers of incidents — have

been added to 13 of the department's 22 district stations.

By the end of the year, all but two districts will have the technology, he said, and similar centers will soon be rolling out for detectives to gather and review video evidence as the department struggles with abysmally low clearance rates for solving shootings and homicides.

But Johnson also credited "old-fashioned police work," noting that officers last year took about 9,800 guns off the street, mostly semi-automatic handguns but nearly 200 assault-style rifles as well.

He also credited more officers having been added to the street over the past two years. The department has hired 2,350 officers, but the net gain hit the stated goal of about 970 officers with retirements and attrition, he said.

He touted a program modeled after one in New York that has started up in a single district, Grand Central, in which beat officers are freed from responding to radio calls to have more time to interact with residents.

"The goal is to find solutions to persistent neighborhood problems," he said.

After the remarks, Johnson told reporters that some people forget that officers are human too. The suicides show how difficult the work can be, he said.

"They see that star and this gun, and they look at us as being robotic," he said.

"They forget that we have families, we have tuitions and mortgages. We have to tend to illnesses just like everybody else."

With Johnson's future uncertain amid the wide-open mayor's race, he said he would like to remain superintendent "long enough" to see some of the reforms within the department that he helped implement take shape.

"We started some things in 2016 that I would like to see to the end," he said.

"The political part of it?" he said. "That's out of my control."

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Foxx calls on any R. Kelly accusers to come forward

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

Citing “deeply, deeply disturbing” allegations in a documentary series detailing longstanding accusations of sexual misconduct against R&B superstar R. Kelly, Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx on Tuesday called on any accusers to come forward.

At an unusual news conference, Foxx said her office cannot launch an effective prosecution without the cooperation of victims and witnesses.

Foxx revealed that the relatives of two missing women have contacted her office with concerns about possible contact with Kelly. A spokeswoman later said both women have been missing for three to four years.

“We’re in the process of trying to get information and conversations going with those who have information,” said Foxx, urging anyone with information about Kelly to contact police or call the prosecutors’ office at 773-674-6492.

Kelly’s local attorney, Steve Greenberg, blasted the top prosecutor’s public call for victims, saying none have come forward because Kelly has not done

anything wrong. “The idea that a prosecutor would solicit potential victims like a late-night personal injury attorney is offensive,” Greenberg told the Tribune. “People know if they are a victim of a crime to contact the police. ... Nobody has come forward and said they were the victim of any misconduct by Mr. Kelly because nobody has been.”

Foxx said authorities need to hear from the victims themselves in order to properly investigate any sexual misconduct claims, acknowledging “the notion of having to come and publicly make allegations is incredibly daunting.”

“This isn’t one of those situations where it’s just forensics,” she said. “We need actual witnesses and victims to have the courage to tell their stories.”

The six-hour documentary, “Surviving R. Kelly,” began airing last week on the Lifetime channel and alleges that he has manipulated young women into joining a sex cult.

Foxx said the documentary deeply disturbed her. “I was sickened by the allegations,” she told reporters at her downtown offices. “I was sickened as a



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Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx speaks about the R. Kelly allegations on Tuesday.

survivor, I was sickened as a mother, I’m sickened as a prosecutor.”

During her successful 2016 campaign for office, Foxx revealed she was sexually abused by a family member when she was a young girl. She also said she was sexually assaulted by two older boys on her way to school as a second-grader.

Foxx held the news conference after her office was “inundated” by calls following the airing of the documentary, a spokeswoman said.

The prosecutor made the public plea amid reports that the controversial star is under criminal investigation in Georgia in the documentary’s aftermath.

The latest revelations come after Cook County prosecutors indicted R. Kelly on child pornography charges in 2002. That

legal saga played out over six years before a jury acquitted him of all charges.

A video at the heart of the case purported to show Kelly having sex with a girl estimated to be as young as 13.

The Grammy winner, who was born Robert Kelly and raised on the South Side, has denied abusing women or running a cult.

While the allegations against Kelly have long been known, the singer has largely enjoyed widespread support, but that support seems to be eroding. A scheduled performance at the UIC Pavilion last year was canceled after public outcry, and the recent Lifetime series has helped bring the troubling allegations into the social-media spotlight.

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Madigan: War with Rauner ‘epic struggle’

Governor set to deliver report on accomplishments

BY MIKE RIOPELL
Chicago Tribune

Days before he leaves office, Gov. Bruce Rauner on Tuesday again renewed his calls for lawmakers to approve his agenda, minutes after his chief political nemesis, House Speaker Michael Madigan, referred to the governor’s term as an “epic struggle.”

Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker takes office Monday, and Rauner is set to deliver to lawmakers in the coming days a report on his accomplishments and hopes for the future. On Tuesday he said it would include some of his original plans from when he first took office in 2015, even though the new legislature will be controlled by the same Democrats who largely blocked his agenda for four years.

“Change is hard. Change takes time,” Rauner said from his Capitol office Tuesday. “And the folks that created the massive problems in our state certainly are resistant to change. That’s understandable. That doesn’t mean that our recommendations are somehow wrong or flawed or incorrect at all.

That means it’s gonna take time to communicate with the voters and get the changes done.”

Rauner touted the new education funding formula he signed into law in 2017 and his efforts to upgrade technology in state government. Not long before he spoke to reporters, Madigan adjourned the House with a final speech that didn’t refer to the governor by name.

“We all know that over the last four years, why, all of us as members of the legislature have been involved in an epic struggle with the executive department,” Madigan said. “What happened, happened.”

Madigan’s Democrats and some Republicans ended a two-year budget stalemate with Rauner in the summer of 2017 by raising income taxes.

“My point would be that in the end, at the end of the struggle, it was the legislature, on a bipartisan basis, that took the action to solve the problem ... budget adopted, find the revenue to pay for the budget,” Madigan said. “That means that all of us, all of you, are entitled to a great deal of credit for participating in that process.”

Rauner on Wednesday will preside over the swearing-in of the Illinois Senate, one of his final official acts as governor. During a wide-ranging news conference Tuesday, he declined to say what Republican should run for governor next. He did say he agreed with many of President Donald Trump’s policies but is “appalled” by his personal behavior.

Rauner took some shots at critics, including his March primary opponent Rep. Jeanne Ives, a Wheaton Republican, and former Gov. Jim Edgar, saying they were both right about some things but also “part of the problem.” He said he hopes the Republican Party “rallies around a unified message of being pro-taxpayer and pro-job creation.”

“In a lot of ways, the Republican Party for decades was sort of a weak subsidiary of the Democratic Party. Raise taxes. Kick the can on pensions. Overregulate. Give unaffordable deals to government unions,” Rauner said. “What’s the point of winning?”

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In Burke fallout, reform proposals arise

Ethics, from Page 1

better," Chico said. "I think it's important we seize this moment to get better and adopt any and all ethical reforms that will make us a model for other people to follow, not the other way around."

Lightfoot appeared at City Hall with a group of candidates who are challenging City Council incumbents in the February city election, to promote a plan designed to strengthen conflict-of-interest rules and put in place two-term limits for mayor and for council chairmanships like the leadership of the Finance Committee Burke held for decades until stepping down Monday.

Lightfoot called out others in the crowded mayoral field who she said are scattering like cockroaches now that citywide scrutiny is focused on their relationships with the embattled alderman.

"It's like when cockroaches, there's a light that's shined on them, they scramble, initially they're silent, then they try to say, 'Not me, not me,'" Lightfoot said. "Then when they get caught, right, then they finally stand up and do something. It's a day late and a dollar short."

Burke was released last week on a \$10,000 unsecured bond. He has yet to enter a plea, but his attorney, Charles Sklarsky, said the allegations were meritless.

Lightfoot ripped Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle in particular for hiring Burke's son to a county job and for Preckwinkle's efforts to explain the campaign money Preckwinkle got from a fundraiser Burke threw for her in 2018. The Chicago Tribune first reported Preckwinkle's hiring of Burke's son on Friday, and has identified Preckwinkle as the intended recipient of a campaign contribution authorities have alleged Burke illegally solicited.

Preckwinkle on Sunday announced that she was returning the \$116,000 raised at a campaign fundraiser Burke hosted at his home last January.

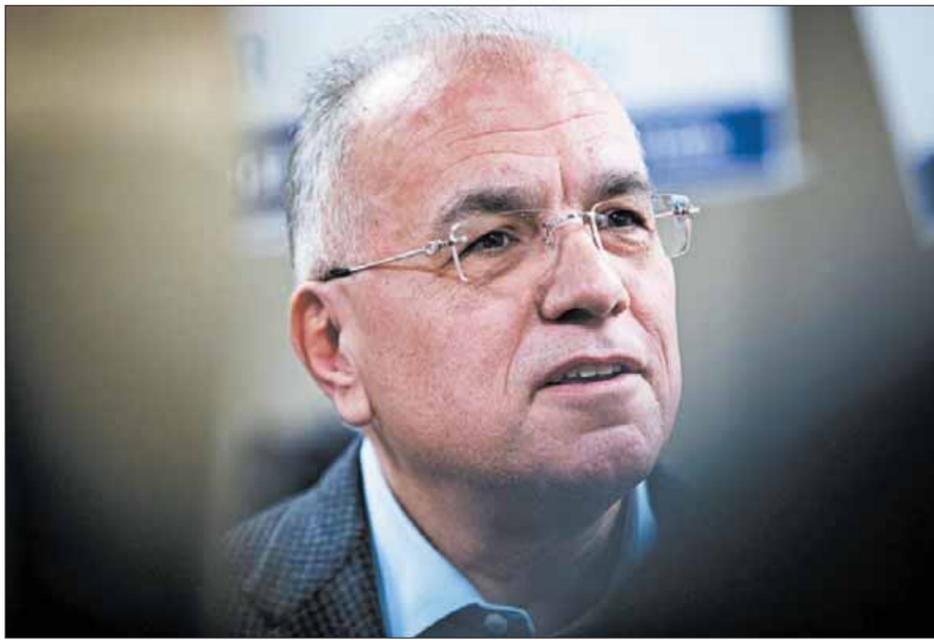
Lightfoot, the former president of the Chicago Police Board, also accused candidates Chico, former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley and state Comptroller Susana Mendoza of "trying to be silent and hoping the angel of death passes you by" regarding their relationships with Burke. Chico and Mendoza consider Burke a close friend and mentor while Daley's family long has cut political deals with the 50-year 14th Ward alderman.

"You don't have any credibility now to say, 'I'm going to be about good government,'" Lightfoot said. "All of those people are different factions of the broken machine. They have zero credibility now, in this late stage, to stand up and say, 'Oh, I stand for ethics reform.'"

For his part, Chico called for an end to aldermanic privilege, the sort of power that was at the heart of Burke's alleged extortion efforts.

"I'm calling for an end to the aldermanic prerogative, the aldermanic privilege which gives an alderman almost unilateral power over things like zoning, permits and we think that is too much power to concentrate in any one person's hands," Chico said. "To have the power of life and death over a project and we don't really know the reasons many times is a problem, and I think that goes right to the heart of beginning to put our city back on the rails in terms of ethics."

Chico also said city elected officials should not be able to collect outside income, which he called a distraction. That issue



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Mayoral candidate Gery Chico, who once worked as an aide for Ed Burke, has called for an end to aldermanic privilege, the sort of power that was at the heart of the alderman's alleged extortion efforts.



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Mayoral candidate Amara Enya holds a news conference Tuesday in the parking lot of the Burger King on South Pulaski Road whose owner Ald. Edward Burke was allegedly trying to shake down.



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Mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot has called out others in the crowded mayoral field who she said are scattering now that citywide scrutiny is focused on their relationships with the embattled alderman.

also was at the center of the Burke charge, as the alderman was accused of trying to push property tax appeals business to his private law firm.

"I'm prepared to leave my entire business world behind and serve only as mayor and that would be my compensation," said

Chico, who has reported an average annual income of \$1.75 million over the last four years. "We have to remind ourselves what public service is all about — it's sacrifice."

Chico, the former board president at Chicago Public Schools, City Colleges of Chicago and the Chicago Park District, said he

couldn't remember if he backed those two ethics changes when he ran for mayor eight years ago, finishing a distant second to Rahm Emanuel. He got his start as a young City Hall staffer, which included working as an aide to Burke at the Finance Committee. Still, Chico said he's not wor-

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Lori Lightfoot

ried about his longtime relationship with Burke harming his chances in the mayoral race.

"I'm running full speed here. The campaign for mayor is about much, much more than one individual or any one episode," he said. "It's about that candidate's ability to articulate a vision, explain their experience, which should inform people about that candidate's ability to execute on that vision. And I feel very good if that's the measure of where this campaign is going."

Enya, meanwhile, unveiled her ethics plan during a news conference outside the Burger King whose owners Burke allegedly extorted.

She also called for an end to secondary employment for aldermen, giving the inspector general more oversight power, auditing and reviewing existing no-bid projects, and removing administrative and executive functions from aldermen, such as permitting.

Enya drew a comparison between herself and Preckwinkle, Chico, Mendoza, Daley and former police Superintendent Garry McCarthy and criticized them for their ties to the city's power structure. She said it's "disingenuous" for those candidates to say they can move the city forward when they've been part of the establishment.

"To present yourself as the future of Chicago, to present yourself as the new face of city government and yet to have those ties to corruption is for all intents and purposes fraud," Enya said. "Every one of those candidates we named do have ties to the establishment and have ties as we've seen over the last couple weeks to those same corrupt institutions."

As the Burke fallout continued Tuesday, the Chicago Teachers Union released a nearly month old poll showing Preckwinkle leading the crowded field of candidates in the race. The CTU has endorsed Preckwinkle and released the poll as the county board president's mayoral campaign continues to reel from her ties to the Burke corruption scandal.

The poll, conducted by Lake Research Partners, included an "initial mayoral trial heat" that showed Preckwinkle with a lead of 18 percent of the vote. Mendoza had 12 percent and Daley had 10 percent while 19 percent were undecided. The poll was conducted from Dec. 11 to Dec. 16, weeks before Burke was charged.

CTU declined to release the full cross tabulations of the telephone survey of 600 likely voters in the fast-approaching Feb. 26 municipal election. The poll included a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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Big names missing among new crop of Springfield lawmakers

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are back. Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton are set to be re-elected to their leadership posts. House Republican leader Jim Durkin and Senate GOP leader Bill Brady also will continue in their posts.

The turnover comes on top of a lot of turnover two years ago, too, as lawmakers departed during the first half of the state's two-year budget impasse. That means even the sophomore lawmakers in Springfield haven't had as much experience putting together state budgets as they otherwise would have.

"It's going to be a lot of work educating people," said Democratic state Rep. Greg Harris of Chicago, a top budget negotiator.

The outgoing 100th General Assembly raised income taxes over Rauner's veto in order to avert a budget impasse that hurt Illinois social service providers and universities, putting them in a hole from which the new class will have to keep digging them out. Lawmakers also changed the way the state doles out money to

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—Speaker Michael Madigan

school districts to try to help lower-income districts.

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"We all know that over the last four years, why, all of us as members of the legislature have been involved in an epic struggle with the executive department," Madigan said. "What happened, happened."

Now, the 101st class takes office as the state faces \$71 billion in unpaid bills. Democrats will hold a 74-44 advantage in the House. In the Senate, Democrats will have a 40-19 margin.

Those big totals give Democrats enough votes to override vetoes and accomplish some other big tasks without Republicans' help, if they stick together. But they likely won't always.

New state Rep. Anne Stava-Murray of Naperville already has said she won't vote for Madigan

for speaker. And Democrats could split on some of Pritzker's big priorities. At least one Democratic lawmaker has said he won't vote to legalize the recreational use of marijuana. Sports betting and gambling expansion is always controversial, and votes don't always split along party lines.

Firearm legislation also splits lawmakers more by region than party. That means some of Madigan's Democratic members in Downstate districts with a strong hunting culture may be less inclined to vote for new restrictions than some Republicans in suburban districts.

Despite any Democratic infighting, the new Springfield landscape poses big challenges for Republicans. Accomplishing their goals will be harder than it was under Rauner, even though Democrats held control of both the House and Senate under him, too.

Madigan and Durkin this week both have expressed a willingness to work with the opposite party when possible, a pledge that could get tested during fights over controversial issues in the months

ahead. Pritzker wants to raise the minimum wage and change the state's income tax structure, ideas that Republicans likely won't support. Other areas, though, offer some room for compromise.

"I'm very anxious to continue to work with him," Madigan told reporters about Durkin. "I think that if we set a tone in this session where we recognize that the state has got some serious problems, and we should get together, people working with people to work to solve the problems, that all of us will be better off."

Durkin on Tuesday backed two early Pritzker proposals as an act of good faith ahead of the new governor taking office Monday. One proposal would allow him to pay state agency directors more money and another would oust members of the Illinois Tollway board.

To me, it's important that we develop this level of trust," Durkin said. "And the votes that we have offered today, I believe, are the first sign of goodwill."

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Hopkins makes bold move on Lincoln Yards

Decision a good 1st step, but it's more axe than scalpel



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Ald. Brian Hopkins' bold move to reject two major features of the proposed Lincoln Yards development marks an important first step in the fight to prevent the city's North Side from being overwhelmed by big, bland, could-be-anywhere growth. But it is simply that — a first step.

The decision, announced Tuesday, is the urban design equivalent of performing surgery with an axe, not a scalpel.

Citing community opposition, the 2nd Ward alderman killed plans for a 20,000-seat stadium that would house a soccer team controlled by Cubs owner Tom Ricketts and an entertainment district operated by the big concert promoter Live Nation.

Those were good, even courageous moves, bucking the administration of Mayor Rahm Emanuel, which has largely backed the Lincoln Yards plan. The stadium would have further jammed roads that are already clogged. The entertainment district threatened to engulf small rock clubs like the Hideout in a wave of corporate music venues.

But Hopkins' decision could amount to a partial, or even hollow, victory if the alderman and the mayor don't also push developer Sterling Bay to bring the Lincoln Yards design into harmony with the commercial patterns — and, thus, the character — of the neighborhoods around it.

The fundamental problem with the \$5 billion-plus plan, which would transform more than 50 acres of former industrial land along the Chicago River into a collection of offices, apartments, and shops, remains its overwhelming bigness, exemplified by a swath of proposed skyscrapers that would loom over the delicately scaled, nearby neighborhoods of Lincoln Park and Bucktown.

Turning the land previ-

ously meant for the stadium into open space, as Hopkins wants to do, won't solve that problem. It's a crowd-pleasing quick fix that allows the alderman to claim he's addressing the wishes of constituents who want Lincoln Yards to include more parks, plazas and riverwalks than the 21 acres already proposed.

The real issue is this: How to turn Lincoln Yards' dense cluster of uses, for which Sterling Bay needs a zoning change, into a vital city district that avoids the bland public spaces of Cityfront Center, the 60-acre development between Michigan Avenue and Navy Pier?

In confronting that question, Hopkins and Emanuel could do worse than to read Jane Jacobs' "The Death and Life of Great American Cities," the brilliantly insightful 1961 book that demolished the orthodoxies of modernist urban planning theory and remains supremely relevant today.

From the stoop of her townhouse in Manhattan's Greenwich Village and her position as an associate editor of Architectural Forum magazine, Jacobs observed what she called

"the ballet" of city life: the stream of schoolchildren, factory workers, merchants and neighbors who infused city sidewalks and the buildings alongside them with vitality.

Jacobs' great contribution was to codify four conditions that would generate "exuberant diversity in a city's streets and districts": A mix of uses that feed streets with activity throughout the day; small blocks that allow people to turn corners frequently, reducing streets' isolation; a dense concentration of people; and old buildings interspersed with new ones.

Her perspective, crucially, was rooted in economics, not atmospherics. Old buildings, with their low rents, could accommodate quirky neighborhood bars. New ones could not.

What do her observations mean for the Lincoln Yards plan, which is being shaped for Sterling Bay by Chicago architects Skidmore, Owings & Merrill?

First, they reveal the need to protect the aged buildings, like the old balloon frame house that's home to the Hideout. Sterling Bay, which does not

own the Hideout, has said it wants the music venue to remain, but that's not enough.

The advocacy group Preservation Chicago has identified 70 architecturally significant buildings, including an old brewery and leather factory, in the North Branch Industrial Corridor to which Lincoln Yards belongs. Even though most of the Lincoln Yards site is cleared, saving as many of those buildings as possible is crucial to preserving the area's physical character and ensuring that it has a diversity of uses.

Second, Jacobs' principles demonstrate the need to do more with the Lincoln Yards' now-in-play stadium site than simply turn it into open space.

Why not extend the city street grid through some of that land, creating more small blocks? The most recent Lincoln Yards plan, unveiled last November, calls for the creation of a long north-south spine, Dominick Street, with few intersecting streets. That, we know from Jacobs, is a recipe for dullness.

Third, new city streets would enable Sterling Bay to shift some of the overwhelming density of its

proposed high-rises elsewhere in Lincoln Yards.

That would help achieve Skidmore, Owings & Merrill's worthy goal of a gradual transition in scale between Lincoln Yards and surrounding neighborhoods.

Fourth, even though Hopkins is eliminating the stadium and entertainment district, the developer should still pursue a mix of uses in Lincoln Yards.

Such a mix would differentiate Lincoln Yards from the dull, dormitorylike high-rise developments that line Grant Park's south end. Hopkins' idea of scattering restaurants and entertainment venues throughout the district is a solid start.

With guidance from Jacobs, there's still a chance to make Lincoln Yards a great urban place. But urban design surgery, as opposed to axe-wielding, takes time. That's all the more reason not to rush the project through before Emanuel leaves office in May.

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Part of Lincoln Yards plan to be axed

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United Soccer League stadium, is a setback for Sterling Bay's vision of creating a mix of live entertainment, sports, office and residential towers, park space, retail and other elements on formerly industrial land along the Chicago River between North and Webster avenues. With an estimated price tag of \$5 billion to \$6 billion, Lincoln Yards would be one of the most ambitious developments ever undertaken on the North Side.

Sterling Bay will unveil a revised plan at a yet-to-be-scheduled public meeting, Hopkins said in an interview.

"Sterling Bay has work to do today," Hopkins said. "I'm not offering any support for this planned development yet. What I'm doing today is saying what I won't support. I'm giving Sterling Bay guidance based on the public input we've had."

There are no conversations about scaling down the size of the soccer stadium or in any way reviving the stadium plan later, Hopkins said.

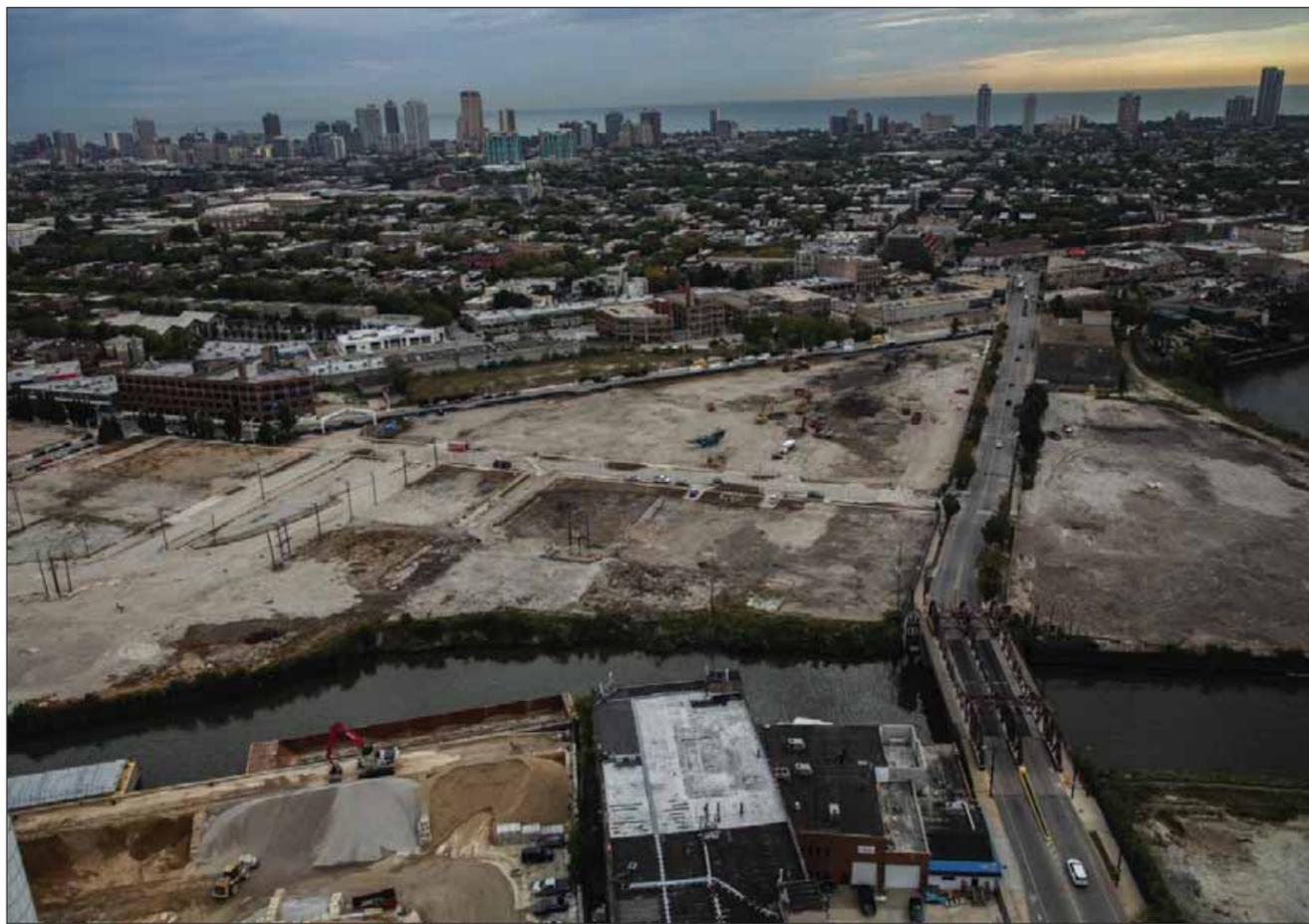
"While much of the feedback has been positive, Alderman Hopkins and residents have been very clear: they do not want a stadium," Sterling Bay spokeswoman Sarah Hamilton said in a statement. "And we want to say: we heard you loud and clear. We have removed the stadium and broken up the entertainment district, allowing for assorted smaller venues throughout Lincoln Yards where all independent music operators will have the opportunity to participate."

On Monday, Hopkins emailed his constituents with results of a survey that he said showed 53 percent of 870 respondents opposed the soccer stadium, 25 percent were unsure and 23 percent supported it.

Sterling Bay and Ricketts in May announced they were forming a joint venture to bring a United Soccer League franchise to Lincoln Yards, where the developer planned a 20,000-seat stadium with a retractable roof. They said Ricketts would be the team's majority owner.

With the stadium removed from the plan, Ricketts is no longer involved in the proposed USL team.

"The Ricketts family's potential involvement was focused on the soccer team and contingent on city approvals," family spokesman Dennis Culloton said Tuesday in an email. "While we are disappoint-



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The proposed Lincoln Yards area at North Southport Avenue and West Cortland Street in Chicago in 2018.



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Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, during a City Council meeting in 2015.

ed the concept is no longer included in the master plan, we understand the ambitious Lincoln Yards project needs to move forward."

It's unclear what options Sterling Bay now has to turn the USL franchise rights it owns into an operating team, but the Tampa, Fla.-based league appears undeterred.

"We remain committed to bringing a USL franchise to downtown Chicago," USL spokesman Ryan Madden said in an emailed statement. "Stadium projects are of course inherently complicated, but there is a huge appetite for professional soccer in Chicago and we look forward to working with Sterling Bay to deliver a club — and stadium — that the community can rally around and be proud of."

In a separate deal, also announced in May, Sterling

Bay and Live Nation announced plans to form a joint venture to bring as many as five entertainment venues to Lincoln Yards.

California-based Live Nation is the world's largest concert promoter and the corporate parent of Ticketmaster. Live Nation's involvement in the project created vocal opposition from the Hideout, a bar alongside Lincoln Yards known for hosting live music, as well as from other independent music venues in Chicago. In November, a group of venues including the Hideout announced a coalition to try to halt Lincoln Yards' proposed entertainment district.

Sterling Bay in recent years has been acquiring onetime industrial land along the river, including the former A. Fink & Sons steel plant site, and expects to assemble more than 70

acres before its acquisitions are completed.

In July, the firm made its first public presentation for a master plan for more than 50 acres of the land. The developer said the plan, which would include skyscrapers about 800 feet tall, would bring 23,000 permanent jobs and 4,000 to 5,000 residents to the site.

Sterling Bay revised its plan before a November meeting, reducing heights of the tallest buildings to about 650 feet and boosting the total amount of open space to 20.9 acres, up from 13.4 acres previously proposed.

The developer proposes more than 12 million square feet of office, residential, hotel and retail space.

Hopkins said he also has heard concerns in public meetings and surveys about Lincoln Yards' potential impact on nearby busi-

nesses, schools, public transportation, and already inadequate roads and bridges in the area.

There also have been calls by North Side aldermen, including Hopkins, for the city to fund and create a separate 24-acre park on nearby land that is not part of Lincoln Yards.

Hopkins said the proposed park remains part of discussions with city agencies about a potential \$800 million in tax increment financing to help pay for new infrastructure in the area that could include new roads, bridges and a relocated Metra train station on the Lincoln Yards site. Under the TIF plan, Sterling Bay would pay for new infrastructure as it's built around Lincoln Yards, and the company later would be reimbursed by the city from taxes generated from the development.

The TIF package is being negotiated before it's presented to the city's Community Development Commission on Feb. 19, Hopkins said.

In his email to constituents Tuesday, Hopkins said Mayor Rahm Emanuel has asked the city's transportation and planning agencies to expedite the long-discussed reconfiguration of the intersection of Armitage, Ashland and Elston avenues near the Kennedy Expressway.

Hopkins said the reconfiguration could dramatically improve traffic flow in the area, similar to results of two other successful reconfigurations: Fullerton Parkway and Damen and Elston avenues; and Belmont and Western avenues. Those reconfigurations also

received TIF funds, he said.

Sterling Bay's revised plans will include a bridge for cars and pedestrians linking Concord Place and Wisconsin Avenue across the river, Hamilton said. Previously, that bridge was proposed as pedestrian-only. Sterling Bay also proposes renovating the Cortland Street bridge and adding new vehicular bridges on Armitage and Dominick Street, Hamilton said.

Some groups have criticized the potential use as TIF funds for infrastructure around Lincoln Yards as a public subsidy to a private development, an argument that Hopkins disputes.

"Opposition to public infrastructure dollars being invested in public infrastructure is an argument in conflict with itself on its face," Hopkins said. "We'll all benefit, even if you never set foot in Lincoln Yards."

Emanuel supports Hopkins' mandated changes to Sterling Bay's plans, in an effort to move forward a project that would create thousands of jobs and boost city tax coffers, said David Reifman, the city's planning commissioner.

"These are a couple of very significant compromises based on the public process, and it represents the type of compromise the mayor has directed us to achieve," Reifman said. "The mayor is very engaged in wanting to achieve a balance between what the community wants and the developer's vision."

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Durbin, TSA workers call for end to government shutdown

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

Christine Vitel, a Transportation Security Administration worker at O'Hare, is a single mother who just bought a house and is helping to put her son through college.

But she is afraid that if the government shutdown continues, she will not get paid on Friday and she will not be able to pay her mortgage.

"I'm going to either lose it (her house) or my credit rating is going to go way down and my interest rate is going to go up," said Vitel, of southwest suburban Justice, who has worked for the TSA for 16 years. "This is affecting me personally and a lot of the people I've talked to."

Vitel appeared with other members of the union that represents TSA workers and Sen. Richard Durbin, an Illinois Democrat, at a news conference at O'Hare International Airport on Tuesday. They called for an end to the government shutdown, now in its third week.

The shutdown affects 800,000 federal workers, many of whom are staying home because they are not getting paid. Because of their importance to national security, TSA employees are considered "essential workers" and must come in even if they do not get paid.

The TSA said it has seen a recent increase in the number of its workers calling in sick. Though the TSA said that the sick calls so far were having minimal impact, it is not clear how that will change if workers do not get paychecks Friday. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, also an Illinois Democrat, warned Monday that there will be "long lines" at airports if the agency is short-staffed.

Trump has requested \$5.7 billion to build a border wall with Mexico, and has threatened to keep the government shut down until he



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If the government shutdown continues, Transportation Security Administration workers will not get paid on Friday.

gets it. Trump plans a nationally televised speech Tuesday night to give his reasons for the wall, which he had promised during his campaign. He also had promised Mexico would pay for it, though Mexico has said it will not.

Democrats have countered that such a wall is not needed for border security.

"The experts tell us we need more technology and more personnel on the border — that's more effective," said Durbin. He said security could also be improved through more personnel at the federal facility that scans packages coming in from other countries, and by increasing the percentage of cars and trucks which are scanned crossing the border.

"If the president were truly serious about border security, he would work with Democrats and Republicans to make a stronger border," Durbin said.

There are more than 51,000 TSA agents across the country, including 1,600 at O'Hare and 400 at Midway. The agents are on the low end of the government payscale, getting an average of \$36,000 to \$43,000 annually, which means that many live paycheck to paycheck, said Janis Casey, of the American Federation of Government Employees, which represents TSA

workers.

She said some TSA workers are married, meaning that those families will lose both sources of income. She said workers are worried about paying for child care and transportation to work.

The union representing U.S. pilots has expressed concerns about the ongoing impact of the shutdown on airport safety.

Casey said she was not worried about airport security being compromised, because the officers are dedicated to their jobs.

"They are committed to the mission of protecting the flying public, so they are going to do the best they can. ..." Casey said. "The most we can do right now is encourage the officers to hang in there."

TSA spokesman Michael Bilello said that 4.6 percent of TSA staff called in sick Monday, compared with 3.8 percent last year, on Jan. 7, 2018. He said the agency has until Thursday to get funding to pay workers, and that it is not compromising security.

Lauren Huffman, spokeswoman for the Chicago Department of Aviation, said wait times at the city's airports have remained normal, at less than 15 minutes.

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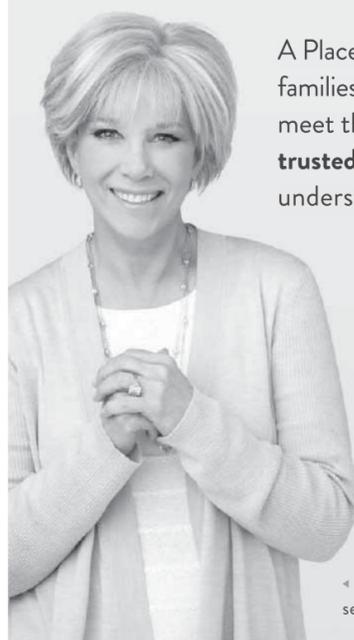
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Bears record: 8-3. Coach: George Halas. On Dec. 8, 1940, the Bears crushed the Redskins at Griffith Stadium in Washington. "In the welter of records in this one-sided triumph by Chicago's Bears over Washington's Redskins, compounded from 11 touchdowns for 73 points, (Sid) Luckman's generalship unquestionably was the factor which smashed Washington's defenses," Tribune reporter Wilfrid Smith wrote. "Not since the British sacked this city more than a 100 years ago has Washington seen such a rout."

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In the Wake of the News

BY ARCH WARD. DEL MONTE, Cal., Dec. 8.—The Pacific Coast conference, which will open its annual meeting here tomorrow, is cleaning up an unwholesome athletic situation energetically, sanely, and swiftly. . . . When the job is completed a year or two hence, intercollegiate sport in this region will be conducted on as high a plane as in the Western conference and in the so-called Ivy league of the east. . . . The presidents and faculty committees of the Coast conference universities many months ago decided the time had arrived for a curb on the intensive recruiting and subsidizing of athletics practiced at all or most of the member institutions. . . . They engaged a middle aged, soft spoken investigator named Edwin Atherton, who had spent eight years in the United States consular service in Italy and Bulgaria and as many years with the federal bureau of investigation, to make a survey of the irregularities in the administration of intercollegiate athletics. . . . His work was thorough and impartial. . . . His report, in a sense, indicted all members of the group. . . . The 10 university presidents and their faculty boards decided to retain Atherton as commissioner of athletics, a position similar to Major John L. Griffith in the Western conference. . . . There is one important difference, however, in the two offices. . . . Maj. Griffith's desk serves mainly as a clearing house for conference athletics. . . . Atherton has been empowered to interpret and enforce the rules of the Pacific Coast unit. . . . Before the start of the new season he disqualified 11 conference athletes. . . . There will be additions to the list in the near future. . . . Once Atherton has ruled on the eligibility of an athlete there is no recourse from the decision until the next annual conference meeting, when the faculty committee has the right to rescind his action. . . . Atherton didn't ask for the power to rule on eligibility when he took office. . . . "I would like to conduct my office in the same manner as Maj. Griffith does his," he explains. "University executives, however, are not so liberal in the matter of sport within the conference for a man detached from collegiate affiliations to pass judgment upon our athletes."

MAJORS ARE BIT SLOW ON PICKUP FOR GATHERING

BY IRVING VAUGHAN. The baseball folk, major league, were supposed to start warming up yesterday for the big annual song and dance sessions tomorrow in the Palmer House, but the preliminary was a flop. Not many of the actors showed up, most to the disappointment of a gathering of foreign and domestic journalists who had rushed to Chicago post haste in anticipation of hearing something they could pass on to their respective public. . . . Joe McCarthy, manager of the Yankees, late word champions, was among the early arrivals, but Joe couldn't offer even a rumor. Del Baker, manager of the Tigers, reported, but he's gagged by the American league's ban against trading with champions and couldn't talk. Also present were Manager Casey Stengel and Secretary John Quinn of the Boston Red Sox, both acting as if they might do some dealing when they catch up with the right party. Ambrose E. Spivey, general manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, was performing as if the Cubs might be ready to leap at another swap. . . . Expect Offer for Fitcher. The six looks in the eyes of Stengel and Quinn led to a suspicion that they expect to receive an offer from one place or another for a pitcher, if not Eddie Miller, their prize shortstop. . . . Bill Terry of the Giants is known to be in search of a pitcher and it is probable the Cubs appreciate they need more than a sprinkling of help in that particular department. The Boston mound workmen mentioned in the speculation are Richard Erickson and Nick Strinovec. Of course, there would have to be some cash as well as players included in the consideration and the cash feature has been known to rule more than one prospective transaction. . . . Under present conditions cash is of double importance. Even the magnates willing to spend will think twice before paying for a player likely to be called into military service. . . . Terry May Want Shortstop. When Terry opens his Giant's head-quarters here he may also begin negotiating with business manager of the Atlanta Braves for a shortstop. At the Atlanta convention last week he met up with Bob Cobb and Oscar Reichow, respectively vice president and business manager of the Hollywood coast league team and took up an option on Joe Hoover, a kid shortstop, but cannot get delivery until the middle of the 1941 season at the earliest. Terry's concern about the position is the condition of Bill Jurgens. It is reported that he hasn't recovered from the beating he experienced last season. . . . Terry also is expected to do something in the Gabby Hartnett case. In Atlanta, Horace Stoneham, owner of the Giants, declared the ex-Cub manager had been hired as a player-coach. Subsequently Stoneham took it all back. Meanwhile Hartnett has been waiting for word about employment on the Polo Grounds. He had an inquiry from Terry a few days after being let out as Cub boss and the result of the first period was in marked contrast to Dumart's solo swoop. There was a faveoff to Goalie Brimek's left and Gattaglia and Chad bounced the puck around the Boston cage area until Dahlstrom got into a spot to bat it past the dancing Bruin goalie. . . . There's a Thrill in It. The Hawks gave the customers plenty of excitement in the production of the goal which put Chicago ahead in 15 minutes and 33 seconds.

When the Bears Went to Town in Washington



Bill Osmanski of the Chicago Bears scoring the first of 11 touchdowns against the Redskins in Washington yesterday. On this play the Chicago full back ran 68 yards down the sidelines, outstripping among others, Ed Justice, half back, and Dick Farman, guard. The Bears won, 73 to 0, and became world professional football champions.

BLACKHAWKS GO INTO 3D PLACE; BEAT BRUINS, 3-2

BY EDWARD BURNS. Cully Dahlstrom, Doug Bentley, and associate vaillant Blackhawks last night delighted an assemblage of 16,412 in Chicago Stadium by giving the Boston Bruins a 3 to 2 victory in an overtime hockey match. . . . Dahlstrom scored in the first period to tie the count at 1 to 1 and again in the overtime to effect the victory. In between, Doug Bentley had scored a second period goal to put the Hawks ahead going into the third period. Johnny Chad got an assist on each of Dahlstrom's goals. Johnny Gattaglia got an assist on the first and Joe Cooper on the second. Doug Bentley was assisted by Brother Max and Bill Thomas. . . . Hawks Take Third Place. The outcome enabled the Hawks to supplant the Bruins in third place whereas they had begun the night's jolly business in a fourth place tie with the New York Rangers. The Hawks like to win anytime, but they were especially happy to show up Goalie Frank Brimek who twice attacked O' Johnny Gattaglia, making his first skating appearance of the year. The youngster's second hit of rough stuff against the veteran precipitated a free for all fight in the third period, for which Referee Mickey Ion, who had a bad night throughout, did no disciplining. . . . Woody Dumart's goal after 12 minutes and 31 seconds of the opening period was of considerable skill, but not spectacular. Woody took the puck on his own blue line and skated obliquely across the neutral zone to the region of his right boards. Steering the rubber with his stick in one hand and warding off backcheckers with his left hand and arm, Dumart curved toward the cage and neatly dropped off a package for Goalie Paul Goodman, who should have been able to decline the present. The goal by the Hawks which tied the score in 18 minutes and 20 seconds of the first period was in marked contrast to Dumart's solo swoop. There was a faveoff to Goalie Brimek's left and Gattaglia and Chad bounced the puck around the Boston cage area until Dahlstrom got into a spot to bat it past the dancing Bruin goalie. . . . There's a Thrill in It. The Hawks gave the customers plenty of excitement in the production of the goal which put Chicago ahead in 15 minutes and 33 seconds.



George McAfee, Bears' freshman back, flies thru the air for a seven yard gain in the second quarter.



Jimmy Johnston, Washington half back, is chased out of bounds by a cordon of Bears in the second quarter after gaining a yard. Sid Luckman, who sparked the champions' attack, is making the tackle.



San Francisco sport writers have led readers to believe that I am a glorified policeman who snoops around campuses looking for dirt to wash. That isn't the case, at all. As a matter of fact, when my assistant or myself decides to visit a certain university we notify the school's officials in advance and thus far we have had enthusiastic cooperation from every one, including the coaches. . . . Atherton, who played football with Nebraska's Bill Jones at a Washington, D. C., high school, emphasized that his first concern in the operation of his office was the welfare of the athlete. . . . "I am particularly happy about the support I have received from the coaches," he continued. "After all, when recruiting is eliminated or held to a minimum, we are relieving athletic staffs from a lot of work. They don't have to spend of seasons beating the bushes for talent, calling upon prospective athletes' parents, and meeting all kinds of demands before they finally get the boy enrolled. . . ."

Regarding recruiting, let's take a look at the Pacific Coast's newly adopted ruling, which reads in part as follows: "It does not prohibit occasional normal contact between an alumnus and a high school athlete or the interviewing of such athletes. It does not prevent representatives of any institution from advising any prospective student on entrance requirements, courses of study, fees and living costs, or from replying by letter to an inquiry regarding legitimate jobs which may be available on the campus or elsewhere. However, this rule, as well as all other conference regulations, will be interpreted according to its spirit and intent. The conference does not propose to allow athletic officials, coaches, alumni, or any one else to accomplish by indirect means what they cannot properly do directly. For example, if it is found that fraternities or students are more than normally active in rushing prospective students of known athletic ability or that individual alumni consistently are engaged in recruiting practices, such activities will be considered within the purview of these rules and action will be taken accordingly. . . ."

"Presidents of Pacific Coast universities are not as radical as Chicago's Robert Hutchins," Atherton stated. . . . "They believe in competitive athletics and they decided to correct the evils rather than to abandon an important phase of student life. Our system isn't 100 per cent foolproof, but we are learning by trial and error and within two years I hope there will be little to criticize in the administration of sports in this conference. . . . One of the major problems at the moment is the matter of equality of opportunity in the development of an athletic program. . . . There are 30 universities in the conference—Montana, Idaho, Washington, Washington State, Oregon, Oregon State, California, Stanford, U. C. L. A., and Southern California. . . . All are state institutions except Stanford and Southern California state universities consistently are engaged in recruiting practices. . . . At Stanford, however, it means an expenditure of approximately \$400. . . . At Southern California it is \$300. . . . For that reason organizations such as Stanford's "Buck of the Month" club are temporarily tolerated. . . . Stanford alumni are permitted to contribute a dollar a month to a university fund for the payment of an athlete's tuition. . . . The money goes directly to the university, not to the athlete, and must not be used for any item of expense except tuition. . . . Names of the contributors and the amounts they donate are public records. . . . Athletic scholarships no longer are allowed. . . ."

The new attitude of Pacific Coast universities toward the conduct of intercollegiate football and other sports is the most heartening development of recent years. . . . For a time it appeared that the Ivy league, the Western conference, the Big Six conference, and independent schools like Notre Dame were fighting a losing battle against open subsidization, such as we now have in the Southeastern conference and elsewhere in the south. . . . Amateur sport will prosper only so long as it remains amateur. . . . If the Big Ten, the Pacific Coast, and the leading eastern universities stick to their guns the fight is won.

Ten Years Ago Today—Detroit nosed out the league leading Chicago Blackhawks, 1 to 0. . . . Eddie Casey was named coach of the Harvard Football team, succeeding Arnold Hoggson of Chicago.

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Items include Attendance, Net gate, Winning team, Losing team, etc.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Financial and crowd statistics of the Chicago Bears' Washington National Professional Football league championship game today: Attendance . . . 36,874 Gross gate . . . \$112,000 Net gate . . . \$87,500 Winning team . . . \$12,000 Losing team share . . . \$1,833.33 Winning player's share . . . \$13.00 Losing player's share . . . \$86.65 Park rental . . . \$2,527.00 League share and profit . . . \$1,587.50 "Club" share, each . . . \$,562.50 "Second place" share . . . \$,562.50 *Breakdown of crowd: 10,000 fans in stadium and 26,874 fans in restaurants and waiting altitudes, each receive this amount.

BY WILFRID SMITH. (Chicago Tribune Press Service.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—This is the story of the man who this afternoon directed the greatest team produced in professional football ever. It is the story of Sid Luckman, the Bears' quarter back. . . . In the welter of records in this one-sided triumph by Chicago's Bears over Washington's Redskins, compounded from 11 touchdowns for 73 points, Luckman's generalship unquestionably was the factor which smashed Washington's defenses, and maintained a steady and irresistible attack which eventually turned the championship battle into a rout. . . . Fans Boo Redskins. Not since the British sacked this city more than a 200 years ago has Washington seen such a rout. The thousands of loyal Redskins rooters, who had come to boo the Bears, stayed to roar bravely in spontaneous tribute to the incredible Chicago offense. And finally, in resentment at the pitiful collapse of the Redskins, these fans booed the men who had been their heroes. Only one Willie Wilkin, Washington's guard, escaped the scathing verbal chastisement. . . . Grant that the Bears' power and speed were perfection. Grant that the behemoths in the Bears' line always outbursts their opponents, always pushed Washington's assignments to the eight tosses were intercepted. But in the first, second, and third touchdowns, Luckman, an inspired and Charlie Malone crashing together and out of the play was a spectacular offensive gem. . . . Unerringly Luckman picked the vulnerable spots in the Washington defense. He sent Bill Osmanski racing around right end for a 68-yard gain on the third play of the game for the first touchdown. . . . Osmanski did the running on that sixty-eight yard touchdown dash. This is only part of the story. He carried out right end assignments to the eight tosses were intercepted. But in the first, second, and third touchdowns, Luckman, an inspired and Charlie Malone crashing together and out of the play was a spectacular offensive gem. . . . After Osmanski's scoring wallop, Luckman called 17 plays that covered eighty yards and ended when he himself snaked over from the one foot mark for the second touchdown. Then Sid ordered Joe Maniac on another full back sweep around right end of running that duplicated Osmanski's sprint—and the Bears led, 21 to 0. . . . Three touchdowns in 12 minutes and 40 seconds. . . . In this brief period Luckman and the Bears' variety had erected a barrier which the thousands led had swept the title far beyond the Redskins' reach. But in climax to the first half, and in brilliant exposition of his versatility, Luckman threw a touchdown pass of thirty yards to Ken Kavanaugh. Thus, the Bears led, 28 to 0, at the intermission. . . . Luckman Sits Out Second Half. Luckman sat out the second half. As the Bears' power rolled on to a fantastic point total, Sid watched Bernie Masterson, Bob Snyder, and Solie Sherman command the steam roller. It was Luckman's fortune, of course, that he was in charge on the day this Chicago team reached its peak. It was the Bears' greater good luck that they had Sid Luckman. . . . "Artie will kick off for the Bears." Repetition of this announcement was chanted in derision by the crowd. Later when a Washington player was penalized fifteen yards for unnecessary roughness the throng booted. But the loudest demonstration was started in the fourth period when the loud speaker blared a special announcement for 1941 season tickets. . . . More Cheers Are Louded. This touched off a rocketing blast for another record. Not since the Philadelphia Athletics scored 10 runs in one world series inning in 1929 against Chicago's Cubs has professional football seen such a rout.

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Turkey, U.S. at odds over Syrian Kurds

Erdogan: Demand for safety assurances a 'serious mistake'

BY ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan accused the U.S. national security adviser of making “a very serious mistake” Tuesday by demanding that Ankara guarantee the safety of Kurdish fighters in northeastern Syria before the U.S. withdraws its troops from the war-torn country.

A strained morning of negotiation in Turkey ended without assurances of protection for forces that fought alongside U.S. troops against the Islamic State group, and indeed brought them fresh new threats from Turkey. The diplomatic setback raised fresh questions about how the U.S. would protect its allies in the fight against IS and about the pace of the drawdown of U.S. forces in Syria.

“John Bolton has made a very serious mistake. We cannot make any concessions in this regard,” Erdogan said Tuesday, just before Bolton left the country with tensions between the NATO allies at new highs. He added that Ankara’s preparations for a new military offensive against what the Turkish leader describes as terror groups in Syria are “to a large extent” complete.

Bolton had insisted that Turkey refrain from conducting any operation unless it was approved by and coordinated with the U.S. Turkey’s presidential spokesman fired back publicly that Turkey would not



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan had harsh words for U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton on Tuesday.

seek permission from its allies to conduct a military offensive against Syrian Kurdish fighters, but was willing to coordinate operations.

A senior administration official said Erdogan’s comments did not reflect President Donald Trump’s understanding of his Dec. 23 conversation with the Turkish leader, days after the U.S. president announced his intent to withdraw American troops from northeastern Syria. Trump “thought he got a commitment from Erdogan” to protect the Kurds, the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

An official at Tuesday’s meeting between Bolton and senior Turkish officials said presidential spokesman Ibrahim Kalin stated that Erdogan committed that Turkey would not take offensive action while U.S.

forces were there.

Bolton departed Turkey without meeting with Erdogan in an apparent snub by the Turks — the meeting had been expected for days. A spokesman for Bolton said U.S. officials were told Erdogan cited the local election season and a speech to parliament for not meeting with him.

In the more than two-hour meeting with Kalin, Bolton outlined five U.S. principles for the Syria drawdown, including that “the United States opposes any mistreatment of opposition forces who fought with us against ISIS.”

In the high-stakes session in Ankara’s presidential complex, Bolton also rebuked Erdogan’s column in *The New York Times*, in which the Turkish leader restated his position that the Syrian Defense Forces were members of

groups and they’re free to go after them.”

Trump announced last month he intended to withdraw U.S. troops from Syria, and the U.S. has sent mixed signals over how soon that would be accomplished. Bolton’s trip to the Mideast was aimed at assuring allies it would not be done precipitously.

But Kalin told reporters that there is no slowdown in the timetable for U.S. withdrawal from Syria. He said U.S. officials have said during their discussions that the withdrawal could take place within “120 days.”

Kalin said talks with Bolton focused on how the U.S. would collect the weapons that were given to Kurdish militia fighting Islamic States as well as the future of U.S. bases in Syria. He said he handed over two dossiers to Bolton — one on Turkish help to Kurdish populations in Iraq and Syria, the other on the Kurdish militias’ “criminal activities and human rights violations.”

A Bolton spokesman said in a statement that Bolton and Turkish officials “had a productive discussion of the President’s decision to withdraw at a proper pace from Northeast Syria.”

But Erdogan said Bolton had “made a very serious mistake. Whoever thinks this way is also mistaken. We cannot make any concession in this regard, and those involved in a terror corridor” in Syria would “receive the necessary punishment.”

The Pentagon said Monday no U.S. troops have withdrawn from Syria yet but added that there is an “approved framework” for withdrawal.



Bolton, left, met with Turkish presidential spokesman Ibrahim Kalin in Ankara on Tuesday.

terrorist groups and criticized the U.S. air campaign against the Islamic State.

An official at the meeting said Bolton told Kalin that Erdogan’s op-ed was “wrong and offensive.”

The official added that the U.S. stuck by Trump’s request that the Kurds who fought with the U.S. not be mistreated, and the Turks stuck by their position that the Kurds “are terrorist

Manafort shared polling data with Russian, court filing says

BY CHRIS MEGERIAN
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Paul Manafort, President Donald Trump’s former campaign chairman, apparently shared polling data during the 2016 presidential campaign with Konstantin Kilimnik, a Russian-Ukrainian business partner who allegedly has ties to Russian intelligence, according to a court filing released Tuesday.

It’s unclear whether the information involved internal campaign data or when exactly it was provided. But the interaction could have provided Russians with knowledge on the presidential race at a time when Moscow was undertaking a covert effort to sway the election to Trump by releasing hacked Democratic Party emails and spreading misinformation on social media.

The document was filed by Manafort’s lawyers to rebut accusations from special counsel Robert Mueller that Manafort lied to prosecutors after agreeing to cooperate. Manafort’s lawyers said he “provided complete and truthful information to the best of his ability” during 12 meetings and two appearances before the grand jury.

In recapping the accusations that Mueller had leveled against their client, the lawyers wrote that Manafort allegedly misled prosecutors about his communications with Kilimnik, who worked with Manafort when he was advising the country’s pro-Russian government. Included in the allegation was “sharing polling data ... related to the 2016 presidential campaign,” they wrote.

That detail was supposed to be redacted in the court filing, but was easily discerned by reporters and analysts scrutinizing the document.

Manafort was convicted in federal court in Virginia



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Paul Manafort is slated to be sentenced Feb. 8 in Virginia and March 5 in Washington. He has been in jail since June.

last August of eight counts of bank fraud and tax evasion connected to his work in Ukraine. He later pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to avoid a second trial in Washington on related charges.

However, his agreement with prosecutors collapsed when they accused him of lying during their meetings.

Manafort’s lawyers said he did not intentionally attempt to mislead the special counsel’s office and “indeed, it is fair to say that mistakes and failed recollections are common.”

They also said Manafort has been suffering in jail while awaiting sentencing. Manafort is in solitary confinement “to ensure his safety” the lawyers said, and that has “taken a toll on his physical and mental health.”

They said Manafort, 69, suffers from severe gout that has occasionally left him in a wheelchair, and he also struggles with depression and anxiety.

Manafort has been in jail since last June, when a federal judge said he violated his bail by reaching out to potential witnesses in his case.

Manafort is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 8 in Virginia and March 5 in Washington.

U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson ordered prosecutors to provide more details on their allegations of lying by Jan. 14, and Manafort’s team can respond by Jan. 18. If a hearing is necessary, it will be held Jan. 25.

Also Tuesday, the Supreme Court left in place a lower court order requiring an unnamed foreign-owned corporation to comply with a subpoena said to be part of Mueller’s investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election.

The court dissolved a temporary stay that had been put in place by Chief Justice John Roberts.

The entity that is the subject of the cloaked legal battle, known in court papers as a “Corporation” from “Country A,” is a foreign financial institution that was issued a subpoena by a grand jury hearing evidence in the special counsel investigation, according to two people familiar with the case.

It is thought to be the first time that an aspect of Mueller’s wide-ranging probe into Russian interference in the 2016 campaign has reached the Supreme Court.

The Washington Post and Associated Press contributed.

Russian who met Trump Jr. charged in an unrelated case

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER, CHAD DAY AND STEPHEN BRAUN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Russian lawyer who attended the Trump Tower meeting that is a focus of the special counsel’s investigation into possible collusion was charged with obstructing an unrelated tax-fraud case, federal prosecutors in New York said Tuesday.

Natalya Veselnitskaya was indicted on one count of obstruction of justice after prosecutors said she teamed up with a senior Russian prosecutor and submitted deceptive declarations in a civil proceeding involving a Russian tax refund fraud scheme.

The indictment, which is unrelated to Russian election interference and brought by the Manhattan U.S. attorney, illustrates Veselnitskaya’s ties to the Russian government, which she has denied. And it renews questions about the circumstances of the 2016 Trump Tower meeting, which also was attended by Donald Trump Jr., Jared Kushner and former campaign chairman Paul Manafort.

Trump Jr. has acknowledged that he met with Veselnitskaya because he had been told she could offer damaging information about Democrat Hillary Clinton. But Trump Jr. and Kushner said the meeting mostly involved Russia’s ban on American adoptions in response to U.S. sanctions.

Veselnitskaya has previously denied acting on behalf of Russian officials when she met with the Trump team, telling Congress she operates “independently of any government bodies.”

Special counsel Robert Mueller, who is investigating whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia during the presidential campaign, has



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Natalya Veselnitskaya was indicted on one count of obstruction of justice.

focused on the Trump Tower meeting and called some participants before a federal grand jury. He also has scrutinized Trump’s role in drafting a misleading public statement about the meeting’s content.

The indictment unsealed Tuesday will curtail Veselnitskaya’s international travel and expose her to arrest if she comes to the United States. But Russia does not have an extradition treaty with the U.S. and she will likely never appear in a U.S. court if she remains there.

The indictment was filed under seal in December and publicly announced Tuesday.

The criminal case relates to real estate firm Prevezon Holdings Ltd. and its role in an alleged \$230 million tax-fraud scheme that federal officials say was “perpetrated by a criminal organization that included in its ranks corrupt Russian officials.”

In 2013, U.S. prosecutors brought a civil lawsuit against the company that sought to recover millions of dollars worth of New York real estate and other property on the grounds that it was tainted by money laundering. The fraud scheme involved using stolen corporate identities to obtain Russian tax refunds and funneling the illegal proceeds through a

network of shell companies.

Veselnitskaya was retained to assist the defendants. As part of that representation, the indictment accuses her of misrepresenting a declaration that she submitted to a federal judge.

The indictment says Veselnitskaya claimed that the material she submitted to the court was an independent finding when, in fact, the document was an “intentionally misleading declaration” that she had secretly drafted with a senior Russian government prosecutor, who is not named in court papers.

Prevezon settled the civil case in 2017 but balked at a negotiated payment. A federal judge ordered the firm last February to pay \$6 million to the U.S.

The companies that claimed they had been defrauded by Prevezon were owned by Hermitage Capital Management, whose CEO William Browder aided the government’s case. Browder has championed sanctions against Russia, accusing its officials of collaborating in the imprisonment that led to the death of his Russian lawyer Sergei Magnitsky.

Magnitsky was arrested while investigating the fraud case and died in a Russian prison in 2009. Congress passed the Magnitsky Act in 2012 to target those allegedly involved in his arrest and death with financial sanctions.

Veselnitskaya’s work for Prevezon is also connected to another Trump Tower meeting participant, Rinat Akhmetshin.

Prevezon owner Denis Katsyv helped fund a lobbying effort carried out by Akhmetshin that sought to poke holes in Magnitsky’s story. Akhmetshin, a former Russian military officer and Washington lobbyist, accompanied Veselnitskaya to the Trump Tower meeting.

Trump makes case for wall in TV address

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reopen closed government departments and turn loose paychecks for hundreds of thousands of workers.

Negotiations on wall funding could proceed in the meantime, they said.

Schumer said Trump “just used the backdrop of the Oval Office to manufacture a crisis, stoke fear and divert attention from the turmoil in his administration.”

Schumer said Democrats and Republicans agree on the need to secure borders, but the New York Democrat said the “symbol of America should be the Statue of Liberty, not a 30-foot wall.”

He noted that Trump had promised to have Mexico pay for the wall. But he said having failed, Trump is now “unable to convince Congress or the American people to foot the bill.”

Overall, Trump largely restated his case for the wall without offering concessions or new ideas on how to resolve the standoff that has kept large swaths of the government closed for the past 18 days. Speaking in solemn tones from behind the Resolute Desk, he painted a dire picture of killings and drug deaths he argues come from unchecked illegal immigration.

Trump ticked off a string of statistics and claims to make his case that there is a crisis at the border, but a number of his statements were misleading, such as saying the new trade deal with Mexico would pay for the wall, or suggesting through gruesome examples that immigrants are more likely to commit crime.

Shifting between empathetic appeals and the dark immigration rhetoric that was a trademark of his presidential campaign, Trump asked: “How much more American blood must we shed before Congress does its job?”

Trump, who has long railed against illegal immigration at the border, has recently seized on humani-



Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi rebut President Trump's argument Tuesday.

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tion. I've held the hands of the weeping mothers and embraced the grief-stricken fathers.”

The president often highlights such incidents, though studies over several years have found immigrants are less likely to commit crimes than people born in the United States.

Trump has been discussing the idea of declaring a national emergency to allow him to move forward with the wall without getting congressional approval for the billions he's requested. But he did not mention that Tuesday night.

With his use of a formal White House speech instead of his favored Twitter blasts, Trump embraced the ceremonial trappings of his office as he tries to exit a political quagmire of his own making.

For weeks he has dug in on a signature campaign promise to his base voters, the pledge to build an impregnable “beautiful” wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The partial government shutdown reached its 18th day, making the closure the second-longest in history. Hundreds of thousands of federal workers are going without pay, and government disruptions are hitting home with everyday Americans.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Trump's proposal to increase border security through physical barriers “suits the reality on the ground” along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Speaking after Trump's Oval Office address, the Kentucky Republican said Trump's plan “simply builds on earlier legislation” that Schumer and other Democrats supported in the past.

McConnell blamed the shutdown on “Democrats' refusal to negotiate” because of “partisan spite for the president.”

McConnell urged Democrats to “come to the table and help deliver a solution” to reopen the government.

Shutdown stalls Trump bailout to farmers

BY JEFF STEIN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's program to send billions of dollars to farmers hurt by his trade war with China has been stalled by the partial government shutdown, as the Agriculture Department office responsible for administering the payouts is closed for lack of funding.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced Tuesday that the department has extended the deadline for farmers to apply for bailout payments. The application window was scheduled to close Jan. 15, but Perdue said Tuesday that the deadline will be extended until at least weeks after the shutdown ends.

The shutdown caused the Agriculture Department to run out of money Dec. 28 to keep Farm Service Agency offices open.

“Using existing funds, we were able to keep FSA offices open as long as possible, but unfortunately

had to close them when funding ran out,” Perdue said in a statement. “We will therefore extend the application deadline for a period of time equal to the number of business days FSA offices were closed, once the government shutdown ends.”

Amid criticism from Republican farm state lawmakers on the impact of its trade war with China, the Trump administration this summer unilaterally authorized up to \$12 billion in bailout payments to farmers. China has slapped retaliatory tariffs on a range of U.S. exports, including agricultural products, amid the wider trade spat.

The administration's bailout included about \$11 billion in direct cash assistance to farmers — the bulk of which would go to soybean producers — as well as \$1 billion to purchase excess food supplies to distribute to food banks and nutrition programs across the country.

Bailout checks have continued to go out during the shutdown for

farmers who had already certified their 2018 crop production. About \$5.2 billion in bailout payments have been made since the program began, including about 360,000 payments since the federal shutdown began, according to Tim Murtaugh, a USDA spokesman.

But farmers who had not certified their crop production cannot do so, or receive bailout checks, until the shutdown ends.

Mike Steenhoeck, executive director of the Soy Transportation Coalition, said many farmers had late harvests this year and have not been able to certify their crop production.

“There's a lot of worry,” he said. The shutdown started Dec. 22 amid an impasse over Trump's demand that any plan to extend government funding included billions in taxpayer funding for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. Trump has previously, repeatedly promised that wall would be paid for by Mexico.

tarian concerns to argue there is a broader crisis that can only be solved with a wall. But critics say the

security risks are overblown and the administration is at least partly to blame for the humanitarian situation.

Trump used emotional language, referring to Americans who were killed by people in the country

illegally, saying: “I've met with dozens of families whose loved ones were stolen by illegal immigra-



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Former Rep. Gabby Giffords, left, watches as Democratic Rep. Mike Thompson signs a gun control bill Tuesday in Washington. Giffords was shot in the head eight years ago.

Dems push bill expanding background checks on guns

BY KATIE ZEZIMA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Congressional Democrats on Tuesday launched a fresh push for the most significant gun control in years as a former colleague who survived a mass shooting eight years ago made an emotional plea for action.

“Stopping gun violence takes courage: the courage to do what's right, the courage of new ideas,” former congresswoman Gabby Giffords said at a Capitol Hill news conference. “Now is the time to come together. Be responsible — Democrats, Republicans, everyone. We must never stop fighting.”

A bipartisan group in the House introduced a measure that would require background checks for all gun sales and most gun transfers. Federally licensed gun sellers are required to run background checks on people who buy guns, but private sellers who are not federally licensed do not.

The House measure is among the first actions taken by the newly elected Democratic majority, which pledged to make gun control a top priority. Many

members were elected by making gun control a centerpiece issue, arguing for restrictions on firearms and universal background checks.

It is also a bill that garnered the support of five House Republicans, a rare feat on an issue that has cleaved along party lines. It was co-sponsored by Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., and supported by Reps. Brian Mast, R-Fla., Fred Upton, R-Mich., Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Pa., and Christopher Smith, R-N.J. The measure was also co-sponsored by Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif.

Joining some of the bill's proponents was Giffords, who was shot in the head eight years ago Tuesday at a constituent event in Tucson, Ariz. Six people died, and 15 were wounded in the 2011 attack.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has signaled that the bill is a priority; she assigned the bill a low number, HR 8, to show its importance and mark the anniversary of the Tucson shooting.

“We say enough is enough by finally bringing common-sense, bipartisan background-check legislation to the floor of the

House,” Pelosi said. “Gun violence is an epidemic that requires the energy and engagement of the entire nation.”

Pelosi was joined by gun safety advocates and freshman Rep. Lucy McBath, D-Ga., whose son Jordan Davis, a black teenager, was fatally shot by a white man in a dispute over loud music in Florida.

Despite progress at the state level, gun control has stalled in Congress since calls for action after a shooting killed 20 children and six teachers at a Newtown, Conn., elementary school in 2012.

After several other mass shootings in the past six years, advocates for gun control argue that the country, and Congress, is finally poised to act on the issue.

“For years, that seemed like a pipe dream,” Peter Ambler, executive director of Giffords, the gun control organization named for the former congresswoman, said Tuesday to a group of people whose lives have been affected by gun violence. The midterm elections, he said, “delivered a mandate” to Congress to introduce gun safety legislation.

Fla. felons enjoy new freedom: Their right to register to vote

BY JOSHUA REPLOGLE
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Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The normally humdrum bureaucracy of registering to vote brought tears to the eyes of some Floridians on Tuesday when most felons regained their right to vote under a state constitutional amendment.

“I'll be a human being again. I'll be an American citizen again,” Robert Eckford said, choking up and weeping after filling out an application at the elections supervisor's office in Orlando.

The ballot measure went into effect Tuesday, overturning a ban that netted Florida the highest number of disenfranchised felons in the nation. It potentially increases the pool of eligible voters by as many as 1.4 million people in a battleground state infamous for its narrow margins in key elections.

“I'm an ex-Marine,” said Eckford, who served seven years for a drug conviction. “I served this country. I've done my time. I've made some mistakes. But thank God the system works.”

Nearly 65 percent of Florida voters last November approved Amendment 4, which was crafted so that it would take effect Tuesday. It applies to all felons who have done their time and completed the terms of their probation and parole, with the exception of people convicted of murder or sex offenses.

It is not clear how those registrations will be treated in the state capitol. Gov. Ron DeSantis said Monday that he believes the Legislature still needs to pass an implementing bill spelling out the restoration process.

“There's going to need to be guidance for that. It's not delaying it. The people spoke on it. It's going to be implemented, but I think it needs to be implemented



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Desmond Meade, who did time for a drug offense, celebrates with his wife after registering to vote in Orlando.

the way people intended, and I don't think that they wanted to see any sex offenders fall through the cracks,” he told reporters.

Civil rights groups have maintained the measure is self-executing, but just to be sure, they warned that they are ready to go to court if there are any delays. Elections supervisors across the state posted notices at their offices and websites saying they would accept the registration forms starting Tuesday. They noted the new voters don't need to present proof that they completed their sentence; they can simply fill out the existing application, signing under oath that their voting rights have been restored.

Members of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition said they expected the registration to go smoothly. Despite any confusion, the organization's president, Desmond Meade, encouraged members to celebrate.

Meade has been fighting to regain his right to vote since 2006 when he had served his sentence for a drug offense. Meade readied his family to head out south of downtown Orlando before the sun rose Tuesday. Wearing shirts

with the slogan “Let my people vote,” Meade likened his journey to the 1960s movement to end widespread practices that kept black voters away from the polls.

“I can vote for the first time with my family and that means a lot to me,” he said.

Until the amendment passed, Florida's constitution automatically barred felons from being able to vote after leaving prison. The state's clemency process allowed the governor and three elected Cabinet members to restore voting rights, but it was for many an arduous process and the governor could unilaterally veto any request.

Dan Smith, a University of Florida political scientist, says it may take time for the effects of the change to become evident.

Although black people were disproportionately affected by felony disenfranchisement, they are not a majority of the population with felony convictions, Smith said. He said it is unclear whether the new voters will sway red or blue. There is no public record of how people who were removed from the rolls have historically voted.

Experts: Calif. must fight fire with fire

State's ecosystems evolved to depend on more burning

BY JULIA ROSEN
Los Angeles Times

If California wants to get out in front of its wildfire problem, scientists have some clear but counterintuitive advice: Start more forest fires.

Decades of research shows that lighting fires under safe conditions not only clears out the dead plants and thick underbrush that fuel many severe wildfires, it also restores a natural process that once kept forests healthy and resilient.

It can be tricky to pull off because all fires, whether natural or intentional, are inherently dangerous and smoky. Even so, experts say the benefits far outweigh the risks.

California's overgrown forests came under scrutiny when President Donald Trump blamed them for the recent fires and called for more aggressive management.

Experts say the diagnosis was misplaced; the fires in both Paradise and Southern California drew their deadly power from extreme weather conditions exacerbated by climate change, not from the buildup of dense trees and brush.

Nevertheless, scientists and land managers agree on the importance of reducing flammable fuel in California's vast conifer forests. And they say that fire is the best tool for the job.

"We really have to understand that what's really needed on the landscape is more fire, not less," said Kelly Martin, the fire chief of Yosemite National Park.

Some fires will happen no matter what, scientists say. The question is: Do we want fires we can control, or fires we can't?

Until the 1800s, when settlers flooded into California, many parts of the



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state experienced far more wildfire than it does today. Natural fires burned unimpeded, and Native Americans lit blazes to reduce future risks and boost the growth of desirable plants, as they had done for thousands of years.

The state's ecosystems evolved not just to tolerate burning, but to depend on it. "California landscapes were really truly born and bred of fire," Martin said.

Then the federal government intervened. After several massive wildfires ripped through the West in the early 1900s, the newly formed U.S. Forest Service began extinguishing flames as quickly as possible. Managers believed that suppressing fires protected both communities and forests, Martin said. And for decades, it did.

But over time, the plan backfired. That was especially true in conifer forests, which used to burn every

five to 20 years and grew denser with each missed cycle.

Then came drought, tree-killing beetles and climate change — plus a booming population that kept expanding into forested areas.

Californians are all too familiar with the consequences: catastrophic wildfires that are nearly impossible to contain.

"If you want to really, fully restore the forest, you have to get fire back in there," said Malcolm North, a research scientist at the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station in Davis, Calif.

Beyond removing saplings and pine duff, fire creates natural variability in the spacing of trees, he said. It typically leaves denser stands in wetter places and creates gaps in dryer areas that prevent flames from spreading.

"That's one of the fea-

tures which made forests so resilient to fire and drought," he said.

Fire also plays a crucial role in breaking down material on the forest floor and recycling nutrients.

Except near communities, the goal of prescribed burns is not to prevent future fires, but to allow more wildfires to burn safely, North said.

The 2013 Rim Fire was a prime example. It started with a runaway campfire on National Forest land east of Groveland, Calif., and quickly metastasized.

But then it spread into nearby Yosemite National Park, where for decades Martin and her predecessors had been lighting prescribed fires and allowing natural ones to burn.

When the Rim Fire hit previously treated areas, it suddenly became tamer. It dropped from the canopy back down to the ground, burned less intensely, and

didn't require much suppression, Martin said.

The controlled burns also protected staff buildings near the Hodgdon Meadow Campground. "We didn't lose any homes," she said.

Despite its effectiveness, prescribed burning remains vastly underutilized in California and across the West.

"You've got a whole bunch of things which make it difficult," North said.

Like smoke, which is unhealthy to breathe, particularly for those with asthma and other health conditions.

Then there are the lives and property at risk in the roughly 1 percent of fires that escape. In one tragic case, a prescribed fire just west of Denver destroyed about two dozen homes and killed three people.

Such accidents are rare, however, and managers can minimize the public's expo-

sure by lighting fires under favorable weather conditions.

"Yes, there's some risk. Yes, there's some smoke. But what's the trade-off?" said Jeff Kane, a fire ecologist at Humboldt State University.

California has warned of the idea that it must fight fire with fire.

In 2015, a coalition of state and federal land management agencies, local air quality districts, tribes and nonprofit organizations came together to reduce barriers to prescribed burning. They are working to make controlled burns easier to coordinate and smoke easier to track.

The momentum picked up in May, when Gov. Jerry Brown created a forest management task force to identify windows of opportunity for prescribed burns and streamline the permitting process. In September, Brown signed a bill aimed at expanding the use of prescribed fires by, among other things, creating ways for landowners and agencies to share costs and liability.

"I kind of had to pinch myself," said Craig Thomas, the recently retired conservation director of Sierra Forest Legacy. "I love being in California because we can have that complicated conversation. We need to stop the bad fire and dramatically increase the good fire."

But other hurdles remain, including a lack of firefighters, equipment and funding, according to research by Courtney Schultz, a forest policy expert at Colorado State University. Fire suppression has become such a monumental task that it occupies all personnel and funds, leaving nothing left for things like prescribed burning.

The U.S. Forest Service will get help starting in 2020, thanks to congressional action that will free funds for forest management.

New Congress eases old rule on hat-wearing

BY RONALD G. SHAFER
Special to The Washington Post

Nineteenth-century congressman George Kremer would probably tip his hat to new congresswoman Ilhan Omar.

Omar, a Minnesota Democrat and a Muslim who wears a headscarf for religious reasons, celebrated the rule change by the new Congress that eased a 181-year-old ban on wearing hats in the House of Representatives.

The hat-wearing Kremer opposed the ban before the House passed it in 1837.

Back then, all House members were men, and many wore hats while doing the people's business.

The House's rowdy lack of decorum shocked some foreign visitors. Upon entering the U.S. House, "one is struck by the vulgar demeanor of that great assembly," wrote French diplomat Alexis de Tocqueville.

According to House historians, members "spat copious amounts of chewing tobacco, smoked cigars, carried weapons, swilled liquor procured from no fewer than 12 vendors in the Capitol, and unfurled newspapers at their desks which they used to prop up their feet during debate."

It was in this atmosphere that, in 1822, Rep. Charles Mercer of Virginia proposed: "Nor shall any Member remain in the Hall covered during the session of the House."

The "Old Hall" of the House was where members met from 1819 to 1857 after the British burned down the first hall in 1814.

Mercer's proposal won 63 votes but didn't pass.

In 1828, Rep. George McDuffie of South Carolina, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, revived the issue. McDuffie argued that the sea of big hats worn by members muffled sound, making it harder to hear the debates.

Pennsylvania's Kremer, who wore a leopard-skin coat, retorted that the problem "was more in the Hall than in the hat." He refused to remove his tall hat. Later, Kremer was memorialized in a hand-colored engraving showing him in a chair with a top hat on his head and reading a journal with the headline "Reform."

In 1833, Rep. James Polk of Tennessee made another try for the sake of decorum. North Carolina Rep. Lewis Williams raised a practical objection: "If gentlemen were to be forbidden to wear their hats, what were

they to do with them? No place was provided in which they could conveniently be put." The House at the time didn't have a cloakroom.

Rep. John Patton of Virginia argued that "the really harmless but apparently indecorous practice of wearing our hats" was a symbol of the House's independence. He noted that in England, members of the House of Commons "always wear their hats in their seats" to show the freedom of the English people from executive control by the king.

Rep. John Marable, a bald lawmaker from Tennessee, asked to be exempted from any no-hats rule for personal reasons. Marable said he wore his hat year round, "in the cold weather to keep off the cold and in warm weather to keep off the flies."

Polk's proposal failed. Lawmakers seemingly put a lid on the hat issue.

Then on Sept. 14, 1837, without debate, the House passed a resolution that "Every member shall remain uncovered during the sessions of the House."

How did it happen? By now Mercer, who first proposed a hat ban, had risen to chairman of the Select



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Rep. Ilhan Omar, center, joins other Democrats at a news conference last week on Capitol Hill.

Committee on the Rules of the House. He tucked the hat prohibition into a batch of rules that members voted on together without any discussion.

Mercer tried to press his luck by then proposing to require members to sit in their seats after adjournment until the House speaker had left the rostrum. That was too much for North Carolina Rep. Jesse Bynum.

"There was no knowing where this thing would stop," he warned.

Banning tobacco could be next. The House banned

smoking in 1871. There still isn't any rule against tobacco spitting.

The hats were off until a possible challenge arose nearly 100 years later in 1970, when women's activist Bella Abzug of New York won election to the House. Abzug, a lawyer, was known for wearing wide-brimmed hats. She said she started wearing the hats when meeting with male lawyers.

As a young female lawyer, she said, "It was the only way they would take you seriously."

Abzug vowed to wear her hats on the House floor. But

she never did.

The closest to a real challenge came in 2011 after Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Fla., first won election. Wilson wears colorful sequined cowboy hats.

"People get excited when they see the hats," she said. "This is just me."

Wilson said she would seek permission to wear her hats in the House but dropped the idea.

Wilson still wouldn't be able to wear her hat under the new rule since the change only allows headwear for religious or medical reasons.

Second suspect charged in shooting death of Houston girl, 7

BY JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Authorities announced Tuesday that a second black man has been charged in the fatal drive-by shooting of a 7-year-old black Houston girl, whose death her family had initially believed was racially motivated.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said Larry D. Woodruffe, 24, has been charged with capital murder in the Dec. 30 slaying of Jazmine Barnes.

Authorities previously said that they believe Woodruffe was the person in an SUV who fired upon Jazmine and her family as they drove to a grocery store.

The driver of the SUV, Eric Black Jr., 20, has also been charged with capital murder.

Authorities say Woodruffe and Black mistakenly thought they were attacking people they'd previously fought at a club hours earlier when they shot at



Woodruffe

Jazmine and her family.

The family had described the shooter as a white man driving a red pickup, prompting concerns that her death was a hate crime.

Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said he believes the family's initial description was sincere and the man in the pickup was likely a bystander who left the scene.

Woodruffe was charged

as Jazmine's funeral took place Tuesday. Woodruffe and Black were both taken into custody Saturday. The sheriff's office said they identified Woodruffe and Black as suspects based on a tip from social activist and writer Shaun King that was corroborated by their investigation.

While Black was charged on Sunday with capital murder, Woodruffe was being held in the county jail on a drug charge while authorities prepared a capital murder charge against him.



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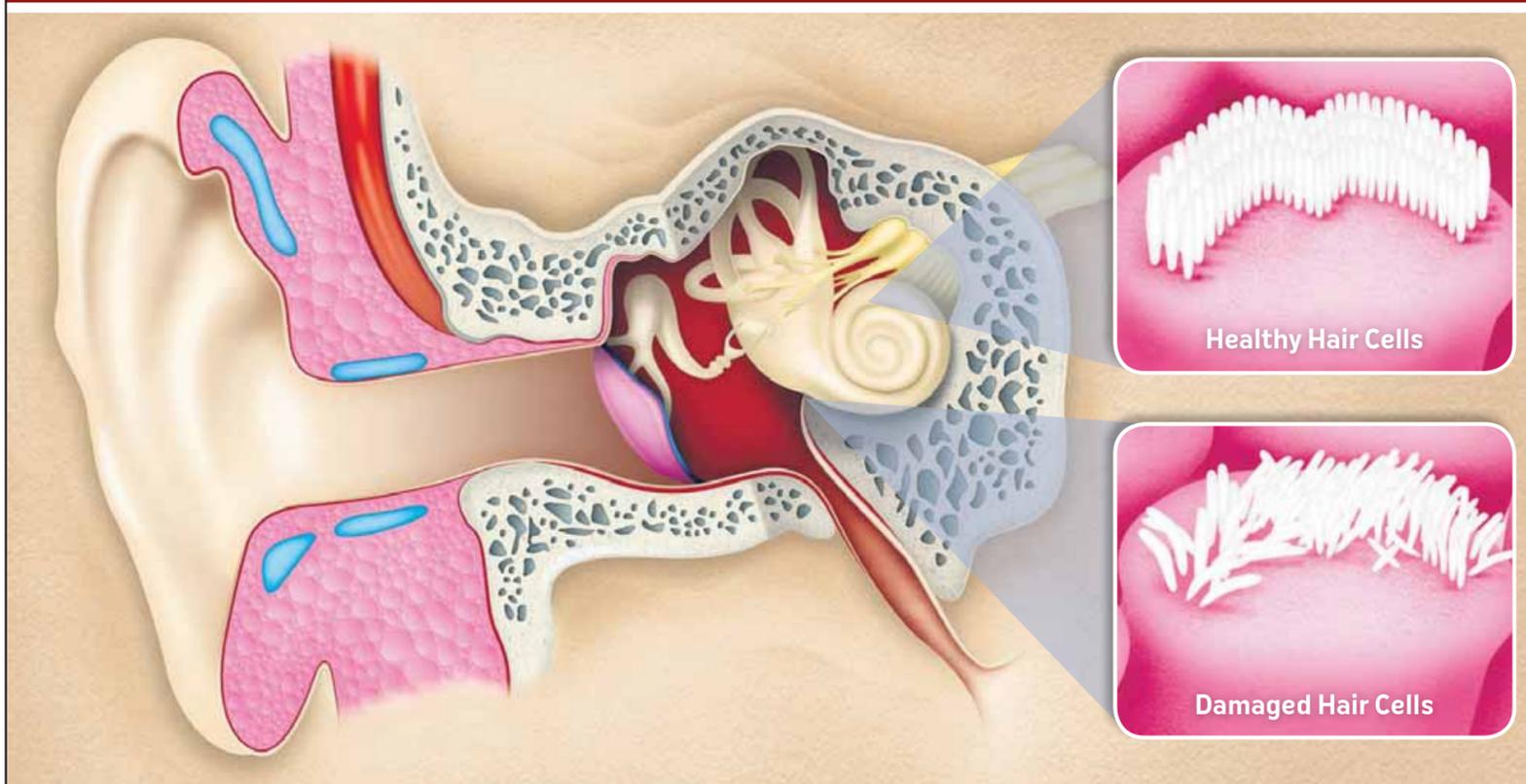
The casket of Jazmine Barnes, 7, is removed from a hearse Tuesday before her memorial service at Community of Faith Church in Houston. She was gunned down Dec. 30.

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Effort to thwart fuel thefts causes gas shortage in Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Motorists lined up for a fourth straight day at gas stations in western Mexico on Tuesday as the government continued to restrict pipeline deliveries to combat illegal fuel taps.

The administration of President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has switched to shipping fuel by tanker truck in a few western and central states, but there aren't enough trucks, and the pipelines are riddled with illegal

taps drilled by fuel thieves. Lopez Obrador said Tuesday that thieves have grown so bold — and have so many connections inside refineries — that they've been stealing fuel directly from plants.

Lopez Obrador said fuel theft costs the government \$3 billion per year and the gangs are so sophisticated that they have established an alternative, clandestine and illegal distribution network with their own depots.



Fire at sea: Smoke billows from a listing oil tanker after an explosion caused a fire on the vessel Tuesday as it prepared to refuel off the southern coast of Hong Kong. Authorities said the blast killed one person and left three missing.

In Germany, student admits data dump on public figures

A 20-year-old German man from the state of Hesse has confessed to publishing a huge trove of private data linked to Chancellor Angela Merkel and hundreds of other public figures.

The man, who police did not identify by name, was arrested after his home was raided Sunday and released the following day after admitting to publishing the data via Twitter, the BKA Federal Criminal Police Office said in a statement.

The suspect, who said he acted on his own, is a student who lives with his parents and has no previous convictions.

"The accused said the motivation for his actions was irritation at public statements by the affected politicians, journalists and public figures," the BKA said. He also gave investigators assistance in uncovering crimes committed by others, officials said.

Reporter seeks restitution from Iran for his imprisonment

WASHINGTON — Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian told a federal court on Tuesday that he was arrested by Iranian authorities, subjected to a sham trial and held for 18 months purely as a way to gain leverage over the U.S. in nuclear negotiations.

Rezaian, 43, testified as part of a multimillion dollar lawsuit against the Islamic Republic. He told the court his interrogators forced him to confess to

spying under extreme psychological duress.

The child of an Iranian father and American mother, Rezaian holds dual citizenship. Iran does not recognize dual citizenship and has frequently targeted dual citizens with espionage charges. He was released in January 2016 as part of a prisoner swap on the day the nuclear accord between Iran and global powers was implemented.

U.K. Parliament moves to make 'no-deal' Brexit more difficult

LONDON — Britain's Parliament narrowly approved financial roadblocks that are designed to make it more difficult for the country to leave the European Union without a Brexit deal, giving a defeat to Prime Minister Theresa May's government Tuesday.

Lawmakers voted 303-296 to back an amendment that would prohibit government spending on "no-deal" Brexit preparations that Parliament didn't authorize.

The vote in the House of Commons illustrated the substantial opposition to

the real possibility of Britain withdrawing from the EU on March 29 without a divorce agreement in place on the terms of its relationship with the remaining members.

Business leaders and some economists have predicted disruption in the lives of U.K. residents and financial damage if that happens. Without a trade deal in place, Britain could see tariffs slapped on its exports to the EU and possible food and medicine shortages.

But Britain has been headed in that direction because May has so far

been unable to persuade a majority in Parliament to back the divorce deal her government negotiated with the EU.

Concerns about the risks of a "no-deal" scenario has prompted talk of postponing Brexit day and even calling another referendum on Britain's EU membership.

Earlier Tuesday, a government minister ruled out an extension to Britain's March 29 date for leaving the EU. The date was based on the two-year breakup period that started when May gave official notice Britain was pulling out.

In Britain: London's Heathrow Airport briefly halted departing flights on late Tuesday afternoon after a reported drone sighting — a development that came just three weeks after multiple reports of drone sightings caused travel chaos at nearby Gatwick Airport.

Flights were halted for about 90 minutes.

Truck driver in crash with hockey team's bus pleads guilty

MELFORT, Saskatchewan — The truck driver involved in the deadly crash with a junior hockey team's bus last April has pleaded guilty to all charges.

Sixteen people died and 13 players were injured when Jaskirat Singh Sidhu's semi loaded with peat moss collided with the Humboldt Broncos' bus in rural Saskatchewan.

Sidhu was charged with 16 counts of dangerous

driving causing death and 13 charges of dangerous driving causing bodily harm.

Lawyer Mark Brayford said Tuesday that his client told him he doesn't "want to make things any worse" by going to trial.

A sentencing hearing is to begin Jan. 28. The maximum penalty for dangerous driving causing death is 14 years and 10 years for dangerous driving causing bodily harm.

India chamber OKs citizenship bill over protests

GAUHATI, India — India's lower house of Parliament approved a bill Tuesday that would grant residency and citizenship rights to non-Muslims who entered India illegally, allegedly after fleeing persecution in several neighboring nations, despite protests against the legislation

in the populous northeast that brought the region to a near standstill.

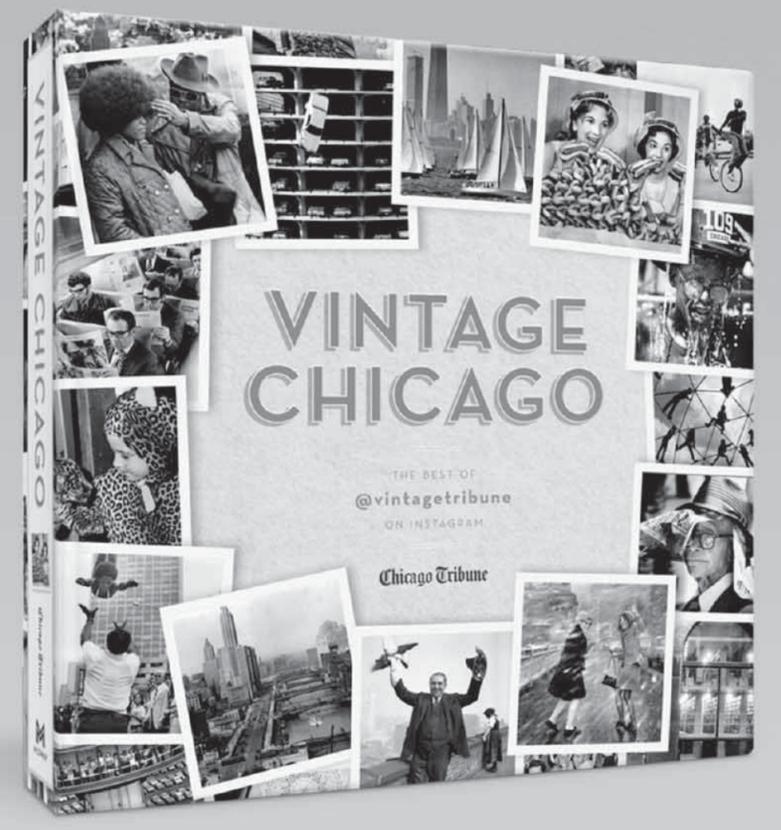
Home Minister Rajnath Singh of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party denied that the Citizenship Amendment bill, which he introduced, was discriminatory. It would grant rights to Hindus, Jains,

Parsi and several other non-Muslim religious groups who migrated illegally from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Protesters in Assam set up blockades with burning tires and vandalized two BJP offices, disrupting traffic and businesses from morning to late afternoon.

Testy vocabulary: Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., who made national headlines for profanely promising to impeach President Donald Trump, said Tuesday that she was sorry to have created a distraction but would never apologize for being "passionate and upset," adding, "The use of that language was a teachable moment for me."

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EDITORIALS

Have we got a deal for Trump:
Wall money for DACA protection

Political compromises in Washington aren't easy to find these days, but for how long can an obvious solution to a standoff be ignored? As he reiterated in his address to the nation Tuesday night, President Donald Trump wants \$5.7 billion to begin building a wall on the southern border; congressional Democrats refuse. You know the surround: Without a budget agreement, the government went into partial shutdown mode — roughly 25 percent of federal operations — last month.

Trump described the chasm that separates him from Democratic leaders: He asserted that the government “remains shut down for one reason and one reason only — because Democrats will not fund border security.” Trump spoke of what he sees as the dangers Americans face because of inadequate border controls, and he challenged his political opponents to help end what he called a “growing humanitarian and security crisis” at the border.

If only there was a way out of this mess that would give both sides a chance to claim a victory on immigration, or at least provide viable cover stories. There is, and the nice part is it's already been the subject of negotiations. Trump wants the wall because he wants to be seen as tough on immigration. Democrats want to protect the status of young immigrants known as the Dreamers. Some version of wall money in exchange for an agreement to maintain the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program makes sense.

Did we lose you at “makes sense”? Let's not give in to the current national mania for poisonous atmospherics. Granted, Trump is playing hardball at a puzzling time: Democrats have just taken control of the House and are itching for big-stakes political wins. Trump doesn't want to look weak. That's why the partial shutdown is in Week 3. Meanwhile, thousands of federal workers and contractors' employees are on layoff or potentially working with-

out pay. A few more days and this shutdown becomes the longest on record, with uncertain, potentially serious consequences for the government but also the booming U.S. economy.

In Trump's first Oval Office address of his presidency Tuesday night, he tried to draw a national television audience into his pro-wall camp. His arguments for building an expensive, imposing barrier on the border with Mexico never struck as realistic. Theatrical? Yes. Compelling? Not so much. The cost would be prohibitive and the logistics likely impossible. Trump doesn't help his credibility by having claimed Mexico would pay or by exaggerating the national security implications.

The fact is many people from Mexico and Central America, including those in last year's caravans, continue to make their way to the border. It's a dangerous journey. Anyone without legal permission to enter the United States shouldn't try. For those seeking asylum, there is a process. Tighter

security is needed in the form of well-staffed border patrol operations, high-tech surveillance and, in certain locations, improved barriers. So give the president the money he wants to spend on concrete or steel fencing as part of a budget agreement that reopens the government.

In exchange, let's see a deal on DACA. There are about 800,000 protected immigrants in the U.S. who arrived as children. They didn't choose to break the law, their parents did. Many have no memory of their native country. Their status is now tied up in the courts, but Congress can solve this humanitarian problem. Even Trump has said that he'd like to do right by them.

Democrats, be sure to take a long bow for protecting the Dreamers, because you know Trump won't miss his curtain call when construction crews expand the current system of barriers. The two parties can take turns declaring victories. It will be a refreshing change of pace.

Listening to the alleged victims of R. Kelly

December saw many of us nestled inside watching romantic Hallmark Channel movies, but January brings a counter-punch: a twisted Lifetime saga of sexual abuse and control. Not romance-gone-wrong escapism, this is a six-part documentary: “Surviving R. Kelly,” an examination of a long history of allegations against the Chicago R&B star.

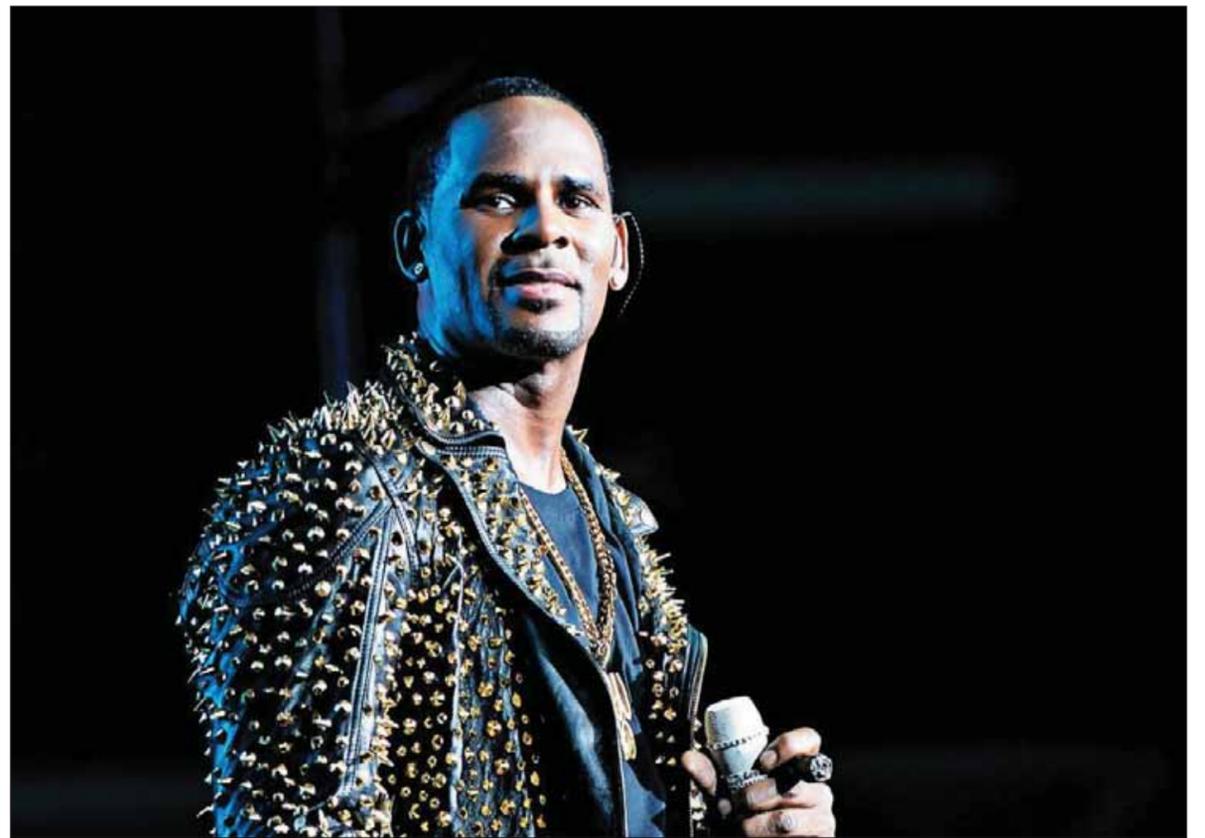
Kelly has not been convicted of any sex crime and was acquitted of child pornography charges in Cook County in 2008. The Lifetime documentary, however, has brought to a national roar a story that isn't new to music fans or to Chicago. Troubling coverage of Kelly dates to his 1994 marriage to singer Aaliyah, when he was 27 and she was 15, and to reporting by Jim DeRogatis and Abdon Pallasch in the Chicago Sun-Times beginning in 2000.

A girl born that year is now legal for a 52-year-old like Kelly to date in Illinois, where the age of consent is generally 17.

Media coverage, a trial and the passage of a generation haven't ended Kelly's career or even his artistic collaborations. This at a time when the #MeToo movement has held accountable numerous entertainment industry figures for their bad behavior. That raises a painful question and belated soul-searching by many people: Have disturbing claims, backed by hit song lyrics about age being “nothing but a number,” drawn inadequate attention because the alleged victims are black girls?

A white juror from Kelly's child pornography trial appears in the documentary saying he didn't like the way the girls who testified dressed and acted, fueling his doubt about their accounts. But #MeToo has ushered in a new era in which claims of abuse and demands for justice are taken seriously.

Chance the Rapper apologized over the weekend for collaborating with Kelly in 2015. And commenters from Chicago and beyond — some of whom posted on social media about Kelly's predilections being



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R. Kelly, shown in 2013, is facing renewed scrutiny after Lifetime aired the six-part documentary “Surviving R. Kelly.”

common talk in the city — seemed to recognize at last that sexual behavior toward young girls isn't just creepy. If proved in the courts, it's criminal.

We anticipate that police and prosecutors are paying renewed attention to the allegations involving Kelly. Cook County

State's Attorney Kim Foxx on Tuesday encouraged alleged victims to come forward.

Downloads of his music spiked higher after the documentary's airing. It's a distressing but probably natural bump, as listeners want to check out his sound and

lyrics amid this renewed attention. It also points to the responsibility of consumers to vote with their dollars and downloads.

The volume and intensity of the Lifetime series has caused the public to tune in to what amounts to a harrowing cry. Will it be heard?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

With large studies in peer-reviewed journals showing that marijuana increases the risk of psychosis and schizophrenia, the scientific literature around the drug is far more negative than it was 20 years ago. ... Yet the change in the scientific consensus has gone unnoticed. Americans in general are far more likely to believe the drug is safe, and even medically beneficial. ...

Many older Americans remember marijuana as a relatively weak drug that they used casually in social settings like concerts. They're not wrong. In the 1970s and 1980s, marijuana generally contained less than 5 percent THC. Today, the marijuana sold at legal dispensaries often contains 25 percent THC. Many people use extracts that are nearly pure THC. As a comparison, think of the difference between a beer and a martini. ...

States that allow recreational marijuana have found that legalization doesn't end the black market in unregulated cannabis. But it does lower prices, increase availability and acceptability, and drive up use.

Worse — because marijuana can cause paranoia and psychosis, and those conditions are closely linked to violence — it appears to lead to an increase in violent crime.

Before recreational legalization began in 2014, advocates promised that it would reduce violent crime. But the first four states to legalize — Alaska, Colorado, Oregon, Washington — have seen sharp increases in murders and aggravated assaults since 2014, according to reports from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Police reports and news articles show a clear link to cannabis in many cases.

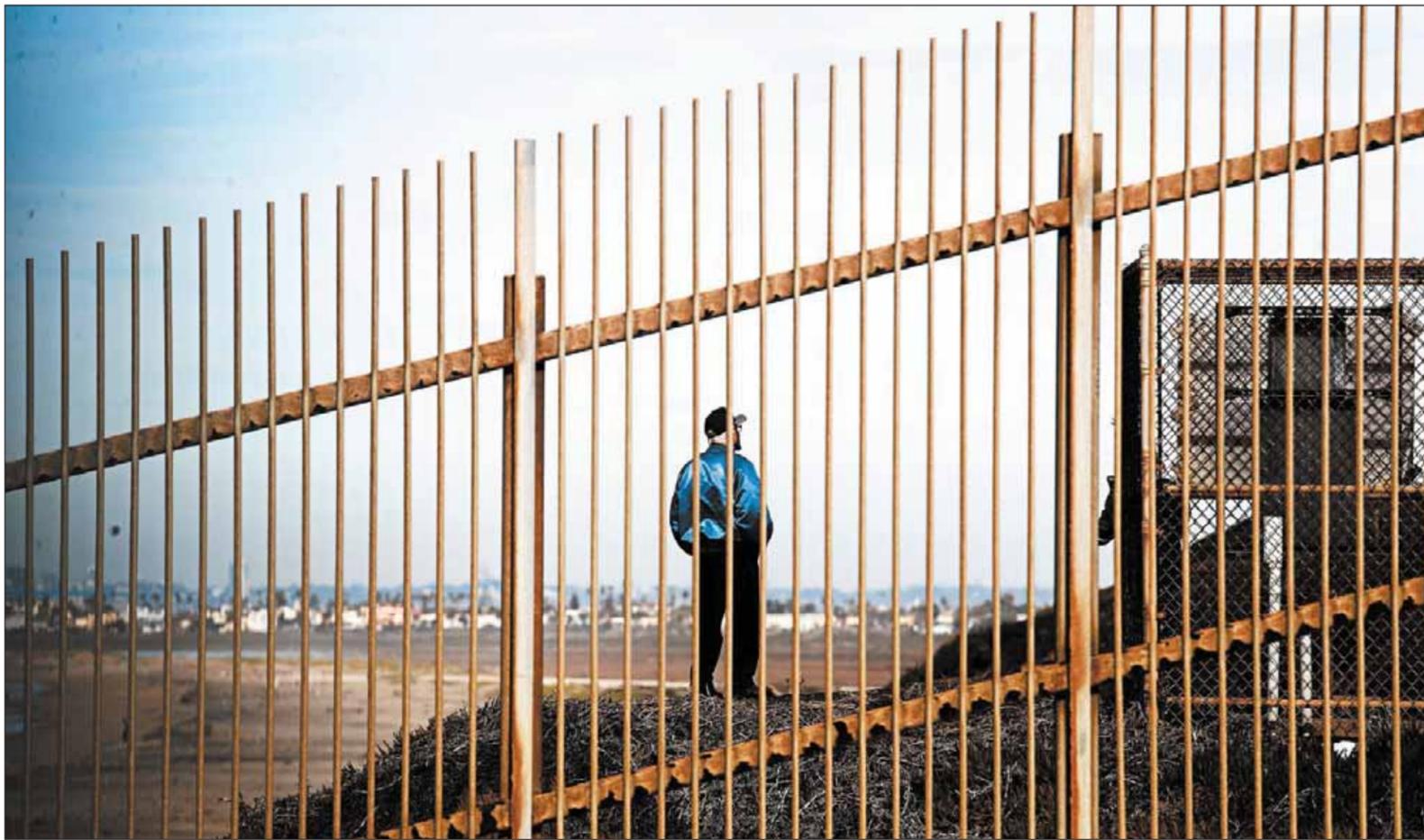
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PERSPECTIVE



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A man stands on the U.S. side of the U.S.-Mexico border along the Pacific Ocean. President Donald Trump is showing no signs of compromise on a border wall.

Trump's border bluster results in dangerous game of chicken



ERIC ZORN

I've long been vexed when labor leaders, lawyers, politicians and other power brokers involved in hammering out difficult disputes decline public comment by telling reporters that they "don't want to negotiate in the media."

How are we unofficial arbiters supposed to take sides, then? After all, it's hard to form opinions when we can't compare the offers on the table and apply our common sense.

But I understand.

Dispute resolution, deal-making, bargaining, strategic concessions ... it's a fraught process, full of bluff and bluster, infected by ego and swayed by tangential and sometimes secret agendas. Maintaining wiggle room and preserving dignity are key to making the inevitable compromises that precede resolution.

There's no better example of the perils of public negotia-

tion than the ongoing standoff over border wall funding between President Donald Trump and congressional Democrats, a stalemate that's led to a protracted partial shutdown of the federal government and seems likely to precipitate a constitutional crisis.

Over how to secure the border!

Yes, all sides agree that it's important. Democrats are not for "open borders," no matter what your Fox News-addled relatives may have snarled at you over the holidays.

The party leaders don't agree on the most effective balance of methods — physical barriers, electronic surveillance, border agents, monitoring of those admitted temporarily, deportation standards and levels, and so on — and they don't agree on just where the money should go. But these are the kinds of disagreements that would normally be hashed out in Congress if not secretly, then mostly in obscurity, where a lot of the legislative sausage gets made.

Instead Republicans and Democrats are engaged in an absurd, reckless and increasingly destructive game of chicken, all because Trump

has publicly fixated on fulfilling his ill-considered campaign promise to "build a great, great wall on our southern border."

His drumbeat rhetoric turned "wall" into a metaphor — not for an enhancement of immigration control measures including existing barriers, but for Trump's nativist swagger and bottomless political arrogance.

He relentlessly invoked the wall to excite fear and hatred of Central Americans among his core supporters — it was going to be up to 50 feet high!

And since Mexico predictably declined to pay for the wall, despite Trump's promise during the campaign, he then made a defining element of his presidency a non-negotiable demand that Congress give him at least \$5.7 billion in tax dollars to begin new construction.

For a man who fancies himself a master negotiator, elevating the concept into a comprehensive symbol and drawing such a public line in the sand were clumsy mistakes.

That put Democrats in the position of seeing funding even one new brick as validating Trump's ugliest and most ignorant impulses, and

in that way it set the stage for a standoff in which roughly 25 percent of the federal government is unfunded.

Negotiating border security in the media like this has raised the stakes to the point that it's now impossible for either side to compromise without losing face and angering its most ardent supporters.

Like the dispute about Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court that preceded it, the fight over the wall is really about winning. It's about power and resolve. It's about political momentum and bragging rights.

Democrats have OK'd border-barrier construction in the past. But now that Trump has put his brand on the idea and promoted it with his typical flurry of lies and hysteria, they have no bargaining room.

Their public negotiating stance has been — has had to be — "yes" for more border security, but "no" for more wall.

A compromise resolution is favored by an overwhelming majority of voters — 70 percent in a The Hill-HarrisX poll released Monday — but all the posturing has made

compromise exponentially more difficult.

Democrats have no reason to swerve first in this game of chicken.

Trump made his handling of the alleged border crisis a central theme of November's midterm elections — remember the terrifying "caravan" filled with criminals that was going to invade our country — and Democrats swamped Republicans by 8.6 percent of the overall popular vote for the U.S. House and took 40 seats in reclaiming majority status.

Trump may flip the political equities in light of his Oval Office address to the nation Tuesday evening — this is being written in advance of that speech — or he may end up invoking his emergency powers to start wall construction, an act so phony and so brazenly unnecessary that it would spark a court battle for the soul of our system of governance.

But nothing will change the fact that you should usually conduct difficult negotiations behind closed doors, particularly when you're as lousy as it as Donald Trump.

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R. Kelly allegations raise the question: Do #BlackGirlsLivesMatter too?



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After viewing "Surviving R. Kelly," Lifetime's riveting six-part documentary on the R&B star's decades of child and sexual abuse allegations, one question rings out to me above all others: Do black girls' lives matter?

Or as film star Jada Pinkett Smith said with alarm Sunday in a video tweet following reports that streams on Spotify of his 2002 single "Ignition" surged by 16 percent after the documentary's first night, "I really don't want to believe that it's because black girls don't matter enough. Or is that the reason?"

Good question. But in more hopeful news, there also was a 20 percent surge in calls to the sexual abuse hotline operated by the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network after the docuseries,

which scored 1.9 million viewers in the Nielsen Media Research ratings, the network's best performance in more than two years.

Allegations of sexual misconduct have dogged Robert Sylvester Kelly, the 52-year-old Chicagoan's full name, for almost all of his more-than-30-year career as one of the biggest-selling stars in recorded music.

But for the first time, this documentary lets us hear some of these now-grown-up women tell their own stories. The result is a shocking parade of horrors that, despite blanket denials by Kelly and his legal teams, still raise questions as to how many strings he and his support network had to pull to keep him out of prison.

In 1994, there was his marriage at age 27 to Aaliyah, a rising music star who was only 15, although as the documentary shows, she was listed as 18 on the marriage certificate. Months later the marriage was annulled and she died in a plane crash in 2001.

By then new allegations had emerged in lawsuits. In 1996 and 2001, lawsuits accused him of

having sex with two underage girls, aged 15 and 17. Both settled out of court.

In 2002, a videotape surfaced that appears to show Kelly having sex with and urinating on a much younger-looking girl than the two who sued him. He was indicted by a Chicago grand jury on 21 counts of child pornography.

But in a trial that dragged on like the one at the center of Charles Dickens' "Bleak House," Kelly was found not guilty in 2008 on all counts after the girl in the video refused to testify.

Last year, a new scandal erupted with accusations that Kelly was trapping women in a "sex cult," which left them mostly cut off from their families.

The documentary follows the parents of two of those women as they try without success to persuade their daughters to come home.

He was also known to hang out and meet girls at Hyde Park's Kenwood Academy, for years after he dropped out to start his music career. Did anyone notice this tall black superstar hanging

around?

"We all noticed," says Chicago writer Mikki Kendall in the documentary. "(But) nobody cared because we were black girls."

Somebody needs to care. Social networks buzz with critics and defenders of Kelly who compare him to another superstar, Bill Cosby, who eventually was convicted after decades of rumors that he drugged and raped women — almost all of whom happened to be white.

But in this age of Twitter, the #MeToo movement and the Time's Up campaign, there's also new hope. The Lifetime documentary has helped give new life to another recent hashtag, #MuteRKelly, a movement that pushes for boycotts of his albums, concerts, web streaming and radio airplay.

In one stunning victory for Time's Up, an R. Kelly concert was canceled last April at the University of Illinois at Chicago after student protests. But another familiar and troubling question looms for the rest of us who object to Kelly's alleged offenses.

It is the same question raised about Cosby, Woody Allen and others who have been caught up in sexual misconduct allegations:

Can we separate the artist in our minds from our appreciation of his or her art?

R. Kelly often is called a "genius" because of his hits, which range from the sexually raunchy to the near-sacred, such as "I Believe I Can Fly," a hit that is sung in churches, kindergartens, graduation ceremonies and talent shows around the globe.

But it's hard to choose between the man and his music when the man has put so much of himself into his music.

Yet now, even if I happen to hear his biggest hit come over the sound system in a shopping mall, it's going to sound like, "I believe I can lie."

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PERSPECTIVE

A Dem showdown
in SpringfieldWill Stava-Murray
persist against Madigan?

KRISTEN MCQUEARY

The temperature in Springfield on Wednesday is expected to drop to the low 20s, a brisk day for 177 lawmakers and their families milling about the University of Illinois at Springfield campus. It's swearing-in day in the state's capital.

The Democratic members of the House and Senate, and Republicans who survived the November bloodbath, will raise their right hands and begin new terms in the General Assembly. It is a day of pressed suits and flashing cameras and baby's breath boutonnières.

But there's another component to the ceremony. Lawmakers will select their party leadership. And when that happens, all eyes will be on one newcomer.

Anne Stava-Murray, a Democrat from Naperville who ousted Republican Rep. David Olsen of Downers Grove, promised voters she would not support Michael Madigan for House speaker. During what is usually a roll call vote, she will be expected to say "no" out loud from an auditorium stage, facing breathless onlookers.

The pressure to flip her vote has been building. Even Democratic female legislators during a retreat last year leaned on her to change her mind, she has said. Some warned her of consequences. A vote against the speaker would be premature.

Unreasonable. Risky. Dumb.

But Stava-Murray has not backed down. She recently said she planned to file harassment complaints with several state ethics boards against Madigan for what she considers a sanctioned campaign by him to bully her.

We already know what happened to former Rep. Scott Drury, D-Highwood, for voting "present" on Madigan for speaker two years ago. Yes, he was denied a gift bag his colleagues received that included a clock with an inscription honoring Madigan. Ah, the spoils of Springfield. Robbed.

But Drury also said he got passed over for a committee chairmanship and pulled off a judiciary committee post. When he ran for attorney general in 2018, he faced a ballot challenge funded by a Madigan ally and led by Madigan's chief elections attorney. Drury barely made it on the statewide ballot in time for the primary. The ballot challenge ate his time, his competitiveness and his resources. He lost to Kwame Raoul, of course, who in the general election took more than \$1 million in campaign help from Madigan. For Drury, there were layered costs for his "present" vote.

What will Stava-Murray's cost be if she votes against the speaker? It's hard to fathom that a guy with a 74-seat supermajority can't tolerate one dissenter, but that's life under House autocracy.

I wonder how many #ShePersisted hashtags we'll see on social media, supporting Stava-Murray for standing up to leadership, just as U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren did in February 2017 when Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell tried to silence her. Here's a guess: zero. The rules are different when the heavy-handed leader is a Democrat.

A former researcher for several Fortune 500 companies, Stava-Murray is no wall-

flower. She beat an incumbent Republican without a sliver of help from Madigan or the Democratic Party. She didn't even turn in petition sheets a Democratic staffer collected for her. She threw them out and gathered more on her own.

She is firm and outspoken on women's issues and was disgusted when Madigan's initial response to sexual harassment complaints within his organization was to tell his machine hacks to "cut it out." But I wouldn't expect any #MeToo hashtags supporting her either. Every other Democrat — woman or man — is likely to vote to keep Madigan in charge. He's the boss.

The added irony, of course, is that Stava-Murray on policy is precisely where the Democratic Party stands. She supports a graduated income tax and legalized cannabis, and she campaigned for the Equal Rights Amendment. She supports more money for public schools, would not curb pension benefits for government workers and supports renewable energy programs.

She also announced — yes, prematurely and probably unwisely — that she plans to challenge U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin for his seat in 2020. Her fellow Democrats promptly ridiculed her — even though they're probably the same bunch swooning over newly sworn-in U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, a complete unknown until she toppled an incumbent.

Unexpected things can happen with determined, independent, outspoken women intent on challenging the status quo. The question is whether Stava-Murray will be supported within her own party — or crushed for being too, um, radical.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Cody Parkey's
double doink

Most Chicago Bears fans are ready to ride placekicker Cody Parkey out of town on a rail. I heard on the news that he and his family have received death threats. With Bear fervor at its zenith following a spectacular turnaround from a year ago, fans were making plans to attend the Super Bowl. And for it all to end in such a stunning, but not surprising fashion, was simply more than any rabid fan could endure. But Parkey took his failure like a man, facing the media and replacing his jersey with a hair shirt. Some will feel sorry for the lad, but before anyone cries crocodile tears for Mr. Parkey, consider his salary. He signed a four-year, \$15 million contract with the Bears, plus a \$2.25 million signing bonus and \$9 million guaranteed. Not bad for a 26-year old. The Bears claim they will keep him around, but I wouldn't bet on it. A better bet would have been whether or not he would hit a post in the parking garage leaving Soldier Field on Sunday.

— Michael Oakes, Chicago

Bears still our champs

The Bears still remain champions in all our hearts. Without a peculiar bounce back onto the field, their season would not have ended. They went further than expected. For that, they deserve our thanks, for the grit they displayed and their future that awaits another season without a goal post in the way. They remain our champs nonetheless, and we are proud of how much they did achieve.

— Vincent Kamin, Chicago

Politicians' purpose:
To serve

The Ald. Edward Burke case dramatically demonstrates that elected officials should not be involved in side businesses and be raising large contributions that distract them from working for their ordinary constituents.

Elected officials should be paid enough so they do not need outside businesses, in particular law practices that haul in fees for reducing property taxes for corporations and the wealthy, thereby raising property taxes for ordinary people.

And for a nominal amount per person, public funding of campaigns would end the blizzard of pay-to-play, conflict of interest and favoritism that benefit big donors and hurt ordinary people. Every big contribution represents an obligation that is usually played out in some form.

Also, the business climate would be definitely improved if businesses were not expected and pressured to patronize politicians' businesses and make political donations.

How about instituting a system that channels politicians into working not for their private businesses or some campaign fund, but rather for all their constituents.

— Richard Barsanti, Western Springs

Dear House speaker

Mr. Madigan, your ad indicates the Democratic Party is for the working class. If this is true, then let's make some real changes to show how much.

Quit worrying about the rest of the country and concentrate on the state of Illinois. Let's start with hard term limits for those representing the people of this state. Most of the representatives in this state run unopposed. If we have term limits, we will see more people run for office and maybe get a better perspective on how things should be run. Let's work on cutting all taxes in the state, from the income tax to the sales tax to the gasoline tax to the entertainment tax and worst of all the property tax. Our taxes are some of the worst in the country, and yet our roads and bridges are a mess. We are pushing business out of the state and into other locations. Let's get the people working in this state and not in government jobs, but in private business so we can get more for our money.

You have been in office a long time and speaker for a long time. During your leadership, more jobs have left, the roads are worse, the taxes have increased, and you flat-out don't represent the people in this state. You seem to represent the power brokers who keep you in office. Time to make real change.

— Richard Smart, Carpentersville

Dirty Chicago politics

Every time I read about Chicago politics, I feel like I need to take a shower.

— Mike Volling, Antioch

'Double doink':
The difficulty
of being an
NFL kicker

BY CORY FRANKLIN

On Sunday the name Cody Parkey was etched indelibly into the annals of Chicago sports infamy. As the whole city knows by now, Parkey missed a 43-yard field goal at Soldier Field that ricocheted off the goal post upright and crossbar before bouncing the wrong way — a "double doink," according to announcer Cris Collinsworth. The miss cost the Bears, their best squad in many years, a chance to advance in the playoffs and a shot at the Super Bowl.

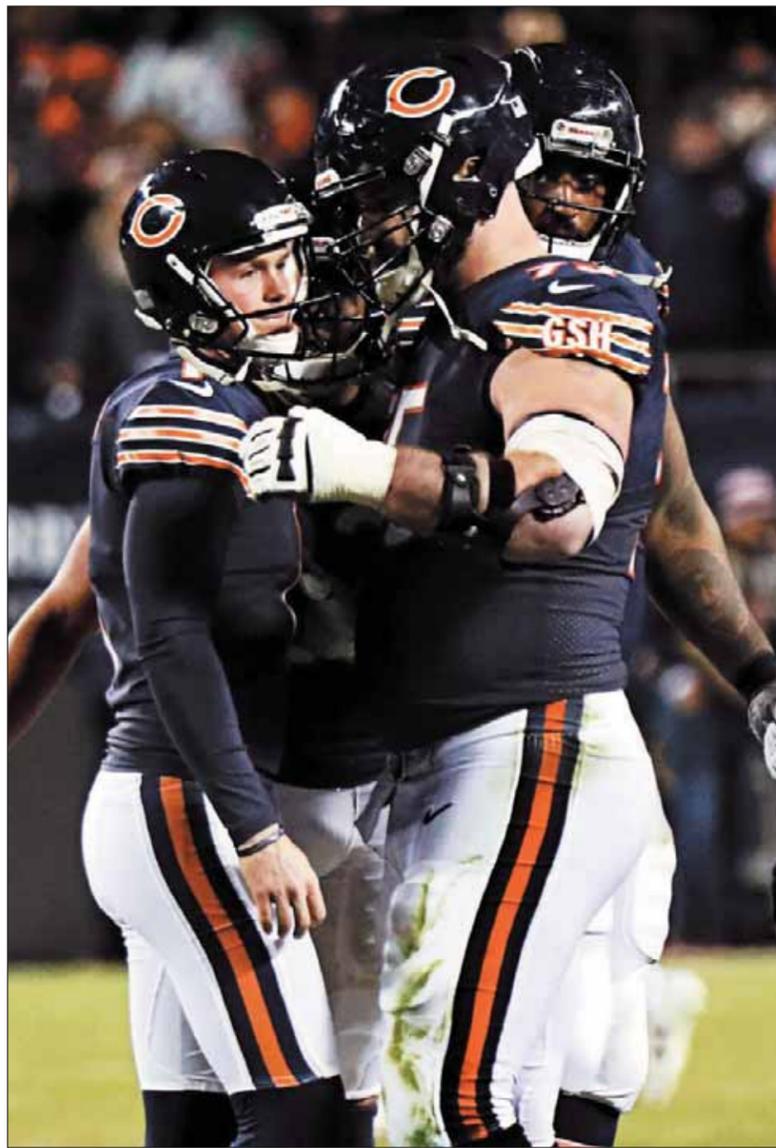
To his credit, Parkey owned up after the game, "It's one of the worst feelings in the world to let your team down. I feel terrible. Continue to put things into perspective, continue to just put my best foot forward and just sleep at night knowing that I did everything in my power this week to make that kick, and for whatever reason it hit the crossbar and the upright."

His teammates were supportive, and he handled it professionally, but given that miss, and several others earlier this year, it would be surprising if the Bears retained Parkey next year, despite his multimillion-dollar contract.

Most NFL players and coaches appreciate the heightened emotional and mental resilience required to placekick. David McDuff, an experienced sports psychiatrist, once explained to Sports Illustrated that kicking involves a highly concentrated form of pressure. The time between the beginning of the act and the result "is as compressed in sports as you get. It's almost like someone puts a cylinder of pressure around the person and just cranks it up. Missing a kick in a big game results in 'an exponential increase in the pressure.'"

Kicking in the playoffs is far different from kicking in the regular season. Some of the best NFL kickers have failed memorably in that "cylinder of pressure". Scott Norwood, whose name is engraved in the annals of Buffalo sports infamy, cost the Bills the 1991 Super Bowl with a last-second miss. In 1998, Gary Anderson, who made every kick all season, missed a 39-yarder late in the NFC championship game that probably would have put the Minnesota Vikings in the Super Bowl.

Nate Kaeding, then the second-most-accurate kicker in NFL history, missed only three field goals in the 2009 season, but missed all three attempts in a playoff game that his team lost by three points. His first miss was from inside 40 yards after an NFL-record 69 makes from that range. Kaeding, an insightful athlete, admitted, "I just got blindsided. It was going so good for so long it was like the world came crashing down on me with that miss. It was so far out of my belief of what would happen in that game. ... There was a situation thrown at me I wasn't prepared to handle. That's tough to admit as an athlete, as a person. I wasn't tough enough to handle it on that particular day."



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Bears kicker Cody Parkey is consoled by guard Kyle Long after Sunday's season-ending play.

Even the best acknowledge extreme pressure. The most successful NFL kicker in history, Adam Vinatieri, is destined for the Hall of Fame, but his career hung in the balance in 1996. "I thought I was one bad game away, maybe one kick away, from the end of my football career. I was very close to going home to South Dakota, and probably going to medical school." His New England Patriots coach at the time, Bill Parcells, a man not famous for patience, said, "He's probably not wrong. You can't live with his results at the time." Vinatieri missed his first extra point in that particular game but won the game with an overtime field goal. He is now the career-leading scorer in both the NFL regular season and postseason, and won two Super Bowls with last-minute kicks.

Vinatieri recalled the tactics Parcells employed to Stefan Fatsis, a sports writer who trained as an NFL kicker for a book on placekicking, "I felt the hot breath of Parcells from the first day of training camp. Training camp went well, but if I missed a kick ... he'd say things like, 'He's day to day, he's week to week.' A couple of times at the

end of practice, he'd put this kind of pressure on me: If I made the field goal, no conditioning for the entire team. If I missed the kick, we'd all get twice as much conditioning. Sometimes, he'd cast a shadow over where I was kicking, or he'd get the guys to heckle me. I remember a couple of times, he'd get so close to me or the line of my kick that I almost had to change my motion."

Parcells said, "I tried to create pressure situations in practice with my kickers. What do you think they're going to face in games?"

Kaeding admitted that fans have every right to "buy into what I'm doing when it's going good and sell when it's going bad." That's the right Bears fans have been exercising with Cody Parkey since Sunday night. The opprobrium from fans is expected, but the "double doink" is a reminder that placekicking is among sports' most difficult jobs.

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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

Sears offers more time to review bids

Chairman Lampert's revised bid to save bankrupt retailer still in the running

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Sears Chairman Edward Lampert's push to save the bankrupt retailer still has a shot to succeed. Sears agreed to consider a revised bid from Lampert along with other bids during a bankruptcy auction Monday, Ray Schrock, an attorney for Sears Holdings Corp., told Judge Robert Drain during a hearing Tuesday

before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

While Lampert has bought more time to revise his bid, which aims to keep the retailer in business and preserve up to 50,000 jobs, he must also post a \$120 million deposit by 4 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) Wednesday.

Lampert's ESL Investments said late last month it was prepared to pay \$4.4 billion for many

of the retailer's remaining assets, including about 425 Sears and Kmart stores.

The hedge fund said Tuesday it is formalizing its proposal to be evaluated at the auction.

"As we have said before, our proposal provides substantially more value to stakeholders than would be the case in liquidation and is the only option to save an iconic American retailer and up to 50,000 jobs," ESL said in an emailed statement after the hearing. "We believe in Sears and will continue to do everything we can to ensure that it has a profitable

future."

About \$179 million of the \$120 million deposit is nonrefundable and will cover the cost of delaying the company's liquidation if ESL doesn't emerge as the winning bidder, Schrock said.

Sears' decision to review a revised bid from Lampert came after several days of "virtually round-the-clock negotiations," Schrock said.

The retailer declined to comment beyond Schrock's statements in court.

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Hansjoerg Reick looks at a display of Oral-B Genius X smart toothbrushes at the Procter & Gamble booth at the CES on Monday.

HOME GADGETS GET CREEPY SMART

A stove can help you cook, a toilet flushes for you, but price is your privacy

BY ANICK JESDANUN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — One day, finding an oven that just cooks food may be as tough as buying a TV that merely lets you change channels.

Internet-connected "smarts" are creeping into cars, refrigerators, thermostats, toys and just about everything else in your home. CES 2019, the gadget show that opened last Tuesday in Las Vegas, is showcasing many of these products, including an oven that coordinates your recipes and a toilet that flushes with a voice command.

With every additional smart device in your home, companies are able to gather more details about your daily life. Some of that can be used to help advertisers target you more precisely than they could with just the smartphone you carry.

"It's decentralized surveillance," said Jeff Chester, executive director for the Center for



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Whirlpool and Yummly teamed up to create smart appliances with Wi-Fi updates to product software and cooking apps.

Digital Democracy, a Washington-based digital privacy advocate. "We're living in a world where we're tethered to some online service stealthily gathering our information."

Yet consumers so far seem to

be welcoming these devices. The research firm IDC projects that 1.3 billion smart devices will ship worldwide in 2022, twice as many as 2018.

Companies say they are building these products not for snoop-

ing but for convenience, although Amazon, Google and other partners enabling the intelligence can use the details they collect to customize their services and ads.

Whirlpool, for instance, is testing an oven whose window doubles as a display. You'll still be able to see what's roasting inside, but the glass can now display animation pointing to where to place the turkey for optimal cooking.

The oven can sync with your digital calendar and recommend recipes based on how much time you have. It can help coordinate multiple recipes, so that you're not undercooking the side dishes in focusing too much on the entree. A camera inside lets you zoom in to see if the cheese on the lasagna has browned enough, without opening the oven door.

As for that smart toilet, Kohler's Numi will respond to voice commands to raise or lower the lid — or to flush. You can do it from an app, too. The company

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Payday loan firm to end employee noncompetes

Check Into Cash nixing agreements to settle state lawsuit

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Payday lender Check Into Cash is ending noncompete agreements for low-wage workers at its Illinois stores to settle a lawsuit brought by the state attorney general's office.

Check Into Cash allegedly required employees to sign the noncompete agreements in violation of state law, effectively preventing them from getting another job in Illinois at anything from a bank teller to a retail cashier for one year after leaving.

The lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court in October 2017, sought to end the practice by Cleveland, Tenn.-based Check Into Cash. The company is one of the nation's largest payday lenders, with more than 800 stores in 27 states, according to the its website.

"My settlement with Check Into Cash ends the company's inappropriate practice of limiting low-wage workers employment options by requiring them to sign unfair non-compete agreements," Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan said Monday in a news release. "Low-income workers should be free to use their experience to get better, higher-paying jobs."

The state alleged Check Into Cash violated the Illinois Freedom to Work Act, which prohibits the use of noncompete agreements for employees whose earnings do not exceed the greater of minimum wage or \$13 per hour. The minimum wage in Illinois is \$8.25 per hour, although it's higher in Chicago and Cook County.

As part of the settlement, Check Into Cash can no longer require store-level employees who earn less than \$13 an hour to sign noncompete agreements, and it must notify employees who are affected by the change, according to the attorney general's office. In addition, Check Into Cash must pay \$75,000, which the Illinois attorney general's office will use toward public outreach on noncompete agreements.

Check Into Cash could not be reached for comment.

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Mondelez to leave Deerfield, set up home in Fulton Market

Oreo-maker to bring 400 employees to the West Loop in 2020

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Chicago Tribune

Mondelez International, maker of Oreo, Ritz, Triscuits and other brands, plans to move its global headquarters from Deerfield to Chicago's booming Fulton Market neighborhood.

The snack maker will move 400 employees into a five-story office building under construction at 905 W. Fulton Market, in the heart

of what was once the city's meatpacking district. The company, which said it signed a 15-year lease, will relocate employees in April 2020, joining the parade of corporate food giants abandoning the suburbs for the city.

Mondelez will be blocks from Google's glassy office building and McDonald's new headquarters in the West Loop, an area undergoing a transformation from industrial stronghold to restaurant haven to, more recently, hot residential and office market.

"We sought a location that reflects our new, dynamic and

more consumer-centric growth culture, and which will make existing and future colleagues proud to be working at the global headquarters of a \$26 billion dollar global snacking leader," Mondelez Chairman and CEO Dirk Van de Put said in a statement. "Fulton Market is an exciting part of the City of Chicago that has acquired a well-deserved reputation for world-class food. We're privileged to be part of this rapidly-developing scene."

Chicago has drawn numerous corporate headquarters in recent

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The new five-story building at 905 West Fulton Market is under construction but is blocks from Google and McDonald's in the West Loop.

Mondelez to move to West Loop

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years; by the city's count, there have been 56 head-quarter relocations since 2011, 11 of them food and beverage companies. Beam Suntory moved from Deerfield to the Merchandise Mart and Kraft Heinz from Northfield to the Aon Center. Ferrara Candy recently announced plans to move from Oakbrook Terrace to Chicago's Old Post Office.

"Mondelez joins a growing list of food and beverage companies relocating to Chicago, strengthening our place as a leader in the global food industry," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said in a statement.

Mondelez's announcement comes just over a year after Van de Put took the helm of the \$26 billion company from longtime CEO Irene Rosenfeld, and reflects the new leader's "focus on growth and consumer culture," said Mondelez spokesman Thomas Armitage.

The move to a hub of Chicago's foodie and tech scene gets the company "rooted into a city that represents the millennial vibe," Armitage said, which is useful for both attracting employees and developing consumer insights.

"We want everyone to be connected into what consumers are thinking and doing," he said. There were no financial incentives, he added.

All 330 corporate employees at Mondelez's Deerfield headquarters will make the move, plus about 40 contractors and 30 employees from Enjoy Life Foods, which Mondelez acquired in 2015. Enjoy Life, known for its allergen- and gluten-free snacks, is based in Schiller Park.

Mondelez, which occupies 53,000 square feet in Deerfield, will have 83,000 square feet in the new building, where its offices will be on floors two through five. An additional 10,000 square feet of retail space is available for lease on the ground floor.

The build-out, which will integrate the building's historic facade with modern glass design, is a project by New York-based developer Thor Equities, which is among several out-of-state developers that have purchased former meat-packing warehouses in the neighborhood.

Mondelez's new office is an assemblage of four buildings Thor bought in 2016 along Peoria Street and Fulton Market. Two of the buildings were purchased from John R. Morreale Meat Co. and were originally home to the Chicago Butchers and Packing Company, Thor Equities spokesman Josh Greenwald said.

Most of the buildings have been demolished and rebuilt for the project but the historic facade of the three-story building at 226 N. Peoria St., one of the Morreale properties, has been retained. The project, which will include a landscaped terrace and green roof, is scheduled to be completed this summer.

Thor, owner of the historic Palmer House Hilton in the Loop, has spent about \$75 million acquiring numerous Fulton Market properties. Its largest project, at 800 W. Fulton Market, is a 20-story, 450,000-square-foot office building that will start construction this summer, Greenwald said.

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South Korean tech giant Samsung is experiencing some of the same issues as Apple.

Samsung cuts profit forecast, echoes Apple's grim outlook

By Taylor Telford
The Washington Post

Samsung Electronics dramatically cut its guidance for fourth-quarter profits Tuesday as demand falls for its memory chips and smartphones. The world's biggest smartphone maker said it expects to see an operating profit of \$9.7 billion, down nearly 29 percent from last year. Analysts had been expecting profits of more than \$13.5 billion.

The South Korean tech giant attributed its tumbling profits to a rise in competition in smartphones and the increasing pressure of "mounting macro uncertainties."

The company also pointed to "lackluster" demand for memory chips as a point of concern. Memory chips make up the lion's share of the company's profits and more than a third of its sales. Samsung emphasized that sales of memory chips were likely to improve later in the year as new smartphones are released.

"Part of the memory chip drop-off is the Chinese economic slowdown and the impact of the trade war, but it's also just part of the

inventory cycle," said Mark Newman, a Hong Kong-based analyst with AB Bernstein. "The big four American tech companies and the big three Chinese tech companies bought a lot of memory in 2017 and 2018. And then last quarter they basically stopped buying."

Samsung's news comes a week after a similar grim forecast from Apple, which lowered its sales estimates for the first time in 15 years due to slowing iPhone sales in China, according to Chief Executive Tim Cook. Apple's shares sank 10 percent and sent shock waves through the tech industry and global markets, as they struggle to price the threat of China's slowing economy.

Samsung stock closed down 1.7 percent on Korean Stock Exchange on Tuesday.

"Demand for smartphones has really fallen off a cliff," said Daniel Ives, an analyst at Wedbush Securities. "There's a lot of nervousness, especially when you have two of the most influential tech companies in the world, Apple and Huawei, in the middle of specific headwinds. Now Samsung is just adding fuel

to the fire in terms of worries."

Among the industries more vulnerable to China's economic outlook — jeopardized by President Donald Trump's trade war, along with an impending slowdown — tech stocks that once seemed unassailable have been hit hard over the past few months.

The international tensions are colliding with a decline that's been a long time coming for smartphone makers, said Jeff Kagan, a Georgia-based telecommunications industry analyst. Innovation has slowed, giving consumers less incentive to swap their current phones for newer models. And despite the lack of innovation, prices have continued to rise.

In emerging markets, which have been among the biggest growth drivers for smartphone heavyweights, customers are turning to lower-priced competitors, such as Chinese tech giant Huawei, that offer comparable speed, camera quality and memory for as little as \$350.

"They're taking shares hand over fist from Samsung and Apple," Newman said.

Chairman's bid to save retailer still in running

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Abid Qureshi, an attorney representing a committee of Sears' creditors, told the court it had not been included in the negotiations and continued to have "significant concerns" about ESL's bid.

Lampert, Sears' former CEO and, through his hedge fund, its largest shareholder, has said he's provided Sears with more than \$2.4 billion in loans and other forms of financing.

His financial maneuvers extended Sears' runway but also became a point of controversy in the bankruptcy.

ESL wanted to finance a portion of the \$4.4 billion bid by trading \$1.3 billion in Sears debt it holds for ownership in the reorganized company.

It also sought a release from any liability related to transactions between the hedge fund and the retailer prior to Sears' bankruptcy filing.

In November, the creditors committee raised questions about financial dealings between Lampert, ESL and Sears, saying those transactions "may be part of an extended pattern of conduct that served to benefit certain (insider) equity holders," according to court filings.

ESL denied those allegations, but Qureshi said Tuesday creditors are still assessing what they believe are "significant viable claims against ESL."

ESL's ability to finance its purchase by swapping the retailer's debt for ownership also will be considered at the bankruptcy auction, Schrock said.

Sears has not said how many other offers it received or whether any others would let the retailer avoid liquidation. Great American Group submitted a bid with Tiger Capital Group but declined to share details

of the offer.

A subsidiary of B. Riley Financial, Great American Group partnered with Tiger Capital Group last year to buy many of bankrupt retailer Bon-Ton Stores' assets and liquidate the company.

Transform Holdco, the entity controlled by ESL, also said it would bid individually on some assets if the \$4.4 billion bid was not accepted.

Drain said other parties can submit additional or improved bids before the Monday auction and that Sears will be obligated to consider all its options.

In general, bankruptcy courts would rather not liquidate a company if there's a chance to keep it alive and its workers employed, said David Stowell, professor of finance at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

But the fact that Sears has an offer that seeks to rescue it doesn't guarantee it will escape liquidation.

In some cases, shutting down a company is "the only thing you can reasonably do" to ensure creditors recover as much money as possible, Stowell said.

Lampert engineered Kmart's \$11 billion acquisition of Sears in 2005. He served as the combined company's CEO from 2013 until it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in October.

Sears, once the country's biggest retailer, has lost more than \$11 billion since 2011. At the time of its bankruptcy filing, it employed 68,000 people, down from 178,000 in January 2016, at 687 Sears and Kmart stores.

The retailer has shuttered hundreds of stores in recent years and closed or announced plans to close 262 more by late March.

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Home items get creepy smart

Gadgets, from Page 1

says it's all about offering hands-free options in a setting that's very personal for people. The toilet is also heated and can play music and the news through its speakers.

Kohler also has a tub that adjusts water temperature to your liking and a kitchen faucet that dispenses just the right amount of water for a recipe.

For the most part, consumers aren't asking for these specific features. After all, before cars were invented, people might have known only to ask for faster horses. "We try to be innovative in ways that customers don't realize they need," Samsung spokesman Louis Masses said.

Whirlpool said insights can come from something as simple as watching consumers open the oven door several times to check on the meal, losing heat in the process.

"They do not say to us, 'Please tell me where to put (food) on the rack, or do algorithm-based cooking,'" said Doug Searles, general manager for Whirlpool's research arm, WLabs. "They tell us the

results that are most important to them."

Samsung has several voice-enabled products, including a fridge that comes with an app that lets you check on its contents while you're grocery shopping. New this year: Samsung's washing machines can send alerts to its TVs — smart TVs, of course — so you know your laundry is ready while watching Netflix.

Other connected items at CES include:

- a fishing rod that tracks your location to build an online map of where you've made the most catches.
- a toothbrush that recommends where to brush more.
- a fragrance diffuser that lets you control how your home smells from a smartphone app.

These are poised to join internet-connected security cameras, door locks and thermostats that are already on the market. The latter can work with sensors to turn the heat down when you leave home.

Chester said consumers feel the need to keep up with their neighbors when they buy appliances with the smartest smarts. He said all the conveniences

can be "a powerful drug to help people forget the fact that they are also being spied on."

Gadgets with voice controls typically aren't transmitting any data back to company servers until you activate them with a trigger word, such as "Alexa" or "OK Google." But devices have sometimes misheard innocuous words as legitimate commands to record and send private conversations.

Even when devices work properly, commands are usually stored indefinitely. Companies can use the data to personalize experiences — including ads. Beyond that, background conversations may be stored with the voice recordings and can resurface with hacking or as part of lawsuits or investigations.

Knowing what you cook or stock in your fridge might seem innocuous. But if insurers get hold of the data, they might charge you more for unhealthy diets, warned Paul Stephens, director of policy and advocacy at the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse in San Diego. He also said it might be possible to infer ethnicity based on food consumed.



KOHLER

Kohler's Numi will respond to voice commands to raise or lower the lid and is also heated and can play music.

Manufacturers are instead emphasizing the benefits: Data collection from the smart faucet, for instance, allows Kohler's app to display how much water is dispensed. (Water bills typically show water use for the whole home, not individual taps.)

The market for smart devices is still small, but growing. Kohler estimates that in a few years, smart appliances will make up 10 percent of its revenue. Though the features are initially limited to pre-

mium models — such as the \$7,000 toilet — they should eventually appear in entry-level products, too, as costs come down.

Consider the TV. "Dumb" TVs are rare these days, as the vast majority of TVs ship with internet connections and apps, like it or not.

Consumer Reports says many TV makers collect and share users' viewing habits. Vizio agreed to \$2.5 million in penalties in 2017 to settle cases with the Federal Trade Commission and New Jersey officials.

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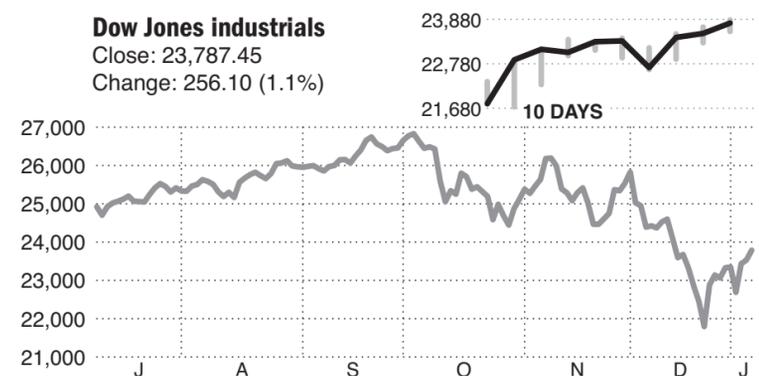
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Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+73.53 (+1.08%)	+24.72 (+.97%)	+21.18 (+1.51%)
Close: 6,897.00	Close: 2,574.41	Close: 1,426.55
High: 6,909.58	High: 2,579.82	High: 1,426.55
Low: 6,795.86	Low: 2,547.56	Low: 1,404.01
Previous: 6,823.47	Previous: 2,549.69	Previous: 1,405.37

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.03 to 2.71%	-3.60 to \$1,283.20	+0.06 to 108.65/\$1	+0.0027 to .8739/\$1	+1.26 to \$49.78

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.97	NASD +3.94	S&P +2.70	DOW -2.39	NASD -1.92	S&P -2.37	DOW -6.30	NASD -3.72	S&P -6.43

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	516.50	524.50	513.75	517.75	+1
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	382.50	384.50	379	380	-2.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	911.75	912.50	903	906.25	-6
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	28.31	28.32	28.01	28.18	-0.08
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	322.10	323.40	320.30	321.60	-0.60
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Mar 19	48.73	49.95	48.31	49.78	+1.26
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 19	2.950	3.053	2.948	2.967	+0.023
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 19	1.3661	1.3722	1.3385	1.3626	+0.0218

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	68.30	-.83	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	96.81	+1.86
AbbVie Inc	N	90.79	+4.2	Equity Residential	N	66.32	+1.22
Allstate Corp	N	82.53	-.01	Exelon Corp	N	45.39	+0.69
Altair Group Inc	N	93.52	+1.57	First Indl RT	N	29.62	+0.87
Arch Dan Mid	N	63.79	+7.8	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	40.94	+1.14
Boeing Co	N	65.99	-1.18	Gallagher AJ	N	72.43	+3.2
Boston Co	N	340.53	+12.42	Grainger WW	N	278.98	+1.85
Brunswick Corp	N	47.92	+1.12	GrubHub Inc	N	81.09	+1.24
CB&E Global Markets	N	93.52	-3.03	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	90.58	+1.61
CDK Global Inc	O	49.44	+3.3	IDEX Corp	N	134.90	+3.07
CDW Corp	O	80.27	+2.70	ITW	N	130.01	+2.80
CF Industries	N	45.39	+1.28	Ingredion Inc	N	95.12	+0.64
CME Group	O	182.66	-1.09	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	132.05	+4.42
CNA Financial	N	43.94	-30	Kemper Corp	N	69.52	+2.46
Caterpillar Inc	N	129.77	+1.54	Kraft Heinz Co	O	45.37	+0.4
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	21.44	-8.7	LKQ Corporation	O	24.82	+0.65
Deere Co	N	156.92	+2.76	Littelfuse Inc	O	176.26	+4.18
Discover Fin Svcs	N	61.50	+1.1	MB Financial	O	41.67	+1.8
Dover Corp	N	75.56	+1.63	McDonalds Corp	N	180.60	+3.8
Equity Commonwealth	N	29.81	+3.8	Middleby Corp	O	107.06	+2.50
Mondelez Intl	O	42.08	+0.96	Morningstar Inc	O	108.61	+0.84
Motorola Solutions	N	119.51	+3.41	NISource Inc	O	26.16	+0.48
NthSource Cp	O	84.33	-0.64	Old Republic	N	20.79	+2.24
Packaging Corp Am	N	89.26	+2.6	Paylocity Hldg	O	62.25	+0.98
Stericycle Inc	O	38.36	+2.6	Teleph Data	N	35.59	+0.50
TransUnion	N	56.09	+0.6	Tribune Media Co A	N	45.45	-0.09
US Foods Holding	N	33.36	+2.0	USG Corp	N	43.16	+2.0
Uta Salon Cosmetics	O	276.00	+5.00	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	71.37	+1.40
Veritas Inc	N	58.50	-0.58	Waltrust Financial	O	70.07	+0.76
Zebra Tech	O	156.33	+1.04				

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	8.56	-1.18
Annaly Capital Mgmt	9.80	-2.4
Bank of America	25.51	-0.05
Ford Motor	8.37	+0.08
AT&T Inc	31.28	+3.39
Chesapeake Energy	2.45	+0.08
PG&E Corp	17.56	-1.39
Nokia Corp	6.15	+1.13
Weatherford Intl Ltd	4.9	-0.4
Ambev S.A.	4.33	-0.2
Penney JC Co Inc	1.21	-0.7
EnCana Corp	6.41	+1.3
Energy Transfer LP	14.78	+3.2
Freeport McMoran	11.20	+2.0
Transocean Ltd	8.42	+1.4
Square Inc	63.12	+2.40
Verizon Comm	58.38	+1.66
Nabors Inds	2.63	-0.3
Vale SA	14.06	+2.3
Kinder Morgan Inc	17.14	+5.5
Itau Unibanco Hldg	10.06	+1.8
Wells Fargo & Co	47.54	-1.0
Stghw Energy	4.11	+0.4
Banco Bradesco ADS	11.03	+1.8

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	146.79	+3.69
Alphabet Inc C	1076.28	+7.89
Alphabet Inc A	1085.37	+9.45
Amazon.com Inc	1656.58	+27.07
Apple Inc	150.75	+2.82
Bank of America	25.51	-0.05
Berkshire Hath B	196.31	-0.60
Exxon Mobil Corp	72.04	+5.2
Facebook Inc	142.53	+4.48
JPMorgan Chase	100.57	-1.9
Johnson & Johnson	129.96	+2.95
Microsoft Corp	102.80	+7.4
Pfizer Inc	43.43	+2.0
Royal Dutch Shell B	61.82	-1.8
Royal Dutch Shell A	60.26	-3.7
Unitedhealth Group	243.29	+3.21
Verizon Comm	58.38	+1.66
Visa Inc	136.80	+7.4
WalMart Strs	95.20	+6.6

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	28.68	+2.7	-2.4
American Funds AmnrbalA m	25.21	+1.2	2.9
American Funds CrtWldGrncA m	343.58	+1.2	-1.0
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	57.04	+2.0	-6.8
American Funds FdmlInvsA m	53.52	+4.3	-7.0
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	44.23	+4.1	-2.9
American Funds IncAmrcA m	20.95	+0.8	-4.9
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	34.70	+2.7	-6.5
American Funds NswPrspctvA m	38.62	+2.9	-6.6
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	41.88	+3.6	-3.3
DFA EMktCorEq	19.46	-0.3	-17.3
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.28	...	-1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	38.24	+2.0	-18.0
Dodge & Cox Stk	178.97	+1.22	-6.7
DoubleLine TITRetBdl	10.41	-0.1	+1.9
Fidelity 500DlxmsPrrm	89.47	+8.6	-4.5
Fidelity Contrafund	11.39	+1.2	-2.6
Fidelity ContrafundK	11.40	+1.3	-2.4
Fidelity TlMktDlxmsPrrm	72.79	+7.6	-4.9
Fidelity US8DlxmsPrrm	11.27	-0.1	+3
Franklin Templeton Inca1 m	2.19	+0.1	-4.2
Metropolitan West TITRetBdl	10.40	-0.1	+6
PIMCO IncInclSt	11.84	...	+8
PIMCO TITRetIns	9.94	...	+2
Schwab SP500Dlx	39.35	+3.8	-4.5
T. Rowe Price BCGR	99.55	+1.22	+1.2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	59.32	+7.2	-1.3
Vanguard 500DlxAdmrl	237.74	+2.28	-4.5
Vanguard DivGrlnv	24.79	+2.7	-7
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	67.91	+6.3	-5.2
Vanguard GrlxAdmrl	71.24	+8.5	-3.8
Vanguard HCAmrl	82.28	+7.3	+1.1
Vanguard InTrnGdAdm	9.38	-0.1	-3
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.95	-0.1	+1.6
Vanguard InslxInslx	233.75	+2.24	-4.5
Vanguard InslxInslxPlus	233.77	+2.25	-4.5
Vanguard InsTlMktPls	55.78	+5.8	-4.7
Vanguard MDCpldxAdmrl	177.14	+2.15	-8.4
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	124.37	+9.1	-2.7
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.43	-0.1	+1.0
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	66.43	+1.03	-6.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	29.06	+1.1	-4.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.31	+0.8	-5.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	31.44	+1.7	-5.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	19.23	+1.1	-6.6
Vanguard TlBMDlxAdmrl	10.44	-0.1	+2
Vanguard TlBMDlxIns	10.44	-0.1	+2
Vanguard TlInBldxAdmrl	21.66	-0.2	+2.8
Vanguard TlInBldxIns	32.51	-0.2	+2.9
Vanguard TlInBldxInv	10.83	-0.1	+2.7
Vanguard TlInSldxAdmrl	26.04	+1.1	-14.9
Vanguard TlInSldxIns	104.11	+4.1	-14.9
Vanguard TlInSldxPlus	104.13	+4.1	-14.9
Vanguard TlInSldxInv	15.57	+0.7	-14.9
Vanguard TlSMldxAdmrl	64.02	+6.7	-4.8
Vanguard TlSMldxIns	64.03	+6.7	-4.7
Vanguard TlSMldxInv	64.00	+6.7	-4.9
Vanguard WlntngAdmrl	64.93	+3.0	-3.4
Vanguard WlsvInAdmrl	59.61	+1.9	-2.2
Vanguard WndrsrAdmrl	56.76	+3.8	-8.4

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.38	2.41
6-month disc	2.41	2.47
2-year	2.57	2.53
10-year	2.71	2.68
30-year	2.99	2.98

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1283.20	\$1286.80
Silver	\$15.626	\$15.669
Platinum	\$816.50	\$818.40

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.52

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	37.5636
Australia (Dollar)	1.4007
Brazil (Real)	3.7132
Britain (Pound)	0.7862
Canada (Dollar)	1.3282
China (Yuan)	6.8531
Euro	0.8739
India (Rupee)	70.156
Israel (Shekel)	3.6985
Japan (Yen)	108.65
Mexico (Peso)	19.3603
Poland (Zloty)	3.75
So. Korea (Won)	1122.59
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.86
Thailand (Baht)	32.04

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2526.46	-6.6/-3
Stoxx600	345.85	+3.0/+9
Nikkei	20204.04	+165.1/+8
MSCI-EAFE	1764.12	+12.2/+7
Bovespa	92031.88	+332.8/+4
FTSE 100	6861.60	+50.7/+7
CAC-40	4773.27	+54.1/+1.2

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Stocks rise amid hope for trade progress

BY MARLEY JAY
Associated Press



Joseph Lawler, right, works with fellow traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday.

NEW YORK — Stocks climbed for the third day in a row Tuesday as the latest round of trade talks between Washington and Beijing continued. It's the longest winning streak for U.S. indexes since late November.

News reports said the trade negotiations would be extended to a third day, a potential positive sign even though no major developments have been announced so far. Experts say it will take months for them to resolve the causes of the trade war, which include disagreements over Beijing's handling of technology and intellectual property.

Investors have become notably more optimistic about an eventual deal, a sharp reversal of the concerns that helped send stocks plunging in October and December. An agreement between the two biggest economic powers in the world could remove a major obstacle to global economic growth, and many of the biggest gains Tuesday went to companies that usually do better in times of faster growth, including internet, technology and industrial stocks. Oil prices also kept rallying.

Kate Warne, an investment strategist for Edward Jones, said the market's large moves in recent weeks reflect investors' questions about major issues including economic growth, the threats of recession and trade tensions, and rising interest rates.

She said it's normal for stocks to repeatedly change course as traders grapple with those issues on a day-to-day basis.

"You have new information that's driving stock prices both higher and lower, and that's pretty typical when there's uncertainty and there's a lot of

new information coming into the market," she said. Warne added that trading on Wall Street is typically light during the holidays, and that may have contributed to the huge

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Kearns, Dr. Geraldine R. 'Gerry'

Dr. Geraldine R. "Gerry" Kearns, nee Augustyn, 88 years old, a resident of Elk Grove Village for 50 years passed away January 5, at Alexian Brother's Med. Ctr. She was the beloved wife of Donald E. Sr. for 60 years and the loving mother of Donna (Bill) Roscop, Don (Laura) Kearns, Kathy (Mike) Nailor, Chris (Christina) Kearns, Gerald (Caryn) Kearns, Paul (Krista) Kearns, and Susan O'Malley. Gerry was also blessed with 12 grandchildren. She earned her PhD degree in Health Education from Loyola U. in 1988 and retired from the Chicago Public Schools System as Assistant Principal. Gerry was also a member of the Sheila Ray Adult Ctr. Visitation will be Friday, January 11, from 4 to 8 p.m. at **Grove Memorial Chapel**, 1199 S. Arlington Heights Road, Elk Grove Village. Closing prayers Saturday at 9 a.m. followed by 10 a.m. Mass at St. Julian Eymard Church, 601 Biesterfield Rd. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Sheila Ray Adult Ctr. or St. Julian Eymard Church, are appreciated. For info, 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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Koss, Edward 'Dooner'

Visitation for Edward "Dooner" Koss of Bartlett since 1995, formerly of Hanover Park will be held Thursday, January 10, 2019 3:00 - 9:00p.m. at the **Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory** 950 South Bartlett Rd. (at Stearns Rd.) Bartlett. Funeral Friday 8:45 am to St. Isidore Church. Mass 9:30 am. Following mass, cremation will be private at the Countryside Crematory. He was proud of his children and grandchildren and also proudly inducted into the Chicago 16 inch Softball Hall of Fame. Edward is the beloved husband of 61 years of Jane nee Wayda; loving father of Dan (Eileen), Tom (Maria) and David (Barbara); cherished grandfather of Michael, Nick (Treasure), Brenna, Emily, Brittany, Katherine and Samantha; dear brother of Leonard (the late Marilyn), Bill (Connie), late Robert (Noreen) and the late Gerald (Noreen). (630) 289-7575 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com.

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Levine, Neal A.

Neal A. Levine, 89, of Northbrook. Cherished husband of Rosalyn Levine, nee Rapp; loving father of Mitchell Levine, Greg Levine, Kathy Dalporto, and step-father of Lisa (John) O'Toole and Scott (June) Phillips; proud grandfather of 11; caring brother of the late Sanford (late Gloria) Levine and the late Beverly (late Don) Levinson, fond father-in-law of Penny Levine. Friends and family will gather from 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 2019 until time of the memorial service 3:00 p.m., at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette, IL 60091. Memorial contributions to American Heart Assn. (www.heart.org) appreciated. For funeral information 847-256-5700.

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Ling, James

James Ling, 94, passed away on January 5, 2019. He was a beloved husband to Ruth Ling for fifty-seven years; and adoring father to Moses, Mary and Esther Ling. He was an Episcopalian Minister for almost sixty years. He went to seminary in Hong Kong and began his ministry in Taiwan and moved to Mauritius Island in 1972 with his family. In 1980 he relocated to Chicago, IL where he ministered until he retired at the age of 79. He was an avid reader who also enjoyed watching wrestling and Chinese opera. Services to be held privately. For more information please contact **Drake and Son Funeral Home** at 773-561-7846.

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LoBosco, Vincens

Vincens LoBosco, 88, of Algonquin, passed away Sunday, January 6, 2019 at Autumn Leaves in Crystal Lake. He was born October 10, 1930 in Palermo, Italy to Andrew and Celia LoBosco. Visitation at 9am, Saturday, January 12 at **Davenport Family Funeral Home & Crematory**, 419 E Terra Cotta Ave (IL Rt. 176), Crystal Lake; 11am Mass of Christian Burial, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 451 W Terra Cotta Ave, Crystal Lake. Burial at Algonquin Cemetery, Algonquin. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org/nca/donate or JourneyCare Foundation, www.journeycare.org. Condolences at www.davenportfamily.com; for information, 815-459-3411.

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Marceille, Curt P.

Age 49; Devoted husband of Jill, nee Driscoll; Proud father of Elizabeth and Gabriella "Gigi"; Cherished son of Patrick and Delphine; Loving brother of Wendy (Randy) Rice, Dean (Patty), late Tammy (late Gregg) Bednorski-Gass, Jennifer (Jeffrey) Mucksavage, Tim (Kelly), and Heather (Duane) Lopriore; Beloved son-in-law of Phyllis Driscoll, nee Dunne, and the late David Driscoll; Dear brother-in-law of David, Brian (Laura), and Tom (Emily); Fond uncle, cousin, and friend to many; Dedicated judge, attorney, and teacher for over 20 years; Visitation Thursday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Friday, 9:30 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Most Holy Redeemer Church, 9525 S. Lawndale Ave., Evergreen Park; Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment Private; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Marsicano, Paul B.

Paul B. Marsicano, age 80; beloved husband of Annette nee Kwiatkowski; loving father of Brian (Kathleen) and Jason (Lisa); cherished grandfather of Joseph, Francesca, Anthony, Carmine and Adriana; fond brother-in-law of Edwin (Maureen) Kwiatkowski. Funeral Fri. 9:45 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass 10:30 A.M. Int. Clarendon Hills Cem. Visitation Thurs. 3 - 9 P.M. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Joseph Indian School, P.O. Box 326, Chamberlain, SD 57326 are appreciated. For funeral info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Mc Swain, Betty Ruth

nee Ahern; age 87 years, Passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on January 8, 2019, resident of Manteno, IL, formerly of Matteson, IL, beloved wife of the late Girard J. "Jerry" McSwain; devoted mother of Mary McSwain, Patrick (Kathleen) McSwain, John (Julie) McSwain, Richard and Susan McSwain, Ruth Donaldson, Margaret (Timothy) Clapper, and Michael (Denise) McSwain; loving grandmother of 17 and great-grandmother of 7. dear Aunt of Joseph (Mary) Halmann. Betty was a founding member of St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church. Visitation Thursday from 2 to 9 p.m. at **Hirsch West End Funeral Home**, 3501 W. Lincoln Hwy. (Rt. 30), Matteson, IL, Funeral Friday, 9:15 a.m. at chapel, to St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, 4101 St. Lawrence Ave., Matteson, IL. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Chicago, IL. For information or to express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, 708-748 3800 or www.hirschfuneralhomes.com.



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McAndrews, John Patrick

John Patrick McAndrews, 87, beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend, of McHenry, IL, died peacefully in his home surrounded by family, January 7, 2019. He was born in Chicago, IL on March 29, 1931. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019, from 11:30am until the time of Funeral Mass at 12:30pm at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 3500 W. Washington, McHenry, IL 60050. Interment will follow in St. Patrick's Countryside Cemetery. For more information, visit www.colonialmchenry.com or call 815-385-0063

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McCormick, D'Ette M.

D'Ette M. McCormick (nee Klotz) age 66. Beloved wife of Lawrence. Devoted sister of Pamela (Harry) Pellegrin and Edward (Judith) Klotz. Dear aunt of Jason Pellegrini, Nicholas Klotz and Diana (Jason) Duenwald. Great-aunt of Ella and Hailey. Visitation Thursday 2pm until 8pm at **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen. Private interment at Good Shepherd Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers donations to American Diabetes Association or American Cancer Society appreciated. 708-301-3595 or rj-modellfh.com.

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Meland, Sharon

Sharon Meland, age 76. Beloved wife of 57 years to Karl; devoted mom of Michael, Kristi, Amy (James) Sellergren and Karl David (Angela); cherished grandma of Olivia, Max, Annika, Layla, David, Elsa and Brooks; dear sister of Ronald (Galeta) Clayton and the late Sandra. Flowers are welcome or memorials can be made to Rainbow Hospice. Visitation Friday, January 11, 2019 from 3 to 9 P.M. Funeral Service Saturday, 10 A.M. at **Nelson Funeral Home** 820 W. Talcott Road, Park Ridge. Interment Town of Main Cemetery. For information www.nelsonfunerals.com or (847) 823-5122.



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Nimrod, Joseph John

Joseph John Nimrod, age 89, of Glenview, IL. Beloved husband of Ann Patricia Nimrod nee O'Brien; loving father of Joseph III (Mary Amato) Nimrod, Kathleen (Michael) McCarthy, Eleanor Nimrod, Raymond Nimrod (Marika Lindholm), Winifred Nimrod (Mark Demsky), William (Mary Oelhafen) Nimrod, Timothy (Carole Petro) Nimrod, and Patrick (Courtney O'Connell) Nimrod; proud grandfather of Joseph IV, Alice, Megan (John McInerney), Katherine and Emily Nimrod, John, William, Anne and Margaret McCarthy, Michael, Maggie and Jack O'Brien, Ella and Jonas Lindholm-Uzzi, Weineshet, Beck and Sofia Lindholm, Aidan Demsky, Thomas and Sarah Nimrod, Alexander and Madeline Nimrod, Jameson, Maeve and Fiona Nimrod; great-grandfather John Vincent McInerney; dear brother of Richard (Jeanne) Nimrod. Visitation Friday, January 11, 2019, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Saturday, January 12, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025. Interment private at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Avenue Chicago, IL 60660 or Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, note Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund in memo line. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Olson, Leda Y.

Leda Y. Olson, 89, of Aurora and formerly of North Riverside, died January 7, 2019. Loving mother of Paul (the late Diane) Olson, of Orland Park, and Karen Olson of Aurora; sister of the late Floria (Jim) Klicman; aunt to Vickie (Lee) Neuschaefer, of Bataiva, Jackie (the late Richard) Gallo of Aurora, and the late James Klicman. All services were held private. Services provided by **Moss Family Funeral Home**, Batavia 630-879-7900, www.mossfuneral.com

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Pacholik, Alice A.

Alice A. Pacholik, age 95, of Elkhorn, WI, formerly of Chicago, IL and Peru, IL died on Sunday, December 23, 2018. Alice was born on March 28, 1923, daughter of the late Mieczyslaw "Ned" and Anna (Schweda) Kipkowski. Alice was married to Joseph Pacholik for 37 years until his death in 1987.

Alice is survived by her daughters: Louise Pacholik and Cessy (Joel) Roth; her grandchildren: Daniel, Andrew, Jeffrey, Noah, Jonah, and Amalia; 2 great grandchildren with one on the way; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; son-in-law, James Weiner; and brothers, Eugene and Leon "Bunny". A family-organized Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation PO Box 834 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Online guestbook at www.haaseclockwoodfhs.com

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Panny, Wilma L.

Wilma L. Panny, age 94, of South Holland, IL, formerly of Chicago, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 6, 2019. Survived by loving niece Joanne (Rick) Besch and nephews David Panny, Michael (Lanis) Panny and sister-in-law Marian Panny. Preceded in death by her parents Josef and Rose (Werderitz) Panny, brother Joseph H. Panny, and sister Theresa (late Frank) Naparla. Wilma was born September 16, 1924 in Chicago and held many jobs over her lifetime, including Chicago Public School teacher. Her hobbies included golfing, swimming, tennis, piano playing, painting, pinocle, bingo at the Holland Home, and arts and crafts. She never tired of having fun. Aunt Wilma will be greatly missed. Visitation Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until the Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 700 E. 170th St. South Holland, IL. Interment St. Mary Cemetery - Evergreen Park, IL. Memorial contributions may be given to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. For further info, please contact 708-333-7000 or visit our online obituary and guest book at www.SMITSFH.com

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Potter, Betty L.

Betty L. Potter, nee Cassidy. Beloved wife of the late William J. Sr. Dear mother of Susan (Greg) Voorhees and William J. Jr. (Nancy). Loving grandmother of Geoff Voorhees, Gary (Eile) Voorhees, Kathryn (Miguel) Rivera, Lauren (Josh) Demateis, William Potter III and Jennifer (Alex Robledo) Potter and great grandmother of 9. Devoted daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Cassidy. Dear sister of Barbara (the late William) Neger, the late John (Marlene) Cassidy, and the late Grace (the late Wendel) Slayton. Fond aunt of many niece and nephews. Much appreciation and love to her long time care giver, Irena Sabiene, for her devotion and care. Betty attended Clissold Elementary and Morgan Park High School. She worked at Marshall Field's in Oak Brook for many years. She and her husband, Bill, traveled the world and had many longtime friends that they held dear. Visitation Friday 5:00 p.m. until time of prayer service 8:00 p.m. at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**; 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. Of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers memorials to American AIDS Institute; 528 Ravens Way, Naples, FL, 34110. 630-968-1000

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Rini, Carmela L.

Carmela L. Rini, nee Natalino, age 70, at rest on January 6, 2019. Beloved wife of Vic. Loving daughter of the late Angelo and the late Gina Natalino. Loving mother of Lisa (Michael) Suhecki and Steven Rini. Cherished grandmother of Jessica and Jason Suhecki. Dear sister of Tony Natalino, Antoinette (Jim) Bisconti, Ann (John) Siracuse and Angelo (Mena) Natalino. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews and dear friend of Patricia (Louis) Sosa. Proud employee of Zenith Radio Company. Carmela enjoyed gardening and traveling and exploring America the Beautiful. Donations to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. Visitation Friday, January 11, 2019 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL. Funeral Saturday beginning at the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. and then proceed to St. Ferdinand Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Committal service will follow at Acacia Park Cemetery. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.

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Roche Lis, Julie

Julie Ann Roche Lis, 63, at rest with our Lord January 2, 2019. Adored daughter of the late Richard and Mary Roche. Beloved fiancé of Mark Kelly. Cherished sister of Mary (Victoria Shannon) Ellingsen and the late James J. Roche. Treasured niece and cousin to many. In lieu of flowers donations to Women's Center 5116 N Cicero Ave Chicago. Funeral Saturday, January 12, 11 AM from **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave. to St. Margaret Mary for mass at 11:30 AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3-8 PM. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Julie's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Roston, Jeffrey

Father of Michael (Amanda), Grandfather of Ruby and Phoebe. Brother of Carl (Wendy), Laurie (Robert), Laurie (William) and Linda (Douglas). Uncle to Annie, Seth, Zachary, Dylan and Laura. Son of Gilbert and Sally. Step-son of Janet, Myron, Arleen and Elaine. Jeff died on January 4. He took the road less traveled, and was very much loved. If you wish to make a donation, please consider ChicagoDebates.org

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Schur, Sandra

Sandra Schur, (nee Gould) beloved mother of Andrea (Paul) Levy, Bobby (Pam) Schur and the late David (Lori) Schur; cherished Grandma Sandi to Emily, Ilyse, Josh, Kaley, Danielle, Jacklyn and Lindsey. Chapel service Thursday, January 10, 10:00 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jewish National Fund. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Sheffield, Howard E. "Pee Wee"

Howard E. "Pee Wee" Sheffield, 89, of Lincoln, IL, passed away at 10:51 A.M. Monday January 7, 2019 at The Christian Village in Lincoln, IL. He was born April 24, 1929 in Hoopston, IL, the son of Herbert E. and Ida F. (Bell) Sheffield. He is survived by 9 nieces and nephews, Mary (Charles) Vandevender of Dana, IN, Doris Butt of Granite City, IL,



Elaine Ramsey of Estancia, NM, Nancy Anderson of Milford, IL, Stephen (Linda) Ingold of Goodland, IN, Herbert Ingold of Chatsworth, IL, Margaret (Dwayne) Knollenberg of Lincoln, IL, Richard Ingold of Gibson City, IL, and John (Michelle) Ingold of Rankin, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents; 5 sisters; 4 brothers; 2 nieces; 2 nephews; 1 great-niece; 3 great-nephews; and one great-great-niece. Howard worked for Douglas Aircraft in California for ten years. He later worked at Pilibrico in Chicago as an accountant until his retirement in 1991. He was an avid amateur photographer and was a member of the Photographic Society of America, the Greenbriar Camera Club of Chicago and the Chicago Area Camera Clubs Association.

A visitation will be held 10:00 - 11:00 A.M. Saturday January 12, 2019 at **Anderson Funeral Home** 427 E. Main St. Hoopston, IL. The funeral service will follow the visitation and will begin at 11:00 A.M. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Brent Zastrow officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopston.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Howard's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopston is handling the arrangements.

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Sieglinger, Mary Ann (nee Czerwinski)

Wantuchowicz
Mary Ann E. Wantuchowicz Sieglinger (nee Czerwinski), 77, of Aurora, formerly of Melrose Park and Sandwhich, IL, passed away on Monday, January 7, 2019 at the Grove of Aurora. She was born on December 27, 1941 in Chicago the daughter of the late Henry & Sally Meyer Czerwinski. Loving mother of Douglas, Daniel and the late David; grandmother of Jennifer and Richard; great-grandmother of Elijah; Sister of Susan, Roger and Barbara. She was preceded in death by husbands: Leonard Wantuchowicz, David Kuzma and James Sieglinger. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2018 from 3-8 PM in the **Laird Funeral Home**, 310 S. State St., Elgin. 60123. information 847-741-8800 or www.lairdfuneralhomeservices.com

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Small, Regina M.

Regina M. Small (nee Janutis) age 67. Beloved wife of Mark J. Small. Loving sister of Raymond (Vicky) Janutis and Rita (the late Oscar) Chavarria. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. Many years of service with The Hartford - CNA Insurance. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM at the **Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home**, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Saturday 1030 AM service at the funeral home. Interment St. Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410

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Sullivan, John J

78, a proud Air Force Veteran of Chicago entered into eternal life January 6. He was a loving son to parents who predeceased him Michael and Mary; he was a loving husband of Janice; loving father of Jennifer (Thomas, Jr.) Murray and John Paul; cherished grandfather of David and Thomas, III; loving brother of Dr. Thomas (Susan) Sullivan and Michael (the late Linda Lee) Sullivan; fond uncle of Dr. Julie (Richard) Fitzgerald, Kathleen (Christopher) Sandner, Michael (Brittany) Sullivan, Kelly Lucas, Courtney (John) Mattoon and Patrick Sullivan as well as many great nieces and nephews. A proud alumni of Loyola Academy and Loyola University, a Rambler at heart. Visitation at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 4640 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 10 a.m. follow by 11 a.m. mass. Interment private. Info 773-561-6874 or www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com

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Tolzien, Dolores

Dolores Tolzien, nee Kerschke, age 90, passed away January 6, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Robert Tolzien. Devoted mother of Jim (Carol), Wayne (Bernie), the late Steve (Maryann), and Jeanne (Chris) Wolowiec. Loving grandmother of Deana (Jay) Schwartz, Ed (Sarah), Sandy (Matt) Voss, Dan (Tara), Katelyn, Emily, Rob (fiancé Claire Diedrich),

Crystal Tolzien, Brian (Monica) Wolowiec, Stephanie Wolowiec, Tim (Becky) Wolowiec, and Jennifer (Andy) Karpinski. "Big Grandma" to Braden, Meghan, Jack, Ryan, Andrew, Ella, Mallory, Lucas, Savannah, Bella, Caleb, Blake, Gavin, and Quinn. Dear sister of the late Bea Goettsche, the late Bill (Jackie Kraus) Kerschke, the late Adeline Kruse, Marlene Theis, and the late Charles Kerschke.

Dolores was born on May 4, 1928 in Mount Prospect to Albert and Mathilda nee Kreckler. She married Robert on November 26, 1949 and raised their four children in Glenview. In July of 2015, Dolores moved into Church Creek where she was cared for by many loving staff members.

Visitation Thursday, 3:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd. at Northwest Highway, Mt. Prospect. Funeral service Friday, 12:30 P.M. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 100 S. School St., Mt. Prospect. Interment Memory Gardens Cemetery. Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Toto, William

William Toto, formerly of Riverside. Devoted son of the late Michael and Marie; dear brother of the late: Edna Hartley, Annie Lullo, Edith Vinga, Virginia Toto, Claudia Doliner and Rudolph Toto; uncle of many. Visitation Thursday 3-7pm at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Chapel service Friday 10:30am at funeral home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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Treize, Lorraine J.

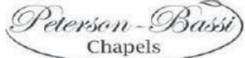
Lorraine J. Treize, nee Horan, age 71, passed away on January 6, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. Lorraine was the beloved wife of Raymond H., C.P.D. Retired, for 48 wonderful years; loving mother of Anthony and Laura Treize; dearest daughter of the late Irene and Ted Horan and daughter-in-law of Dolores (the late Harold) Treize; dear sister of Ted (Cindy) and Jim (Kathy) Horan and sister-in-law of Steve (Pam) Treize and Kathy (Dennis) McGahan. She was a fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Memorial visitation will be Saturday, January 12, 2019, at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL from 12:30 p.m. until the time of a Memorial Service at 2:30 p.m. info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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Unger, John J

John J. Unger, 93, formerly of Bensenville and Elmhurst, died peacefully January 7, 2019. Predeceased by his spouse Eleanor Brennan Unger and good friend Beatrice Raymond. Also predeceased by his parents Vera and Paul Unger and Special Mother-in-Law Ada Leavy Brennan. Arrangements entrusted to Peterson-Bassi Chapels info. 773-637-4441



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Upjohn, Peter Bryan

Family and friends are invited to attend services for Peter Bryan Upjohn, age 66, who passed away on January 6th, surrounded by his loved ones. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 11th from 4:00 - 9:00 and a memorial will occur on Saturday, January 12th at 10:30 at Lawn Funeral Home in Tinley Park (17909 S 94th Ave, Tinley Park, 60487).

Peter was a proud Canadian citizen, along with his beloved wife of forty-four years, Penny nee Dobson. Together they had Christopher (Carrie) and Geoffrey (Heather Schaefer). He was a loving grandfather to Molly and Emma, a dearest brother of Ian (Mylene) and Hugh (Deidre), and a caring uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Peter was a well-respected professional in the insurance industry for over four decades. He enjoyed watching sports, playing golf, and celebrating life to the fullest, often with a beverage in his hand. When not at work or home, he could most likely be found on the deck of the family cottage in Northern Ontario. He will be missed by many.



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Youkey, Leora

Leora Youkey, age 95, of Munster, IN passed away on Monday, January 7, 2019. She was the mother of Paul Youkey and Eileen (Daniel) Brudi; grandmother of Karla (Keith) Kramer and Susan (Joshua) Yorks; great grandmother of Joseph, James and Olivia; and aunt of Karen, Joy and Robert. Leora was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Linda (nee Lange) Spletzer; husband, James H. Youkey; and brother, the late Reverend Carl (Marilyn) Spletzer.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 11, 2019 at KISH FUNERAL HOME 10000 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN with Reverend Don Stock officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery Hammond, IN. Visitation will be on Friday, at the funeral home, from 11:00 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. service.

Leora was born and raised on the Eastside of Chicago and was a lifetime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church Chicago, IL. She was an unselfish and doting wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Leora will be dearly missed by those who endured her never ending love. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Leora's name to Petal Pushers of Lutheran Hour Ministry St. Louis, MO. www.kishfuneralhome.net

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COUNTY OF COOK TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER RAFFI SARRAFIAN, CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER ADVERTISEMENT DATE: January 9, 2019

DESCRIPTION: Consultant for Brownfield Assessment Services

DOCUMENT NO.: 1823-17458

MBE/WBE GOALS: 35% MBE/WBE of the overall estimated expenditures for this procurement

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE DATE: January 16, 2019 at 11:00 AM

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE LOCATION: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018, Chicago, IL, 60602

Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is not mandatory.

RFP DOCUMENT: Solicitation Document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyil.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: February 6, 2019 at 3:00 PM

CONTACT: Edmund Rendon, Sr. Contract Negotiator (312) 603-6824 (office), (312) 603-3179 (fax) edmund.rendon@cookcountyil.gov (email)

Local MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The County has set contract specific goals based on the requested service. The MBE/WBE goals are listed above and in the contract document. Inquiries regarding MBE/WBE participation should be directed to the Office of Contract Compliance at (312) 603-5502.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL TREATMENT SERVICES RFP NO. 1853-17658

RFP Document: The RFP document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyil.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the RFP or if you have other questions, please contact Kevin Casey, Specifications Engineer III, at (312) 603-6830 or kevin.casey@cookcountyil.gov

Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference Date, Time, and Location: Friday, January 18, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer

Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (CST)

Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, February 8, 2019 at 3:00 PM (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian Chief Procurement Officer

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS PROGRAM SERVICES RFP NO. 1853-17620

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Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference Date, Time, and Location: Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (CST)

Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, February 8, 2019 at 3:00 PM (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Bernice McReynolds**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Shanta McReynolds (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18AJ00153

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Shanta McReynolds (Mother)** and **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 15, 2018**, a Petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrius Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/23/2019**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS **January 9, 2019**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Caleb Mastin**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Lisa Mastin (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18AJ01052

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Bradley Castello (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 26, 2018**, a Petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/28/2019** at **1:30 PM** in CALENDAR 3 COURTROOM C, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS **January 9, 2019**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Ethan Rodriguez**

A MINOR NO. 2018JD02012

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Notice is given you, **Jose Rodriguez (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **December 14, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Stuart Lubin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **01/23/2019** at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR 58 COURTROOM 11,

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 COURT **January 9, 2019**

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: **B. Pucci, E. Bammel** 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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

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JOHN SMITH
June 16, 1938 - May 11, 2019

John Smith, 80, of Wheelock, loving husband of Ethel (Penny) Smith for 62 years, passed on Wednesday, May 11, 2019. John was born on Dec. 23, 1938 in Chicago. He was a member of the Holy Family and St. Ignace. He worked for and retired from the Chicago Authority after 20 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Ethel, and two children, John and Marie. He is also survived by his two grandsons, Anthony and Ryan. He is also survived by his two granddaughters, Jennifer and Sarah. He is also survived by his two grandnieces, Emily and Katelyn. He is also survived by his two grandnephews, Rob and Dan. He is also survived by his two grandnieces, Emily and Katelyn. He is also survived by his two grandnephews, Rob and Dan. He is also survived by his two grandnieces, Emily and Katelyn. He is also survived by his two grandnephews, Rob and Dan.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be held at Holy Family Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home.

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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
Jenavieve Benitez Jenasis Benitez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Ivelisse Conde (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00240 18JA00241**

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 9, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM 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 **01/23/2019**, at **11:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION; YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 9, 2019

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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
Phillip Walker

A MINOR

JUVENILE NO. **2018JD01808**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Loraine Coleman (Guardian)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **November 6, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Lana Charisse Johnson** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **01/22/2019** 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 of judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
January 9, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
D. August M. Eanance
ATTORNEY FOR:
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton
CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612
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ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

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LEGAL NOTICE SUBMISSION
In the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Notice is given to you, **Thomas Tavera, Dejan Vojic, and Anteo Yanga**, addresses unknown, that on the 15th day of February, 2019, a Motion for Default Judgement will be presented in the matter of **Burda v. Central Square Condo, et al.**, Case No. 17 CH 006569, before Judge **Anna M. Loftus**, courtroom 2410 at 10:00 a.m. Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the Motion, the Motion will stand and an order of judgement will be entered. You will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of this matter.

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CONTRACT 19-002-12
FURNISH AND DELIVER CYLINDER GASES AND BULK LIQUID ARGON TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD (RE-BID)
Estimated Cost: Group A: \$8,500.00 Bid Deposit: Group A: None
Estimated Cost: Group B: \$2,500.00 Bid Deposit: Group B: None
Estimated Cost: Group C: \$33,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group C: None
Estimated Cost: Group D: \$1,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group D: None
Estimated Cost: Group D: \$45,000.00

Bid Opening: January 29, 2019

CONTRACT 19-027-11
FURNISH AND DELIVER GLASS AND PLASTIC LABWARE TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD
Estimated Cost: Group A: \$89,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group A: None
Estimated Cost: Group B: \$40,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group B: None
Estimated Cost: Group C: \$65,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group C: None
Estimated Cost: Group D: \$23,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group D: None

Bid Opening: January 29, 2019

CONTRACT 19-106-11
FURNISH AND DELIVER REPLACEMENT UNIFORMS AND ITEMS FOR POLLUTION CONTROL PERSONNEL
Estimated Cost: \$38,000.00 Bid Deposit: None
Bid Opening: January 22, 2019

CONTRACT 19-690-11
BENEFICIAL REUSE OF BIOSOLIDS FROM LASMA, CALSMA AND THE EGAN WATER RECLAMATION PLANT
Estimated Cost: Group A: \$8,100,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group A: \$81,000.00
Estimated Cost: Group B: \$2,100,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group B: \$21,000.00
Estimated Cost: Group C: \$10,200,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group C: \$102,000.00

Mandatory Technical Pre-Bid Conference: Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 10:00 A.M. Chicago Time
Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area, Admin. Bldg. Conference Rm., 7601 S. LaGrange Rd., Willow Springs IL

Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, and Appendix C, are required on this Contract.
Bid Opening: February 5, 2019

FORECLOSURES

F18100189 WELLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. Dwayne Henley, The Chicago Trust Company, The United States of America, State of Illinois, Department of Revenue; City of Chicago; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 13735 6670 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637 Spratt Calendar 64 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Dwayne Henley, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 16 IN BLOCK 3 OF PERRY AND HARTWELL'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 1/2 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 20-22-105-057-0000 Said property is commonly known as 6670 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Dwayne Henley and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0708560037 and for other relief, that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 1, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ipledadings@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 1/2, 9, 16/2019 6068158

F18050129 SLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff, vs. Colleen M Ciezczak aka Colleen Ciezczak aka Colleen Marie Ciezczak; BMO Harris Bank N.A.; Dennis Mue; Law Office of Paul A. Frigo, LLC; Illinois Healthcare and Family Services; Mary B. Egan; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants - Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 14240 11045 West 84th Place, Willow Springs, Illinois 60480 Curry, Jr. Calendar 57 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Colleen M Ciezczak aka Colleen Ciezczak aka Colleen Marie Ciezczak, Mary B. Egan and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 6 IN WILLOW WEST ESTATES UNIT NO. 2, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 392.50 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SECTION 14 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 506 FEET OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 18-32-307-010000 Said property is commonly known as 11045 West 84th Place, Willow Springs, Illinois 60480, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Colleen M. Ciezczak and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0936522088 and for other relief, that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 1, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ipledadings@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 1/2, 9, 16/2019 6068205



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F18110114 WELLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. Patrice L. Edwards aka Patrice Edwards aka P. Edwards; City of Chicago; Illinois Housing and Urban Development; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 14651 846 North Laverne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60651 Perkins Calendar 62 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Patrice L. Edwards aka Patrice Edwards aka P. Edwards, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 3 IN THE RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 28 TO 44 INCLUSIVE IN BLOCK 4 IN HENRY T. GLOVER'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 16-04-426-018-0000 Said property is commonly known as 846 North Laverne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60651, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Patrice L. Edwards and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0803810104 and for other relief, that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 2, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ipledadings@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 1/2, 9, 16/2019 6068186

WWR #10147388 STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF10 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST Plaintiff, vs. ESTATE OF YOUNIA OSHANA, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF YOUNIA OSHANA, DECEASED ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, JULIE FOX, NOT INDIVIDUALLY, BUT SOLELY AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF YOUNIA OSHANA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS - Defendants. CASE NO: 2018CH11436 Calendar: 63 8530 Keystone Avenue Skokie, IL 60076 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Estate of Younia Oshana, Deceased, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Younia Oshana, Deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Chancery Department, Cook County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff against you and other defendants praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: The South 1/2 of Lot 8 and all of Lot 9 in Block 2 in Sunset View 1111-0000 Said property is commonly known as East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 (except the Southeast 1/4 of the North 1/2 thereof) in Section 22, Township 41 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded July 23, 1925 as Document Number 8963453. In Cook County, Illinois Commonly known as 8530 Keystone Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076. Parcel Number: 10-12-211-054-0000 and which said Mortgage was made by Younia Oshana, Mortgagee, to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois as Instrument Number 0718440111; And for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the said Chancery Department, Cook County, Illinois against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant, file an answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County, Illinois, at the Courthouse, in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on or before February 1, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. Weisman, Weisberg & Reis Co., L.P.A., 180 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, IL, 60601 Telephone: 312-782-9676 Facsimile: 312-782-4201 ChicagoREDG@weltrman.com ARDC No. 6289784 Cook Atty. ID No. 31495 Pub: 1/2, 9, 16/2019 6068237



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NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID

TO
THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
FOR

PUBLIC TENDER OF BIDS A 39-YEAR LEASE ON APPROXIMATELY 14.494 ACRES OF DISTRICT REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 3426 SOUTH KEDZIE AVENUE IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; MAIN CHANNEL PARCEL 41.07

LEASE NUMBER: **19-360-11**

PROPOSALS ARE DUE: **JANUARY 29, 2019**

Sealed proposals, endorsed as above, must be deposited in the sealed bid depository located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Administration Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611 from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement & Materials Management or her designee at 11:00 a.m. on January 29, 2019.

NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 11:00 A.M. ON THE ABOVE SCHEDULED BID DATE. ALL BIDS FAXED OR ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER. PROPOSALS TRANSMITTED BY U.S. MAIL OR OTHER DELIVERY WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY WHEN SAID PROPOSALS ARE IN THE DEPOSITORY AT THE TIME FIXED FOR OPENING THEREOF. THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED BY MAIL OR OTHER DELIVERY WILL BE DEPOSITED IN THE DEPOSITORY IN TIME FOR SUCH OPENING.

The land to be leased is approximately 14.494 acres of District real estate located at 3426 South Kedzie Avenue in Chicago, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 41.07. The leasehold is a rectangular-shaped parcel located west of Kedzie Avenue and south of the District's Main Channel. The site is partially paved and contains a gate and chain-link fencing. Approximately five (5) acres of the land is located within the Main Channel and its embankment.

The Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago has established the fair market value of the property at \$3,500,000.00 and the minimum initial annual rental bid at \$350,000.00.

The lease shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder in accordance with bid procedures set forth by state law 70 ILCS 2605/8c *et seq.*, and subject to the acceptance and approval of the bid by the Board of Commissioners of the District. The highest bidder will be required to provide financial statements and/or other information to establish its financial responsibility.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement & Materials Management, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday - Friday, between 8:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Documents will be mailed in response to a fax request (#312/751-3042). Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may also be downloaded online from the District's website, www.mwrdd.org.

The District assumes no responsibility for documents sent through the mail. Further, the District assumes no liability or responsibility for the failure or inability of any Bidder to successfully download any and all contract documents, including but not limited to specifications, proposal forms and/or plans, as a result of any type of technological computer and/or software system failure or breakdown that restricts, prohibits or prevents successful downloading of any and all District contract documents by the Bidder, whether caused by the District or other parties, directly or indirectly.

Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms. Proposal forms are to be placed in the special envelope furnished by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. If proposal forms are downloaded online, the Bidder is responsible to submit the complete set of contract documents. This volume is to remain intact. The Bidder shall place the complete set of contract documents in a sealed envelope clearly marked as follows:

Sealed Bid Depository, MOB Lobby
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
100 E Erie Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Proposal For: Lease Number 19-360-11

Failure to submit the complete set of contract documents as specified may render the bid non-responsive and the bid may be rejected.

Bidders are to include with their proposal signed copies of any addenda, or acknowledge receipt of any addenda, if the District issued any addenda to this contract. Failure to do so may be cause for the rejection of any bid. If bidding documents are available online, any addenda issued for this contract will be available online at the District's website, www.mwrdd.org. Addenda will also be mailed, delivered, or faxed to each person receiving a set of such contract documents and to such other prospective bidders as shall have requested that they be furnished with a copy of the addenda.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of cash (U.S. currency only), cashier's check, or certified check payable to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the initial annual rental based on bidder's Proposal. Such checks will be acceptable only if drawn on a bank or savings and loan association. If the check is not stamped as a "certified" or "cashier's check" on its face, such check must be accompanied by a letter on letterhead of the financial institution and signed by an officer of the financial institution stating that the check is a guaranteed obligation of the financial institution. Any proposal submitted without being accompanied by such bid deposit will not be considered and will not be read after it is publicly opened. Any portion of the bid deposit not applied to the rent will be applied to the security deposit.

The required bid deposit will be forfeited in the event the successful bidder fails to execute a lease agreement within 13 days of its tender. All other deposits will be returned to the respective depositors. The form of the lease currently used for this transaction is available for inspection at the District office identified below.

The successful bidder, if other than the initial applicant, will pay to the District the cost for obtaining the applicant's two (2) appraisal reports, the cost of which will be documented upon execution of the lease. In order for the initial applicant to be reimbursed for its costs in obtaining 2 appraisal reports, said initial applicant must submit a qualifying bid in this matter. In addition, the successful bidder will obtain at his cost a plat of survey and legal description of the subject premises and submit same to the District within 21 days of the award.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

The District offers all prospective tenants that are awarded leases through competitive bidding the opportunity to participate in the District's **Green Infrastructure Program**. Participation is voluntary for all private non-governmental entities. Under the program, private entities can receive a credit equal to \$0.50 on the \$1.00, up to 10% of the annual rent owed to the District, capped at the first 10 years of the lease, for expenditures related to pre-approved green infrastructure. If interested, see the *Green Infrastructure Program Information Sheet* included with this Bid Package.

Any potential bidder with questions regarding the meaning of any part of the specifications or other bidding documents should submit such inquiries online at the District's website, www.mwrdd.org, under the "Contracts and Proposals" section of the website. The District will provide an online response to such inquiries, as the District deems appropriate. Strings of appropriate questions and answers regarding the bidding documents will be available online on the District's website until the bid opening date of the bidding documents. No questions will be accepted by telephone, fax, email, mail or any other such form of delivery.

The District does not guarantee the timeliness of responses provided online, nor does the District guarantee that such responses will be provided in adequate time to affect the submission of bids. The District shall provide responses online ONLY if the responses do not interpret or otherwise change the bidding documents.

The District's responses online are NOT official responses and, therefore, are not binding to the bidding documents. Any official interpretation or change to the bidding documents will be made only by addenda duly issued to all plan holders on record by the Director of Procurement & Materials Management. The District will only respond to questions received online up to ONE WEEK prior to the bid opening date of the bidding documents. The District will not respond to questions received after this date.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals.

The contact person for this contract is Brendan J. Daley. This contact person will provide online responses to online inquiries.

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
By: _____
Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement & Materials Management

Chicago Tribune: January 9, 2019, January 16, 2019, and January 23, 2019.

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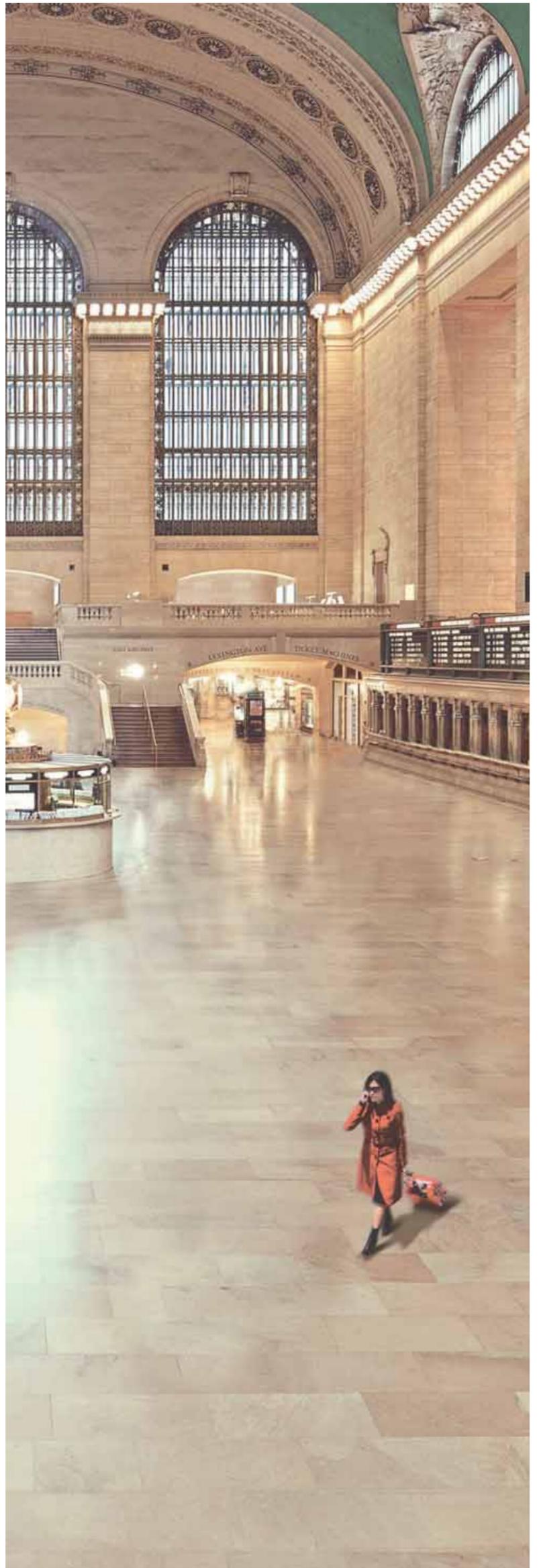
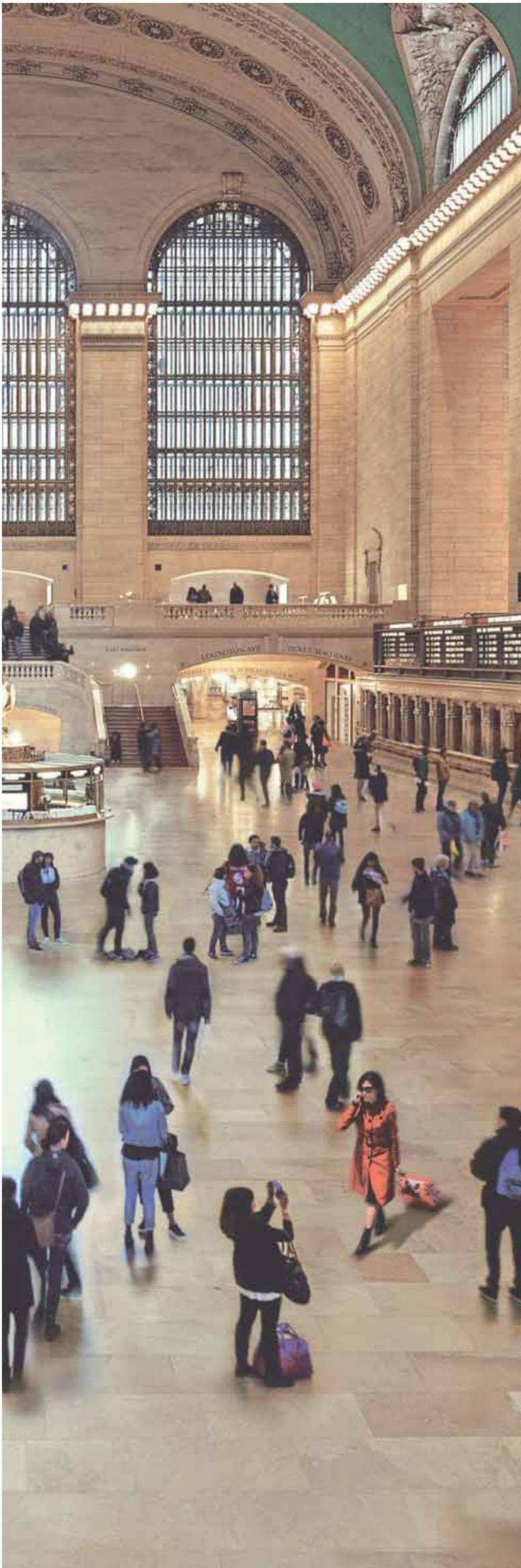
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HOT-STOVE LEAGUE

White Sox are pulling out all the stops as they try to coax **Manny Machado** to join his friends on the South Side



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PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

If the idea is to make Manny Machado's comfort zone so big he won't think twice about choosing the 100-loss White Sox over the 100-win Yankees, the Sox may as well go for broke.

After acquiring Machado's brother-in-law, Yonder Alonso, and signing one of his best friends, Jon Jay, the next logical move for general manager Rick Hahn is calling the Cubs' Theo Epstein about the availability of Machado's cousin, Albert Almora Jr.

And when he runs out of family and friends, perhaps Machado's personal trainer could use a job on the South Side.

The recruitment of Machado has been the most interesting saga of the White Sox's offseason, one that could end up with the biggest free-agent splash in franchise history or with a major thud if neither Machado nor Bryce Harper signs on the dotted line.

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Manny Machado laughs it up with good friend Jon Jay, left, and talks to brother-in-law Yonder Alonso. Jay and Alonso joined the White Sox.

GETTY PHOTOS
(MAIN PHOTO BY HARRY HOW)



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BEARS

Offense, defense and special teams

Everybody gets a little bit of the blame for Sunday's stunning playoff loss to the Eagles, but our "Real Talk" tandem agrees: The Bears must move on from kicker Cody Parkey. **Back Page**

BULLS

Looking for energy boost from Portis

Bulls missed forward's competitiveness during his injury absence

By **K.C. JOHNSON**
Chicago Tribune

You can't put a minutes limit on passion.

Whether Bobby Portis is limited to the same 20 minutes that defined his return Sunday from a sprained right ankle or the training staff gives the green light for more as the Bulls begin a tough, five-game trip Wednesday in Portland, Ore., Portis brings more than scoring.

He brings infectious enthusiasm. He brings toughness. Perhaps most of all, he brings talking. "He's one of the loudest," Zach LaVine said.

The Bulls can be a quiet bunch.

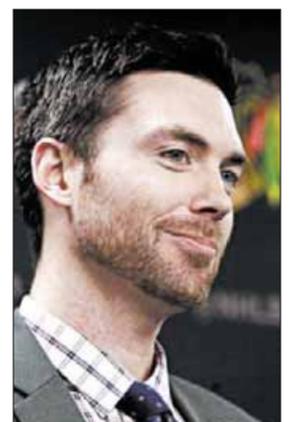
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Bulls at Trail Blazers
9 p.m. Wednesday, WGN-9

Individually, they feature some tough players, Portis included. But collectively, in-game team toughness has been questioned all season.

In this regard, having Portis in uniform and on the court — for however many minutes — is beneficial. Teammates don't call him "Crazy Eyes" for nothing.

"Bobby brings a toughness and competitive spirit. He's a big team guy," coach Jim Boylen said. "He loves to practice and to play. Any assignment you give him, he'll take and try to do it to the best of his ability. I'm thankful he's on his way back."

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

BLACKHAWKS

A little better every day

Five reasons the Blackhawks showed improvement in coach Jeremy Colliton's last 15 games. **Page 5**

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SAM FARMER

Cowboys' Jones in dream land

The two NFL owners who had the biggest hand in the league's return to Los Angeles were the Rams' Stan Kroenke and the Cowboys' Jerry Jones.

Saturday, their teams will square off at the Coliseum in the divisional round of the playoffs — on the three-year anniversary of the vote that sent the Rams back to LA, no less.

Thanks to the Eagles' 16-15 upset of the Bears on Sunday, the Cowboys are returning to Southern California, where they spend part of training camp every year.

"When the NFL came back to Los Angeles, I had dreamed of a Super Bowl between the Rams and the Cowboys in that great metropolitan area — which, as we know, is impossible," Jones wrote this week in an email to the Los Angeles Times. "This is the next best thing because of it being in Los Angeles and how significant it is to the NFL and how proud I am of Stan and the Rams franchise."

"I'm so excited about this game, I just can't stand it."

The Rams and Cowboys have split eight playoff meetings, but that's mostly ancient history relative to these teams. The last time they squared off in the playoffs was Jan. 4, 1986, before most of the current players were born. In fact, Rams coach Sean McVay was born 20 days later.

The morning after Cowboys-Rams, the Chargers will play at New England, where they lost the AFC championship game in the 2007 season. The Chargers advanced to the second round with a 23-17 road victory over the Ravens.

"After that (Chargers-Ravens) game, I was up watching film all night," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said Monday in his weekly radio interview. "That's the way it is. This is the biggest week of the year for me — everything is focused on what we need to do."

In the other divisional games, the Colts play at the Chiefs City and the Eagles visit the Saints.

Coming off a wild-card weekend in which three of the four road teams won, the Eagles opened as 8½-point underdogs in New Orleans, where they suffered a 48-7 embarrassment in November.

"We're a different football team now than we were then," said Eagles coach Doug Pederson, whose team has been the underdog in five consecutive playoff games.



Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott looks for room to run against the Rams in 2017.

The Chargers are living proof of how teams can change from week to week. Their victory over the Ravens avenged a Week 16 loss in Carson, Calif., when they were as flat as a Johnny Unitas haircut.

Whereas the Patriots were 8-0 at home this season — the only team with an unblemished record in its stadium — the Chargers are 9-1 on the road, counting their "home" game in London. The only away game they lost was to the Rams at the Coliseum.

The Colts are not a good matchup for the Chiefs.

Coming off a dominating performance against the host Texans, the Colts have won 10 of 11 after losing five of their first six games. They have been remarkably effective at protecting Andrew Luck, who was sacked an NFL-low 18 times. That strikes at the heart of what the Chiefs do well: They finished tied for the league lead with 52 sacks.

According to Elias Sports, the touchdown

passes by the Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes (50) and Luck (39) are the most for any quarterback matchup in playoff history.

"He's been very good at being creative, using the weapons they have," Colts coach Frank Reich said Monday of Chiefs counterpart Andy Reid. "And they do have great weapons, spread the ball around. And having a quarterback like that who's a playmaker, he's had a tremendous year."

The Cowboys are coming off a first-round victory over the Seahawks, with a stifling performance by their defense. But the Cowboys were 3-5 on the road, and the Rams were 7-1 at home. In the email, Jones called the Cowboys-Rams matchup "right there with my best days in the NFL."

"It has a feeling for me like you're playing against a brother," he said, "but we all know that can be the most competitive thing in the world."

Sam Farmer is an NFL columnist for the Los Angeles Times.



JOHN FROSCHAUER/AP

Sarah Thomas will be the first female official to officiate an NFL playoff game.

NFL

Female official to make history

Sarah Thomas is single-handedly trying to tear down the glass ceiling.

After making history in 2015 by becoming the first full-time female official in NFL history, Thomas will become the first female referee to officiate an NFL playoff game Sunday when she takes the field for the Chargers-Patriots AFC divisional-round game at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass., according to Football Zebras.

Back in 2017, Thomas was an alternate for the Falcons-Rams wild-card game but never took the field. She has spent the last two seasons as a down judge before previously working as a line judge. Thomas is in her fourth season as an NFL official.

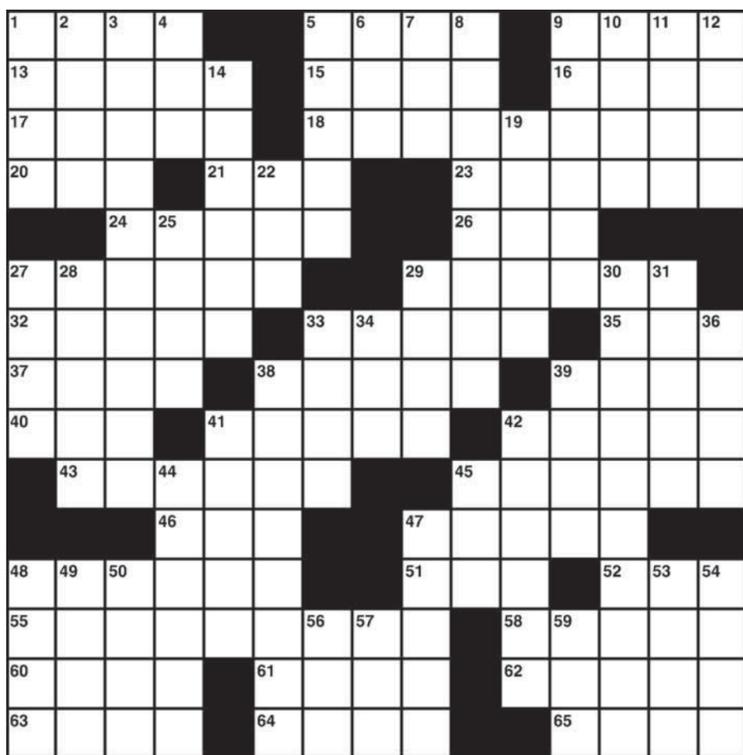
And in another move for equality, Terri Valentini, the NFL's first female instant replay official, is scheduled to work the Colts-Chiefs divisional matchup on Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.

The moves come on the heels of the of the NBA announcing that referees Ashley Moyer-Gleich and Natalie Sago would be promoted to full-time status back in November, becoming the fourth and fifth women in league history to reach that level.

In 1997, Dee Kantner and Violet Palmer became the first two full-time female NBA officials in league history. Lauren Holtkamp became the NBA's third full-time female official in 2014 and is still active.

— New York Daily News

Crossword



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- 33 Word attached to light or back
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- 42 Teeming crowd
- 43 Floating
- 45 John the Baptist or Joan of Arc, e.g.

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- 1 Whip
- 2 _ See Clearly Now
- 3 Fed up
- 4 _ Aviv
- 5 Agitated
- 6 Fido's foot
- 7 Half and half
- 8 Unnecessary
- 9 Treeless tract of land
- 10 Tim Daly's sister
- 11 _ house; realtor's event
- 12 Dictionary entry
- 14 Piles
- 19 Instruct
- 22 Suit accessory

Solutions



- 25 Haughtiness
- 27 Exchange
- 28 _ firma; dry land
- 29 Los Angeles team
- 30 Where to find game scores
- 31 Koufax or Duncan
- 33 Helvetica or Times New Roman
- 34 Boy
- 36 Forest animal
- 38 Disreputable folks
- 39 Accepted standard
- 41 _ mignon
- 42 Badger
- 44 Sends in payment
- 45 Janitor's item
- 47 Gas and coal
- 48 Dread
- 49 Greenish-blue
- 50 Ladder step
- 53 American _; MA's state trees
- 54 Acme
- 56 Pasture cry
- 57 Can top
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COLLEGES

Oh, that stinking feeling

Now Saban, Kelly have something in common: Both crushed by Clemson



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On college football

Nick Saban doesn't do text messaging, but maybe he would make an exception if he saw one coming from Brian Kelly.

The Notre Dame coach should reach out to Saban with these words: *Don't feel bad, Nick. I've been there.*

A week ago, Clemson disemboweled Notre Dame to the tune of 30-3.

To some of us, the result was shocking. And yet in the context of what transpired Monday night, it makes perfect sense.

The Tigers whupped up on Alabama so badly in a 44-16 throttling, the Crimson Tide defense registered zero sacks and forced no turnovers. Alabama allowed 240 passing yards — on third downs alone.

Trevor Lawrence against the Irish: 27-for-39, 327 yards, three touchdowns, no turnovers.

Lawrence against the Tide: 20-for-32, 347 yards, three touchdowns, no turnovers.

Kelly is now in the company of Saban.

OK, not really. Saban has won six national titles. Kelly, for all his national coach of the year awards, has zero.

But at least the two have something to commiserate about on the first tee.

Go back to that Dec. 29 evening in Arlington, Texas. Kelly answered questions on the podium while I interviewed players in the locker room. On the quote sheet I saw these words: "I mean, they should play the (Chicago) Bears after playing that game against Alabama."

Chicago sportswriters are trained to latch on to anything involving the Bears, Cubs, Jay Cutler or Michael Jordan.

I thought Kelly was referring to Clemson. He actually meant the 2012 Crimson Tide.

But, hey, now that applies to both teams. Clemson was that dominant.

Best team ever.

Several Tigers reportedly declared that on the field Monday night after handing Saban his worst loss at Alabama.

Clemson's front seven rendered Alabama's offense nonfunctional, just as it did to Notre Dame's.

Both games were just about tied after one quarter — 3-3 in Notre Dame's case, a 14-13 deficit in Alabama's. And both games were over by the end of the third.

Notre Dame fans howled afterward about two tough breaks: an injury to All-America cornerback Julian Love and a fumbled Clemson kickoff return that barely glanced off the white sideline paint.

Alabama was without its best edge rusher, Christian Miller, and could point to two bad calls: one by the officials, who missed a defensive hold on third-and-4 at the Clemson 14, the other by Saban, whose fake field-goal attempt was like trying to sneak a plate full of barbecue past Homer Simpson.

Stewart Mandel of the Athletic asked the question on Twitter on Monday night that many of us were contemplating: "Is Notre Dame off the hook now or nah?"

Some of the replies were predictably lame: "No they're still awful and should never be allowed in the playoff again" (@thisisbigblue14)

Right. These are the same fans who thought the 12-0 Irish didn't belong in the playoff because ... well, they're not in a conference and 'Bama crushed them to end the 2012 season.

The reality, as we witnessed, is that Notre Dame just might have been the second-best team in America this season. Or at least tied for second with Alabama and Oklahoma.

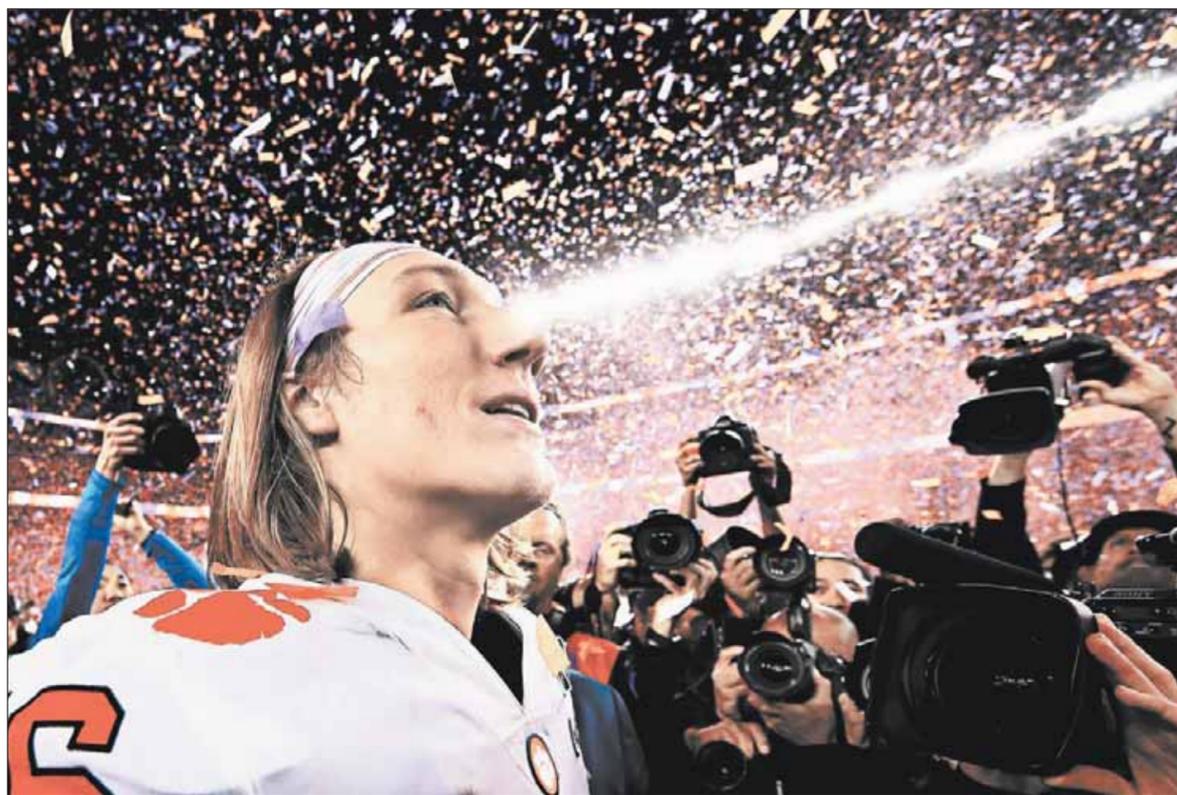
That's not a bad spot to be.

But as they say, unless you're the lead dog, the view is the same.

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Clemson's Trevor Lawrence looks for a receiver against Notre Dame, top, and enjoys the victory against Alabama.

JEFFREY MCWHORTER/AP (SEMIFINAL)
EZRA SHAW/GETTY (CHAMPIONSHIP GAME)



COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Ramblers struggle to find basket in road loss at Evansville

Associated Press

The magic that guided Loyola's Final Four run seems to have gone poof.

K.J. Riley scored 15 points and handed out seven assists as host Evansville defeated Loyola 67-48 on Tuesday night, holding the Ramblers to 37.3-percent shooting and just one 3-point basket.

The Purple Aces (8-8, 2-1 MVC), meanwhile, was shooting at a 53-percent clip, with eight 3-pointers in 19 tries from behind the arc.

Riley was 6-for-9 from the field, while Marty Hill and Shea Feehan added 13 points each for Evansville, who led by as many as 25 in the second half weren't threatened.

Evansville made 17 assists on 27 field goals and outrebounded Loyola 36-27.

Marques Townes scored 14 points and Franklin Agunanne 13 for the Ramblers (9-7, 2-1), who had been on the verge of their first 3-0 start in conference play since 2001-02 when they were in the Horizon League.

Valparaiso 61, Bradley 50: Javon Freeman scored 17 points and the host Crusaders (10-6, 3-0 MVC) cruised to their fourth straight win.

Freeman's dunk at the 6:50 mark of the first half gave the Crusaders a double-digit lead they held for most of the game. An 8-0 surge, capped by a dunk and 3-pointer from Luuk van Bree, pulled Bradley to 50-45 with 2:43 remaining. Bakari Evelyn answered with a 3 and Freeman added two dunks as Valparaiso closed on an 11-5 run.

Darrell Brown scored 14 points on 6-for-18 shooting to lead Bradley (8-8, 0-3).

Illinois State 70, Northern Iowa 69: Milik Yarbrough scored 23 points and grabbed eight rebounds and Phil Fayne added 19 points with seven boards, as the host Redbirds (9-7, 2-1 MVC) held on. AJ Green scored 19 points with three 3-pointers for Northern Iowa (6-10, 1-2). Tywhon Pickford and Wyatt Lohaus added 11 points apiece and Isaiah Brown grabbed 10 rebounds.

Baylor holds on: Makai Mason scored 25 points, including five free throws in the final 38 seconds as Baylor held on to beat No. 20 Iowa State 73-70 on Tuesday night in Waco, Texas.

Iowa State (12-3, 2-1 Big 12) was coming off a 17-point home win over then-No. 5 Kansas three days earlier. The Cyclones had won five in a row and entered the AP Top 25 on Monday for the first time since the end of the 2016-17 season.

Devonte Bando made two free throws with five seconds left for Baylor (9-5, 1-1), and Iowa State had one more shot to tie the game but Nick Weiler-Babb's defended 3-pointer from the right side was not even close.

Mason had a short jumper with 1:48 left to tie the game at 66. After Mason made the tiebreaking free throw before missing another with 38 seconds left, King McClure grabbed the offensive rebound. That set up two more free throws by Mason.

Marial Shayok had 19 points to lead Iowa State.

Duke travels well: Freshman sensation Zion Williamson scored a season-high 30 points with 10 rebounds, and No. 1 Duke won its first road game of the season by beating Wake Forest 87-65 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

RJ Barrett finished with 21 points and matched a season high with seven assists, and Cameron Reddish added 10 points, helping the Blue Devils (13-0, 2-0 ACC) win their eighth straight game.

Layups: Former USC forward Jordan Usher has transferred to Georgia Tech and will be eligible for spring semester in 2019. Usher, from Canton, Ga., averaged 8.6 points and 3.7 rebounds in 12 games, including two starts, for the Trojans this season. He averaged 4.8 points and 2.0 rebounds as a freshman in 2017-18. ... Oklahoma State announced that graduate transfer guard Mike Cunningham is no longer with the program. Cunningham averaged 8.0 points and 1.1 assists in seven games for the Cowboys.

WHITE SOX



ELSA/GETTY

Reliever Kelvin Herrera joined the White Sox bullpen on Tuesday. He signed a two-year, \$18 million deal.

Reliever is a believer

Sox remind Herrera of retooling Royals who won 2015 World Series

BY PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

Kelvin Herrera played an integral role on the Royals team that won the 2015 World Series, and the White Sox's newest reliever said he sees some of the same signs as the team's front office pursues free agents in its rebuild.

"I've been excited (by) the direction this team has taken," Herrera said during a conference call on Tuesday, when the team announced his signing to a two-year, \$18 million deal with a third-year option. "It resembles my time with Kansas City, when I was starting. We were in rebuilding mode and we were just trying to learn to play the right way, with intensity and giving 100 percent effort every time. I think it's something that you can see in this

team too."

Herrera said he wants to play a role in helping develop the Sox's young players, but with the acquisition of Alex Colome in November and relievers Nate Jones and Jace Fry returning from last season, he already sees the makings of a formidable bullpen.

"This team is building a very strong bullpen," Herrera said through an interpreter. "I know how it feels when I was with Kansas City, we had a very strong bullpen there. You can feel it."

Herrera said he's not concerned about whether he or Colome takes the closer role, or whether being the setup man is in his future.

"I'm just ready when they need me, whenever it is. ... Don't have to be nine, don't have to be eight."

For now he's focused on his health. Herrera's 2018 season with the Nationals was cut short by a torn Lisfranc ligament, which came on the heels of his recovery from a shoulder injury.

But the 29-year-old said he

expects to be ready for spring training with no restrictions.

"I feel good. I feel strong enough to start spring training," he said. "We are doing what the team wants me to do, but that's up to them. I'm going to follow all of the recommendations that the team tells me."

Herrera also said he isn't concerned about losing velocity on his fastball, which clocked in at 96.5 mph last season, according to Statcast, down from around 99 mph during his Royals days.

"I started last season pretty good, I felt," he said. "The velocity change is something normal. That's something that happens throughout the whole season to every pitcher."

"But I felt pretty good last year with my velocity. For me, what matters most is just to execute my pitches and to throw quality pitches, more than velocity."

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Sox 'n' friends: Will Machado tune in?

Sullivan, from Page 1

Coming this far, there's no turning back for the Sox, who've raised expectations so high that entering spring training empty-handed will be a double doink no one wants to see. Alonso and Jay are the lettuce and tomato in the BLT, but Machado is the bacon.

Can the Sox bring home the bacon?

Though Harper is the preferred choice of most Sox fans, Machado has grabbed much of the attention since news of the Sox's offer to the star infielder.

With a little more than a month before spring training, their slow-motion pursuit of Machado appears to be gaining steam with the signing of Jay, a journeyman outfielder who wouldn't seem to be a big deal in the Sox rebuild unless he was brought in as an enticement to Machado. Jay agreed to a one-year, \$4 million deal, in line for a veteran outfielder about to turn 34 with no power whatsoever.

Jay is a good guy in the clubhouse and a decent leadoff option, but he's not exactly an upgrade from Avisail Garcia, who was non-tendered after another injury-marred season. Assuming Eloy Jimenez is called up by May, Jay likely will wind up platooning and serving as a late-game defensive replacement in the corner spots. But if he and Alonso can convince Machado to take the Sox's offer and reunite the "Miami crew" in Chicago, he'll be worth the relatively small investment.

The Sox have made incremental moves this winter, waiting on the big boys to make a potentially franchise-altering decision.

Machado can be the face of the franchise in Chicago or Philadelphia, or just another superstar in the Yankees clubhouse. Harper can be the straw the stirs the drink in Chicago or Philly, or just

another superstar in the Dodgers clubhouse. Or the proverbial "mystery" team can swoop in and make one of them an offer that blows the others away.

On Tuesday the Sox made official the signing of late-inning reliever Kelvin Herrera to a two-year, \$18 million deal after acquiring Alex Colome from the Mariners. Herrera, who can close or serve as setup man, will receive \$8.5 million in 2019 and 2020, while the Sox have a \$10 million option for 2021 with a \$1 million buyout.

Herrera said the Sox remind him of the rebuilding Royals team he began his career with in 2011, the one that grew together and won a World Series in 2015. The Sox are a long way from making that assessment a reality, but he should help fix what has been a deficiency since David Robertson was dealt back to the Yankees in 2017.

But Herrera, Colome, Alonso, Jay and starter Ivan Nova aren't enough to make the Sox a contender, even in a subpar division like the AL Central. Even the addition of either Machado or Bryce Harper might not do that in 2019.

They'll need significant improvements from Yoan Moncada and Lucas Giolito, two prospects from the first big deals of the rebuild. They'll need fewer strikeouts from the lineup as a whole, and more consistency from Carlos Rodon and Reynaldo Lopez, both of whom were dominant in stretches.

And finally they'll need strong rookie seasons from top prospect Jimenez and starter Dylan Cease, who should be up by midsummer.

They seem like the real deal, but you never know until they're in the majors.

But for now the real focus is Machado, and whether the friends and family plan will work.

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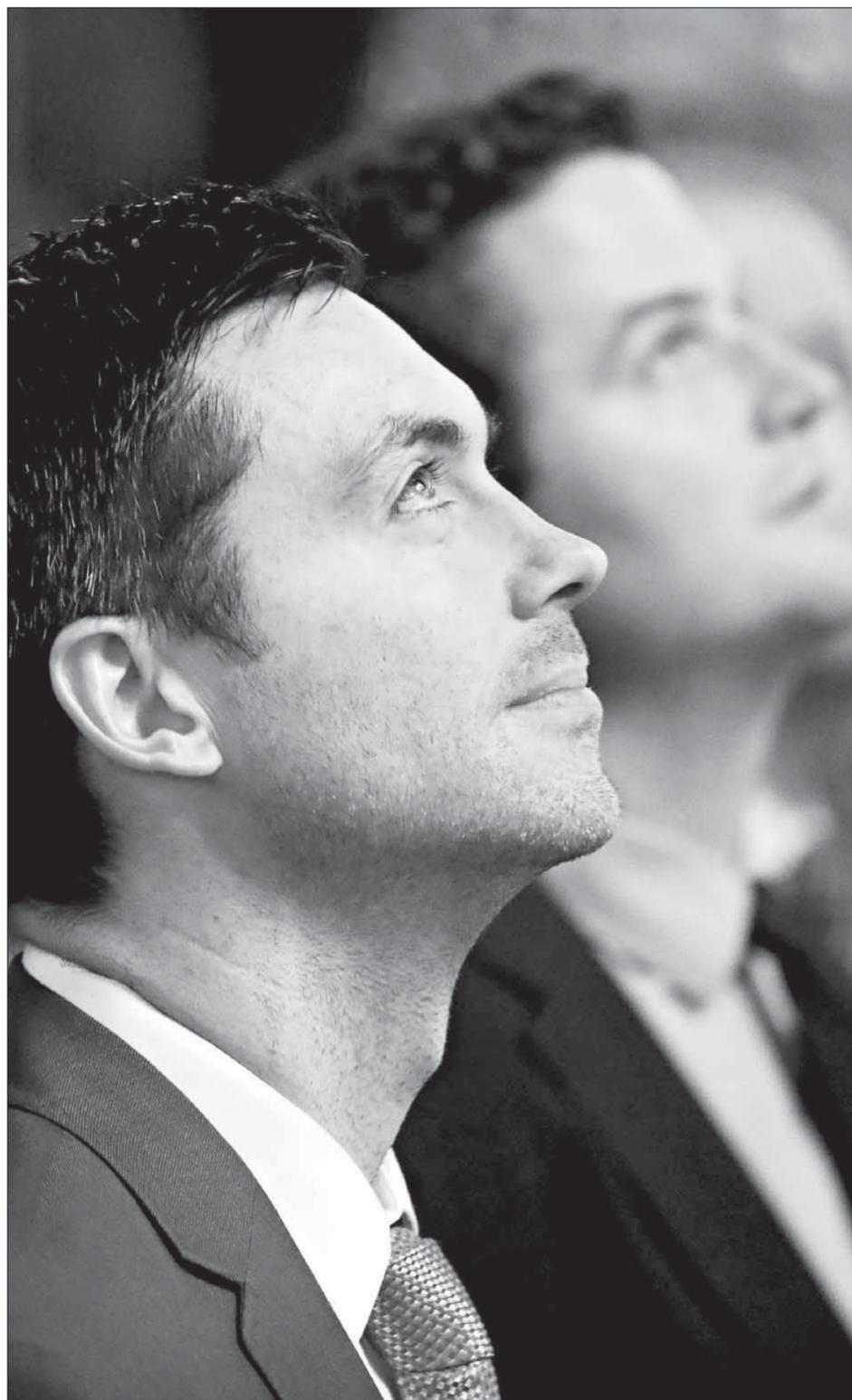
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Finding positives from new coach

Despite just 3 wins in 15 games under Colliton, Hawks show progress

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

A big thank you to the Blackhawks for firing Joel Quenneville 15 games into the season.

Not for the firing but for the 15 games. It provides a good number from which to assess Jeremy Colliton. We looked back last month at Colliton's first 15 games, which couldn't have gone much worse and ended with a 3-10-2 record.

These last 15 games — which concluded after Monday's 4-3 loss to the Flames — have gone decidedly better. The Hawks went 7-6-2, and while they haven't exactly turned their season around, they have been far more fun to watch. Here are five reasons.

1. Colliton is winning over the locker room.

This isn't at all to suggest the players had initially rejected Colliton. But transitioning from Quenneville, who ran a different system and communicated in a much different way, was a shock that took time to recover from.

Colliton is open and never wants a player to leave a game or practice without knowing why a decision was made. On Saturday, Colliton spent a good 10 minutes in deep conversation with Brendan Perlini toward the end of practice. Colliton was letting Perlini know what he can do to improve and get more ice time.

"We have those conversations with everyone," Colliton said. "Sometimes they're on the ice, sometimes they're in the dressing room."

Those conversations make a difference and are key to how Colliton feels he has improved as a coach.

"Just getting more comfortable with the group, learning them, learning how to handle each guy," Colliton said. "I'm going to try to get better at that as I get to know them and we build a relationship with each guy."



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane, above, has produced well offensively in 15 games under new coach Jeremy Colliton, top.

2. Patrick Kane is feeling it.

Kane is in a stretch in which it feels as if he's going to create offense every time he touches the puck. Whether it's a magical backhand like he had against the Flames or zipping passes to Alex DeBrincat or Dylan Strome, Kane is carrying the Hawks offense.

He has had at least two points in seven of the Hawks' last 15 games and scored 24 points (11 goals, 13 assists) overall during that stretch.

In the first 15 games under Colliton, Kane had two goals.

3. The lines finally have been consistent.

Colliton tried so many different line combinations in the early going you never knew who would end up out there each game. But starting Dec. 18 against the Predators, things started to solidify and it has paid off.

For the first time all season, the Hawks have had three lines that have been working most games. Brandon Saad, Jonathan Toews and Dominik Kahun have been a solid top line while Kane has been a force on the second line with Dylan Strome and Artem Anisimov. DeBrincat was moved to the third line, and while he probably is not getting enough ice time, he is producing and opponents have a lot more to worry about.

4. Collin Delia and Cam Ward.

Delia has been nothing less than brilliant each and every game since being called up from the IceHogs.

Ward has been very good at times but hasn't been in the same league as Delia, who has stopped 197 of 208 shots in his five starts. That's nearly 40 saves per game for a .947 save percentage and it's even better than the AHL-leading .933 save percentage he had with the IceHogs.

Delia and Ward have each started five games in Corey Crawford's absence. Colliton has taken some flak for not starting Delia more, but being cautious with a rookie goalie when you have a veteran playing well seems to have been a wise choice.

5. The power play woke up.

The power play went 3-for-37 during Colliton's first 15 games. The last 15 games it has gone 12-for-48, including 10-for-30 in the last 10.

Finally, it's working. It took some time for Colliton to find the combination of Kane, Toews, DeBrincat, Dylan Strome and Erik Gustafsson, but that should be the power play for the time being.

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BULLS

BULLS NOTES

Guards Arcidiacono, Harrison rewarded

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Ryan Arcidiacono arrived at training camp not assured of a roster spot. Shaquille Harrison didn't even make it through Suns training camp.

Now, both unheralded guards have earned guaranteed \$1.3 million deals to finish the season with the Bulls. NBA teams had to waive players with non-guaranteed contracts by 4 p.m. Monday or their contracts would become fully guaranteed Thursday.

"I don't even know what the date is," Arcidiacono said recently. "I'm just here playing. Until they tell me to leave and get out of town, then I'll stay."

"But I try to step back and think about how I had no idea I was even going to make the team, let alone play a little bit. It's become the norm to be a contributor. But if you would've told me this two months ago, I would've been like, 'I don't believe you at all and sign me up if it's available as an offer. It's still kind of surreal. Hopefully it stays the norm.'"

Barring injury, it should. With his physical play and strong ball security, Arcidiacono has firmly ensconced himself in the back-court rotation for Fred Hoiberg and Jim Boylen.

Harrison first entered the rotation for Hoiberg on Nov. 10. Boylen has leaned on him even more extensively, playing him 20 minutes or more in nine of the previous 10 games. That included closing minutes Friday in an overtime loss to the Pacers.

"I like Shaq. I like the way he competes. I like the way he defends," Boylen said. "He struggled from the field the other night at 0-for-7. But he got to the rim. He's a competitive person. He's a yes-sir, no-sir guy who cares about the team. I like those kinds of guys."



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Bulls guard Ryan Arcidiacono has earned a guaranteed deal worth \$1.3 million.

Rim review: Harrison's 0-for-7 featured several driving misses at the rim. Along those lines, Boylen revealed the Bulls use a practice drill called "Finishing School" that he stole from legendary Michigan State coach Jud Heathcote.

"We do the Michigan State 'Daily Dozen,' which Jud Heathcote did 30 years ago with Magic (Johnson) and those guys," Boylen said. "It's finishing through contact and keeping your eyes on the rim."

Boylen said each player performs 12 finishes at the rim while getting hit, including overhand, underhand and reverse layups with both strong and opposite hand.

Coach's corner: Hoiberg, fired Dec. 3, has been mentioned as potential fits with the Timberwolves in the NBA and UCLA in the NCAA.

"I would love to see Coach Hoiberg get another chance. I feel like he's a great coach," Bobby Portis said. "I never had anything bad to say about Coach Fred. He helped my development a ton. He had the utmost confidence in me to do what I do on a nightly basis. Coach Hoiberg deserves another shot back in the league, and I hope soon."

Looking for energy boost from Portis

Bulls, from Page 1

Portis' ability to make an impact whether he starts or comes off the bench seems fitting given he learned the trait from former teammate Taj Gibson. Portis never has been a wallflower. But watching during his rookie season in 2015-16 how Gibson and Joakim Noah talked and quarterbacked the Bulls defense influenced Portis.

"We missed that competitive edge and a guy who is engaged on every possession," Boylen said. "In-game failure bothers him. He doesn't pout about it. He reacts to it and tries to win the next possession, which is something we've talked about."

"You would hope it's contagious. I know guys like playing with Bobby. He's a guy you like winning with and fighting with and competing with. It's a great attribute he has and a big part of his value."

Portis and the Bulls hope Wednesday begins a long, healthy stretch for the valuable forward. He played just four games before spraining the MCL in his right knee and sitting for 23. Then, after just five games, he

suffered the sprained ankle and sat for seven more.

Portis is averaging 12.4 points and 7.7 rebounds in his mere 10 games. For a team ranked last in the NBA offensively, his ability to score inside or out and pose matchup problems will surely be welcomed.

"I feel like last year I really established myself coming off the bench and being that go-to guy who can score," Portis said. "I try to let the game come to me and take the shots that are given to me. But I always bring energy."

"I've always been the same guy since I got here. Find a rhythm. Try to change the game. Whether we're up or down, try to bring some momentum to the gym. Try to get the crowd involved. Be myself."

Consider the Bulls' earbuds warned

"Bobby's our glue guy," LaVine said. "Tough guy. He gets to his spots. He can score in many ways. Defensively, he talks. He's one of those guys that you hate to play against but you love him on your team."

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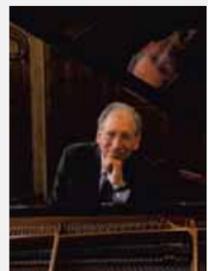
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7 p.m.	Bucks at Rockets		ESPN
9 p.m.	Bulls at Trail Blazers	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670	
9:30 p.m.	Pistons at Lakers		ESPN
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
5:30 p.m.	Georgetown at Xavier		FS1
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NFL PLAYOFFS

POSTSEASON SCHEDULE	CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS	Sunday, Jan. 20
Saturday	AFC: TBD, 2:05 (FOX-32)
Indianapolis (11-6) at Kansas City (12-4), 3:35 (NBC-5)	NFC: TBD, 5:40 (CBS-2)
Dallas (11-6) at LA Rams (13-3), 7:15 (FOX-32)	
Sunday	PRO BOWL
LA Chargers (13-4) at New England (11-5), 12:05 (CBS-2)	Sunday, Jan. 27
Philadelphia (10-7) at New Orleans (13-3), 3:40 (FOX-32)	AFC vs. AFC, 2 (ABC-7/ESPN)
	AFC champ vs. NFC champ, 5:30 (CBS-2)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
White Sox: Designated LHP Ian Clarkin for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Kelvin Herrera on a two-year contract.
Kansas City: Agreed to terms with RHP Michael Ynoa to a minor league contract.
Texas: Named Eric Gagne bullpen coach of Nashville (PCL); Alex Rodriguez trainer of Frisco (TL); Corey Rogstad manager, Chase Lambin and Turtle Thomas coaches, Luke Teeters trainer and Adam Noel strength and conditioning coach of Down East (Carolina); and Jared Goedert and Josh Johnson coaches and Bronson Santillan trainer of Hickory (SAL).
NATIONAL LEAGUE
New York: Placed 3B David Wright on waivers for the purpose of his unconditional release. Signed LHP Hector Santiago to a minor league contract. Named Chris Weber manager of media relations, Alan Suriel translator/public relations assistant and Zack Becker communications assistant.
FOOTBALL
CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Edmonton: Released WR Bryant Mitchell.
NFL PLAYOFFS
Winnipeg: Agreed to terms with DT Jake Thomas.
GOLF
Ryder Cup Europe: Named Padraig Harrington captain of the 2020 team.
HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Carolina: Recalled D Dan Rensouf from Charlotte (AHL).
N.Y. Islanders: Returned F Josh Ho-Sang to Bridgeport (AHL).
AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
Texas: Assigned F Spencer Naas to Idaho

(ECHL). Recalled Fs Brad McClure and James Phelan from Idaho.
Idaho: Released F Anthony McVeigh.
OLYMPIC SPORTS
World Anti-Doping Agency: Named Catherine MacLean director/education and communications and Tom May director/program development and National and Regional Anti-Doping Organizations relations.
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
FC Dallas: Signed M Bryan Acosta from Tenerife (Segunda Division-Spain).
NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE
Washington: Named Richie Burke coach and technical director, Michael Minthorne high performance coach and Christian Cziomierz tactical analyst and team performance coach.
UNITED SOCCER LEAGUE
Memphis: Signed G Scott Levene and M Duane Muckette.
Nashville: Signed D Malcolm Stewart and G Danny Vitellio.
TENNIS
USTA: Named Chris Evert chair of the USTA Foundation Board of Directors.
COLLEGE
East Carolina: Named J.P. Gunter director of football player personnel and recruiting and Tarron Williams director of player development.
Georgia Tech: Announced sophomore men's basketball F Jordan Usher has transferred from Southern Cal.
Memphis: Named Pete Lembo assistant head football coach and special teams coordinator.
Ohio State: Named Al Washington line-backers coach.
Tusculum: Named Danielle Marante women's volleyball coach.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE
ALL STAR BOWLS
119 Shrine St. Petersburg, Fla. East vs. West 2
120 Collegiate Pasadena, Calif. Americas vs. National 2
125 Senior Mobile, Ala. North vs. South 1:30
DATE BOWL SITE RESULT
D15 Celebration Atlanta NC A&T 24, Auburn St. 22
D15 Cure Orlando Tulane 41, La.-Lafayette 24
D15 New Mexico Albuquerque Utah State 52, N. Texas13
D15 Las Vegas Vegas Fresno St. 31, Arizona St. 20
D15 Camellia Montgomery, Ala. Ga. Southern 23, E. Michigan 21
D15 New Orleans New Orleans Appalachian State 45, MTSU 13
D18 Boca Raton, Fla. UAB 27, N. Illinois 13
D19 Frisco Frisco, Texas Ohio 27, San Diego State 0
D20 Gasparilla St. Petersburg Marshall 38, USF 20
D21 Bahamas Nassau Florida International 35, Toledo 32
D21 Famous Idaho Boise BYU 49, Western Michigan 18
D22 Birmingham Birmingham, Ala. Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34
D22 Armed Forces Fort Worth, Tex. Army 70, Houston 1
D22 Dollar General Mobile, Ala. Troy 42, Buffalo 32
D22 Hawaii Honolulu La. Tech 31, Hawaii 14
D26 SERVPRO Dallas Boston Col. vs. Boise State, ccd.
D26 Quick Lane Detroit Minnesota 34, Ga. Tech 10
D26 Cheez-It Phoenix TCU 10, California 7 (OT)
D27 Independence Shreveport, La. Duke 56, Temple 27
D27 PinStripe Bronx, N.Y. Wisconsin 35, Miami 3
D27 Texas Houston Baylor 45, Vanderbilt 38
D28 Music City Nashville Auburn 63, Purdue 14
D28 Camping World Orlando Syracuse 24, W. Virginia 18
D28 Alamo San Antonio Wash. St. 28, Iowa St. 26
D29 Peach Atlanta Florida 48, Michigan 15
D29 Belk Charlotte, N.C. Virginia 28, S. Carolina 0
D29 Arizona Tucson, Ariz. Nevada 16, Ark. State 13
D29 Cotton Arlington, Tex. Oklahoma 20, Notre Dame 3
D29 Orange Miami Gar., Fla. Alabama 45, Oklahoma 34
D31 Military Annapolis, Md. Cincinnati 35, Virginia Tech 31
D31 Sun El Paso, Tex. Stanford 14, Pittsburgh 13
D31 Redbox Santa Clara, Calif. Oregon 7, Michigan State 6
D31 Liberty Memphis, Tenn. Oklahoma State 38, Missouri 33
D31 Holiday Houston 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. Ohio State 28, Washington 23
J1 Sugar New Orleans Texas 28, Georgia 21
J1 CFP Final Santa Clara, Calif. Clemson 44, Alabama 16

AP TOP 25

AP TEAM	W-L	PTS	LW
1. Clemson (61)	15-0	1525	2
2. Alabama	14-1	1462	1
3. Ohio State	13-1	1364	5
4. Oklahoma	12-2	1356	4
5. Notre Dame	11-2	1286	3
6. LSU	10-3	1119	11
7. Florida	10-3	1103	10
8. Georgia	11-3	1103	6
9. Texas	10-4	1078	14
10. Washington State	11-2	959	12
11. UCF	12-1	898	7
12. Kentucky	10-3	820	16
13. Washington	10-4	806	9
14. Michigan	11-2	745	8
15. Syracuse	10-3	683	17
16. Texas A&M	9-4	552	21
17. Penn State	9-4	492	13
18. Fresno State	12-2	466	19
19. Army	11-2	1007	22
20. West Virginia	8-4	296	15
21. Northwestern	9-5	284	-
22. Utah State	11-2	188	-
23. Boise State	10-3	184	23
24. Cincinnati	11-2	170	17
25. Iowa	9-4	120	-

AP NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
 The annual winners of the Associated Press college football poll's top ranking with final records. How each team fared in those seasons is listed after the record.
 2018: Clemson 2017: Alabama (15-0)
 2016: Clemson 2015: Alabama (14-1)
 2014: Ohio State 2013: Florida St. (14-1)
 2012: Alabama 2011: Alabama (12-1)
 2010: Auburn (14-0) 2009: Alabama (12-1)
 2008: Florida (13-1) 2007: LSU (12-2)
 2006: Florida (13-1) 2005: Texas (13-0)
 2004: USC (13-0) 2003: USC (12-1)
 2002: Ohio State 2001: Miami (12-0) (14-0)
 1999: Oklahoma 1999: Florida St. (12-0) (12-0)
 1998: Tennessee 1997: Michigan (12-0)
 1996: Florida (12-1) 1995: Nebraska (12-0)
 1994: Nebraska 1993: Florida St. (12-1)
 1992: Alabama 1991: Miami (12-0) (13-0)
 1990: Colorado 1989: Miami (11-1) (11-1)
 1988: Notre Dame 1987: Miami (12-0) (12-0)
 1986: Penn St. 1985: Oklahoma (11-1)
 1984: BYU (13-0) 1983: Miami (11-1)
 1982: Penn St. 1981: Clemson (12-0)
 1980: Georgia 1979: Alabama (12-0)
 1978: Alabama 1977: Notre Dame (11-1)
 1976: Pittsburgh 1975: Oklahoma (11-1)
 1974: Oklahoma 1973: Notre Dame (12-0)
 1972: USC (12-0) 1971: Nebraska (13-0)
 1970: Nebraska 1969: Texas (11-0) (11-1)
WORST LOSSES BY NO. 1
 43: B.C. 52-12 to Holy Cross, Nov. 23, 1942
 34: Pitt 48-14 to #11 Penn St., Nov. 28, 1981
 32: Fla St. 52-20 to No. 3 Florida, Jan. 2, 1995
 31: NU 37-6 to #8 Wisconsin, Nov. 10, 1962
 31: Texas 42-11 to Ark. Oct. 17, 1981
 24: Michigan 31-0 to #6 Miami, Sept. 3, 1988
 23: Fla St. 52-20 to No. 5 Notre Dame, Jan. 2, 1978 (Cotton Bowl)
 28: Okla 35-7 to #13 Kan St., Dec. 6, 2003
 28: Notre Dame 42-14 to #2 Alabama, Jan. 7, 2013 (BCS)
 28: Ala 44-16 to #2 Clemson, Monday (CFC)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE												
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF			
Toronto	31	12	.721	-	7-3	W-3	17-4	14-8	20-7			
Philadelphia	27	14	.659	3	7-3	W-4	18-3	9-11	18-11			
Boston	24	15	.615	5	6-4	W-3	14-5	10-10	16-7			
Brooklyn	20	22	.476	10½	6-4	L-1	10-11	10-11	14-11			
New York	10	31	.244	20	1-9	L-2	4-12	6-19	6-22			

WESTERN CONFERENCE												
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF			
Miami	19	20	.487	-	6-4	L-2	9-12	10-8	10-14			
Charlotte	19	21	.475	½	4-6	L-1	14-8	5-13	17-12			
Orlando	17	23	.425	2½	3-7	L-3	10-11	7-12	12-10			
Washington	16	25	.390	4	4-6	L-1	11-7	5-18	9-16			
Atlanta	12	28	.300	7½	5-5	L-1	7-10	5-18	9-19			

CENTRAL												
W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF				
Milwaukee	28	11	.718	-	8-2	W-1	18-4	9-7	19-6			
Indiana	27	13	.675	1½	7-3	W-0	14-5	13-8	21-6			
Detroit	17	21	.447	10½	3-7	L-2	11-10	6-11	12-16			
Chicago	10	30	.250	18½	3-7	L-4	5-16	5-14	7-18			
Cleveland	8	33	.195	21	0-10	L-10	5-17	3-16	7-22			

WESTERN CONFERENCE												
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF			
Houston	23	16	.590	-	8-2	W-1	14-5	9-11	15-12			
San Antonio	24	17	.585	-	8-2	W-5	17-5	8-12	17-12			
New Orleans	19	22	.461	7	4-6	W-2	16-6	5-16	11-13			
Memphis	18	22	.450	5½	2-8	L-6	10-9	8-13	12-14			
Dallas	18	22	.450	5½	3-7	L-3	15-4	3-18	10-17			

NORTHWEST												
W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF				
Denver	27	12	.692	-	7-3	W-1	16-3	11-9	16-7			
Oklahoma City	25	15	.625	2½	5-5	L-2	14-5	12-9	16-11			
Portland	24	17	.585	4	6-4	W-2	16-7	8-10	14-14			
Utah	20	21	.482	7	4-6	W-0	11-8	9-10	12-12			
Minnesota	20	21	.488	8	6-4	W-3	14-6	6-15	10-15			

PACIFIC												
W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF				
Golden State	27	14	.659	-	6-4	W-2	16-6	11-8	16-10			
L.A. Clippers	24	16	.600	2½	7-3	W-3	14-6	10-10	17-11			
L.A. Lakers	22	19	.537	5	4-6	W-1	13-8	9-11	16-13			
Sacramento	20	20	.500	6½	6-6	W-0	10-10	12-17	12-17			
Phoenix	10	32	.238	17½	2-8	W-1	6-17	4-15	6-19			

TUESDAY'S RESULTS												
Atlanta	115	Cleveland	115									
Philadelphia 132	Phoenix	115	San Antonio	115								
Washington 115	Phoenix	115	San Antonio	115								
Toronto 104	Atlanta	101	Orlando	101								
Denver 103	Miami	97	Detroit	97								
Minn. 119	Oklahoma City	117	Detroit	97								
Golden 115	Sacramento	111	San Antonio	119								
Phoenix 122	New York	95	Detroit	97								
Altoona	Clippers	128	Charlotte	109								

BULLS SEASON STATISTICS												
PLAYER	G	MIN	FG-AT	PCT	3PT-AT	FT-AT	PCT	PTS	PPG			
LaVine	34	34.5	285-618	.461	60-170	174-200	.870	804	23.6			
Markkanen	17	31.2	110-251	.438	44-109	32-40	.800	296	17.4			
Parker	30	29.6	178-395	.451	27-93	63-87	.724	446	14.9			
Dunn	14	30.9	83-170	.488	7-22	21-27	.778	194	13.9			
Holiday	18	23.9	49-115	.426	9-28	17-26	.654	124	12.4			
Carter Jr.	40	25.2	163-339	.487	5-29	81-103	.786	416	10.4			
Blakeney	32	15.8	105-251	.418	29-65	32-48	.667	271	8.5			
Arcidiacono	39	27.2	86-196	.439	52-133	25-30	.833					

BEARS

REAL TALK

After magical season ends, fallout from playoff loss starts

BY DAN WIEDERER AND RICH CAMPBELL

Chicago Tribune

The painful truth has set in. The Bears saved one of their most incomplete performances of the season for the playoffs. All three phases let down during the 16-15 loss to the Eagles in the wild-card round. And just like that, their magical season went poof.

The aftershocks are starting to subside at Halas Hall. Soon, the team will regroup. With a freshly painted NFC North target on their backs, the Bears must build on coach Matt Nagy's success, understanding that nothing is guaranteed in 2019.

So how do the Bears proceed from a terrific season that abruptly ended with such heavy disappointment? What should be on general manager Ryan Pace's offseason to-do list? What roster needs stand out after a 12-5 season and division championship? Tribune reporters Rich Campbell and Dan Wiederer look ahead in this edition of Real Talk.

Rich Campbell: Dan, I'm sure many readers will be disappointed my first three words weren't: Cut Cody Parkey. We can get to the kicking debacle in a moment.

The Bears enter the offseason with a beastly defense and the NFL's 21st-ranked offense. So how do they maintain that defensive standard while getting more consistency and explosiveness from the offense?

It was about this time a year ago you revealed your motto for the 2018 offseason: "Get Mitch help." I submit we need to make only a minor tweak for 2019: Get Matt help.

Nagy was brought here to make the offense elite with Mitch Trubisky at the controls. They have a lot more work to do, and I'm eager to see how Nagy maneuvers now that he knows the roster well.

Dan Wiederer: As Nagy and Pace complete their autopsy on Sunday's season-ending loss, they'll be staring at a harsh reality. Cause of death: A special defense turned in a solid but not spectacular performance. And the Bears offense and special teams weren't good enough to carry them over the hump in a playoff game. Plain and simple.

This is not to let the defense off the hook. Players on that side of the ball will spend the next six months regretting the mistakes they made on both Eagles touchdown drives. Costly penalties. A few mental blunders. Some sloppiness we weren't used to seeing for most of this season. But eventually, if the Bears want to become legitimate Super Bowl contenders, they will have to become a much more well-rounded bunch.

The defense should remain the team's strength. But it's fair to expect the offense to carry a bigger share of the load. Going forward, the offense has to be more explosive and more consistent. The Bears don't need to finish in the top five in total yards or scoring next season. But they do need to make a jump from middle of the road to upper tier.

Campbell: For anyone who cares to see the sunshine right now, I thought Nagy made an important point Sunday in reminding us that Trubisky wasn't the only one new to the offense this season. In fact, it was the opposite. Everybody was new. Many growing pains were evident, and there were even more we couldn't plainly distinguish. For example, details with assignments or running routes. There should be a natural Year 2 jump, and it's fair for us to hold the Bears to that.

From a personnel standpoint, we'll learn whether Nagy wants a new No. 1 running back with a different skill set than Jordan Howard's. That fit was a little off, and neither of us would be surprised if Nagy hand-picks a running back using one of the team's Day 3 draft picks. The Bears can't be 27th in the NFL in yards per carry (4.14) and expect Trubisky to thrive.

I expect Pace to make a concerted effort to get faster on offense. Every team wants fast players, but this will be a focus. The Bears want to create more space and spread defenses better.

Wiederer: For all the feel-good that came with a 12-win season, Sunday's playoff loss was a sobering reminder that the Bears are not yet special enough to have a wide margin for error in a win-or-go-home situation. So, yes, actions need to be taken to elevate the offense. Some of that, as you mention, will come via personnel changes. Some of that will also come with a second season of growth in Nagy's developing system.

So let's at least emphasize this once more. Eight times in 17 games this season the offense failed to reach 20 points. For Nagy, a stickler for detail-oriented execution, that has to be labeled as "unacceptable."

The Bears were 5-1 this season in games in which the defense scored points. They were 7-4 in games they didn't. An argument can be made that the defense was primarily responsible for this season's wins over the Cardinals, Rams and 49ers, plus both victories over the Vikings. You could also make a case for putting the Jets and Bills games on that list too.

It's hard to expect the Bears to again lead the NFL in takeaways and points allowed next season. Which puts the responsibility on Pace and Nagy to find reinforcements for the other two phases.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Getting a few more weapons for quarterback Mitch Trubisky and the offense will be a priority for the Bears during the offseason.

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Campbell: They should be able to devote their resources to doing so. Safety Adrian Amos and slot cornerback Bryce Callahan are the only defensive first-stringers coming out of contract. Continuity with personnel bodes well for a group that will return four Pro Bowlers and three All-Pro.

As we write this, though, coordinator Vic Fangio is under consideration for the Broncos coaching vacancy. If he were to get that job and fulfill his career ambition of becoming a head coach, the Bears would face a crucial challenge of replacing the schematic mastermind behind the defense and a respected leader who consistently and effectively motivates players.

Wiederer: Feels like it has been a while since you've been in buzzkill mode. But your point is well taken on the potential ripple effect the Bears might face if Fangio heads to Denver. Just ask the 2006 Bears how much of a loss it was to lose their defensive coordinator after that storybook season. Ron Rivera's exit to San Diego after his contract wasn't renewed was a bit of a shock and the Bears struggled to regroup. A defense that helped propel the Bears all the way to Super Bowl XLI fell off in the first season under Bob Babich. After finishing 2006 ranked first in takeaways, third in points allowed and fifth in yards, the Bears dipped to eighth, 16th and 28th in those categories. With quarterback issues to boot, the 2007 Bears finished 7-9 and experienced the less-talked-about first-to-worst tumble.

Perhaps no franchise is better equipped to understand that while achieving success is tough, sustaining it is extra difficult. So the message is that these Bears can't forget all that went in to this 12-win season. And Pace certainly needs to spend the next four months tightening the loose bolts.

Campbell: Does the kicker situation qualify as a loose bolt? How about a full-blown fire in the carburetor?

What a mess. Parkey's failure simply must put Pace back on the search for a reliable kicker. I can't even entertain the notion Parkey would be back. That would go against everything we've come to know about Pace's aggressive, steadfast pursuit of improvements.

You could argue Parkey's inaccuracy cost the Bears a first-round bye (with the overtime miss against the Dolphins) and the playoff game. For as shaky as 52 other players were against the Eagles, they still were in position to win. How could the Bears possibly reload and regroup while maintaining the unreliable status quo at kicker? That \$3.5 million Parkey is guaranteed for 2019 is a sunk cost. I get that many fans would line up to pack Parkey's belongings for him. Those who want him cut yesterday will probably have to wait for the process to breathe. And maybe Parkey will find a fifth team and go on to have a good career. But, for me, keeping him is a nonstarter.

Wiederer: I'm with you. I just don't know how it's fair to anyone else in that building to go forward with Parkey as the kicker. It adds way too much unnecessary stress to a 2019 season that should have legitimate Super Bowl aspirations attached.

Parkey could go 12-for-12 in September next season and his first miss in October would feel like 10 misses. Heck, Parkey could make 39 of 40 in the regular season and his first pressure-packed kick in the playoffs would still have everyone in the city slipping into a panic attack. You just can't allow the grand fortunes of an entire franchise to rest on the unreliable right foot of an inconsistent kicker.

Campbell: The Bears made incredible strides since entering the 2018 offseason. A new coach. A worst-to-first turnaround. Inspiring justifiable hope in the city. There should be an immense sense of accomplishment at Halas Hall for re-establishing the standard.

But with that elevated bar comes the weight of expectations and the new set of challenges to go even further. The Bears' terrific 12-4 record still fell short of a first-round bye. Their flaws were ultimately exposed.

Overall, the 2018 Bears handled sudden success very well. They maintained focus and team cohesiveness by following Nagy's lead and relying on leadership that Pace took great care to establish. Any diversion from that in 2019 would be a surprise to me, and that's a good baseline to have.

Wiederer: The 2018 season was an undeniable success. And there are a multitude of reasons to believe the Bears are positioned to build on all they accomplished, positioned to be in the Super Bowl hunt more often than not over the next half-decade or so.

But it would also be naive to believe this season's joyride guarantees anything more than some added confidence as the Bears begin the next part of their treacherous climb.

They won't be sneaking up on anybody next season. They'll be replacing a last-place schedule with a first-place schedule. They'll have to make certain that nothing disrupts the unity and resilience and fun-filled unselfishness that defined this season's success. None of that will be easy. As receiver Allen Robinson said immediately after Sunday's season-ending loss, "The better you are, the better you have to be."

He's right. So let's see where the Bears can take this in 2019.

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— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



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United States head coach Gregg Berhalter instructs players during training camp Monday in Chula Vista, Calif. The new coach is emphasizing team building and team culture.

New U.S. coach Berhalter sets foundation in 1st training camp

BY GREG BEACHAM | Associated Press

CHULA VISTA, Calif. — New coach Gregg Berhalter is taking the U.S. national team back to all sorts of basics during his first training camp.

Along with elementary strategic sessions and conditioning work, Berhalter's plan extends to rather basic accommodations: The 28 Major League Soccer-based players who participated in Berhalter's first practice Monday are living in dormitory-style group apartments at a training center south of San Diego for more than two weeks.

"I think it's a great environment to foster one of the main objectives of our camp, and that's team-building," Berhalter said after the workout in postcard-perfect Southern California sun. "We're here. We're going to be together here. It's an intensive period, but I think it's a focused period. We're going to get quality time together as a team."

The U.S. team had conducted its annual January camp in Carson, California, since 2004, with the players staying in hotels and commuting to their training complex just south of downtown Los Angeles. Berhalter elected to move the event 2 1/2 hours south to another well-maintained training complex in this tidy suburb within sight of the U.S.-Mexico border.

The players don't seem fazed by their accommodations, and they're intrigued to learn about the new boss' plans for World Cup qualification and everything in between.

"You've got to learn as much as you can as quick as you can," said Paul Arriola, the attacking midfielder and Chula Vista native. "As much as Gregg is learning about us and trying to fit us all together, we're trying to do the same with him and his style of play. I think we have a great group here that believes in why we're here and what we're going to do."

Berhalter was formally hired last month after 14 months of team limbo since Bruce Arena's departure. The New Jersey native is the first American to coach the national team after playing for it at a World Cup, but the 45-year-old European coaching veteran and analytics maven also represents a break from the team's recent leadership.

Berhalter got his players' attention with a strong introductory speech Sunday, delivering his priorities and goals for the months and years ahead.

The longtime Columbus Crew coach said he "very clearly laid out the objectives of this training camp, which are team building, team culture, a style of play and competing."

"We had a competition in training (today)," he added. "We're going to continue to chart the competition in training and take results of who's winning these games. Competing is a very big part of our business. But so is building the style of play, and then team cohesion. So we laid out the objectives, but we also talked bigger picture



United States men's national team head coach Gregg Berhalter, who wants the team to go back to basics, takes a shot on goal during a training camp workout on Monday.

about what we want to be, and who we want to be as a group, and what our mission is."

The broader mission is to atone for the embarrassment of failing to qualify for last year's World Cup, but the success of that quest sits within the day-to-day details of building a better team. Few coaches pay more attention to detail than Berhalter,

according to the players who know him.

Only MLS-based players can attend this camp, which falls outside a FIFA international window. The leading veteran is Toronto's Michael Bradley, whose 142 appearances for the U.S. are five more than the rest of the camp roster combined.

"What I would say is Gregg is into it,"

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— Gregg Berhalter

explained Bradley, who trained alongside Berhalter as players in 2006 during Bradley's first stint with the U.S. team. "Gregg loves football. He has real ideas about how he wants his teams to play. (It's about) details on the field, ideas, how he wants the team to play, what he wants things to look like. There's going to be real work every day, building what we want this thing to look like."

Berhalter already revealed he wants a pressing, attack-focused approach. After the U.S. spent the past year breaking in more than 20 new players under interim coach Dave Sarachan, Berhalter is deciding which players can play the new American style.

Although the true results of Berhalter's modern approach won't be decided for years, the tools for acquiring that knowledge were visible already in Chula Vista.

Team employees stood on the sideline with tablet computers tracking the players' movements, and a drone hovered overhead while the workouts were filmed for analysis. Berhalter also plans to establish stronger connections with his players' clubs in hopes of gathering more analytical data from their day jobs.

The team will train in Chula Vista until Jan. 22 before going on the road to Phoenix and the Bay Area for two exhibitions and several practices. The year gets even more interesting when Christian Pulisic and other Europe-based U.S. players join the team for workouts in March.

Berhalter's first competitive match is in June at the CONCACAF Gold Cup. He will know much more by then about the components available for his rebuilding project.

"It's extremely important for young guys and myself to be here in camp," said forward Gyasi Zardes, whose MLS career was revitalized under Berhalter in Columbus last season. "We get a head start for the year and for the season."

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

AROUND THE NBA

After further review ...

NBA needs to change its policy on instant replays after recent flub

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

Imagine this: Kevin Durant is out of bounds by an enormous margin, all three referees somehow miss the obvious infraction and Golden State winds up getting a basket that it didn't deserve to take the lead with a few seconds remaining.

It seemed implausible. That is, until it happened. When such a scene played out last week in the Houston-Golden State overtime thriller, James Harden kept a ton of egg from landing on the NBA's face when he connected on a 3-pointer to give the Rockets a win in a game they would have screamed bloody murder about otherwise. But what if he missed? Or worse, if a call that big got missed in Game 7 of the NBA Finals?

"How do you miss that?" TNT analyst Reggie Miller mused while watching the Durant replay.

An obvious question, with an obvious answer: It's time for a change.

Everyone in the NBA replay center in Secaucus, N.J., that night surely saw Durant standing out of bounds. But there is no mechanism for the replay crews to trigger a review of such a play — since, under NBA rules as they're written now, they can only get involved if a call is made on the floor.

The league doesn't want a system where every call is challenged or reviewed because games would take forever. There are bang-bang plays in every game, and someone will always be mad when a block-charge call doesn't go their way. But the NBA has been thinking about changes, such as adding a coaches' challenge option that they've tinkered with in the G League and at summer league.

For now, here's a solution:

Give the referees sitting in Secaucus that night the option of triggering a review late in games based on what they see. It would just make sense, because the NBA insists the top priority in these situations is getting calls right. True, a call made in the first 2 minutes might have just as much effect on an outcome as one in the last 2 minutes, but people just seem more fixated upon the stuff at the end.

"We're dealing with human beings," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said last year. "And people lose their cool under pressure at times."

Cameras aren't affected by pressure. So use them.

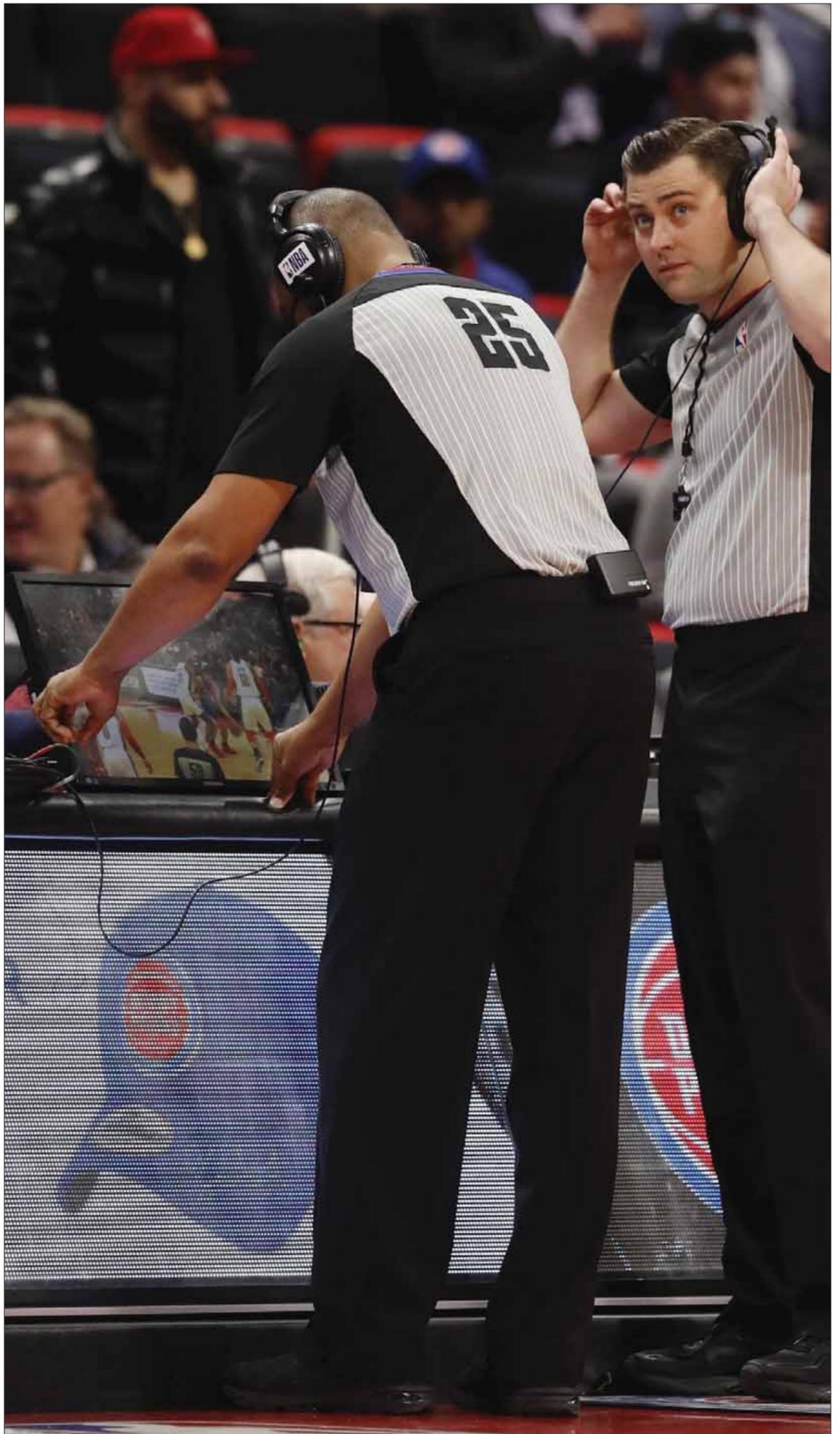
Battling Wizards: To say that Washington's Bradley Beal had high hopes entering this season is an understatement.

"If you look at us on paper, we look absolutely amazing," Beal said back at media day.

They look much different now. But they're still fighting.

John Wall's season is over. Dwight Howard's season hasn't really gotten started. Markieff Morris' season won't resume for a few more weeks, at least. The Wizards are 11th in the Eastern Conference, yet insist their resolve is still intact — as was evident in their win over Oklahoma City on Sunday night.

"We're banged up and I haven't heard one player, nor coach, feel sorry for ourselves that we've got guys missing," Wizards coach Scott Brooks said. "It's just what we have to do. Sure, we would love to have everybody here all season



Referees Tony Brothers (25) and Gediminas Petraitis review a play during the second half of a game between the Pistons and the Thunder on Dec. 3. CARLOS OSORIO/AP

long, but that hasn't been the case and now we know guys are going to be out for the rest of the season and we've just got to tie the laces up and compete for one another."

The Wizards started 2-9, then went 9-5 in their next 14 games and looked as though they were righting the ship.

It's been one bad break after another since then, but they're still fighting to get the team back into the playoff hunt.

"That's what we have to do," Beal said. "We have to step in for John, for Kief, for Dwight — those are key guys and we need everybody to be able to step up and fill in those roles in

whatever way possible. Whatever it looks like, as long as we get a win. That's something we continue to preach every day."

Halftime: For the first time in five years, Golden State will not have the best record in the NBA at the midway mark — after 41 games.

This year, that distinction will go to Milwaukee, Toronto or Denver.

Few would have picked that to be the case three months ago.

The Bucks, at 27-11 with three games left in the first half of their schedule, are in position for their best 41-game start since opening 30-11 during the 1980-81 season.

Toronto matched a franchise best by opening 29-12 — tying what it did last year, even while dealing with the coaching change from Dwane Casey to Nick Nurse, the addition of Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green, the departure of DeMar DeRozan and injuries to Jonas Valanciunas and Kyle Lowry.

The Nuggets, 26-11 so far, might end up with their best 41-game start ever. They were 29-12 in 1976-77.

Milestone watch: Golden State's Stephen Curry loves the 3, and San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich has said he hates the 3.

Fitting, then, that they both were coming up on No.

3 on some NBA all-time lists this week.

Popovich now has 1,221 regular-season wins, matching Jerry Sloan for third-most in NBA history. When Popovich passes Sloan, only Don Nelson (1,335) and Lenny Wilkens (1,332) will be ahead of him on the list.

Curry made 10 3-pointers on Saturday night, moving him past Utah's Kyle Korver for fourth on the NBA career list from beyond the arc; Curry had 2,277 while Korver had 2,274 entering Monday.

Both are about to pass Jason Terry, whose 2,282 career 3-pointers rank No. 3 in NBA history — for a few more days.

Ray Allen leads the all-time list with 2,973, and Reggie Miller is second with 2,560.

At his current pace, Curry will catch Miller in about a year and Allen in about two years.

Youth movement: Minnesota fired Tom Thibodeau on Sunday and replaced him with Ryan Saunders, the son of former Minnesota coach Flip Saunders.

Ryan Saunders is 32. There are 43 players older than him who have logged NBA minutes this season, including three members of the Timberwolves: Luol Deng, Anthony Tolliver and Taj Gibson.

IN PERFORMANCE 'I Call My Brothers' ★★★

A tense portrait of anxiety, guilt in wake of terrorism

An Arab man runs for his life through a panicked Stockholm

By **CHRIS JONES**
 Chicago Tribune

Scandinavia gave us *hygge*, the Danish term for chilled-out spiritual contentment. But if you're a fan of great TV shows like "The Bridge" or "The Killing," you'll know that dramas with origins in the northern reaches of continental Europe can be tense affairs. And you'll also be aware that oft-idealized countries like Sweden have their share of stresses and fears that candles and warm sweaters cannot assuage.

"I Call My Brothers," the potent and compelling new play by the Swedish playwright Jonas Hassen Khemiri that kicked off the 2019 Chicago theater season at the tiny Rivendell Theatre on Ridge Avenue, focuses on one of



Chris Khoshaba and Salar Ardebili in Interrobang Theatre Project's production of "I Call My Brothers."

those flashpoints: the tendency, following a terrorist incident, to suspect any person whose facial features suggest an origin in the Middle East.

The 90-minute drama, which

is being produced in these rented quarters by the Interrobang Theatre Project, focuses on one such character, an Arab-Swedish man named Amor, whose personal problems multi-

ply when a car bomb is set off, causing widespread panic in Stockholm and Amor to go careening through his own city, unmoored and in panic.

Thus Khemiri — whose work is translated here by Rachel Willson-Broyles — does not spend his time focusing on the reactions of the wider population, but on Amor himself, who is played by Salar Ardebili. I don't recall seeing Ardebili's work before, but he proves here that he is a significant young Chicago talent. His fine performance is reason alone to head out and see this show.

In essence, "I Call My Brothers" is a portrait of anxiety — Khemiri is exploring how the fears of a broader community can be so manifest inside one man that he even goes so far as to consider his own potential guilt. The play does not claim that the need to find the perpe-

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COLLEEN HAYES/NBC

D'Arcy Carden is Janet on the NBC comedy "The Good Place."

MY WORST MOMENT

When the camera rolls, less is more

'The Good Place' star D'Arcy Carden dishes on first recurring role

By **NINA METZ**
 Chicago Tribune

On "The Good Place," the after-world is a bureaucracy that comes complete with the nearly always perky Janet, played by D'Arcy Carden, a three-dimensional personification of a virtual assistant or helpful public transit announcement — a smiling font of information, sans messy human emotions.

Carden's performance is one of the show's substantial charms, and it's informed by the costume: An unchanging dark purple wash-and-wear skirt and vest combo that's worn with a patterned blouse.

"It's such a structured and cheery uniform," Carden said. "And wearing the same exact same costume for every episode for three years really informs the way I stand, the way I walk. It informs a lot for me."

Also: "The thing with Janet, the baseline, is that she's just the most helpful and positive being possible. So whenever I put a little too much spin on a line — if I'm too judgmental or silly — I always feel like, 'No, no, no, that's not it. We have to go back to this baseline of: How can I help you?' Just cheery, helpful, unflappable Janet."

"The Good Place" has been a hilarious showcase for Carden's comedic talents and it is a career highlight. When asked to share a worst moment from her career, she recalled a story that underscored the learning curve involved in the shift from performing on stage to performing for the camera.

My worst moment ... "My first real job on TV was in the show 'Broad City' on Comedy Central. It was 2014 and I had done some little bit parts on TV, but this was the first time I was going to have a recurring role. I played Gemma, the weird co-worker of Abbi Jacobson's character at the gym. I was super excited to play this role, not to mention that Abbi and Ilana (Glazer) — the stars and creators of 'Broad City' — are old friends of mine and I was very honored and touched that they would give me a role like this.

"So the first episode I was in was just one little scene. I flew in from L.A. to New York — I had actually just moved to L.A. from New York, so I was going back for my first time — and I was nervous and excited and wanted to prove myself to my friends, not to mention everybody else. I didn't know if (executive producer) Amy Poehler would be on set, my nerves were just kickin'.

"The scene was with Paul Downs and Miriam Tolan — these two amazing actors that I love and am big fans of — and we were on their coverage, which means the cameras were on them.

"So we did the scene a bunch of times, it was at the gym. Maybe five or six takes.

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WASHINGTON POST/BLOOMBERG 2013

Andrew Bujalski's 2013 comedy "Computer Chess," shot on 1980s video equipment, returns in a new 35 millimeter film print.

Analog for the ages

Before 'Support the Girls,' there was 'Computer Chess,' a deadpan comedy about programmers

By **MICHAEL PHILLIPS** | Chicago Tribune

There are film fanatics, and then there are fanatics for the analog photochemical wonder that is a movie projected on film. That's right: old-fashioned, softer-edged, mellow and expressive film.

On a big screen not located in your living room.

Wednesday in Chicago, it'll rain celluloid twice over. In one case it's a 70 millimeter widescreen presentation of a new movie, Alfonso Cuarón's "Roma," about which you've probably heard and which is currently streaming on Netflix.

Wednesday through Sunday at the Music Box Theatre in the Lakeview neighborhood, you can see "Roma" on a special 36-foot-wide screen, projected via a newly struck 70 mm film print. The movie was shot digitally on 65 mm; according to Music Box technical director Julian Antos, who test-screened the print Tuesday morning, it looks "spectacular" on film.

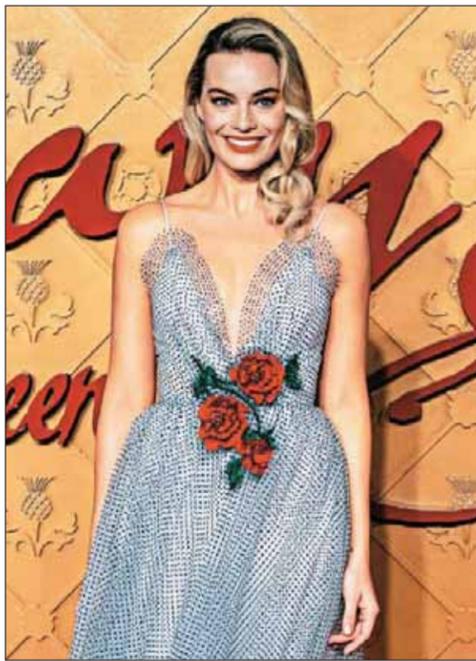
The other case is well, weirder. It too involves Antos, who's one of the analog wonks and photochemically inclined champions of 16 mm and 35 mm film projection over at the non-profit Chicago Film Society.

For one show only, Wednesday night, the Chicago Film Society is screening the one and only 35 mm film print of

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Academy Award-nominated actress Margot Robbie will star as Barbie in a live-action film.

Robbie set to play live-action Barbie

Warner Bros. and Mattel have set a partnership to bring the world-renowned Barbie franchise to theaters in its first ever live-action feature film, starring Academy Award-nominated actress Margot Robbie as the title character.

"This project is a great start to our partnership with Ynon (Kreiz) and Mattel Films," said Toby Emmerich, chairman of Warner Bros. Pictures Group. "And Margot is the ideal producer and actress to bring Barbie to life on screen in a fresh and relevant way for today's audiences."

"Playing with Barbie promotes confidence, curiosity and communication throughout a child's journey to self-discovery. Over the brand's almost 60 years, Barbie has empowered kids to imagine themselves in aspirational roles from a princess to president," Robbie said. "I'm so honored to take on this role and produce a film that I believe will have a tremendously positive impact on children and audiences worldwide."

The Barbie adaptation marks the first announced deal to come out of Mattel's newly-established Mattel Films.

"Barbie is one of the most iconic franchises in the world and we are excited to partner with Warner Bros. Pictures and Margot Robbie to bring her to life on the big screen," said Ynon Kreiz, chairman and CEO of Mattel.

— Variety



CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE 2018

Phelps honored: Boston-based Ruderman Family Foundation, a leading voice in calling for more opportunities for the disabled, says 33-year-old Olympic champion Michael Phelps is the recipient of its fifth annual Morton E. Ruderman Award in Inclusion. The foundation says it picked Phelps Tuesday to recognize his advocacy for people with disabilities and "his own journey with mental health." Phelps has gone public about his struggles with depression.

Malone, Cardi B to headline Bonnaroo: The 2019 Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival will feature Childish Gambino, Post Malone, Cardi B, the Lumineers and Phish. The lineup was released Tuesday for the June 13-16 outdoor music festival held annually in Manchester, Tennessee. Other top acts include Solange, Kacey Musgraves and Brockhampton.

Globes ratings dip: Preliminary figures from Nielsen show that Sunday night's Golden Globes were watched by 18.6 million viewers, a slight drop from the 19.1 million that tuned in last year. The NBC broadcast dipped despite a lead-in from the nail-biter NFL wild-card game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the Chicago Bears. Hosted by Sandra Oh and Andy Samberg, the 76th Globes at least stopped recent dramatic ratings skids for awards shows like the Oscars and Grammys.

Jan. 9 birthdays: Singer Joan Baez is 78. Actor J.K. Simmons is 64. Singer Dave Matthews is 52. Singer Paolo Nutini is 32. Actress Nina Dobrev is 30.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Is it safe to give melatonin to toddler?

Dear Amy: Over the last couple of months, a close single-mom friend of mine has mentioned that she'll give her toddler a melatonin supplement before bedtime a few times a month so the toddler won't wake up in the night while my friend is out partying.

In my opinion, using any sort of substance, natural or otherwise, to get your child to sleep simply because you want to go out is horribly selfish and irresponsible on many levels. The adult thing to do would be to talk to her about it, but she is having a hard enough time as a single mom and is pretty sensitive. How do I tell her how much this is bothering me without offending her? I'm at the point I don't want to pick up the phone when she calls.

— Appalled & Concerned

Dear Appalled: Regarding the use of melatonin with young children, I shared your question with Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, a pediatrician at the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Navsaria responds: "Melatonin plays a role in sleep and is produced by the body; there are no clear guidelines for supplemental use in children, but it's generally recognized as safe at low doses. Occasional use as a part of treating consistent sleep problems is likely fine, preferably as advised by a health care professional.

"Melatonin is not a sedative, so we always emphasize that surroundings amenable to sleep are key when taking supplemental melatonin.

"I certainly wouldn't count on melatonin to keep the child asleep — nor

would I want anyone to use it if the child becomes ill and needs attention.

"I'm more concerned about the lack of willing adults in the home while the mother is out. Awake or asleep, children need to be under the care of a capable, willing adult, which doesn't seem to completely be the case here. I believe you're right to be concerned."

Dr. Navsaria and I agree that you should share your concerns, gently and without judgment. "Partying" implies activities inappropriate for parents of young kids, but if your friend is going out just a few times a month, perhaps you could offer to help in some way. A once-a-month overnight at your house for the toddler would be generous.

Dear Amy: I'm a young adult wrestling with a dilemma. My parents adopted me and my sibling from a foreign country. Our parents are wonderful, and we have had fantastic childhoods.

I am growing more curious about my ethnic and national birth heritage. I'd like to obtain my birth records in order to learn more. My mom has a file with our records, but she is so sensitive about this, I don't want to upset her by asking to see my records. What do you suggest?

— Curious

Dear Curious: It is natural (and appropriate) for you to want to learn more about your birth heritage. And even the most progressive parents sometimes struggle with the realization that their children have different DNA and ethnic histories than they

do. Your parents don't see you as "adopted." You are their child, plain and simple. Asking for your records will remind your mother of your reality, and this might be hard for her.

Understand this going in, and tell yourself you are strong enough to accept and absorb her emotional reaction. Don't just demand your file. Ask your parents if they will go over your file with you. This will include them in the process, and prompt stories and feelings that they want to share. Let them keep the original, and you make a copy for yourself.

Dear Amy: "Unmerry Christmas" and her husband went to their daughter-in-law's family home (at their son's invitation) on Christmas morning and were not made welcome.

What a shame that the hosts couldn't simply laugh it off and offer hospitality!

My husband and I have had holidays and other occasions with surprises, such as: A Thanksgiving with four un-housebroken dogs, an Easter dinner visit from our daughter's lumberjack friend in work clothes (complete with an ax over his shoulder) and former Army buddies who came for drinks and left two days later.

We laugh over those memories and hope that we and the house will hold up for many years to come.

— Still Smiling

Dear Smiling: That's the spirit!

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If the music doesn't bug you, press 1

By ANNE MIDGETTE
The Washington Post

I had been on hold with the IRS for 30 minutes when I noticed that the music wasn't driving me crazy.

Background music can be a particularly noxious branch of the art of sound. The tinny elevator Muzak. The synthesized Christmas carols that fill drugstores for weeks. The buzzy sound in the background at the bus station. They're all supposedly there to calm us and improve our frame of mind, and yet they all have the bright, inauthentic, chemical tang of an artificial sweetener. Indeed, background music is sometimes used as an active repellent, piped out of stores onto the sidewalk to discourage loitering.

I can't say the IRS' hold music was exactly a masterpiece of the genre. But it had some of the effect of a Spielberg movie: I know I was being manipulated, but I was willing to go along without resentment. The repeating 30-second loop, punctuated by recorded reassurances that I hadn't been forgotten, seemed the aural equivalent of the games of computer solitaire I had started playing after resigning myself, as one is forced to do when on hold, to the difficulty of trying to concentrate on anything

else while anticipating the moment when my call would actually be answered.

Given that the average wait time on hold at the IRS is somewhere between 45 and 70 minutes (sources vary on this point), and that tens of millions of people call the agency every year, its hold music has a fair claim to being one of the most-heard pieces of music in the world. What a great opportunity. Or what a frustrating waste.

If you think that hold music represents a great opportunity for an enterprising composer, think again. Royalty-free music, or RFM, is a multimillion-dollar business because companies are hardly likely to use any music that you have to pay royalties on for a piece that undergoes so many iterations. Getty Images Music, a small arm of the gigantic photo agency, has a large catalogue of 30- and 60-second pieces of music bearing such uplifting and anodyne titles as "Feel the Vibe" or "Cable Car Morning." Unlimited use of one of these tracks costs \$50, according to the website.

Davide Dondi, an Italian composer who has about 80 pieces represented on the Getty website, says it's a hard business to break into. Dondi, a former graphic designer in the advertising world who plays bass in a

cover band, decided three years ago to quit his job and become a composer, taking online courses and working with a private teacher. He said in an email that he works two to five hours a day, producing about six tracks a month that he shares on a wide range of royalty-free music sites. But with so much music available, Dondi said, companies tend to look at the top sellers first.

"My favorite tracks are also my most successful," Dondi says, citing "Brilliant Comedy" or "Funky Rhythm." However, he adds, "we're really still talking of small numbers. If you look at bestsellers on AudioJungle, you can see thousands of downloads per track. My top selling tracks have just reached 50 or so."

And in many cases, the creators of individual pieces seem to have been forgotten. The IRS's hold music is called "One to One," and it is often credited to "Fresh Optimism," the name of the collection of tracks in which it was originally represented. The Getty's website, however, credits "One to One" only to "RFM," which it says is an entity in Tivoli, New York — one of many royalty-free music companies that Getty acquired. The IRS licensed the track in 2009 from Jupitermedia, also since acquired by Getty. This music, in short, is a

form of "content" — like the texts and images on a website, a commodity that's more and more in demand, but is seldom credited to a composer. Websites and "toll-free environments," as the IRS styles its hold apparatus, need words and pictures and sounds, but don't want them to be too distinctive, or stand out too much.

And yet the audience, moving through this generic world, is still primed to find in it nuggets of human experience, to identify with content on more than a simply functional level. As much as people love to hate hold music, a variant of Stockholm syndrome is not uncommon. The hold music used by Cisco communication systems, called "Opus No. 1," achieved an odd notoriety in 2014 after an NPR reporter documented her father-in-law's search for the piece of music that he kept hearing hour after hour while on hold across his entire health-care network.

The IRS, too, receives its share of customer accolades, which Cecilia M. Barreda, a public affairs specialist in national media relations for the IRS, passed on to The Washington Post. "I have spent untold hours singing and whistling harmony and counterpoint to this beautiful music," one customer enthused. Another wrote: "This is the only



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Hold music has to walk a tricky line. We want something inoffensive, yet meaningful.

music that calms my German shepherd. I need a 10-hour loop of this, please. If you need to bill me, you can just add it to the tax levy I am paying on."

A lot of research has been done on the psychology and physiology of music, and you might think this would be applied to hold music. Yet the choice of actual pieces for hold music is more likely to be made by IT departments and customer-service representatives than trained musicians or researchers. The IRS last changed its hold music in 2009, according to Christina Navarette-Wasson, acting director of the Joint Operation Center of the IRS, who is responsible for the agency's "toll-free environment," including the script and the music. At that time, the agency looked up a royalty-free company and selected five potential tracks, including "One to One," which

were then vetted by a number of department heads.

And the change was motivated not by what people like, but by what they didn't. It was made, Navarette-Wasson said, because the IRS had gotten so many complaints about its previous hold music, which it had used for about 20 years: excerpts from Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker." You'd think "The Nutcracker" is innocuous, but IRS callers, evidently, found it objectionable. The music, detractors said, felt too seasonal: It was odd to hear Christmas music in March or April.

Background music has to walk a tricky line. We want something inoffensive yet meaningful, and you'd better believe that we — the consumer masses — will barrage customer service with complaints if the balance tips too far in one or the other direction.

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Who is Susan Zirinsky?

A legendary figure at CBS who made history this week as first female executive to head news division

By **STEPHEN BATTAGLIO**
Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK CITY — On Monday morning, incoming CBS News President Susan Zirinsky made an entrance worthy of a rock star.

Loud cheers and applause arose from elated staff members as she stepped into the newsroom at the network's studios on Manhattan's West Side for the first time since her appointment was announced Sunday.

Some of the people in the "news hub" have worked with the producer, who is known as "Z," for many of her 46 years at CBS. Some were young women, who after seeing their company roiled by #MeToo scandals, were thrilled to watch the first female chief of the division take the reins.

During her speech to the troops, Zirinsky pulled out a copy of a script used by CBS News legend Walter Cronkite on the night that President Nixon resigned in 1974. As a staffer in the network's Washington, D.C., bureau, she had taken the pages out of a trash bin and saved them.

"It was the most moving experience that I've ever had at CBS News," a veteran anchor said of the speech.

Zirinsky, 66, replaces outgoing CBS News President David Rhodes, who was brought in by the network's then-chief executive, Leslie Moonves, in 2011. She is faced with preserving the journalistic legacy of the network while boosting the ratings for CBS News, which has lost ground to competitors in recent years. She also will have to heal the reputational damage to CBS caused by the sexual harassment allegations that led to the firing of anchor Charlie Rose and "60 Minutes" executive producer Jeff

Fager.

A legend at CBS News, Zirinsky is one of the last remaining figures linked to its glory years, when the broadcast networks were the dominant source of news for TV viewers. The promotion of a longtimer will be a morale booster for the rank and file, according to one company veteran. Her reputation as a strong collaborator has made her a popular figure throughout CBS.

Betsy West, a professor at Columbia University's School of Journalism and a former network news executive, said Zirinsky's experience, energy and passion make her an ideal choice for the task.

"Not only are they putting a woman as the head of CBS News, but she is also one of the most talented, hardworking people there," West said. "Zirinsky commands respect across the division and the network news world in general. This is sending a great signal that it's a new day."

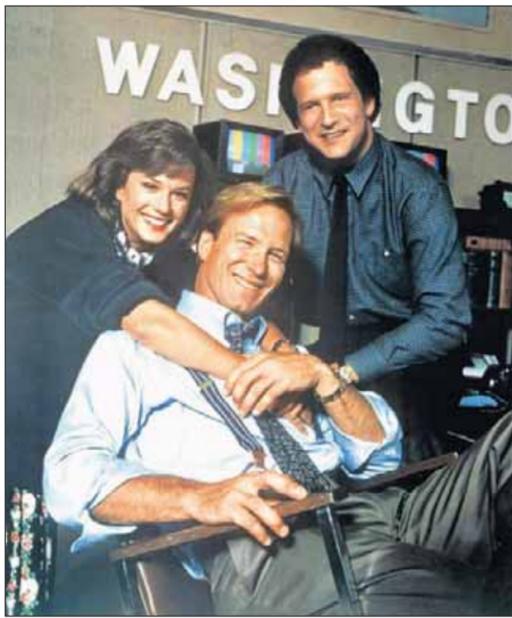
Zirinsky's reputation as a dynamic, hard-charging producer was solidified by the Hollywood portrayal of her in the 1987 feature film "Broadcast News."

Director James L. Brooks went to the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco in 1984 and observed all three networks as he began to research a film about a woman working in the highly competitive news business.

After the convention was over, Brooks arranged a meeting with Zirinsky. It took place just after her civil marriage ceremony to Joe Peyronnin (both were producers at the "CBS Evening News" at the time and were working at the convention). Zirinsky was brought on as a technical advisor on the film and inspired the character of Jane Craig, played



Susan Zirinsky with correspondent Ed Bradley at the 1988 Democratic Convention in Atlanta.



Holly Hunter as Jane Craig, William Hurt as Tom Grunick and Albert Brooks as Aaron Altman in the 1987 film "Broadcast News."

by Holly Hunter.

Not only did Brooks and Hunter immortalize Zirinsky but they also have remained friends with the producer and her husband.

Zirinsky is a native of Queens, N.Y., where her father was a commercial real estate mogul. She could have been a trust fund kid, but she saw journalism as a calling, an occupation that could make a difference in people's lives. She joined the network in 1972 as a 20-year-old student at Washington's American University, when Cronkite was

still the lead anchor and the Watergate scandal was entering the country's consciousness.

"It's been said that I was delivered from the maternity ward to the CBS Washington bureau," Zirinsky said in an interview shortly before her appointment was announced.

From Washington, she went on to oversee the student's coverage of the Tiananmen Square and the first Gulf War. In 2001, two filmmakers came to her with more than two dozen

hours of footage shot during the 9/11 terrorist attacks. She turned the footage into an award-winning documentary on CBS that drew 39 million viewers. She took a founding news magazine, "48 Hours," and converted it into an appointment program for true crime enthusiasts and a profit center for the last 20 years.

Zirinsky's versatility and willingness to take on any task led Moonves to offer her the top job in the news division nearly 10 years ago. She turned it down, becoming one of his few lieutenants to refuse an offer from the then-powerful executive.

Moonves was ousted in September over sexual misconduct allegations and recently stripped of his \$120-million severance after a four-month investigation.

Zirinsky said she did not want the front office job, because it would take her away from the work she loves, which is producing.

But with CBS News struggling to maintain audiences amid the myriad choices viewers have in 2019 — and the prospect of monumental news coming out of the Trump White House that could rival the Watergate scandal — she accepted the offer from interim CBS Chief Executive Joe Ianniello.

Zirinsky said she thought about Cronkite and other CBS News journalists she'd worked with, such as the late Bob Simon and Ed Bradley. When talking

about them, she choked up. Her emotion is rooted in the belief that their values have been instilled in the people she works with today, and she said she wants to give them a chance to succeed.

"I feel a pride in CBS News," she said. "The people we have now embody people like Cronkite, Bradley and Simon. I'm not crying about the past. I'm pushing forward."

One of Zirinsky's top priorities will be to improve ratings for two key programs.

Ratings for "CBS This Morning" — which grew under the first five years of Rose and coanchors Gayle King and Norah O'Donnell — have eroded since Rose was replaced by John Dickerson, who had been successful as moderator of the Sunday program "Face the Nation" from Washington.

"CBS Evening News" has also become less competitive since Jeff Glor was tapped by Rhodes to replace Scott Pelley in the anchor chair in late 2017. The program has been running a poor third behind "ABC World News Tonight With David Muir" and "NBC Nightly News With Lester Holt."

"We have to look at everything — what stories we are covering, how we are stacking the show, framing the scope of the broadcasts," Zirinsky told her colleagues. "We have to make sure we're at the top of our game."

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Tina El Gamal and Salar Ardebili in "I Call My Brothers."

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trator of an attack is unreasonable — it merely asks us to consider the impact on a fellow human being.

At one point in the play, you see Amor being watched by a member of the security forces (played, along with other roles, by Tina El Gamal) and assumed to be speaking in code, even if, in reality, Amor, is just dealing with his own personal life and his complex friendship with a young woman (Gloria Imseih Petrelli). Eventually, the authorities look elsewhere: "He's not the one we're looking for."

But then you also hear Amor say, "Are you 100 percent sure it wasn't me?" This expressionistic structure, and the emphasis on Amor's internal panic, recalls George Buch-

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Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$32 at 312-219-4140 or www.interbangtheatre.org

ner's iconic "Woyzeck" in places. Amor is constantly running in place, arms and legs flailing, unclear from what he is trying to escape and fearful it might just be himself. I also was put in mind of David Mamet's "Edmond," a very different piece of writing, but another play about a man falling apart in his own city. There are shades of Tracy Letts' "Man From Nebraska," too.

The director of the piece, Abhi Shrestha, is deft with transitions and Shrestha allows the poetic

quality within the script to rise and fall, never trying to shove the work into too much of a realistic box. There are moments that feel overplayed — Chris Khoshaba, who plays Amor's young brother, is honest but needs to dial it back for this space. The ending doesn't fully work. And while emotional vulnerability is very much in the air, some scenes needed more attention in order to range more deeply, from an acting point of view.

But the design by Eleanor Khan is provocative, the work feels fresh and its emotions aptly raw. You walk — or rather run — alongside Amor, sharing his shoes for a while, before you head out in search of a creature comfort.

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Moment

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They were super funny and I was giving them whatever I could to help them with the scene.

"Part of the thing of going from stage acting to TV and film acting is, even to this day, I'm not great at paying attention to where the cameras are.

"So when we were done with their coverage, Ilana Glazer came up to me and said, 'Great job.' And I said, 'Oh thanks, but I'll do more when the camera's on me.' And she kind of looked confused and said, 'What do you mean?'"

"And I said, 'When the camera's on me, I'll be funnier and bring it.' And she's like, 'It was on you.'"

"It was like I was coming out from under water when she said that. I was just like, 'It's impossible! How did that happen? I'm done for.'"

"And my heart sank because they were already moving the cameras for the next set-up, so I knew there was no: 'Can I have another take?' and I fully panicked. I pulled Abbi and Ilana aside and was like, 'Guys, I did not know the camera was on me — I don't think I did a good performance.'"

"And they sort of calmed me down and said, 'You know what? We wouldn't have moved on if you didn't do a good job, so don't worry about it.'"

"And that was it. I got in a plane that night and went back home and then the episode didn't air for months and months. I think it was six months.



RACHEL LUNA/GETTY

D'Arcy Carden, who plays Janet on "The Good Place," said she didn't realize the camera was rolling during her first scene for "Broad City" in 2014.

"You know when you have a memory and your stomach drops? Everything's fine and you're just cruising along and you have that memory? It was like that for six months. It really rocked me to my core. I was like, I guess I'm ... dumb? I'd hoped I wasn't, but I guess I'm my worst nightmare?"

"If I could replay that moment in my life, it would be so interesting to see if I missed it — it's totally not impossible that they were like: 'OK D'Arcy, here's your big moment!' and it just didn't even register."

The takeaway ... "Here's the good news: Less is more on camera. And to be honest, I might have overdone it if I had realized the camera was on me. I might have put too much sauce on it and overdone the

comedy. The subtlety of acting for the screen is different than acting for a 100 or 200 or 1,000 seat theater.

"So when I watched it back, I was pleasantly surprised that it was not terrible! I was at least in-character and saying my lines.

"I absolutely love working with those girls and I would work with them until the end of time. And they really changed the course of my life and gave me a big opportunity. I remember when I went in for my screen test for 'The Good Place,' (executive producers Drew Goddard and Drew Sidford brought up an episode of 'Broad City,' so that clearly had an impact on me getting cast."

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Jam co-founder Granat leaving music business

Mickelson plans to grow company despite challenges

By GREG KOT
Chicago Tribune

Jam Productions' Army Granat, co-founder of the longest-running independent concert promotion company in Chicago, says he's had enough of the music business.

Granat announced Tuesday that he would leave Jam in the hands of Jerry Mickelson, with whom he cofounded the pioneering concert company in 1972 out of a North Side apartment with a \$12,000 loan. It was the latest sign that the rogue, rough-and-tumble era of concert promotion that nurtured the rise of rock into multi-billion-dollar industry is winding down.

Granat and Mickelson were upstarts who didn't know much about business but loved music, and divided up a night's revenue with bands on a cocktail napkin rather than a spread sheet. They made a great team: "Army was the schmoozer, I was the persistent one," Mickelson said in an interview.

"I'm not changing direction because I'm 70," Granat said in a separate interview. "I feel young, I still have visions" of what he wants to do next. But he acknowledged that an expanding corporate climate in the concert industry over the last few decades has eroded his zest for the job.

"We live in the age of Live Nation, AEG, Ticketmaster instead of a business in which a handshake was good, relationships were good," he says. "Now like the rest of the world, money talks, and I don't know if I want to ride a stationary bike for the next five to 10 years playing that game. I'd go to see a show, and it became all one show to me: the same article with different words. It's



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Jerry Mickelson, left, and Army Granat in 1974. Co-founder Granat is leaving the company and the music business.

terrible to think that, but it's hard to exist in this business when everything's a struggle, when they took the cream off the top."

Granat said he plans to continue to work with Outback Concerts (which books comedy) and Jam Theatricals. He also hopes to branch out into writing a memoir (working title: "I Said This, But I Meant That"), producing a movie (based on the historical novel "My Last Skirt") and promoting a circus act. He also said he would keep his hand in the music business by backing a select few small-scale theater tours. But he's happy to turn over the day-to-day oversight of Jam Productions Ltd. to

Mickelson.

"For Army, being in this business might have been less fun, but for me it's become more challenging," Mickelson said in a separate interview. "I have a fire in my belly to grow this company and accomplish a few more things to put a smile on people's faces."

Jam, with Mickelson as its primary spokesman, waged a losing fight to block a 2010 merger of concert behemoths Live Nation and Ticketmaster. The deal solidified a relationship in which Live Nation operates the vast



Granat

majority of big outdoor concert venues in North America, including Hollywood Casino Amphitheater in Tinley Park, Ill., and Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island.

"We're competing against a monopoly that often pays more than 100 percent of gross ticket sales to secure a performer's tour," Mickelson said. "It's definitely made it more difficult to compete. But we seem to find a way."

Jam continues to thrive on a smaller scale, and operates venues such as the Vic Theatre, the Riviera Theatre and Park West in

Chicago. A resurrection of the Uptown Theatre, a pet project of Mickelson's for years, is in the works. In addition, Mickelson says Jam plans to book more shows in smaller-market venues in Downstate Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and other regions.

It's a long way from the days when Granat and Mickelson pooled their money and their street smarts into an upstart company that took shows other promoters overlooked. The duo booked Savoy Brown and Fleetwood Mac at an arena in St. Paul, Minn., in the early '70s and sold it out for their first major success. But they built their client list by

nurturing relatively unknown bands from the ground-up at local clubs such as Alice's Revisited, the Ivanhoe, B'Ginnings in Schaumburg and the Night Gallery in Waukegan.

"I would not suggest someone to get into this business today, unless you have a tremendous passion for it, like we did," Granat said. "When I started, music was a way of life. It's not that anymore. I had an ability to know what people wanted, and the passion to make something happen."

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BOOK REVIEW

A weird, poetic nightmare

Novels banned in author's country resonate elsewhere

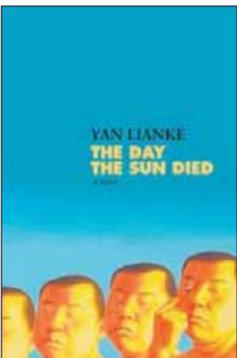
By RON CHARLES
The Washington Post

Yan Lianke's mordant novels are effectively banned in China, and his vision of social decay and commercial exploitation is so relevant to life in the United States that we may have to ban them here too. There is, after all, only so much insight we can tolerate.

Yan once wrote propaganda for the Communist Party, but now he's a subversive critic whose grimly comic works have attracted an audience around the world. A winner of the Kafka Prize and a frequently cited contender for the Nobel, Yan is one of those rare geniuses who finds in the peculiar absurdities of his own culture the absurdities that infect all cultures. He recently told an interviewer for *The New Yorker*, "To live in China in 2018 is to inhabit a reality that makes you question the very nature of reality," which is also a timely appraisal of America's current climate of "alternative facts."

Yan's latest novel to be translated into English is a poetic nightmare called "The Day the Sun Died." It's the creepiest book I've read in years: a social comedy that bleeds like a zombie apocalypse.

The story takes place during a deadly summer night in a small village in central China. Our narrator is a 14-year-old boy named Li Niannian, whose parents own the New World funerary shop that "sold everything dead people might need." Li confesses that almost everyone refers to him as an idiot, but that's not fair. He may be naive and guileless, but he's no idiot. In fact, he's telling this story himself only because his neigh-



'The Day the Sun Died'

By Yan Lianke, translated by Carlos Rojas, Grove, 320 pages, \$26

bor, the novelist Yan Lianke, is worn out and hopeless. Until Yan can recover his inspiration, Li will have to fill in. "I have no choice," he tells us, "but to recount everything in a halting, scattered way."

Hardly. What follows is an artfully organized, minute-by-minute description of "the great somnambulism," a horrific night of sleepwalking that "blotted out the sky and blanketed the earth, leaving everything in a state of chaos." As soon as dusk fades into darkness, the half-conscious inhabitants of Li's village rise again and lumber back to their regular work. "Everyone appeared to be very busy," Li says. "Very, very busy." With her eyes closed, Li's mother madly cuts paper wreaths for the dead. Li's uncle frantically threshes wheat in his sleep while chanting: "A man can't let his wife and children go hungry. A man can't let his wife and children go hungry." These are the driven and joyless "dreamwalkers" of the modern economy, terrified — even in sleep — of falling behind, of losing a single sale or the smallest wage. This ironic

allusion to "the Chinese Dream" — President Xi Jinping's national slogan — is just the kind of sly protest that keeps Yan's novels suppressed in his native country.

As the minutes click by, the village descends further into violence and madness. Suicides, murders and assaults tear the night silence, and half-awake thieves roam the dark streets hoping to rob their half-awake neighbors. All moral concerns and social inhibitions are suspended in the narcissism of sleep. "The world," Li says in his usual deadpan, "had become an exceedingly strange place."

Yan's understated wit runs through these pages like a snake through fallen leaves, but if you don't appreciate the harmonic repetitions of his narrative, it will seem dull. And if you insist on traditional character development, you will be disappointed. You either fall under this incantation, or you break away in frustration.

The novel's style poses special challenges too. The plot's dreaminess is emphasized by Yan's repeated phrases, relentless recycling and extraordinarily metaphoric language. Li can hardly speak a single sentence without using a simile, e.g., "His expression was as gentle as a wildflower blooming in a clump of dried trees in autumn." The cumulative effect of this similemania invokes that fluid dream state in which everything represents something else, something deeper.

In his acceptance speech for the Kafka Prize in 2014, Yan said that he wants to be "like the blind man with the flashlight who shines his light into the darkness to help others glimpse their goal and destination."

"The Day the Sun Died" may not illuminate our goal, but it's a wake-up call about the path we're on.

BOOK REVIEW

'Victorian Fairy Tales' just the thing to read right now

By MICHAEL DIRDA
The Washington Post

Tales of magic and wonder and good triumph: Could there be better reading for the afterglow of Christmas? Many of the stories in Michael Newton's superb "Victorian Fairy Tales" are also deliciously witty, even winkingly postmodern, since their authors frequently parody, pastiche or otherwise write against the received tradition of the Brothers Grimm and Charles Perrault.

Consider the worldly wise opening of "Melisande," by E. Nesbit. When the queen gives birth to baby Melisande, the king firmly prohibits a public christening:

"I've seen too much trouble come of christening parties," said he. "However carefully you keep your visiting-book, some fairy or other is sure to get left out, and you know what that leads to. Why, even in my own family, the most shocking things have occurred. The Fairy Malevola was not asked to my great grandmother's christening — and you know all about the spindle and the hundred-years' sleep."

Despite a ceremony restricted to family only, several hundred fairies find out about the baby's christening, and they are all in a snit over being snubbed. Before she can be stopped, Malevola quickly announces a special wish for Melisande: "The Princess shall be bald." Fortunately, the king manages to prevent any other misfortunes being bestowed on his child, and years later the baldness spell is broken — but with hilariously outlandish consequences.

As one would hope, Newton features famous stories such as Oscar Wilde's "The Selfish Giant,"



'Victorian Fairy Tales'

Edited by Michael Newton
Oxford. 444 pp. \$24.95

and those that should be, such as Ford Madox Ford's "The Queen Who Flew." Inevitably, Newton begins with John Ruskin's 1850 masterpiece, "The King of the Golden River." This story — about the loss and eventual restoration of fertility to a once lush valley — neatly demonstrates the fairy tale's one ever-true axiom: Those who are kind to animals, who are sensitive to the natural world, who show sympathy for others even at their own expense, will always be greatly rewarded in the end.

Sometimes, however, that happily-ever-after ending isn't at all obvious. In George MacDonald's "The Golden Key," Mossy and Tangle enter Fairyland as children but soon grow old in their quest to reach a mysterious land of shadows. Along the way, they ask for advice from the Old Man of the Sea, the Old Man of the Earth and the Old Man of the Fire (who looks like a little boy). The story closes just as the newly rejuvenated couple starts to ascend the rising arc of a rainbow. Are they

on their way to heaven? MacDonald is generally regarded as the most original, the most metaphysical, and certainly the strangest of all Victorian writers of fairy tales.

Still, I prefer dry wit to mysticism. In "The Rose and the Ring," William Makepeace Thackeray presents a fairy tale farce, half Christmas pantomime, half screwball comedy, its plot roughly that of "Hamlet" played for laughs. King Valoroso has seized the throne of Paflagonia, ousting his nephew, the very young Prince Giglio. When a similar coup takes place in nearby Crim Tartary, little Princess Rosalba flees into the forest, where she is raised by lions. Years later, the half feral girl — ignorant of her past — becomes the maid to Valoroso's daughter Angelica.

Inevitably, that lazy, self-satisfied chit finds herself courted by Prince Bulbo, the son of the Crim Tartary usurper. Unbeknownst to bucktoothed Angelica and plump Bulbo, the source of their swooning attractiveness lies not in themselves but in an ordinary-seeming ring and a never-fading rose, each of which grants its possessor an almost irresistible glamour. Eventually, the maid Betsinda, nee Princess Rosalba, ends up with the ring and finds herself intensely desirable, much to her dismay:

"Charming chambermaid!" says the king (like all the rest of them), "never mind the young men! Turn thy eyes on a middle-aged autocrat, who has been considered not ill-looking in his time."

Betsinda/Rosalba luckily escapes from this #MeToo moment, just as Giglio narrowly escapes being executed, but their adventures and vicissitudes have just begun.

WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



AJ Michalka

"Schooled" (7:31 p.m., ABC): Set at William Penn Academy in the 1990s, this spinoff of "The Goldbergs" revolves around members of the school staff including such familiar faces as Principal Glascock (Tim Meadows), Coach Mellor (Bryan Callen) and Barry Goldberg's old flame Lainey Lewis (AJ Michalka), the new music teacher. Brett Dier co-stars as Charlie Brown, aka "CB," a gung-ho super-teacher who is both a friend and rival to Lainey.

"North Woods Law: Uncuffed" (7 p.m., 11 p.m., ANIM): Maine wildlife wardens go back on their state waters to investigate some reportedly dangerous conditions that could put the lives of many boaters in grave peril in a new episode called "River Rescues." They also find time to come to the aid of a duckling in need of a risky rescue.

"Vikings" (8 p.m., 11:02 p.m., History): Floki (Gustaf Skarsgard) finds himself abruptly stripped of his power following an unexpected turn of events among the settlers in a new episode called "The Most Terrible Thing." Elsewhere, King Alfred (Ferdia Walsh-Peelo) confronts his mother, Judith (Jennie Jacques), and Bjorn (Alexander Ludwig) must negotiate with Harald (Peter Franzen). Another Viking force threatens Wessex, which seems to be lacking a Saxon savior this time.

"You're the Worst" (9 p.m., 9:33 p.m., 12:36 a.m., FX): Season 4 of this edgy anti-rom-com mainly focused on how Jimmy and Gretchen (Chris Geere, Aya Cash) gradually found their way back together after he behaved badly even for him by proposing to Gretchen, then freaking out and splitting. They finally got past most of that hurt and, at the moment, are in it for the long haul, or so they think. As the fifth and final season opens with "The Intransigence of Love," the couple recount their relationship saga to date to a prospective wedding planner.

"Storage Wars" (9:01 p.m., 1:04 a.m., AE): In "Let's Give 'Em Something to Tonka About," the first of tonight's new back-to-back episodes, Dave has his eye on a big locker at a Murietta auction, but he's hoping the challenge in transporting this behemoth will discourage most of his competition. Justin, meanwhile, swings a decent locker after finding a partner in the crowd, while Mary finally finds a tiny treasure she can't wait to get home. It's Brandi's birthday, so Jarrod treats her to — what else? — an auction.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Gwyneth Paltrow; actor Tony Hale; Trippie Redd performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Kevin Hart; comic Nicole Byer.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Mahershala Ali; actress Maura Tierney; Jeff Tweedy performs.*

* Subject to change

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Film

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"Computer Chess," written and directed by Andrew Bujalski. The filmmaker's most recent picture, "Support the Girls," ended up on a lot of 2018 year-end "best" lists, including Barack Obama's.

The Chicago Film Society makes its primary home at the Northeastern Illinois University Auditorium in the neighborhood of North Park. Its programmers include Antos, Becca Hall (Antos and Hall recently got married) and Kyle Westphal (also recently married, though neither to Hall nor Antos).

Years ago, for their initial foray into commissioning a film print, these three raised funds and struck a print of the extraordinarily rare and supremely bizarre 1955 Robert Altman jamboree, "Corn's-A-Poppin'." "Computer Chess" is just as nuts. It's a 2013 black-and-white comedy set in 1980, or thereabouts, focusing on a motel convention gathering of Reagan-era computer programmers. They're squaring off against their own clunky, unwieldy machines in a chess tournament. Elsewhere in the motel, an EST-type marital therapy group encounter session draws the curiosity of the programmers. Then the computers start thinking for themselves.

Bujalski shot "Computer Chess" with huge, bulky, early '80s video equipment, the vacuum tube kind that nobody uses anymore. It's uber-video, scuzzy-looking and otherworldly in its foreignness today.

Putting this movie on film didn't make any aesthetic sense. And yet, when Antos contacted Austin, Texas-based Bujalski about striking a 35 mm print of "Computer Chess," he found a ready collaborator.

"In the back of my head," Bujalski says, "I had this thought of taking things a step further. I wondered if we went all the way to film, would it turn out weird and magical-looking, out of the



CARLOS SOMONTE/NETFLIX

The 70 mm exhibition of "Roma" begins a five-day run today at the Music Box Theatre.

digital realm and into a format and a place it was never meant for? It's such a cockamamie idea. But the whole movie's about the conflict between the analog and the digital. So I was happy to throw one more layer on it."

Bujalski's pleased with the one 35 mm print of "Computer Chess" in existence. "I saw it recently in New York," he says. "And I loved it."

The print cost "several thousand dollars," according to Antos, who declined to discuss cost specifics. Since last year, Chicago Film Society has leased it to the IFC Center in New York and a handful of Texas theaters.

The nonprofit film society, which operates on a \$70,000 annual budget, has plans to commission a 35 mm print of Hal Hartley's "Trust" later this year. "And hopefully we'll do more," Antos says.

Also on Wednesday, the 70 mm exhibition of "Roma" begins a five-day run at the Music Box. "It's pretty wild, these two playing on the same day," Antos says. "'Roma' is the deluxe version of the video-to-film process. 'Computer Chess' is more of a seat-of-your-pants version."

So why is film better, at least to some eyes, than digital projection? And why yank a digitally photographed feature into a new projection format in the first place?

It's a simple matter of contrast, according to Antos.

"Stuff that's born digital and presented on film gains

quite a bit of visual contrast," he says. "With the best digital projector out there, your contrast ratio is still fairly low, about 2000-to-1, from the blackest black to the whitest white. On film, that contrast is more like 12,000-to-1, on the best print ever. On a lesser print, it's still around 4,000-to-1. And the most mediocre print still has better contrast than a DCP (Digital Cinema Package). The contrast is there in the DCP files, but the average digital movie theater projector can't actually perform well enough to produce the image, the contrast, that it should."

The "Roma" theatrical presentation, Antos says, represents "an interesting experiment, since it's available on Netflix. But it's selling well. So we'll see what happens." And for a night, at least, let the film projectors whir and hum and run the show.

"Computer Chess" screens in 35 mm 7:30 p.m. Wednesday only, Chicago Film Society at the Auditorium at Northeastern Illinois University, Building E, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.; general admission, \$7; chicago cinemasociety.org.

"Roma" screens in 70 mm Wednesday-Sunday Jan. 9-13, Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Ave.; general admission, \$15; musicboxtheatre.com.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 9

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	(8:01) SEAL Team: "Things Not Seen." (N) ©		Criminal Minds: "Hamelin." (N) ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	Chicago Med: "All the Lonely People." (N) ©		Chicago Fire: "Inside These Walls." (N) ©		Chicago P.D.: "Brotherhood." (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs (N)	(7:31) Schooled (Series Premiere) (N)	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Match Game (Season Premiere) (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
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	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: "Attenborough and the Sea Dragon." (N) ©		NOVA: "Einstein's Quantum Riddle." (N) ©		Dictator Playbk (Series Premiere) (N) ♦
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
CABLE	Bounce 26.5	Scandal ©		Above the Law (R,'88) **		Steven Seagal, Pam Grier.		Out-Justice ♦
	FOX 32	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell (N)		The Masked Singer: "New Masks on the Block." (N)		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		To be announced ♦
	Ion 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: "Payback."		Blue Bloods: "New Rules."		Blue Blood ♦
	Telem 44	La sultana (N) ©		Falsa identidad (N) ©		Señora Acero (N) ©		Chicago (N)
	CW 50	All American ©		All American ©		Dateline: "Black Friday."		Chicago ♦
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	Univ 66	Jesús		Mi marido tiene familia		Amar a muerte		Noticias (N)
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	AMC	Road House (R,'89) **	Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. ©					Outlaw Josey ♦
ANIM	North Woods Law: Uncuffed: "River Rescues." (N)				North Woods Law ©		North-Law ♦	
BBCA	Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (R,'97) **				Austin Powers: Man of Mystery			
BET	♦ (5) School Daze ('88) **		(8:03) Madea's Witness Protection (PG-13,'12) **		Tyler Perry. ♦			
BIGTEN	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Iowa at Northwestern. (N) ©				BIG Basket	
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ (N)		Sweet Home ©		Watch (N)	
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics	
CNBC	Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal (N) ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No ♦	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦	
COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily (N) ♦	
DISC	Moonshiners: Outlaw		Moonshiners		Homestead Rescue ©		Homestead	
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FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery ♦	
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FX	The Wolf of Wall Street (R,'13) ***	Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill. © ♦						
HALL	Unleashing Mr. Darcy (NR,'16)	Ryan Paevy. ©			Frozen in Love (NR,'18) © ♦			
HGTV	Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N)		Property ♦	
HIST	Vikings: "The Buddha."		Vikings (N) ©		(9:01) Project Blue Book		Forged ♦	
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	Zero Dark Thirty (R,'12) ***	Jessica Chastain. Elite operatives hunt Osama bin Laden. ©						
LIFE	Project Runway (N)		Project Runway (N)		American Beauty Star (N)		All Stars ♦	
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour ♦	
MTV	Lindsay Lohan Beach		Catfish: The TV Show (N)		True Life Now (N) ©		Lindsay ♦	
NBCSCH	Beer Money	Basketball	Bensinger	Bulls (N)	Sled Head	Postgame	Heartland ♦	
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OVATION	♦ (6) Heat (R,'95) ***	Al Pacino, Robert De Niro.					Cop Land ♦	
OWN	Four Weddings ©		Four Weddings ©		Curvy Brides	Curvy Brides	Curvy Brides	
ORXY	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA ♦	
PARMT	Friends ©		Friends ©		Creed (PG-13,'15) ***	Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. © ♦		
SYFY	♦ (6) Freddy vs. Jason **		The Thing (R,'11) ***	Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Joel Edgerton. ©				
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	Full Frontal	
TCM	America, America (NR,'63) ***	Stathis Giallelis, Frank Wolff. ©					Face ♦	
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Brienne's Story." (N)				Family by the Ton (N)		My 600-Lb ♦	
TLN	Camp Meeting		Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ♦	
TNT	Ocean's Eleven (PG-13,'01) ***	George Clooney. ©					Ocean's Thirteen *** ♦	
TOON	Samur. Jack	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum (N)		Alien Encounters (N)		Beyond the Unknown (N)		Mysteries	
TVL	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	♦ London	(7:35) Olympus Has Fallen (R,'13) **	Gerard Butler. ©				Olympus ♦	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Black Ink: Chicago (N)		Love & Hip Hop Miami		Ink ♦	
WE	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ('89) ***				(9:15) National Lampoon's Vacation ♦			
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Married	Married	Married	
PREMIUM	HBO	Sex and the City 2 (R,'10) **	Sarah Jessica Parker. ©				Blockers (R,'18) *** ♦	
	HBO2	♦ Sopranos	(7:25) The Sopranos ©	(8:20) The Sopranos ©		(9:17) The Sopranos ©		
	MAX	Alien: Covenant (R,'17) **	Michael Fassbender.			(9:05) Galveston (NR,'18) © ♦		
	SHO	♦ (6) Friday Night Lights		Remember the Titans (PG,'00) *** ©			He Got ♦	
	STARZ	♦ (6:16) Blue Iguana ('18)		Blue Crush (PG-13,'02) **	Kate Bosworth. ©		The Eagle ♦	
STZNC	♦ (6:05) Overboard ('87) **		Kate & Leopold (PG-13,'01) ***	Meg Ryan. ©		Notting Hill ♦		

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 9): Review and consider the past and future this year. Position yourself well with a long-term vision and plan. Let romance interrupt your productivity. Winter brings a financial challenge, inspiring a collaborative flurry. Make a personal change this summer, before you step onstage to shine.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Peace and quiet suit your mood. Sort, organize and file. Review priorities, and focus on completing existing commitments. Don't show unfinished work. Let it simmer.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Connect with your team to manage a group responsibility. Friends see your blind spots and help you around tight corners. It's not always pretty.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Invest in your own success. Don't spend more than you have. Follow an elder's advice. You're making a good impression. Prepare for the test.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. You're learning through experience. Discoveries reveal aspects of your subject that may be less than lovely. Costs may be higher than expected.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Your shared finances could seem unstable. Stick to practical expenses, or risk trouble. You may need to delay gratification. Work together to conserve resources.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Share the load with your partner. Stay in communication. You don't have to manage it all alone. Don't be too critical. Clean a mess together.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Set realistic goals and practice. Profit from meticulous service. You may need to make a mess to get results. Make technical improvements.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Relax and enjoy the company. Play games and share in something fun. Avoid arguments or expensive propositions. Love isn't always beautiful.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Get sucked into a household project. Home repairs, upgrades and changes could disrupt things. Clear out clutter. Restraint serves you well.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Keep a gentle tone. Avoid stomping on another's sensitivities or saying too much. Discretion serves you well. Sidestep a controversy or argument. Peacefully observe.

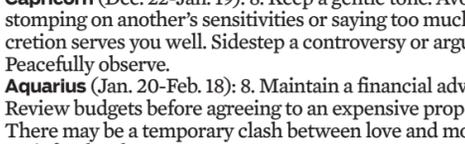
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Maintain a financial advantage. Review budgets before agreeing to an expensive proposition. There may be a temporary clash between love and money. Wait for developments.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. The first thing you notice after deciding to make a personal change is what doesn't work. Restore integrity wherever it's missing. Patiently proceed.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater

By Scott Hilburn (Argyle Sweater is off this week. Please enjoy this panel from 2013.)



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Bridge

East-West vulnerable, West deals

North	♠ AK5	♥ A1087	♦ K642	♣ K6
West	♠ Q32	♥ KQ63	♦ 9	♣ AJ843
East	♠ 10986	♥ 2	♦ 87	♣ Q109752
South	♠ J74	♥ J954	♦ AQJ1053	♣ Void

The East-West pre-emptive bidding kept North-South out of their best contract — six hearts — which would have made easily on this lie of the cards. The king of hearts might seem like a favorable lead for South, but he could have played the hearts for only one loser without any help. Note that a spade or a club lead would have given away the twelfth trick immediately.

The bidding:
 West North East South
 1♣ Dbl 3♣* 5♦
 Pass 6♦ All pass

*Pre-emptive
 Opening lead: King of ♥

Declarer won the opening heart lead with dummy's ace, drew trumps in two rounds, and then knocked out the queen of hearts. West continued with another heart. South won in dummy, cashed the ace of spades and the last heart, and then started to run his trumps. This was the position with one trump remaining:

North	♠ K5	♥ Void	♦ Void	♣ K
West	♠ Q3	♥ Void	♦ Void	♣ A
East	♠ 109	♥ Void	♦ Void	♣ Q
South	♠ J7	♥ Void	♦ 3	♣ Void

On the last trump, West couldn't defend the position. He chose to discard his low spade on the last trump, hoping his partner held the jack. South discarded dummy's king of clubs and took the last two tricks with the king and jack of spades. Well played!

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

Dilbert

By Scott Adams



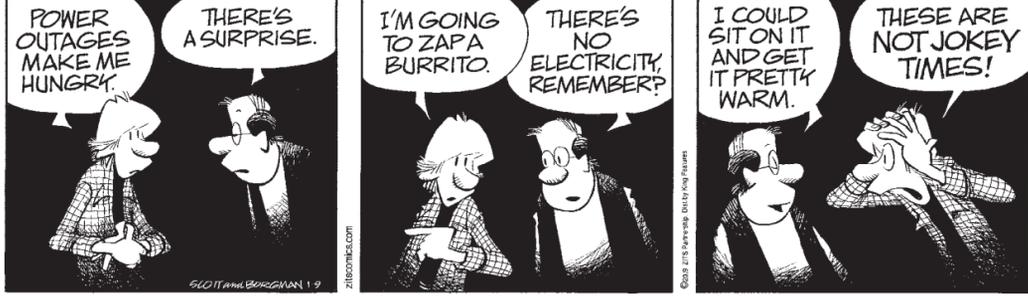
Baby Blues

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Zits

By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo

By Joe Martin



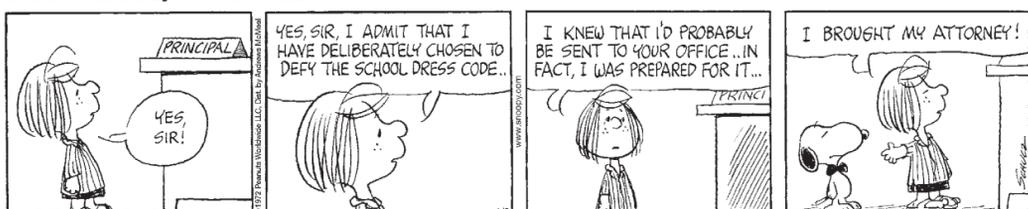
Frazz

By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts

By Charles Schulz



Pickles

By Brian Crane



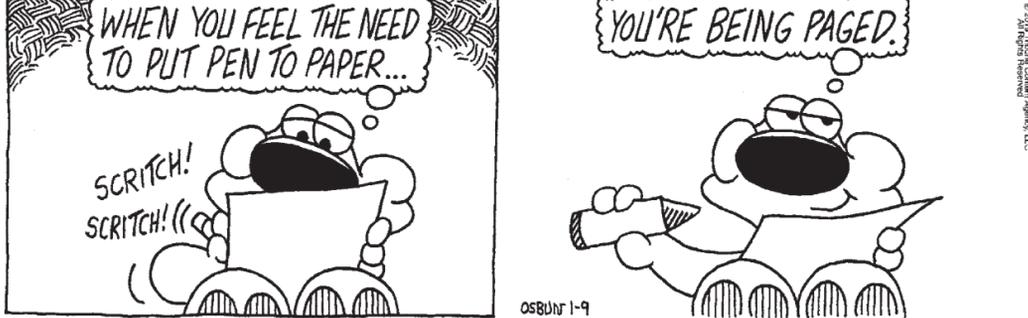
Dick Tracy

By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers

By Mike Osburn



Prickly City

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 17° RECORD HIGH: 60° (1880) RECORD LOW: -20° (1875)

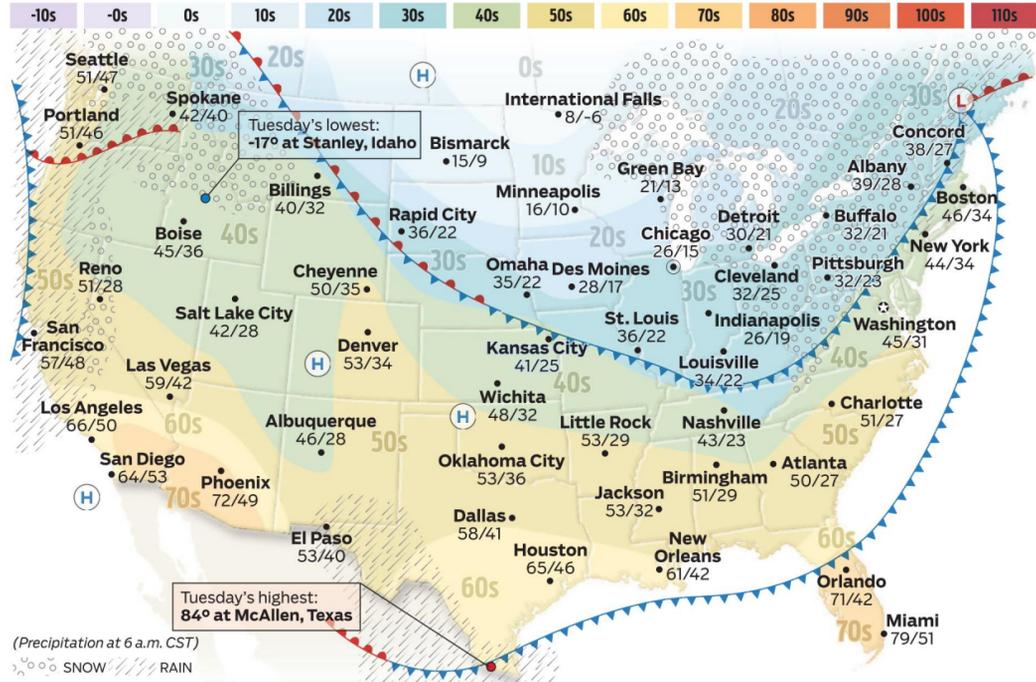
Temperatures set to dip over next few days

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 26 **LOW** 15

■ A January reality check. The coldest temperatures in more than a month (since 25 degrees December 7th).
 ■ A cloudy open but some partial sunshine emerges in the afternoon.
 ■ Highs in the lower to middle 20s but brisk NW winds keep wind chill readings in the single digits.
 ■ Clearing, cold and not quite as windy Wednesday night. Lows near 10 degrees coldest outlying areas.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Rather cold air of Canadian origin is in place across the Chicago area, but it's not all that bad. It might seem quite chilly because Chicago's temperatures have been running well above normal since the beginning of December. Wednesday's daytime high, expected to be in the mid-20s, is only a few degrees below the normal high of 31 for this date, and the forecast low, 15 degrees, is two degrees below normal.

Temperatures begin a gradual moderation Thursday into Friday. A weather disturbance is expected to bring some snow Friday night and Saturday, but it shouldn't be more than an inch at most. And looking further ahead, readings are expected to continue a gradual moderation, with readings climbing into the upper 30s Monday and lower 40s Tuesday.

THURSDAY, JAN. 10

HIGH 31 **LOW** 25

Tranquil, with temps running at typical early January norms. Morning sunshine fades as high level clouds begin to increase. Afternoon temps peak just shy of freezing. Winds diminish to light N-NE late in the day.



FRIDAY, JAN. 11

HIGH 35 **LOW** 27

Considerable cloudiness overspreads the area after some early peeks of sunshine. Temps climb to the middle 30s. Flurries possible by evening, then light snow chances rise overnight. SE-S winds 10-15 mph.



SATURDAY, JAN. 12

HIGH 34 **LOW** 26

Low pressure passes south, bringing occasional light snow. Some minor accumulation is possible. Daytime temps in the low 30s. Mostly cloudy, light snow diminishes to flurries at night. East to northeast winds 10-20 mph.



SUNDAY, JAN. 13

HIGH 35 **LOW** 24

Early cloudiness departs paving the way for increasing sunshine. Brisk north-easterly winds 15-20 mph, seasonably chilly as temperatures reach the middle 30s.



MONDAY, JAN. 14

HIGH 38 **LOW** 30

Partly sunny, turning breezy and milder. SW winds increase to 15-20 mph signaling the start of our next warm-up. Temps rise to the upper 30s. Partly cloudy, not as chilly overnight.



TUESDAY, JAN. 15

HIGH 43 **LOW** 31

Mild, Pacific origin air in control of Chicago's weather. Partly sunny, windy, milder. Temps rise to the low 40s, nearly 10° warmer than normal. Partly cloudy, breezy and mild for the season overnight.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 Why do storms on the mainland head from west to east but storms like hurricanes move east to west?
 — Kirk Light Jr., Hanover Park

Dear Kirk,
 The movement of weather systems over the U.S. and hurricanes over the Atlantic Ocean (and elsewhere) is determined primarily by distance from the equator. The Earth is divided into east-west-oriented weather zones. The region from about 23 degrees north and south of the equator is the tropics. The region northward (and southward) from there to about 35 degrees north (and south) is the subtropics. Northward from there to about 65 degrees north (and southward to 65 degrees south) is the midlatitudes. Wind circulation and the movement of weather systems are generally east to west in the tropics and subtropics, and west to east in the midlatitudes.

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Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



Chill to sting after one of mildest January opens on record

TUESDAY'S GUSTY WINDS ACCOMPANY TEMP DIVE

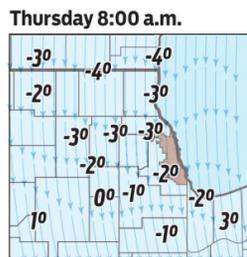
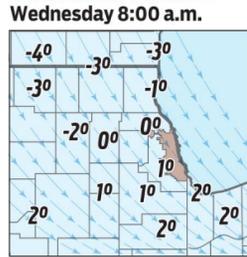
O'Hare Midway
49 MPH **48 MPH**

Chicago-Lane Tech	50 mph
Aurora	49 mph
Glendale Heights	48 mph
Dyer, Ind.	48 mph
Glenview	48 mph
Beecher	48 mph
Kenosha, Wis.	46 mph
Lombard	45 mph

MILD JANUARY OPEN IN FOR A BRIEF COOL-DOWN
 Opening 8 days running 12° degrees above normal
 Jan. 1-8, 2019 ■ January running nearly 26° warmer than the same period a year ago.
35.90

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

WIND CHILL FORECAST



WEDNESDAY'S UPPER AIR PATTERN



CHICAGO'S NEXT SNOW CHANCES
 Saturday afternoon conditions
 Little accumulation
 Greater likelihood of accumulation
 RAIN/SHOWERS

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MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	su	37	22	pc	34	24
Carbondale	su	25	16	pc	30	20
Champaign	su	27	18	pc	31	21
Decatur	su	27	18	pc	31	21
Moline	su	26	16	pc	32	22
Peoria	su	27	17	pc	32	21
Quincy	su	22	14	pc	35	26
Rockford	su	23	14	pc	32	21
Springfield	su	29	18	pc	32	21
Sterling	su	24	15	pc	29	21
Indiana	pc	29	18	pc	34	21
Bloomington	su	34	21	pc	33	23
Evansville	su	27	18	pc	32	21
Fort Wayne	su	26	19	pc	32	21
Indianapolis	su	24	17	pc	30	19
Lafayette	su	24	17	pc	30	19
South Bend	su	23	16	pc	29	21
Wisconsin	pc	21	13	sh	23	17
Green Bay	pc	23	16	pc	28	21
Kenosha	pc	23	16	pc	28	21
La Crosse	su	19	13	pc	27	21
Madison	su	21	13	pc	26	19
Milwaukee	su	22	15	pc	27	20
Wausau	pc	15	11	cl	22	16
Michigan	sh	30	21	pc	27	18
Detroit	sh	30	21	pc	27	18
Grand Rapids	sh	25	16	pc	29	21
Marquette	ss	21	16	sh	19	16
St. Ste. Marie	sh	27	2	cl	10	1
Traverse City	ss	25	19	sh	22	14
Iowa	su	25	15	pc	32	23
Ames	su	25	15	pc	32	23
Cedar Rapids	su	22	14	pc	29	21
Des Moines	su	28	17	pc	34	25
Dubuque	pc	22	14	pc	28	22

OTHER U.S. CITIES

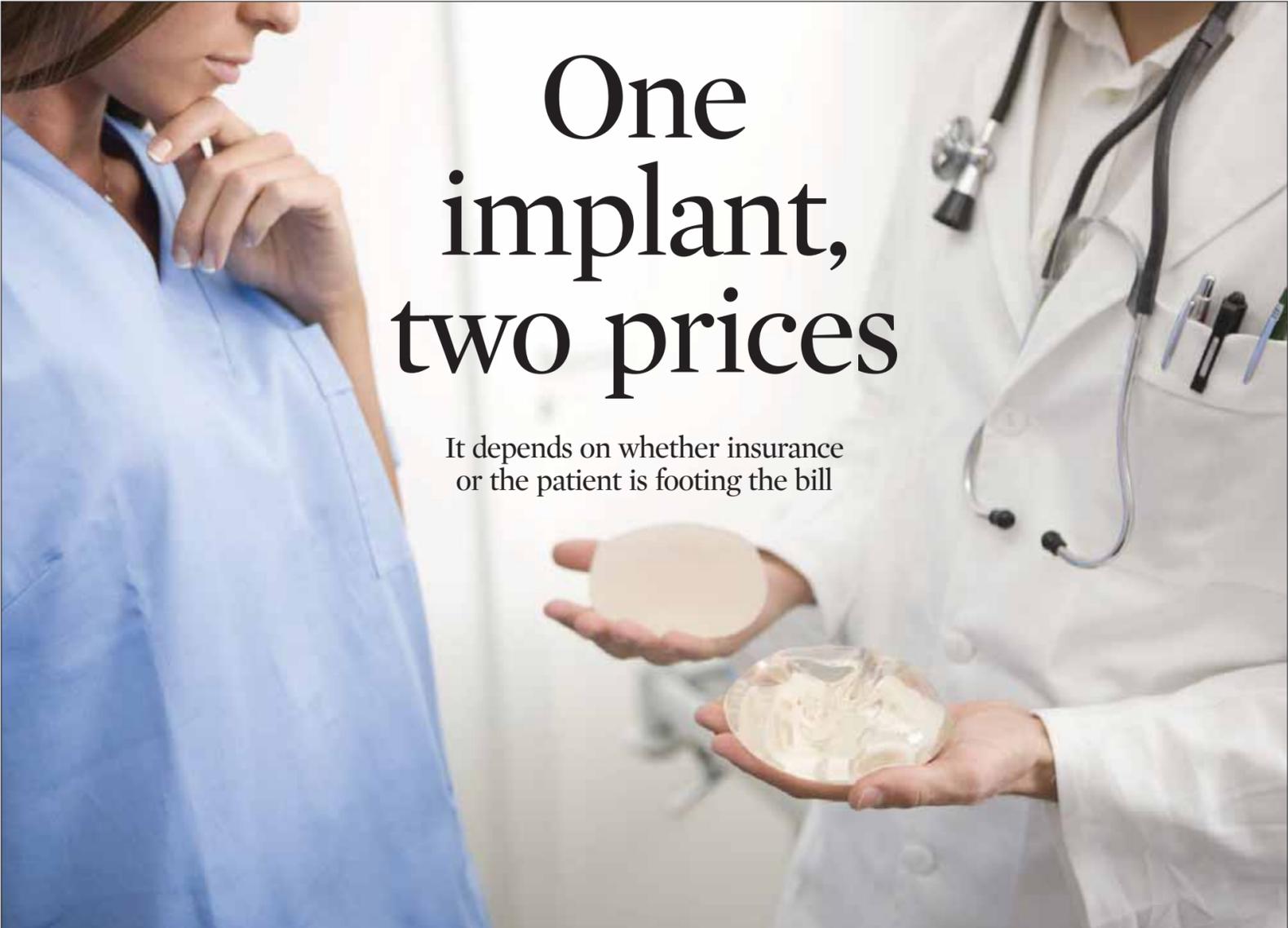
WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	su	57	43	sh	54	47
Albany	rn	39	28	pc	31	11
Albuquerque	pc	46	28	cl	47	31
Amarillo	pc	52	34	pc	61	39
Anchorage	pc	11	4	pc	7	5
Asheville	pc	36	19	pc	33	20
Aspen	pc	44	17	pc	41	21
Atlanta	su	50	27	pc	45	26
Atlantic City	pc	44	30	pc	39	23
Austin	pc	64	45	cl	57	47
Baltimore	pc	43	31	pc	38	27
Billings	pc	40	32	pc	48	28
Birmingham	su	51	29	pc	46	27
Bismarck	cl	15	9	cl	26	19
Boise	sh	45	36	pc	48	29
Boston	pc	46	34	pc	37	18
Brownsville	sh	69	59	cl	71	63
Buffalo	ss	32	21	sh	24	14
Burlington	sn	35	24	ss	27	3
Charlottesville	pc	51	27	cl	44	25
Charltn SC	pc	58	36	su	49	32
Charltn WV	sh	37	22	sh	32	20
Chattanooga	su	47	26	pc	44	26
Cheyenne	cl	50	35	cl	52	27
Cincinnati	pc	29	20	pc	34	22
Cleveland	pc	32	25	sh	28	23
Colo. Spgs	cl	50	32	cl	55	33
Columbia MO	su	37	22	pc	40	28
Columbia SC	su	57	31	pc	50	28
Columbus	sh	31	22	pc	30	21
Concord	sh	38	27	pc	30	8
Corps Christi	pc	64	51	pc	66	58
Crawford	pc	58	41	sh	49	44
Dallas	pc	58	41	sh	49	44
Daytona Bch.	pc	69	41	su	58	45
Denver	sh	53	34	cl	58	32
Des Moines	su	15	4	sh	20	17
El Paso	sh	53	40	cl	59	46
Fairbanks	sh	-13	-27	sh	-24	-35
Fargo	pc	6	0	pc	17	12
Flagstaff	pc	47	21	pc	46	19
Fort Myers	cl	76	46	su	66	44
Fort Smith	pc	54	30	cl	49	37
Fresno	rn	57	46	pc	58	45
Grand Junc.	cl	38	23	pc	36	25
Great Falls	pc	48	36	pc	49	30
Harrisburg	cl	39	30	pc	35	23
Hartford	pc	43	31	pc	34	16
Helena	pc	41	29	pc	43	23
Honolulu	sh	81	69	pc	81	68
Houston	pc	65	46	pc	59	48
Int'l Falls	pc	8	-6	sh	12	10
Jackson	pc	59	42	pc	49	35
Jacksonville	pc	63	40	su	56	41
Jameau	cl	25	19	su	29	28
Kansas City	pc	41	25	pc	45	37
Las Vegas	pc	59	42	pc	60	41
Lexington	pc	34	20	pc	34	22
Lincoln	pc	39	21	su	45	28
Little Rock	pc	53	29	pc	46	35
Los Angeles	pc	66	50	su	65	51
Louisville	su	34	22	pc	36	24
Macon	su	56	32	pc	52	29
Memphis	su	48	29	pc	42	32
Miami	pc	79	51	su	70	53
Minneapolis	pc	16	10	pc	26	21
Mobile	pc	60	37	su	56	37
Montgomery	su	57	32	pc	52	31
Nashville	su	43	23	pc	39	25
New Orleans	pc	61	42	pc	53	43
New York	pc	44	34	pc	37	24
Norfolk	pc	51	29	su	42	26
Oklahoma City	pc	53	36	sh	47	40
Omaha	pc	35	22	su	42	28
Orlando	pc	71	42	pc	61	44
Palm Beach	sh	76	47	su	68	51
Palm Springs	su	72	50	su	73	49
Philadelphia	pc	42	31	pc	37	23
Phoenix	pc	72	49	pc	68	45
Pittsburgh	sh	32	23	sh	27	20
Portland, ME	rn	38	28	sh	34	11
Portland, OR	rn	51	46	sh	56	42
Providence	pc	44	31	sh	35	17
Raleigh	su	50	27	pc	42	25
Rapid City	sh	36	22	sh	47	32
Reno	cl	51	29	pc	50	29
Richmond	pc	48	27	su	40	23
Rochester	pc	35	21	ss	24	12
Sacramento	sh	60	46	pc	58	46
Salem, Ore.	sh	53	46	sh	57	38
Salt Lake City	pc	42	28	sh	38	29
San Antonio	pc	63	47	sh	63	51
San Diego	su	64	53	su	64	51
San Francisco	sh	57	48	pc	56	49
San Juan	pc	82	70	pc	83	69
Santa Fe	pc	43	26	cl	44	26
Savannah	pc	60	34	pc	54	33
Seattle	rn	51	47	sh	54	42
Shreveport	su	58	36	cl	52	41
Sioux Falls	pc	23	16	pc	34	25
Spokane	sh	42	40	pc	46	32
St. Louis	su	36	22	pc	35	24
Syracuse	sn	34	20	ss	28	8
Tallahassee	pc	61	37	su	56	33
Tampa	sh	71	44	su	61	42
Topeka	pc	44	25	pc	47	36
Tucson	pc	69	49	sh	65	49
Tulsa	pc	53	31	cl	48	39
Washington	pc	45	31	pc	39	27
Wichita	pc	48	32	pc	48	37
Wilkes Barre	sh	33	27	cl	27	15
Yuma	su	72	49	pc	72	46

WORLD CITIES

WEDNESDAY	FC	HI	LO	WEDNESDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	su	84	72	Kingston	sh	84	73
Algiers	pc	61	43	Lima	pc	80	70
Amsterdam	pc	45	33	London	pc	45	36
Ankara	pc	26	9	Madrid	su	55	29
Athens	sh	56	54	Moscow	su	87	75

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HEALTH & FAMILY



One implant, two prices

It depends on whether insurance or the patient is footing the bill

GETTY

BY VICTORIA KNIGHT
Kaiser Health

Kim Daniels didn't have to pay a penny for her double mastectomy or the reconstructive surgery she had after treatment for breast cancer in June 2018.

Her health insurance, PennCare, administered through Independence Blue Cross in Pennsylvania, fully covered both procedures.

Knowing that, cost wasn't an issue for Daniels when selecting the type of breast implants.

She asked her plastic surgeon at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, "If I were your wife, what would you (choose)?"

He went with Mentor MemoryGel implants. According to Daniels' hospital bill, those implants came with a price tag of \$3,500 apiece, or \$7,000 total.

Such a high charge for the exact same item would have been unthinkable if the procedure was cosmetic breast augmentation, which is generally not covered by health insurance. When patients pick up the tab, cosmetic surgery packages for breast augmentation cost about the same — \$7,000 — but

that includes the doctor's fee, implants, operating room time and anesthetic.

The radical difference in price demonstrates in stark numerical terms how costs often depend on who is paying the bill.

Dr. Anupam Jena, a health economist at Harvard Medical School, said it's precisely because cosmetic patients pay out-of-pocket that their costs for implants are far lower than what hospitals charge reconstructive patients.

"Cosmetic surgery providers have to compete with each other," he said, and "one of the big ways they're going to compete is to compete on price. Whatever the cost is for the implant, they can't up-charge too much, or a patient will just go somewhere else."

Dr. Alex Sobel, a cosmetic surgeon and president of the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery, said the price he charges cosmetic patients for breast implants is pretty close to the price he pays for the implants from the manufacturer. High-end implants like Daniels' would be priced at a maximum of \$3,000 for a set, he added, if Daniels had been undergoing cosmetic breast aug-

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mentation surgery.

Sobel operates a cosmetic surgery practice in Bellevue, Wash., which is in the region of the U.S. with the highest cost range for cosmetic breast surgeries. He said he usually pays around \$250 to \$700 per implant for saline and \$700 to \$1,000 per implant for silicone. The most expensive form — stable silicone or "gummy bear" implants — are usually priced around \$1,350 each.

Similarly, Dr. Brent Rosen, a cosmetic surgeon with a practice in a northern suburb of Philadelphia, said the silicone implants he buys range from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per individual implant.

For the entire cosmetic breast augmentation procedure with silicone implants Rosen charges \$6,500. That's \$500 less than the charge for just

the implants from manufacturers.

It is hard to define a reasonable manufacturing cost or wholesale price for a medical-grade bag of silicone. Mentor Worldwide and Allergan, the two biggest manufacturers of breast implants in the U.S., declined to share their products' wholesale costs or their price negotiation practices with providers. Manufacturers regard their pricing as a trade secret.

Hospitals typically obtain medical devices through health care group purchasing organizations, which are supposed to negotiate with manufacturers to get lower costs for items. Bigger hospitals or providers that offer to use more of a certain product often get steep discounts over wholesale.

In 2016, Medicare, which has huge leverage in negotiations, paid \$516.59 for a "silicone or equivalent breast prosthesis."

So, the hospital markup for patients who pay for the procedure or are commercially insured is even more extraordinary.

A Penn Medicine spokesperson told Kaiser Health News in an email that they were unable to comment on specific pa-

tient cases, but that the hospital receives a single "case rate" or bundled payment for all breast reconstruction surgeries and that reimbursement is not related to the type of breast implant chosen.

Of course, when dealing with powerful insurance companies, hospitals don't get paid the full asking price conveyed on their bills. The price is often merely the starting point for negotiations with insurers.

"Hospitals are absolutely marking up the prices for medical devices," said Jeffrey McCullough, a health policy professor at the University of Michigan. But, he added, "you can almost guarantee the list price you see on a hospital bill is not what the hospital is getting paid by insurance companies," which bargain for discounts.

Even so, not all patients have health insurance coverage as comprehensive as Kim Daniels'. In such cases, all or part of the hospital's high charge for breast implants could be billed directly to patients.

"If you don't have an insurance company bargaining on your behalf, the default is to charge the patient," McCullough said.

Study finds disparity in breast cancer diagnosis

BY NARA SCHOENBERG
Chicago Tribune

Black and Hispanic Chicago women are less likely than white women to get diagnosed with breast cancer early, when the illness is more treatable, in part because racial minor-

ities are less likely to be diagnosed at high-performing centers of excellence in breast cancer care, according to a new study by researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The study of 989 patients found that 35 percent of white patients were diag-

nosed at a relatively late stage, compared with 47 percent of black patients and 53 percent of Hispanic patients.

Statistical analysis found that one of the main factors accounting for the disparity was whether the patient was diagnosed at a Breast

Imaging Center of Excellence (BICOE) accredited by the American College of Radiology. While 81 percent of white patients were diagnosed at a BICOE facility, only 46 percent of black patients and 49 percent of Hispanic patients were.

"To have two health care systems in a city like Chicago is disgraceful," said study co-author Richard Warnecke, a professor emeritus of public health at UIC. "I think the problem is that this kind of finding doesn't get a lot of publicity, and it should. People are

very cautious about how they criticize the medical system."

The study, published online in the journal *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention* in October, elaborates on a

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Chicago Tribune

Health centers lacking hepatitis C screens

Disease prevention sought as drug abuse rates soar

BY MICHELLE ANDREWS
Kaiser Health

When people seek help at a drug treatment center for an opioid addiction, concerns about having contracted hepatitis C are generally low on their list.

They've often reached a crisis point in their lives, said Marie Sutton, the CEO of Imagine Hope, a consulting group that provides staff training and technical assistance to facilitate testing for the liver-damaging virus at more than 30 drug treatment centers in Georgia.

"They just want to handle (their drug problem)," she said. "Sometimes they don't have the bandwidth to take on too many other things."

Even though health care facilities that serve people who use drugs are well-positioned to initiate screening, too often that is not happening, recent studies have shown. Not testing these patients for hepatitis C is an enormous missed opportunity, public health experts agree.

"It's a disease that can be cured the moment we identify somebody," said Tom Nealon, president and CEO of the American Liver Foundation.

"Not testing is incomprehensible when you look at what hepatitis C does to their bodies and their livers."

As the number of people who inject drugs has soared, the rate of hepatitis C infection, frequently tied to sharing needles, has climbed steeply, too.

People who are infected with hepatitis C can go for years without symptoms, so they may not have any inkling that they're sick. That delayed onset makes screening important, advocates say, since people may unwittingly infect others.

Screening people who misuse drugs for the deadly



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In recent years, as the number of people who inject drugs has soared, the rate of hepatitis C infection, often linked to sharing needles, has also increased.

virus is a commonsense strategy to get people cured and break the cycle of transmission. But there are obstacles — sometimes a lack of money, staff or other resources.

"Reimbursement rates for hepatitis C testing often don't match the cost," said Andrew Reynolds, hepatitis C and harm reduction manager at Project Inform, an advocacy group. If patients test positive, they need to be linked to treatment, and financial support for staffing to do that is often limited, he said.

Only 27.5 percent of 12,166 substance abuse facilities reported offering testing for hepatitis C in 2017, according to research published on the blog for the journal Health Affairs in October.

It is one of the first studies to look at this issue since the federal government

began reporting on testing for HIV and hepatitis C in its national survey of substance abuse and treatment services in 2016.

When researchers narrowed their analysis to the much smaller number of opioid treatment programs that are federally certified to use methadone and other drugs in treatment, a higher, but still not overwhelming, proportion — just over 63 percent — said they offered screening for hepatitis C.

"We certainly thought the numbers would be higher," said Asal Sayas, a co-author of the analysis and director of government affairs at amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research. "Testing is one of the most fundamental forms of prevention."

In primary care settings, the situation sometimes isn't much better, even when patients have a diag-

nosed "opioid-use disorder."

An analysis by Boston Medical Center researchers of nearly 270,000 medical records of people aged 13 to 21 who visited federally qualified health centers from 2012 to 2017 found that 36 percent of the 875 patients with that diagnosis were tested for hepatitis C.

"Even in a setting with an identified risk factor in opioid-use disorder, too few youths are being screened for hepatitis C," said Dr. Rachel Epstein, a postdoctoral research fellow in infectious diseases at Boston Medical Center and a co-author of the study, which was presented at the annual meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of America in October.

Hepatitis C is a virus that causes inflammation to the liver, in some cases leading

to scarring, liver cancer and death. It is transmitted through blood, including contaminated needles that people share when they inject drugs.

The initial test for hepatitis C is an inexpensive blood test to check for antibodies in the blood that indicate exposure to the virus.

If that antibody test is positive, a second test is necessary to find out if the virus is circulating in the bloodstream, which would mean someone is infected with the virus.

The second test can cost several hundred dollars, experts say.

Complicating the effort to get people screened is the fact that many of the people who enroll in drug treatment programs are uninsured, said Imagine Hope's Sutton. In states that have expanded Medi-

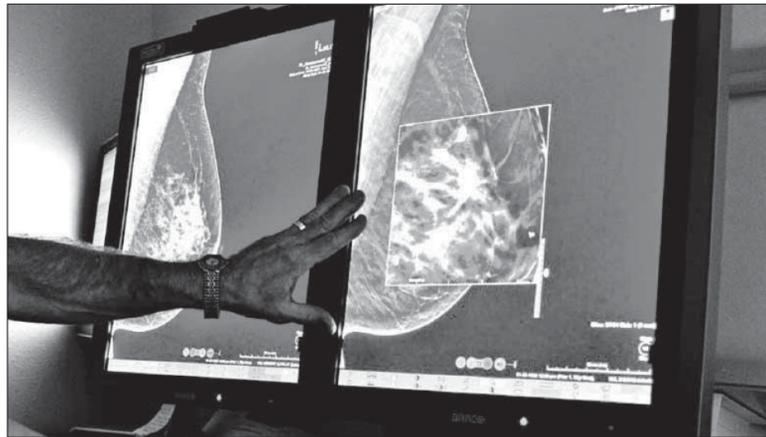
caid under the Affordable Care Act, the program generally picks up the tab for hepatitis C testing and treatment, though often with restrictions.

Insurance coverage isn't the only challenge.

If people have to come back to a clinic for the second test, chances are they may fall through the cracks and not get that follow-up.

When a patient tests positive, a nurse or counselor at the drug treatment center, who is likely overbooked working with patients to address their addiction, must carve out time to explain this new diagnosis and talk through treatment options.

"There's a whole system of care that needs to be built for these people and, unlike HIV, it doesn't exist for hepatitis C at this time," Sutton said.



TORIN HALSEY/TIMES RECORD NEWS

In Chicago, Latino and black women are more likely than white women to be diagnosed with breast cancer when the disease is at a late stage, making it more difficult to treat.

Study finds racial disparity in early breast cancer diagnosis

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previous study by one of the authors but is more comprehensive and therefore more convincing, according to Bijou Hunt, an epidemiologist at the Sinai Urban Health Institute in Chicago.

"Data like this will hopefully move us toward a change where we will really see better care for everyone, not just for select portions of our population," said Hunt, who was not involved in the UIC study.

Until about 1996, there was no racial disparity in breast cancer mortality, Warnecke said. But as methods of detection improved, white people benefited, resulting in a decline in the white breast cancer mortality rate, while other populations didn't get access to improvements.

Today, blacks are 48 percent more likely to die of breast cancer than whites, both nationally and in Chicago, the study says.

The study gathered data from 2005 to 2008, with the aim of identifying policy changes that could decrease the minority mortality rate.

Black and Hispanic patients were more likely

to be diagnosed at health facilities serving high-poverty populations. Only 11 percent of white patients were diagnosed at such facilities, compared with 37 percent of black patients and 47 percent of Hispanic patients.

The advantages of the better-resourced BICOE facilities include the on-site availability of an array of diagnostic tools, from screening to biopsy, Warnecke said. At a less comprehensive facility, a radiologist might not be available on a given day, or a patient might have to be referred to another site for an additional diagnostic test, causing a delay in final diagnosis.

"If a patient is appropriately referred (to a BICOE facility) and asymptomatic at the time of referral, then she has a good chance of getting an early diagnosis," said Warnecke. "And this is particularly important for young women of color, who are much more likely to get the aggressive breast cancers than young white women."

In addition to where a patient was diagnosed, the other major factor accounting for the disparity in time of diagnosis identified in the study was the

mode of detection, or whether the problem was picked up relatively early by mammogram, as opposed to later by a patient noticing a lump or other irregularity.

One of the main takeaways from the study is that doctors should be more careful about where they send patients for breast cancer screening and diagnosis, Warnecke said.

He proposes changing the financial incentives for primary care doctors, who are currently reimbursed by insurers for each office visit in which they make a referral for screening or diagnosis. Instead, Warnecke said, perhaps doctors should be paid for obtaining a final diagnostic result for the patient in a set amount of time, regardless of the number of referrals involved. That would encourage doctors to send patients to comprehensive, highly rated programs.

"This is something that could be done and should be tested," Warnecke said. "What we've done is give people information that they can use to make beneficial changes."

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Trying to wash away grief with a playful polar plunge



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

The holidays are over. Now the challenge is to find a dress shirt that fits the fresh coils of Christmas goose that encircle my neck like a scarf. Or a pair of pants that doesn't punish my squishy middle.

At our house, we don't rush to pack away our little Bethlehem. We postpone the cleanup, stretch out when we take down the tree. Might be today, might be three months from now.

After all, I'm the guy with an aunt back in Chicago who kept her plastic tree up all year, just to enjoy the puzzled reactions of visitors when they spotted it in August.

Obviously, for some families Christmas is a form of mental illness.

How else do you explain that, on Christmas Eve, I lingered at my local Starbucks for an extra 30 minutes, just to hear total strangers wish each other "Merry Christmas"?

For me, it was a soft lullaby during a very hard season for us. Maybe I just need to admit I'm a broken idiot and move on.

"Such a dork!" a Twitter follower teased when I confessed to the Starbucks moment.

For the record, dorks are incapable of snappy comebacks.

Next topic? Whatever happened to novels you devoured? Or full-sized parking spaces?

More on those another time.

Speaking of blue in the face, we took a polar bear plunge in Mother Ocean just before New Year's. It wasn't merely a recreational swim either; it was a cleansing, a baptism, a

splashy self-sermon.

It was over in about a minute, which I'll admit is rather quick. Keep in mind I have a cold and grieving heart that is barely beating. These days, blood barely reaches the tips of my ears.

No one wore a Santa hat to our big plunge, and no one had to smash away the ice with the shovel, as they do in New York and Boston, where taking a winter plunge makes no sense at all, unless you're courting heart attacks and pneumonia.

The temperature of the Pacific that day was a brisk 58 degrees, cold for us, but balmy most anywhere else.

Obviously, for some families Christmas is a form of mental illness.

When the water temp hits 58 in Chicago, they show up with their Speedos and a case of Pabst.

On this chilly evening there were four of us, plus a small entourage of hangers-on curious about who would do such an unpleasant thing, in the middle of a nice cocktail party at Verge's little beach shack near the Jonathan Club.

We missed the sunset, but the cotton candy afterglow lasted forever. The actual swimming? In minutes we were back in Verge's hot tub, eating s'mores and toasting the kind of courage that doesn't come along every day.

"It really wasn't that bad," Siskin noted.

"Not bad at all," agreed Nathan.

"Boys, that's not how we play this," I tell them. "We tell people that it was the hardest thing we've ever done."

My buddies seemed taken with this approach, being that they reside in LA, where seasonal hardships are difficult to come by. I mean, when was the last time you pushed a Buick out of a snowdrift?

"You know, I think I lost a couple of toes," I announce, and the entourage — not as supportive as you might hope — all rolled their eyes.

What a strange group it was. The little guy was there — like Calvin and Hobbes, we're each other's therapists these days, tight as toast and butter.

The lovely and patient older daughter was there, too, as was my pal Miller, who is like a big brother to me in these difficult times ... a scoldy, difficult-to-please tyrant ... yet still a mensch.

Verge was there — he's everywhere — as was his daughter Malia, and a bunch of her buddies back from their first semester at college. Talk about baptisms. Talk about heartfelt homecomings.

Imagine an LA kid going away to school in Philly, then coming home to celebrate Christmas at this playful Shangri-La on the coast? We're a little unfinished out here, without the polished brass and antique crystal of the East Coast. But still ...

According to the pundits, California is either a total mess, or the most splendid place on the planet. Individual results may vary.

But right now, I'll go with splendid. In January, the slanted sunlight is cinematic, and the air smells like Audrey Hepburn.

"In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer," Albert Camus once brayed.

New year, new experiences. Dive right in.

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Wearing contacts 24/7 can have consequences

BY ALAN MOZES
HealthDay

Dangerous infections, blinding ulcers in the eyes: These are just some of the troubles that can come from wearing your contacts for too long.

Contact lenses are generally considered safe, but wearing them while asleep significantly raises the risk of developing serious complications that can cause permanent visual loss, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns.

In one instance, a 34-year-old man who both swam while wearing his contact lenses and wore them overnight three to four days a week developed a rare but potentially blinding form of keratitis caused by a microscopic organism.

Keratitis — an inflammation of the cornea — is responsible for an estimated 1 million outpatient and emergency department visits each year, according to the CDC.

Another case involved a teenage girl who developed a corneal ulcer and scarring after wearing unprescribed lenses to bed.

Yet another involved a 57-year-old man who nearly lost vision in one eye after wearing his soft lenses nonstop for two weeks without daily cleaning.

In that case, the patient ultimately required a corneal transplant in his right eye after suffering a bacterial infection and a perforated cornea.

"The excess risks of developing corneal infection with overnight wear of contact lenses has been recognized for many years," explained Dr. Oliver Schein. He is a professor of ophthalmology, and vice chair for quality and safety with the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Schein was not involved in the current case study



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report.

With an eye toward the 45 million Americans who regularly wear contacts, the CDC is highlighting the concern in collaboration with the Eye and Contact Lens Association and the disease surveillance network EMERGEncy ID NET.

Together, the organizations published a new report in the January issue of the *Annals of Emergency Medicine* that outlines the experiences of six patients who recently developed corneal infections after routinely wearing their contact lenses to bed. The report was led by Dr. Jon Felling of the University of New Mexico's School of Medicine.

Despite the introduction of silicone hydrogels in the 1990s, overall corneal infection risk has held steady over decades, Schein said, affecting about 1 in every 2,500 lens wearers.

But that risk is "at least 10-fold greater for those choosing to sleep with lenses in. So I discourage that practice whenever I can," he added.

As to why the risk is greater, Schein cited a number of factors that "favor microbial (germ) growth" whenever the eyes are closed, including "microtrauma to the surface of the cornea," a drop in tear production, and a rise in temperature and

humidity.

Amy Watts, director of optometry and contact lens service, and director of the vision rehabilitation service at Massachusetts Eye and Ear in Boston, said corneal function also plays a role.

"Our cornea is the only part of the body that receives its oxygen from the atmosphere and not our blood supply," she noted.

So, "when we close our eyes at night, we reduce the amount of oxygen to our cornea by cutting the corneas off from the oxygen-rich atmosphere," Watts explained.

"Wearing a contact lens further reduces the oxygen while asleep, and may put us just past the tipping point for keeping our corneas in optimal condition to fight off microbes," she said.

Both Watts and Schein said preventing corneal infection is best achieved by wearing single-day disposable lenses.

Schein said, "This approach also removes the need for solution use and, most importantly, obviates the need for a contact lens case, an important advantage, since contamination of the case is certainly a risk factor for infection."

Meanwhile, he advises any wearer who develops a painful red eye to remove their lenses and see an eye care specialist within 24 hours.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Lavender essential oil eases anxiety and aids with sleep

BY JOE GRAEDON
AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: I've been sprinkling lavender oil on my pillow every night for years; I've found it very soothing and relaxing. Zero side effects.

We also used this herbal oil to help calm my late mother's anxiety after she came home from rehabbing a broken hip. Again, zero side effects.

A: Aromatherapy, whether with lavender, chamomile or peppermint essential oil, has been shown to help hospitalized cancer patients sleep better (Oncology Nursing Forum, July 1, 2017). There also is some evidence that lavender oil can help ease anxiety (Mental Health Clinician, March 26, 2018).

Q: I have suffered from extremely painful foot cramps for most of my adult life. When they occur, it feels as if someone is wringing the bottom of my foot like a towel in two different directions.

I have had a complete neurological work-up, and the diagnosis was benign foot cramps. I was given gabapentin to take daily, but it makes me very sleepy. I don't like to take a daily drug for foot cramps that occur only about twice a month. Soap in the bed does not work. Clonazepam taken at the first sign of the cramp works, but it takes 10 to 20 minutes.

By accident, I discovered that if I hold my breath for 30 seconds several times in a row, the foot cramp often goes away. I have to catch it coming on very early. Has this phenome-



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non ever been reported? Do you have any idea why it might work?

A: Many muscle cramps appear to be caused by overactive nerves stimulating the muscles to contract. In your case, these are the muscles in the sole of your foot. The result of such repetitive stimulation is a cramp.

Counterstimulation of sensory neurons that send messages to the spinal cord often can override the hyperactive nerves that were misbehaving. This seems to be how pickle juice, yellow mustard or the product called HotShot works to reverse cramps quickly (Muscle & Nerve, September 2017).

Quite a few readers report that pinching the upper lip can stop a leg or foot cramp. We suspect that it also may be working through counterstimulation. Whether holding your breath has a similar effect, we can't say.

Q: I live in Seattle. How could I get an adequate amount of vitamin D during our overcast and foggy nine-month-long winters without taking a supplement? I know the recent research on vitamin D showed it doesn't help for heart disease, but

doesn't it protect against bone loss? My doctor recommended a vitamin D supplement when I was diagnosed with osteopenia several years ago. Am I pouring my money down a rathole?

A: Many readers were upset to learn about the results of the VITAL clinical trial (New England Journal of Medicine, Nov. 10, 2018). It demonstrated that people taking 2,000 IU of vitamin D were no less likely than those on placebo to develop cancer or suffer cardiovascular complications. This study did not address bone health.

We think that adequate levels of vitamin D are essential for good health. People who live in northern regions may find it difficult to get enough vitamin D through sun exposure.

To learn more about the complex role vitamin D plays in the body and how much is needed, you may wish to read Dr. Tieraona Low Dog's book "Fortify Your Life: Your Guide to Vitamins, Minerals, and More."

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Music therapy may help prenatal anxiety

BY JULI FRAGA
The Washington Post

Before she became a mother, Elizabeth Larsen, 42, of Huntley, Ill., endured four miscarriages. The losses were devastating and complicated her feelings about her future pregnancies.

"I was always worried, waiting for the other shoe to drop. I felt broken and depressed," Larsen says.

Looking for ways to soothe her anxiety, her yoga teacher recommended music therapy. Larsen tried it and loved it. "I wanted to find wellness tools to ensure that my baby and I would have a safe and wonderful birth. Music therapy opened up my bodily senses and helped me to relax," Larsen says.

It might sound unconventional, but recent research suggests that music therapy may lessen symptoms of prenatal anxiety for some women, which in turn may benefit the health of her child.

Unlike traditional psychotherapy where people talk about their problems, music and other expressive arts therapies seem to help people dealing with mental health issues, including depression, eating disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder, several studies suggest.

Music's role in healing has been promoted for quite some time: In 1948, a study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* recommended that physicians incorporate music therapy as a part of routine patient care. By the 1950s, music was being used as a complementary therapy to treat mental-health concerns. More recently, music therapy has been used to help veterans recover from PTSD.

New studies suggest that singing and listening to music trigger the brain to release oxytocin and dopa-



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Research suggests music therapy may lessen symptoms of prenatal anxiety, which also may benefit the child.

New studies suggest that singing and listening to music trigger the brain to release oxytocin and dopamine.

mine, neurotransmitters and hormones tied to such emotions as joy and love.

A recent study looked specifically at music and mental-health concerns during pregnancy, focusing on 409 pregnant women in the third trimester of their pregnancy. None of the women had a history of anxiety. Half of the women received music therapy, which meant listening to a CD of relaxing, instrumen-

tal, melodic music three times a week; the other half did not. After completing therapy, the women who participated in music therapy reported being less anxious than those who did not receive the intervention.

"During pregnancy, fears and anxieties about the health of the baby are very common. Many of the women in our study were anxious about the stress

test, an ultrasound that examines the health of the baby," said Jessica Garcia-Gonzalez, the study's lead researcher. The study suggests that "anxiety during pregnancy can increase a woman's risk of postnatal anxiety and depression, but music therapy can help reduce stress."

While women know pregnancy can bring physical discomfort such as fatigue, swollen ankles and

sleep concerns, many aren't aware that maternal mental-health concerns such as depression and anxiety are also common complications of pregnancy.

Postpartum Support International, a nonprofit group focused on raising awareness about prenatal and postpartum mood concerns, says that 6 percent of pregnant women and 10 percent of new mothers suffer from anxiety right after birth, while 15 percent of women struggle with more significant depression after childbirth.

Left unchecked, this anxiety can lead to numer-

ous pregnancy-related health complications.

"Anxiety is associated with prenatal health concerns like preeclampsia, preterm delivery, and low-birth weight, which is why it's important for women to learn coping strategies to minimize their worries during pregnancy," says Karen Kleiman, a psychotherapist specializing in maternal mental health.

Some pregnant women or new mothers may need a more intensive intervention such as psychotherapy. But for many, music provides the right antidote to anxiety, especially in the first few harried and sleepless months after giving birth.

Kate Taylor, a board-certified music therapist and birth doula, provides music therapy for pregnant and postpartum women.

"I use music as a teaching tool. We might analyze song lyrics or listen to instruments or music that can aid in relaxation," Taylor says. "Songs can bring up intense emotions for women, which can help them connect with the baby, and openly share their worries and feelings about motherhood."

Music therapy with Taylor helped Larsen cope with the emotional stress of pregnancy. "During our sessions, we listened to the acoustic guitar. At home, I listened to relaxing music on my headphones. The music calmed my anxiety, which helped me stay positive," Larsen says.

According to Kleiman, music therapy can be cost-effective, easy to implement and less stigmatizing than other types of therapy.

"The beauty is that there's a potential for pregnant women to discover the immediate benefits from incorporating relaxing music into their daily routine," she says.

Juli Fraga is a psychologist with a specialty in prenatal and postpartum depression.



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REVIEW: Virtue ★★★

Southern charm meets urban sophistication

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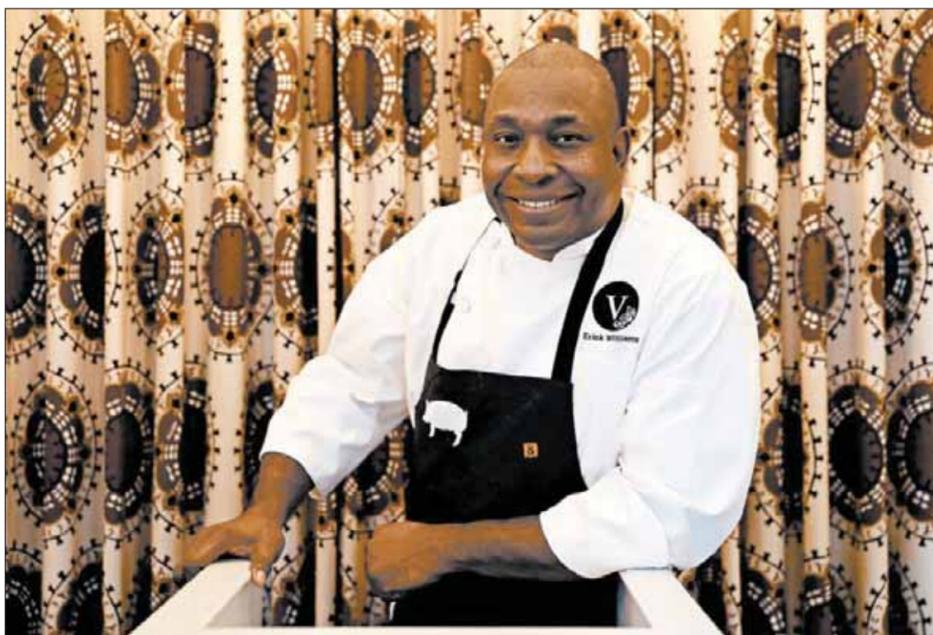
It appears that 2019 will be a pretty good year for chef Erick Williams. County BBQ, the Taylor Street restaurant in which he's a partner (with the DMK Restaurant Group), finally reopened after a 2016 fire. And Williams' Virtue restaurant, which he opened in November in Hyde Park, is playing to enthusiastic crowds.

In the space that once housed A10, Virtue oozes both Southern

charm and urban sophistication. Williams' food speaks to Southern heritage and modern technique. The menu is full of Southern staples, bent to Williams' will and skill; dishes arrive on old-timey-looking plates (they're new) in subdued floral patterns. "The kind of plates I saw in china cabinets and buffets," he said. "You know, the ones that never came out."

It's a winning combination of technique, nostalgia and person-

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Erick Williams, chef/owner of Virtue in Hyde Park, applies modern techniques to Southern staples.

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Baked apple pancakes, which are more custardy and caramely than a traditional pancake, can be served with curried glazed ham, right.

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JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

Breakfast factors in all our weekend plans. We happily travel for a great skillet of spicy eggs, tower of golden pancakes, platter of inventive French toast. I have my favorite spots all over the country from Jack's Wife Freda in

New York to Biscuit Love in Nashville to Sqirl in Los Angeles and Milktooth in Indianapolis.

The family also enjoys more than a dozen favorites in the Chicago area. But, really, our favorite spot for a great breakfast with friends is the kitchen table. The whole family enjoys cooking together to start the day right. It's even better when weekend guests join in the fun.

More often than not, we start with a recipe that ran in the Chicago Tribune in the early 1980s

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MILLERCOORS

In its "Know Your Beer" campaign last summer, Miller Lite claimed to have "more taste" than rival Bud Light. The reality is a little more complicated.

Miller Lite better — but has less taste

By **JOSH NOEL**
Chicago Tribune

Miller Lite is officially allowed to say it has "more taste" than Bud Light. But it shouldn't.

Yes, Miller Lite is the superior mass-marketed light beer. But it's not because it has more taste. It's because it has less taste.

Let me explain.

The question of "more taste" in light beer — already an oxymoron of sorts — garnered attention with MillerCoors' "Know Your Beer" marketing campaign from last summer.

Among the commercials was one featuring a can of Miller Lite sliding across a bar amid the words: "Most drinkers agree/ More taste than Bud Light." A similar commercial declared Miller Lite was "always brewed with more taste."

MillerCoors even erected billboards in Anheuser-Busch's ancestral home of St. Louis, claiming that 7 of 10 locals believed Miller Lite had "more taste than Bud Light."

That's some warpath-level stuff.

In reality, Miller Lite has been playing the "more taste" card for more than 10 years. But it was the "Know Your Beer" campaign — and perhaps those billboards — that led Anheuser-Busch to complain to the National Advertising Division, a division of the Advertising Self-Regulatory Council.

The claim: MillerCoors lacked standing to say Miller Lite has "more taste" than Bud Light because of the "inherent ambiguity" in the claim. In a sense, Anheuser-Busch was spot on. "Taste," as a noun, is "the sensation of flavor perceived in the mouth and throat on contact with a substance." The word MillerCoors should use to claim Miller Lite's superiority is "flavor" — "the distinctive taste of a food or drink."

Nevertheless, MillerCoors responded that its suggestion of "more taste" was rooted in a blind taste test between Miller Lite and Bud Light, in which participants were asked, "Which of these two products, if either, has more taste?"

In recent weeks, the National Advertising Division ruled that MillerCoors provided "a reasonable basis" to say Miller Lite has "more taste" than either of Anheuser-Busch's two leading light beers, Bud Light and Michelob Ultra: "The advertiser's 2018 testing showed that 65 percent of participants who tasted Miller Lite and Bud Light chose Miller Lite as having 'more' taste, and 70 percent of those who tasted Miller Lite and Michelob Ultra choose Miller Lite as having 'more' taste."

(That said, the National Advertising Council also recommended that MillerCoors stop airing commercials that make it appear the conclusion is based on a survey of taste preference.)

Though MillerCoors is allowed to claim "more taste" — or, for that matter, flavor — in Miller Lite, here's the thing: It's a better light beer than Bud Light for the exact oppo-

Miller Lite trumps its chief rival. It is cleaner. Crisper. Simpler. It is, as a result, far more refreshing.

site reason.

Granted, "less taste" is hardly the stuff of memorable marketing. We tend to think of bigger as better. More as more. So we can forgive MillerCoors for avoiding a campaign built around Miller Lite's relative neutrality. *Miller Lite: Now with even less taste!*

But the very essence of a beer claiming to be "light" — and then succeeding because of it — is no mystery: lightness. And that's where Miller Lite trumps its chief rival. It is cleaner. Crisper. Simpler. It is, as a result, far more refreshing.

Look no further than our blind tasting of macro beers during summer 2017, done by three craft brewers. Of 16 beers sampled, the well-deserving winner was Hamm's. But the surprising second-place finisher — and the top-rated light beer — was Miller Lite. The brewers described it admirably as "neutral." And "crisp."

Jim Cibak, brewmaster at Revolution Brewing, said at the time that he "would definitely destroy some of these if I was coming out of the desert." He applauded Miller Lite's "dryness." It was, he said, "nice and crisp and thirst-quenching."

Notice there's not a lot of talk about taste there. It is the opposite of taste that makes Miller Lite appealing.

Bud Light, though the nation's top-selling beer, is strangely wonky. It has a pronounced grainy character and a touch of unwelcome sweetness. It is a flaccid beer — anything, but crisp or refreshing.

Cibak said that if Revolution "brewed a German pilsner and this is what it tasted like, I'd probably jump in front of the Kedzie bus. (Users of the Beer Advocate website agree; they rate Bud Light as "awful" and Miller Lite as merely "poor.")

For years, I dismissed Miller Lite and Bud Light as equally forgettable. That blind taste test convinced me otherwise.

The sentiment was cemented a few months later while visiting Arizona. After a long day of driving Interstate 40 to the mountain town of Flagstaff, I was ready for a beer. My friends Joe and Leslie, whose garage beer fridge was well-stocked, drank their go-to: Miller Lite.

I grabbed a locally made fruited wheat beer. I usually default to craft beer, but that day it just didn't scratch the itch. The beer wasn't all that well made, but that alone wasn't the problem.

Hazy and exhausted from hours on the road, I wanted refreshment. Crispness. Simplicity. Beer that required no thought. I realized that I wanted a Miller Lite.

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These wines are worth another pour

BY DAVE MCINTYRE
The Washington Post

As we look back on 2018, we can at least console ourselves that we drank well while the circus unfolded around us. And we didn't have to drink expensively.

Here is my list of Greatest Values of the Year: a case of 12 wines, each costing less than \$20 a bottle.

Selecting this list of greatest values wasn't easy.

There were many more wines that qualify, and the list could easily look different. I chose a variety of categories and countries to reflect the diversity of wines available.

This diversity and quality are testaments to the work done by winemakers and importers, especially, but also distributors and retailers.

The top two wines were easy selections, though.

The Colonia Las Liebres Bonarda from Argentina and the Badenhorst Curator white from South Africa are the type of fist-pumping, table-thumping, OMG-how-did-they-do-this type of wines every oenogek lives for. For \$10 a bottle, we can drink like royalty.

A caveat: Some of these wines have moved to the next vintage or are no longer available from the distributor. Use these recommendations as a guide to look for other wines from these producers.

12. Dila-O Rkatsiteli-Mtsvane Dry Amber Wine 2016, Georgia, \$15

Rkatsiteli is grown in some states in the eastern United States, but its homeland is Georgia, the nation in the Caucasus region that lays claim to being the birthplace of wine. This Dila-O is blended with mtsvane, another native Georgian grape, and is an "amber" wine, fermented on its skins in the traditional style that is enjoying a new vogue, and aged underground in clay qvevri.

11. 1+1=3 Cava Brut, Penedes, Spain, \$17

This is a perennial favorite for bargain bubbly. It is the classic cava grapes of xarello, parellada and macabeo, fermented and aged in the traditional Champagne method, with the second



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A great value wine isn't necessarily cheap, but you might think it would cost more than it does when you taste it.

(bubbly) fermentation in the bottle. Enjoy this with spicy salami, pasta or other light foods, or just turn a tough workday into a celebration.

10. Massucco Dolcetto d'Alba 2017, Piemonte, Italy, \$15

I love this for its dark cherry fruit and aromas of old leather and wood smoke, and the way it continued to gain complexity over several evenings. The distributor is out of stock for this vintage, but stores may still have some — and the winery also produces a delicious barbera and nebbiolo.

9. La Fille de Boucher Cotes du Rhone 2016, Rhone Valley, France, \$18

This lively kosher wine is just what we expect from Cotes du Rhone: bright dark fruit flavors with a hint of wild herbs and mountain air. I'd drink this any day of the year, but preferably the day after it's opened; it gets even better with some air. Kosher for Passover.

8. Chateau Moulinat 2015/2016, Bordeaux, France, \$16

Textbook Bordeaux, offering the traditional "pencil" graphite

aromas over scents of plum, cherry and blackcurrant. And the wine kept getting better over a few days, suggesting it will last for several years in your cellar, and will reward decanting if you can't wait. Since I wrote this up in April, the wine has moved to the 2016 vintage and the price has gone up a bit. That shouldn't deter you from trying it.

7. Avalon Pinot Noir 2016, California, \$10

Really good California pinot noir that tastes like pinot noir and not some steroidal cocktail mixed from a recipe of concentrates and flavorings? I'm in. The winemakers at Avalon have sourced some excellent fruit from coastal vineyards, and enough of it to get it into national distribution.

6. Chateau La Mothe du Barry Bordeaux Superieur 2016, Bordeaux, \$14

This wine tastes much more sophisticated than the price would imply, a factor of good winemaking and an exceptional vintage in Bordeaux. It's deep, rich and mineral, with dark fruit flavors and amazing persistence. Certified organic.

5. Domaine des Pasquiers Cotes du Rhone 2017, Rhone Valley, France, \$14

This red offers everything we want in a Cotes du Rhone: dark fruit flavors, the "garrigue" of wild herbs, and a hint of the mistral wind and Mediterranean sea air that define our image of southern France. The balance and depth are exceptional. It could be enjoyed and admired by itself, but it exceeds with any roast meat.

4. Yalumba The Y Series Viognier 2017, South Australia, \$13

This is a lovely viognier, with scents of jasmine and honeysuckle, and a hint of ginger on the full-bodied palate. Wine Spectator magazine agreed, ranking it in its top 100 wines of the year. So buy up while you can!

3. Rutenstock Gruner Veltliner 2017, Austria, \$12 (1 liter)

This basic offering of gruner veltliner delivers pure, simple pleasure. Put this in the "patio pounder" category, as it goes down easily. So it's a good thing it comes in a liter-size bottle, because you'll be looking for the extra wine.

2. A.A. Badenhorst Family Wines The Curator White Blend 2017, Swartland, South Africa, \$11

I have not made a secret of my love for the wines of Adi Badenhorst, especially his Secateurs chenin blanc, a perennial great value at about \$15. When I tasted the Curator, a blend of chenin blanc, chardonnay and viognier, I thought it was a more expensive wine in Badenhorst's line, but no, it is priced even lower. It floored me with its quality for the price, racy acidity, medium body and pure fruit unencumbered by oak. Run. Don't walk.

1. Colonia Las Liebres Bonarda Clasica 2018, Mendoza, Argentina, \$9

Wow. Make this your winter house red. We associate Argentina with malbec, but here's the country's sleeper red. This wine, from the producers of the popular Altos los Hornos malbec, is a juicy delight, packing explosive fruit and just enough earthiness to keep it grounded. Stock up.

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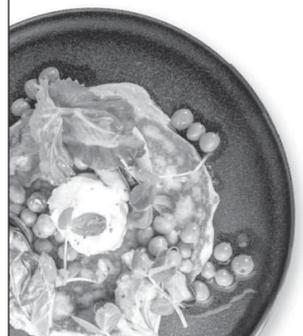
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Mac and cheese memories

Baked dish a tradition for many families

BY NNEKA M. OKONA
Chicago Tribune

What I know to be true about mac and cheese, the beloved side dish that's enough on its own to be an entree, is laced with childhood memories of growing up in Georgia.

I remember the slight crackle of the cheese as it melted and browned beautifully in the oven. How that sound — a subdued crackling — continued even when the warm casserole dish was pulled from the oven, wisps of steam dancing dizzily and disappearing seconds later.

My mother and her mother, who hail from northern Alabama, were the magic-makers and orchestrators of these massive casserole dishes, elbow macaroni noodles swimming in a cheese sauce and topped with more cheese. Both kept the mac and cheese secrets, serving it during all special occasions and holidays, like Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, when it appeared alongside collard greens for money and black-eyed peas for good luck.

I later learned these "secrets" consisted of warmed whole milk, hunks of cubed Velveeta cheese, shredded cheddar cheese, butter and maybe an egg. This is the Southern way: You begin making mac and cheese on the stove, and eventually it proceeds to the oven for its final act. Enter the cheese sizzle.

How mac and cheese is eaten and prepared, and its purpose depend wholly on where you're from — or if you're black or white. Perhaps in Vermont, you'd use the state's well-known extra sharp cheddar, while in other parts of New England, you'd throw in lobster for a more decadent version. Overall, regional variation seems to determine what kind of mac and cheese is your norm.

For Kristin Amico, a freelance writer based in Boston, mac and cheese followed a formula growing up: Velveeta, New York state cheddar, shell pasta and buttered breadcrumbs.

"I grew up in Western New York, where we have cold, gray winters and heavy snowfall," Amico said. "My mom made mac and cheese regularly for us as kids from a recipe clipped from a magazine and pasted into her little recipe notebook. It was heavy and basic, but it



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How mac and cheese is eaten and prepared depends on where you're from. The type of cheese and cooking methods vary throughout the country.

reminds me of childhood."

As an adult, Amico readily experiments with her cheeses, often swapping in Brie, goat or Gruyere, a departure from her childhood. Her version of mac and cheese sometimes includes vegetables — broccoli or Brussels sprouts.

"It will always be my go-to when the weather is awful and I need a warm comfort meal," she said.

There are a few schools of thought among mac and cheese lovers: for instance, those who think of it as a functional, quick and easy snack (think Kraft Macaroni & Cheese) and those who couldn't imagine an event or celebration without a serving of mac, baked until golden.

For black Southerners, mac and cheese falls in the latter category. It's a solidifier at any gathering. Its warmth communicated without words, a cultural cornerstone with deep historical ties. In his book "Soul Food: The Surprising Story of an American Cuisine, One Plate at a Time," food historian and author Adrian Miller says Thomas Jefferson is often credited with popularizing mac and cheese stateside after loving a rendition of it in France.

Jefferson's version, although pioneering, wasn't exactly remarkable. Per Thomas Jefferson Foundation archives, dinner guests

Macaroni and cheese

Prep: 15 minutes **Cook:** 20 minutes **Makes:** 8 servings

Recipe by Mattie Wilson, from "Sylvia's Family Soul Food Cookbook: From Hemingway, South Carolina, to Harlem."

6 cups water
½ teaspoon salt, see note
2 cups elbow macaroni
4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter
2½ cups grated mild cheddar, divided
2 large eggs
½ cup milk
Paprika to top

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8-inch-square baking pan.

2. In a six-quart pot, bring the water and salt to a boil. Add the macaroni and cook for 7 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain. Return the macaroni to the pot, and stir in the butter until melted. Add 2 cups of the cheese.

3. In a medium bowl, beat the eggs and milk together. Add mixture to the pot with the macaroni. Stir until combined. Spoon into the prepared baking pan. Sprinkle the remaining ½ cup cheese over the top. Dust with paprika. Bake, uncovered, for 30 minutes or until the cheese has melted and warm throughout.

Note: Although Wilson's recipe calls for just ½ teaspoon of salt for the cooking water, we found the finished dish lacked seasoning. Counter this by salting the cooking water generously until it tastes like the sea.

Nutrition information per serving: 309 calories, 20 g fat, 11 g saturated fat, 98 mg cholesterol, 19 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 13 g protein, 257 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

to Monticello in Virginia noted that his dish was more of a pie, molded in a pan Jefferson had shipped from Italy. It was loaded with onions and shallots, and a pungent, intense flavor that didn't encourage one to finish the portion. Miller believes enslaved Africans who cooked the dish weekends and other celebratory times cemented mac and cheese's cultural and culinary importance.

"My mom got the (mac and cheese) recipe from my great-aunt (in my teenage

years), and she started making baked macaroni and cheese on Thanksgiving and Christmas," said Brittany Hutson, a Detroit freelance writer. "Back then, it seemed like it was some sort of rite of passage, that my great-aunt shared her recipe with my mom."

Hutson is originally from Long Island, yet her earliest recollections of mac and cheese were from visiting her great-aunt in Fredericksburg, Va. In African-American families, baked mac and cheese was one fixture in a larger spread:

baked ham, collard greens, maybe some cornbread, made fluffy with buttermilk and baked in a multi-generational cast-iron skillet.

"As a black woman, I love how food is embedded in our culture and how it is the center of life's milestones, trials and tribulations," she said. "It's about when the family comes together. It's about tradition. It's about the memories and passing that on to the next generation."

Megan Braden-Perry, a New Orleans journalist,

echoed the sentiment.

"If I go somewhere for a holiday and I don't see macaroni, I'm like, 'There's something wrong,'" she said with a laugh. "Even if I don't want to eat it, I just want to know it's there."

While baked mac and cheese is truly the standard in the South, there are variations. In New Orleans, for example, baked mac and cheese is composed of the same basics (melted cheddar cheese on top, baked to a golden, creamy goodness). According to Braden-Perry, however, spaghetti noodles are typically used instead of elbow macaroni.

"My friends come from out of town, and they're like, 'I don't really get down with that. Why do y'all use spaghetti noodles?'" she said.

These days, decades removed from the mac and cheese of my childhood, I prefer to make a cheesy bechamel sauce, sidestepping cubed Velveeta. I also skip the egg because I like my mac to be more fluid, juicy and cheesy.

Despite my slight modifications, it is still the same beloved dish, the same edible comfort, I can't imagine any celebration, gathering of family and friends, or holiday season without.

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Carrots you'll dream about

BY SHEELA PRAKASH
TheKitchn.com

Once you've tasted these roasted carrots bathed in a honey-garlic butter sauce, you might proclaim (like my husband and I did) that it's the only way you'll ever eat carrots again. The combination of nutty brown butter, fragrant garlic and sweet honey is basically the dream team, so it's no wonder you'll feel this way.

The carrots soak up all this goodness to become a side dish that rivals the main course, and they're nothing like the mushy carrots of your childhood. Believe me: You'll dream about these carrots.

Brown butter makes pretty much everything better, and roasted carrots are no exception. The process of browning butter is simple: You'll simply cook butter a bit past the point of melting it, caramelizing the milk solids into a nutty, decadent sauce. Here, that butter is infused with garlic



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and honey to create both a marinade and glaze for roasted carrots.

Half of the sauce is drizzled on the carrots before they roast, allowing them to soak up the flavors of the garlic and honey as they

cook. Once they're out of the oven, they're tossed in the remaining sauce, making them glisten with buttery goodness. A sprinkling of chopped parsley and flaky sea salt adds freshness and pizzazz before they

become the talk of the dinner table.

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Honey-garlic butter roasted carrots

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 35 minutes

Makes: 6 to 8 servings

2 pounds carrots, peeled, trimmed
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 cloves garlic, minced or grated
1½ tablespoons honey
1 teaspoon kosher salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh flat leaf parsley leaves
Flaky sea salt

1. Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven; heat to 425 degrees.

2. If carrots are more than 1-inch thick, cut them in half lengthwise; otherwise, leave them whole. Cut the carrots diagonally into 2-inch-long pieces. Place on a rimmed baking sheet; set aside.

3. Melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Continue cooking, swirling the pan occasionally, until the butter has a nutty aroma and is a golden-tan color, about 3 minutes. Add the garlic; cook, swirling occasionally, until the butter is toasty-brown, about 30 seconds. Remove from the heat; whisk in the honey.

4. Drizzle half the brown butter sauce over the carrots; toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Spread the carrots in an even layer.

5. Roast, 15 minutes. Flip the carrots; then roast until tender and the edges are charred and crispy, 15 to 20 minutes more.

6. Transfer to a serving bowl. Drizzle the remaining brown butter sauce over the carrots, add the parsley and toss to combine. Finish with a generous pinch of flaky sea salt.

Nutrition information per serving (for 8 servings): 98 calories, 4 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 12 mg cholesterol, 14 g carbohydrates, 9 g sugar, 1 g protein, 319 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

How I learned to stop worrying and love cheese

BY AINE DOUGHERTY
Chicago Tribune

When I was little, like many kids, I was a picky eater: My grandma would have to chase me around her house with pears, and I eschewed creamy salad dressings for naked lettuce.

But above all, I shuddered the most at any form of cheese besides melted mozzarella on pizza.

Cream cheese terrified me, I think simply because of its name, and don't even get me started on greasy slices of Swiss in deli sandwiches. Well into my young adult years, I ate everything but the brilliant yellow cheese cubes off the appetizer trays at holiday parties.

As is often the case with these kind of things, the fear was irrational. Perhaps I had gotten a whiff of an especially ripe cheese once, and I had built up all types as "gross" in my head without even bothering to taste.

Chicago-based cheesemonger Jordan Edwards said he understands how texture and smell can turn people off. An Irish cheesemonger once told him that artisan cheeses are "like used cars. They're kind of funny-looking, and they smell weird," acknowledging that many of the highest quality, priciest cheeses often smell like "a cow's butt." (In a good way. They reflect the interesting things the animal's eating, he said.)

Despite the alienating aromas and textures (sticky, moist, moldy), Edwards considers cheese "beautiful" and "romantic." I would hope so, since he's one of the top cheesemongers in the country. In 2017, Edwards placed first at the Cheesemonger Invitational, a biannual competition bringing together cheesemongers from across the country.

"It's brash and loud and in a warehouse," Edwards said, and the judges score you on how well you perform day-to-day tasks you'd normally do behind a cheese counter, like slicing and wrapping. Then, he continued, "they assign you a cheese, and your job is to use a set surface area to make the most beautiful, intricate, well-thought-out cheese plate you can."

Continuing his winning streak, in October, Edwards won silver in the first ever Cheesemonger Invitational Masters, nabbing a spot on Team USA for the Mondial du Fromage in Tours, France, next summer. He describes it as the "cheese Olympics." If he does well, he could become an official "ambassador" for the American cheese industry — no small feat.

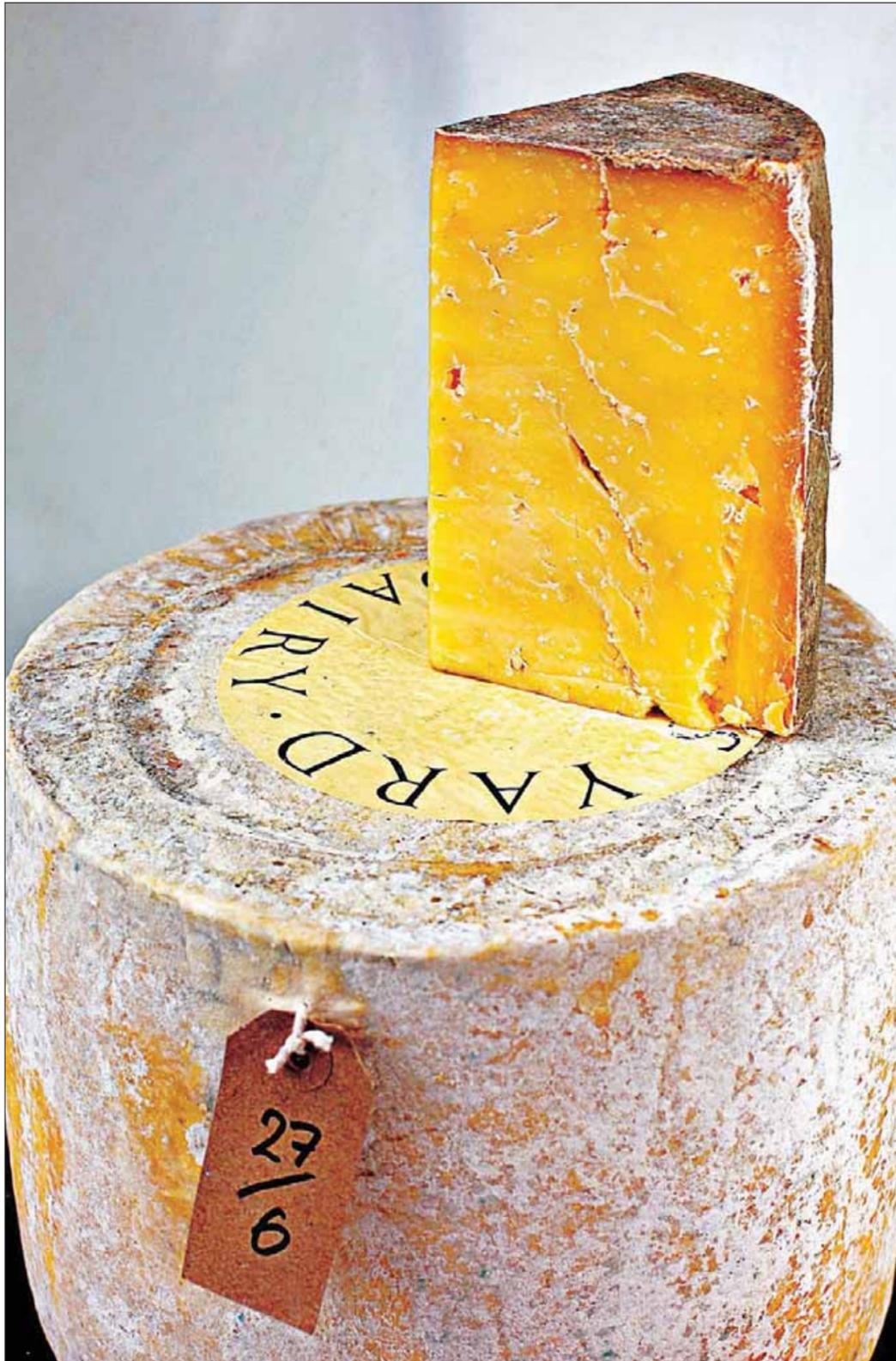
As a normal kid, Edwards naturally devoured quesadillas and Easy Mac, but he really started falling in love with cheese eight years ago when he scored a job at Pastoral, an artisan cheese and wine shop in Chicago.

"I've always liked cheese," he said, "I just didn't necessarily know that there was such a world and such a variety of it out there until Pastoral, honestly. That was kind of like the gateway."

The more Edwards was exposed to cheese, the more he learned about it, the more he "fell head over heels" for it. Was there hope for me, even though I still stubbornly scraped every fleck of Parmesan off my grandma's spaghetti and meatballs?

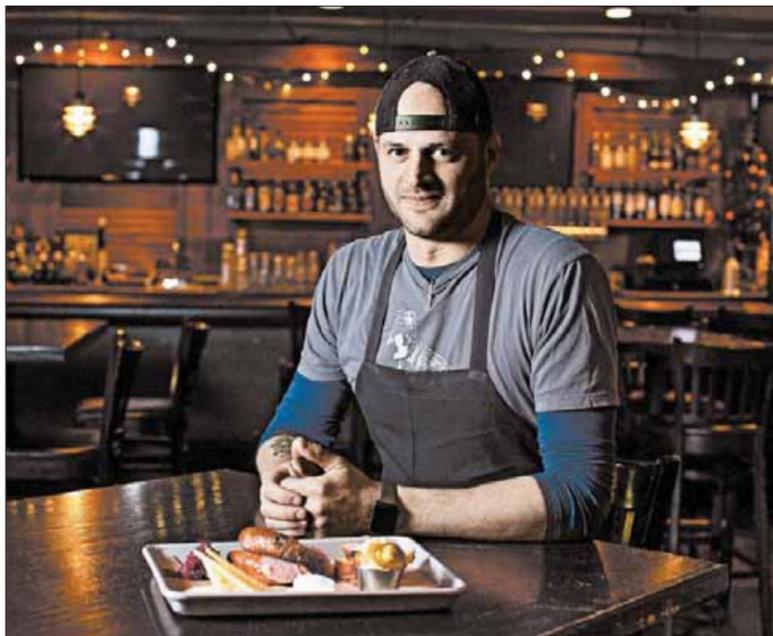
When I was young, my dad would always urge me to "expand my palate" — as if I knew what a palate was at that age. However, what stuck was his constant encouragement to be curious.

And so as I grew up, my palate did too. I moved away from home, lived by myself, met new people, traveled to faraway places and broadened my horizons, as cliché as that might sound. Or maybe it



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One cheesemonger recommends going to a local cut-to-order specialty shop to learn about artisan cheeses.



Some of the best cheeses have odors or textures that turn off inexperienced eaters. Chef Christopher McCoy, of Haymarket Pub and Brewery, shows his sausage and cheese board.

was just the shame of my new friends admonishing me for my pickiness that forced me to be more adventurous: "How can you say you don't like it if you've never even tried it?"

Whatever the catalyst, my courage and willingness to taste new flavors only intensified during the next few years, when I got to spend time in Europe for school and vacation.

France, the land of cheese. It's more than just a pizza topping there. It's a way of life. And I must admit, the thought terrified me as I flew across the Atlantic on my way to Arles, a small southern city, for the first leg of my journey abroad. What if I accidentally insulted my new host family because of my aversion to the stuff? My deepest, darkest desire was



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English cheddar — shown on Haymarket Pub and Brewery's sausage and cheese board — is a good way to start learning about artisan cheeses.

to be seen as a real Francophile; would they accept me despite my lingering fear of Brie?

I didn't really want to wait around to find out. So when my host mom Katie offered me sandwiches

with mild Emmenthal and jambon de Paris on crusty baguette, I ate them dutifully. I devoured all of her cooking, actually, cheesy or otherwise. The only thing I would — politely — refuse was the offer of Roquefort

after a meal. I just wasn't there yet.

The next stop on my trip was Paris, where I would spend four months. That chunk of time meant a lot of cheese. I had to face my fears head-on a few weeks in, when I visited a fromagerie with my program. A fromagerie that made Brie.

Brie de Meaux, to be specific — the classic round slab with a silky rind and a creamy interior, the star of so many cheese plates around the world. This raw milk Brie carries the AOC label (appellation d'origine contrôlée), meaning it must be made with a certain know-how in a certain region of France to earn its name.

After we'd learned all about the cheese-making process, it was time to taste.

Armed with my miniature cup of cider to wash it down, I took a bite of Brie de Meaux followed by Brie de Melun, another AOC from the region, aged longer and with a stronger flavor. Predictably, neither killed me. I even enjoyed them, especially since I had just gotten a glimpse behind the curtain, my own real-life episode of "How It's Made."

The true measure of my powers, however, came later that month. I was interning for a French TV show that reviewed restaurants in Paris, and that day, we were shooting at a cheese shop named for owner Marie-Anne Cantin. Under her expectant eye, I nibbled on crumbly orange mimolette, ripe, washed rind epoisses and comte aged 40 months, cheeses I had never even heard of before, let alone tried. I asked question after ques-

tion behind the scenes of the shoot and marveled at the hundreds of varieties lining the walls.

My dad would have been proud: My curiosity had finally gotten the best of me, and thankfully.

That way, I didn't even flinch when I saw the generous chunks of feta on my Greek salad during my travels in Greece the following summer — I relished the saltiness. I ordered a plate of saganaki, that crispy, greasy fried cheese, to start every meal. I even scooped up second helpings of brilliant red tomatoes topped with mizithra, a creamy ricotta-esque Greek cheese, the texture of which normally would have had me running for the hills.

Much like Edwards' aha moment at Pastoral, the more I tasted (and expanded my palate), the more I realized cheese isn't scary at all — and the more I grew to like it. I may still be wary of blue and goat, but I've come a long way since I wouldn't touch mac and cheese with a 10-foot pole.

I was extraordinarily lucky to have had the chance to go to France and face my fears firsthand. If you don't have that kind of opportunity, or you don't want to spend your hard-earned dollars on pounds of expensive cheese, you can still learn to like it. Edwards recommends heading straight to a local cut-to-order cheese shop.

"Find a cheesemonger," he said. "It's like having a good barber: Everybody needs one."

Edwards knows that in addition to the occasionally off-putting smells and textures (just know, they smell worse than they taste), buying "fancy cheese" can be cost-prohibitive and is often seen as pretentious.

"My favorite part of being a cheesemonger was trying to disarm that," he said. For example, he tells customers that one of his favorite cheeses, Cheshire, tastes like "your fingers after you eat a bag of hot Cheetos."

"I think everyone knows that salty, Cheeto dust flavor, and it's definitely there," Edwards said. "It's a flavor in Cheshire, but then there's a whole lot more on top of that. So if you can just connect people to the thread, they can unravel it."

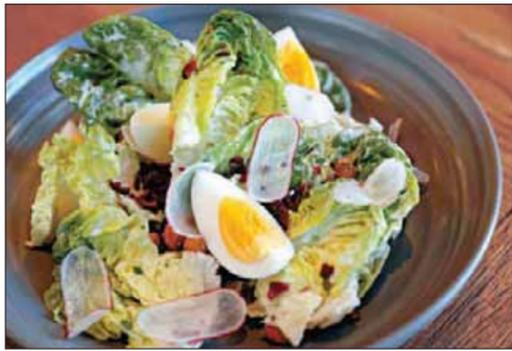
Edwards added that a good cheesemonger will let you taste before you buy, and will cut you as much or as little as you want, allowing you to venture into the world of cheese without wasting your money on whole wheels you end up hating.

So where should you begin?

Edwards recommends two "gateway cheeses."

First, 1655 Gruyere, a high-quality, "analytically almost perfect" AOC from Switzerland with "brothy, nutty" flavors not unlike those in French onion soup, where you'll often find Gruyere. This cheese is available at Pastoral (53 E. Lake St.; \$11.99/half-pound), at Mariano's locations around the city, or at Caputo's in Elmwood Park (\$12.99/half-pound).

Edwards' second choice is any real, cloth-bound English cheddar that allows for a "really cool exchange of oxygen ... and moisture and microbes," creating an extra flavorful, earthy cheese. Some family-run operations in England, like Montgomery's, have been making the stuff for generations. You can find versions at Pastoral (\$13.99/half-pound) or at Potash Markets (various locations in Chicago; \$30.99/pound). And chef Christopher McCoy includes one on his sausage and cheese board (\$15) at Haymarket Pub & Brewery in West Town.



The little gem lettuce salad is made with radish, bacon, boiled eggs, buttermilk dressing and fried black-eyed peas.



A platter of sliced ham comes with pickled vegetables, including okra, pepper jelly and house-made crackers.



Banana pudding is strewn with broken Nilla wafers and topped by a quenelle of whipped cream.

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ality. Williams, for instance, has a philosophical issue with salad croutons — tough to spear with a fork, noisy to split — and so his little gem lettuce salad — with classic accompaniments of bacon, boiled eggs and buttermilk dressing — employs fried black-eyed peas instead. “It’s a Southern staple, it adds crunch and earthiness, and it can be gluten-free,” he explained.

Similarly, chicken gizzards, too often an over-boiled afterthought, arrive wonderfully tender inside a cornmeal crust, separated from the dirty rice beneath (in another chef-y touch, Williams purees the liver and folds it into the rice, incorporating the flavor while avoiding the “dirty” chopped-liver visual) by wide ribbons of pickled celery.

But there’s a deeper purpose driving Williams, who, through his dozen-plus years as executive chef at MK (which closed in a landlord dispute in June 2017), has become Chicago’s best-known African-American chef. Drawn to the Hyde Park area because of its substantial African-American population, Williams is making Virtue in and of the community; his kitchen is a virtual incubator, with eager but inexperienced hires working side-by-side with industry veterans.

“We’re literally training some guys from scratch — hands-on instruction,” he said. “Virtue is partly a dream come true, partly my biggest challenge, but I know I’m getting the chance to change what the landscape of the kitchen looks like.”

So far, this has been accomplished without the slightest decrease in fine-dining niceties; nothing about the operation says “pardon our dust.” Check-in is smooth and the greeting warm, and there’s a separate bar/lounge area if there’s a wait. The dining room runs smoothly, and the kitchen, visible from every table, appears to do so as well. Timing, presentation — everything is as it should be.

It occurs to me that Williams might be a tough boss.

Back to the food. Small-plate highlights



Streaks of sunlight illuminate the inside of Hyde Park’s Virtue restaurant, which hires inexperienced employees who work next to industry veterans.



A pork chop is accompanied by a baked apple filled with cider-braised apples and yams.

include fried green tomatoes, which, topped with remoulade-dressed shrimp, provides two Southern touchstones on one plate. Biscuits, with homemade butter and pimento cheese, and cornbread, with honey butter (the sweet butter isn’t overkill, as Williams’ cornbread is on the savory side) are irresistible, as is the platter of sliced ham with pickled okra, pepper jelly and house-made crackers.

Roasted broccoli, presented on an oval platter

with bell peppers, cheddar and candied pecans, is a triumph of assertive flavors and textural range — never skip this dish. Between that and the outstanding hen-of-the-woods mushrooms, with Brussels sprouts, Parmesan and fried lemon over sunflower-seed puree, vegetarians can eat extremely well here. Nutrition is a virtue, is it not?

If there’s anything missing from Williams’ balanced dishes, it’s heat. Some Southern aficionados will dive into the chicken

and andouille gumbo — which I enjoyed — and clamor for hot sauce. Similarly, the blackened catfish, with Carolina gold rice and barbeque-spiced carrots, is a terrific piece of fish, but definitely on the tame side.

The don’t-miss entree is the meaty pork chop, accompanied by a baked apple whose hollow is filled with cider-braised apples and yams. Boneless beef short rib, placed over creamed spinach and butternut crushed potatoes and topped with tiny onion

Virtue

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Prices: Entrees \$19-\$29

Noise: Conversation-challenged

Ratings key: Four stars, outstanding; three stars, excellent; two stars, very good; one star, good; no stars, unsatisfactory. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

rings, delivers classic steakhouse flavors for less than \$30. Brown-sugar glazed salmon, and the roasted chicken over collard greens with pot liquor, are keepers as well.

Pastry chef Rebecca Pendola embraces rusticity with her desserts, but with considerable flair. Her chocolate cake is gorgeous, looking like an upright cake sandwich filled with chocolate mousse and chocolate crunch over salted caramel sauce. Her pecan tart arrives in the form of small

bars, turning your table of four into an impromptu game of Hungry Hungry Hippos. And there’s whimsy and nostalgia in the banana pudding, strewn with broken Nilla wafers and topped by a quenelle of Cool Whip — the house-made version.

In or out of the bar, Virtue is a good place for drinks. There’s a compact, value-conscious wine list, organized by weight; 10 craft cocktails (two alcohol-free) are organized by potency and include a La Nouvelle Sazerac (previously called a Hyde Park Sazerac, and that’s the name I’d stick with) that a drinker would be hard-pressed to tell from the classic. Also available are a dozen beers (one nonalcoholic) and one cider: Virtue (from Fennville, Mich.), of course.

When news of Williams’ project first came to light, I speculated that Virtue might prove to be not only a very good restaurant, but also an important one. I consider myself one-for-one in predictions for 2019.

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BEER OF THE MONTH

Defender, a perfect hoppy stout, now available in cans

By JOSH NOEL
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The beer: The Defender (Haymarket Brewery, Chicago and Bridgman, Mich.), an American-style stout.

The back story: Hops are best known for their work in India pale ales, but they play an instrumental role across beer styles — including stouts. American-style stout — that is, hop-forward stout — has never quite come into vogue, though it has continued to labor at the edges of American brewing. There’s no better example than The Defender, a beer whose roots trace back 18 years. Its genius is clearest in the trophy case: nine major medals — five at the Great American Beer Festival, four at the World Beer Cup — during a 14-year stretch. With the opening of Haymarket’s production brewery in southwest Michigan two years ago, The Defender has graduated to a status

beyond draft beer. For the first time, it is available in cans.

What Haymarket founder/brewmaster Pete Crowley says: “I first made this beer in 2001, when I was brewmaster at Rock Bottom in downtown Chicago. It was called Terminal Stout back then and inspired by Rogue’s Shakespeare Stout, one of the first widely available hoppy stouts in the country. I still think of it as an icon of American craft brewing. I’d always wanted to make a beer like that.”

“The Defender is still mostly the same recipe as when I first made it. There’s been a slight reduction in the malt, and we’ve added Amarillo hops to it because Amarillo wasn’t a thing in 2001. I wanted to get the flavor a little bit away from pine and toward more citrus. Now I describe The Defender as like a chocolate-covered mandarin orange — not sweet

like the sugar from orange and chocolate, but the flavors of orange and chocolate. But the beer still has enough pine flavor and aroma to go with the roast. One key is that I started adding hops later and later in the process to utilize them for upfront flavor and aromatic profile rather than huge harsh bitterness. There’s already bitterness from the roasted barley; I wanted sharp, crisp barley bitterness and then the hops to shine and balance it out.

“Another key is the malt: Simpsons chocolate malt is darker than a lot of roasted malts. It’s so dark, I’m surprised it doesn’t catch on fire when they’re roasting it. It’s darker and ‘multi-er’ than any others. Lots of chocolate and coffee. Very toasty and roasty. There was a big shortage of Simpsons chocolate malt one year, so I went on the Illinois Craft Brewers Guild forum and asked if anyone had any they could spare.



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Everyone suggested substitutes, but I said, ‘No, I need Simpsons!’ I got a bag from Revolution, one from Rock Bottom and some others helped too. The Defender won gold that year at GABF, and everyone who was trying to give me substitutes was like, ‘Oh, OK, I get it now.’ And then of course they gave me a bunch of crap after that: ‘We’re not ever doing that again!’

“American-style stout is a very unique style — it’s its own beast, and there’s nothing like it. Black IPAs are also dark and hoppy, but I’m not a fan. They tend to use less roasty malts. They don’t have all that complex malt character, like an American-style stout, which is about utilizing the complex and distinct flavors of roasted barley and chocolate malt, and marrying that with the

fruitiness and pine in the hops. Done well, it brings so much to the table from both sides.”

Alcohol: 7 percent

Find it: Available in six-packs of 12-ounce cans and from Labor Day to Memorial Day on tap at Haymarket (737 W. Randolph St.).

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Using frozen berries is a shortcut that means you can always have the ingredients on hand to make these pancakes.

Pancakes

Continued from Page 1

during my time as test kitchen director. It's more of a custardy, caramely fruit pancake than a traditional cakey pancake. We've personalized it over the years, sometimes using pumpkin pie spice in place of cinnamon, and upgrading the apples to our new favorites: Honeycrisp and Sweetango. Most times, we double the recipe to make four pancakes to serve company. Leftovers reheat beautifully.

Our berry pancakes prove more traditional. Using frozen berries makes them a year-round favorite. Enjoying a plate of warm berry pancakes topped with a berry syrup in January just feels like a taste of warmer days ahead. I buy two bags of individually frozen mixed berries. One bag gets added to a pancake batter made with some nutty whole wheat flour, and the other bag makes a lovely berry syrup.

To save time in the morning, I like to measure out the dry ingredients for the berry pancakes ahead of time and then keep them in a container. Be sure to use precise measurements on the baking powder so the pancakes don't sport a metallic taste from too much baking powder—a common problem in many fast food restaurant pancakes and packaged mixes. To cook, just add the fresh ingredients.

I use a large wire cooling rack set over a baking sheet in a low oven to allow me to make enough pancakes in advance so all the guests can eat together. Of course, you can skip this step and just serve the pancakes as they are ready. The recipe

Mixed berry pancakes with honey berry topping

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 30 minutes **Makes:** about 3 dozen 3-inch pancakes, serving 6 to 8

Recipe can be halved to serve 3 or 4 guests, but know that leftovers reheat nicely in a toaster oven or microwave.

3 cups white whole wheat flour (or all-purpose flour)
 ¾ cup whole wheat flour
 ¼ cup sugar
 2 tablespoons plus 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
 1 ½ teaspoons salt
 2 bags (16 ounces each) frozen mixed berries, about 8 cups total
 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
 2 to 4 tablespoons honey, plus more for serving
 1 stick (½ cup) unsalted butter, plus more for cooking
 ½ cup vegetable oil such as expeller-pressed canola or sunflower oil, plus more for cooking
 6 large eggs
 2 ½ cups skim milk
 1 cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt, plus more for serving

1. Mix flours, sugar, baking powder and salt in a large container. Store covered, up to a couple of weeks.

2. For the honey berry topping, put 1 bag of the mixed berries in a medium microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high, stirring a couple of times, until berries are softened but still cold, about 2 minutes. Stir in the vinegar and 2 tablespoons of the honey. Add more honey to taste. Refrigerate, covered, up to 2 days. Serve at room temperature.

3. When you are ready to cook, heat oven to 200 degrees; place a baking sheet with a wire rack set on it in the oven. Let the remaining bag of mixed berries sit on the counter to soften slightly.

4. Put the 1 stick butter into a microwave-safe bowl; cover loosely with wax paper. Microwave on high (100 percent power) until melted, about 45 seconds. Stir in the ½ cup oil.

5. Whisk eggs smooth in a large bowl. Whisk in skim milk and the 1 cup yogurt until smooth. Whisk in butter-oil mixture. Add dry ingredients; whisk gently just until all dry ingredients are moistened. Do not overmix, or your pancakes will be tough. Gently fold in the contents of the remaining bag of mixed berries.

6. Heat 1 or 2 large nonstick skillet(s) or a nonstick griddle over medium heat until a drop of the pancake batter bubbles furiously when dropped on the surface. Lightly oil and butter the cooking surface. Spoon out about ¼ cup of batter per pancake. Spread the batter with the back of the spoon, so it is thinned out a little. Cook until a few bubbles break on top and the bottom is golden, about 2 minutes. Gently flip pancake over; cook until second side is golden, 1 to 2 minutes more. Keep oiling the cooking surface and adjusting the heat as you go along, so pancakes are golden and not overly browned.

7. Transfer cooked pancakes to the wire rack on the baking sheet in the oven. Keep warm until enough are cooked to serve. Serve pancakes with the honey berry topping and more yogurt.

Nutrition information per serving (for 8 servings): 635 calories, 31 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 173 mg cholesterol, 75 g carbohydrates, 25 g sugar, 19 g protein, 1,040 mg sodium, 11 g fiber

makes quite a few pancakes — we have a plan.

Brown sugar and curry glazed sliced ham or Canadian bacon makes an intriguing savory breakfast meat to accompany either of these pancakes. Just know that my husband regularly licks his plate clean.

This pancake recipe might seem like a lot of work because of all the directions, but I am trying to guide you through to foolproof pancakes, so you and your company have a great time. And you taste the pleasure of homemade breakfast.

Curried glazed Canadian bacon or ham

Prep: 10 minutes **Cook:** 5 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

3 to 4 tablespoons packed dark brown sugar

1 ½ teaspoons curry powder

2 tablespoons butter

8 ounces thinly sliced Canadian bacon or smoked ham

Parsley sprigs

1. Mix sugar and curry powder in a small bowl. Heat a large skillet over medium heat until hot. Reduce heat to low and add butter. When butter is melted and starting to brown a little, stir in sugar mixture and 2 tablespoons water. (Be careful of splatters.) Stir to dissolve sugar; boil until thickened to a light glaze, about 2 minutes.

2. Add the Canadian bacon in a single layer; turn to coat with the sugar mixture. When heated through, about 2 minutes, remove to a warm plate. Garnish with parsley; serve right away.

Nutrition information per serving: 106 calories, 6 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 24 mg cholesterol, 7 g carbohydrates, 7 g sugar, 6 g protein, 371 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Favorite baked apple pancake

Prep: 30 minutes

Cook: 35 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

Pumpkin pie spice makes a snappy alternative to cinnamon. Always measure your skillets across the top for the accurate diameter. Try Honeycrisp, Sweetango, Golden Delicious, Gala or Granny Smith apples.

6 large firm apples

¾ cup each: granulated sugar, packed dark brown sugar

4 teaspoons ground cinnamon

2 cups skim milk

8 large eggs

2 cups all-purpose flour

¼ teaspoon salt

6 tablespoons unsalted butter

Powdered sugar or maple syrup

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Peel, slice in half and core the apples. Slice about ¼ inch thick. Mix apples, sugars and cinnamon in a large bowl.

2. Put the milk and eggs into a blender; blend to mix. Add the flour and salt; blend briefly to moisten the flour. Do not overmix.

3. Heat 2 large (10-inch), heavy, ovenproof skillets over medium heat until hot. Add half of the butter to each pan; allow butter to melt (watching so it doesn't burn). When melted, divide the apple mixture between the pans. Cook and stir until apples are slightly softened and the sugar mixture creates a thickish syrup, 5 to 10 minutes.

4. Remove skillets from the heat; arrange the apples so they evenly cover the skillet bottoms. Slowly pour the batter over the apples, dividing it evenly between the pans. Do not stir.

5. Immediately transfer skillets to hot oven. Bake until pancakes are puffed and golden, 20 to 25 minutes. The pancakes will deflate as they cool, so serve immediately.

6. To serve, cut into large wedges and flip each wedge over onto the plate so the caramelized apples are on the top. Pass powdered sugar or syrup.

Nutrition information per serving: 688 calories, 19 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 280 mg cholesterol, 118 g carbohydrates, 78 g sugar, 16 g protein, 245 mg sodium, 5 g fiber



DREAMSTIME

Dried fruits and nuts and shredded coconut can add a hint of sweetness to this granola recipe.

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Homemade granola: More flavor, less sugar

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Granola came into vogue during the health-food movement of the '60s, quietly retreated, and in the past few years has become popular again. Today you

will find upscale bakeries and restaurants that sell granola, each with their own mix of nuts, fruits and grains. They are often pricey, filled with excess oil and sugar, and not as good as making your own.

My homemade granola has a wonderful toasted

flavor with just a hint of honey or maple syrup: a perfect start to the new year, when we all want to eat healthy. Feel free to add any combination of dried fruits and nuts, and try to make extra batches to toss into cookies and sprinkle over ice cream.

Try it with yogurt and maple syrup. If you have any fresh berries on hand, toss them on top. I also like to layer the granola with my favorite fruit yogurt and berries in parfait glasses. And don't forget to try it in hot oatmeal for a comforting, textural surprise.

Toasted oat granola

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 25 minutes **Makes:** 8 cups

5 cups old-fashioned rolled oats

1 ½ cups unsalted sunflower seeds

½ cup wheat or oat bran

½ cup flax seed

1 cup coarsely chopped raw pecans

½ cup sliced raw almonds

3 tablespoons coconut oil

½ cup honey or grade B maple syrup

2 tablespoons unsweetened coconut flakes

¾ cup unsweetened dried cranberries, cherries or apricots, or a mix of all

1. Heat the oven to 350. Combine the oats, sunflower seeds, bran, flax seed, pecans and almonds in a large bowl. Drizzle with oil; toss well to coat evenly. You can use your hands to do this.

2. In a small saucepan over low heat, warm honey until it liquefies, 3 to 5 minutes. Drizzle the honey over oat mixture; toss again to coat evenly. If you are using maple syrup, add it to the granola without heating.

3. Spread mixture evenly among two (11-by-17-inch) baking sheets. Bake, 15 minutes. Remove pans from oven, stir granola well and spread out again. Reduce oven temperature to 325, return granola to the oven, and bake, stirring twice, until evenly browned, 15 to 20 minutes. Add the coconut 5 minutes before the end of baking. Make sure it does not burn. Don't crowd the granola; it should be in one layer.

4. Remove granola from the oven; let granola cool completely. Mix in the unsweetened dried fruit. Store in an airtight container up to two weeks.

Nutrition information per ½ cup serving: 329 calories, 20 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 36 g carbohydrates, 13 g sugar, 8 g protein, 4 mg sodium, 7 g fiber

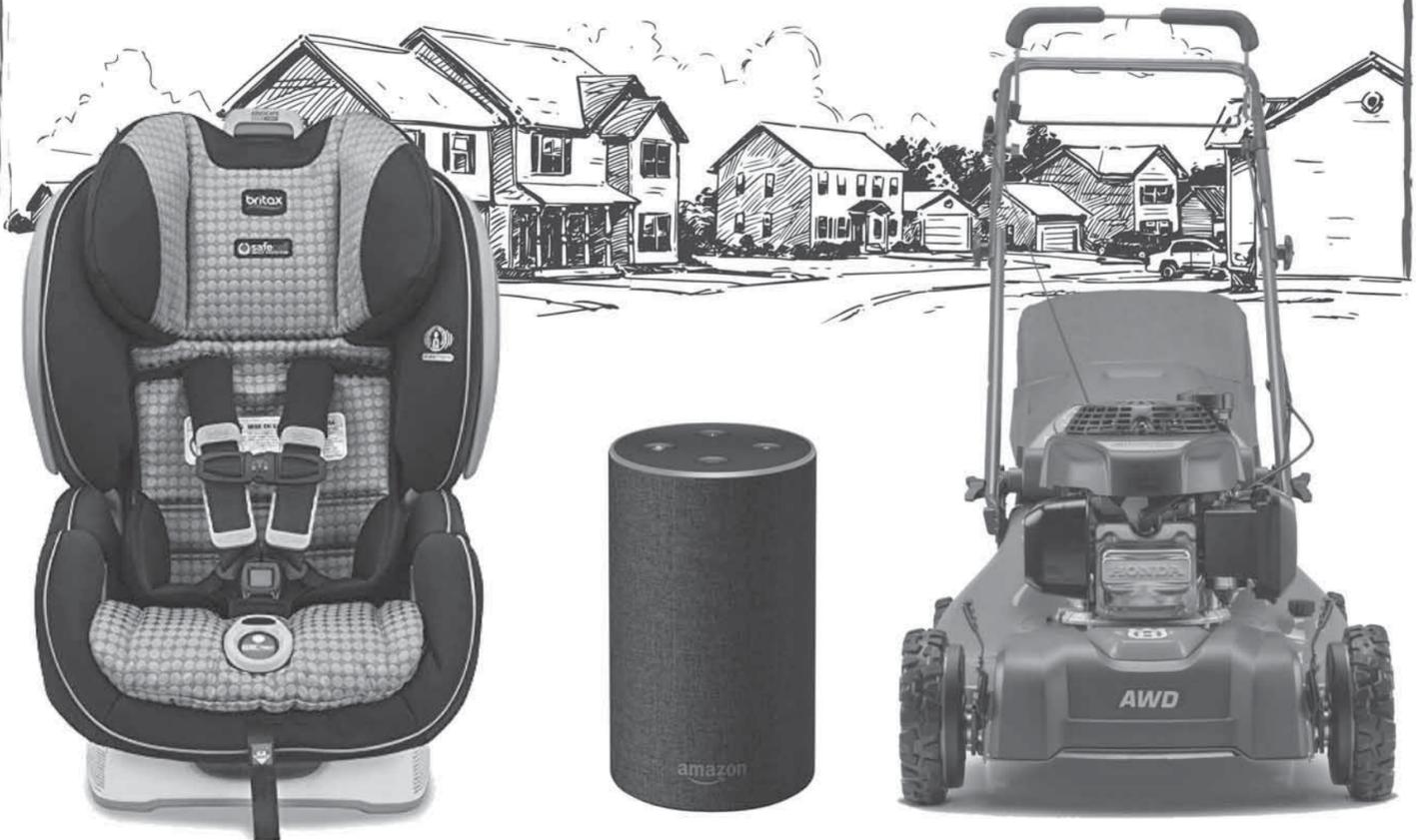
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Guacamole
Selected Varieties
8 Oz.
\$3.49

BUY OF THE WEEK!

The Laughing Cow
Babybel Minis
Selected Varieties
4.5 Oz.
\$3.99

The Laughing Cow
Cheese Wedges
Selected Varieties
6 Oz.
\$3.79

Dietz & Watson
Hard Salami
..... **\$6.98** Lb.
\$3.49 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson
Corned Beef
..... **\$9.98** Lb.
\$4.99 1/2 Lb.

Gluten Free

Walt's Deli Hut
Whole
Rotisserie Chicken
..... **\$5.99** Ea.

Walt's Deli Hut
Breaded
Chicken Breast Tenders
..... **\$4.99** Lb.

Dietz & Watson
Gourmet Lite
Turkey Breast
..... **\$7.98** Lb.
\$3.99 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson
Yellow
American Cheese
..... **\$4.98** Lb.
\$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Gluten Free

DAIRY

Dannon Greek Yogurt

•Oikos
•Light & Fit
Selected Varieties
5.3 Oz.

88¢



Pillsbury

•Cookies
16 1/2 16.5 Oz.
•Rolled Pie Crusts
14.1 Oz.

2/\$5



Blue Bonnet

Margarine
1 Lb. Qtrs.
Sale Price **10/\$10**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 10
Final Price **10/\$7.50**

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Pillsbury

Grands! Crescent Rolls
12 Oz.

2/\$5

Ore Ida

Just Crack An Egg
3 Oz.

2/\$4



Pillsbury

•Crescent Rolls
•Cinnamon Rolls
•Sweet Rolls
•Pizza Crusts
•French Loaf
8 - 13.9 Oz.

2/\$4



Dutch Farms

Cheese Spread
8 Oz.

\$2.29



Dutch Farms Cheese

- Regular American Singles 12 Oz.
- Natural Slices Selected Varieties 6 Oz.
- Regular, Thick Cut or Fancy Shredded Selected Varieties 6 - 8 Oz.
- Bars Selected Varieties 8 Oz.

3/\$6 *Your Choice*

Dutch Farms

•Bagels
14 Oz.
•English Muffins
6 Pk.

4/\$5



Dutch Farms

Cracker Cheese Cuts
10 Oz.

2/\$6



Coffeemate Flavored Creamer

16 Oz.

2/\$4



Dean's

Cottage Cheese
24 Oz.

2/\$6



Dean's DairyPure

Sour Cream
8 Oz.

99¢

Dean's DairyPure Buttermilk Quart \$1.79

Dutch Farms

Dips

•French Onion
•Ranch
16 Oz.

99¢



Dutch Farms

Premium Dips

11.5 - 12 Oz.

2/\$4



Oberweis Milk

•Whole
•2% Reduced Fat
•Skim Fat Free
•Chocolate
1/2 Gallon

2/\$6



Frigo

String Cheese
10 - 12 Oz.

2/\$7



Sargento

Shredded Cheese
Selected Varieties
5 - 8 Oz.

2/\$6



Sargento

Natural Cheese Slices
Selected Varieties
6.3 - 8 Oz.

2/\$6



Dutch Farms

Whipped Topping

6.5 Oz. Can

\$1.59



Simply Orange Juice

52 Oz.

Sale Price **2/\$6**
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When You Buy 2
Final Price **2/\$5**

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Kraft

Velveeta Cheese

2 Lb. Loaf

\$7.49



Kraft

Cheez Whiz

15 Oz. Jar

\$4.99



Kraft Philadelphia

Soft Cream Cheese

7.5 - 8 Oz. Tub

\$2.99



Jello

•Pudding
•Gelatin

4 Pk.

\$1.99



Simply Orange Juice

52 Oz.

Sale Price **2/\$6**
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Oberweis

Fruit Punch

Lemonade • Tea

1/2 Gallon

2/\$4



Pure Leaf

Tea

59 Oz.

2/\$4



Dutch Farms

Orange Juice

Gallon

\$3.99



Sunny D

Selected Varieties

1/2 Gallon

2/\$3



FROZEN

Eggo Waffles • Pancakes

Selected Varieties
9.8 - 16.4 Oz.

Sale Price **2/\$5**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 2
Final Price **2/\$4**

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Mr. Dell's

"All Natural"

Hash Browns

24 - 32 Oz.

\$2.99



MorningStar

Farms Sale

Selected Varieties
5.25 - 12 Oz.

\$3.99



Oberweis

Ice Cream

16 Oz.

3/\$10



Kemp's

Premium Ice Cream

48 Oz.

2/\$7



Pillsbury Toaster Strudel

11.7 Oz.

3/\$5



Prairie Farms

Sherbet

Quart

2/\$3



North Star

Sundae Cups

6 Pk.

2/\$4



Edy's

Fruit Juice Bars

6 Pk.

2/\$7



Edy's Grand

Ice Cream

•Yogurt
•Sherbet
48 Oz.

\$3.99



Pictsweet Polybag Regular Vegetables

Selected Varieties
8 - 12 Oz.

10/\$10



Flav-R-Pac Polybag

Vegetables

•Stir Fry
•Mixtures
12 Oz.

2/\$4



New York

•Garlic Knots 6 Ct.
•Bake & Break Garlic Bread 10 Oz.
•Light Garlic Texas Toast 8 Ct.
•Garlic Texas Toast 8 Ct.
•Garlic Breadsticks 6 Ct.

\$2.69



Gorton's Fish

•Grilled Salmon Fillets 6.3 Oz.
•Garlic Herb Fillets 11 Oz.
•Crunchy Sticks or Fillets 11.4 Oz.
•Grilled Tilapia Fillets 6.3 Oz.
•Crispy Battered Fillets 11.4 Oz.

\$3.99



Louisa

Pasta

Selected Varieties
16 - 22 Oz.

\$3.99



Ore Ida Potatoes • Onion Rings

Selected Varieties
14 - 32 Oz.

2/\$5



Banquet Boneless

Chicken

•Patties •Tenders
•Strips •Nuggets
24 - 32 Oz.

\$4.49



Banquet

Pot Pie

•Meat •Fruit
7 Oz.

10/\$10



Banquet

Basic Meal

Selected Varieties
4.85 - 7 Oz.

10/\$10



Banquet

Sliders

•Cheeseburger 11.64 Oz.
•Chicken 10 Oz.

\$3.99



Tony's Pizzeria Style Pizza

12 Inch
•Red Baron
•Singles
8.8 - 12 Oz.

4/\$10



Totino's

Pizza Rolls

44.5 Oz.

\$5.99



Totino's

Party Pizza

9.8 - 10.9 Oz.

10/\$10



Totino's

Pizza Rolls

6.9 - 7.5 Oz. Box

10/\$10



TGI Fridays

Appetizers

Selected Varieties
7.6 - 11 Oz.

\$2.99



Scream'n' Sicilian

Pizza

20.20 - 25.05 Oz.

\$5.99



Urban Pie

Pizza

16.20 - 20.45 Oz.

\$5.99



Pizza

•Home Run Inn
Thin Crust 12 Inch
•Edward's 24 - 28 Oz.

2/\$10



Gino's East

Deep Dish

Pizza

9 Inch

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<p>Hunt's Tomatoes and Tomato Sauce 14.5 - 15 Oz.</p> <p>10/\$10</p>	<p>Hunt's Spaghetti Sauce 24 Oz.</p> <p>10/\$10</p>	<p>Creamette Pasta Selected Varieties 12 - 16 Oz.</p> <p>10/\$10</p>	<p>Campbell's Condensed Soup Sale 10.5 - 11.1 Oz.</p> <p>10/\$10</p>
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4/\$10

Limit 4

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\$4.99

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•A&W •RC
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•A&W •RC
•Canada Dry
2 Ltr.
5/\$5

Regular, Diet
•Pepsi •Crush
•Mtn. Dew
•Schweppes
2 Ltr.
4/\$5

•Coke •Diet Coke
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6 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btl. or
6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans
•Dasani Sparkling Water
8 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
4/\$10

Regular, Diet
•Pepsi •Crush
•Mtn. Dew
•Schweppes
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or
8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btl.
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