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## Upon Preckwinkle hire, Burke Jr. under fire

### Alderman's son faced misconduct claims when he was offered Cook Co. job in '14

BY GREGORY PRATT  
Chicago Tribune

Ald. Edward Burke's son was under internal investigation for allegedly making inappropriate sexual comments at the sheriff's office when Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's administration hired him to a nearly \$100,000 per year job, newly released records show.

Preckwinkle's human re-

sources chief formally offered Edward Burke Jr. a job as training and exercise manager for the county's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department in December 2014 after he spent several years working for Sheriff Tom Dart.

But documents released by Dart's office in response to a Tribune public records request shed new light on the circumstances preceding Burke's hire in

Preckwinkle's administration. He left the sheriff's office while two investigations into his conduct were ongoing, and the allegations against him were serious enough that he faced likely firing if the accusations were sustained, Dart spokeswoman Cara Smith said.

One investigation began after a female sheriff's employee alleged that Burke was "consistently disrespectful of women," talked about sex acts and would leave the



Burke Jr.

office by saying, "I'm leaving, going to watch the girls on Rush Street," records show.

She also said Burke called himself "the law," claimed to have "tapes" that would "humiliate" Dart, vowed to run for sheriff and said he would fire a bunch of employees when he won, records show.

A county memo included in the records dated after Burke's resignation said the sheriff's Office of Professional Review did not get to interview him before he resigned

and recommended no further action be taken in the matter.

Michael Masters, who headed the Homeland Security department at the time Burke was hired by Preckwinkle's administration, told the Tribune that Burke disclosed "that there were some issues that were personal in nature between him and other people at his former place of employment" and that he felt retaliated against over a complaint he made against a supervisor.

But Masters said he wasn't

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Volunteers help a Transportation Security Administration employee pick out groceries at the Lakeview Pantry on Monday in Chicago.

## Cupboards bare, federal workers turn to pantries

### Charity now necessity for furloughed employees in Illinois amid shutdown

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-QUIZ  
Chicago Tribune

As federal employees brace for a second missed paycheck on Friday, many find themselves in the unfamiliar position of seeking help from Chicago-area food pantries.

Some have arrived at local food pantries wearing their Transportation Security Administration uniforms, stopping in to pick up free groceries

on their way home from airport shifts they are working unpaid. One woman wept as she registered at the Lakeview Pantry, perplexed that it had come to this, relieved to have support, executive director Kellie O'Connell said.

"It was a really sobering moment for her to have to step in and say, 'I need help,'" said O'Connell, whose food pantry has assisted 130 federal workers since the partial govern-

ment shutdown began Dec. 22.

As the shutdown stretches into an unprecedented fifth week, basic living expenses have slipped out of reach for many of the 800,000 federal employees who aren't getting paid. More than 12,600 of those workers are in Illinois, according to National Association of State Workforce Agencies. At least 700 federal workers in Illinois have applied for unemployment insurance as a result of the shutdown, according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

Initial reluctance to accept

**HELPING MENTAL HEALTH:** Furloughed workers are being offered free counseling as shutdown grinds on. **Business**

assistance has fallen by the wayside as people reach a point of desperation, said Darrell English, vice president of Midway Airport Local 777, which represents 400 TSA employees.

"After a while you have to let that pride go," said English, a

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## Senators set sights on dueling proposals

### It's not likely either measure will pass, continuing shutdown

BY ALAN FRAM  
AND ANDREW TAYLOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate leaders Tuesday agreed to vote on dueling proposals to reopen shuttered federal agencies this week, forcing a political reckoning for senators grappling with the longest shutdown in U.S. history: Side with President Donald Trump or vote to temporarily end the shutdown and keep negotiating.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., set up the showdown votes for Thursday, a day before about 800,000 federal workers are due to miss a second paycheck.

One vote will be on his own measure, which reflects Trump's offer to trade border wall funding for temporary protections for some immigrants. It was quickly rejected by Democrats. The second vote is set for a bill approved by the Democratic-controlled House reopening government through Feb. 8, with no wall money, to give bargainers time to talk.

Both measures are expected to fall short of the 60 votes needed to pass, leaving little hope they represent a path forward. But the plan represents the first test of Senate Republicans' resolve behind Trump's insistence that agencies remain closed until Congress approves \$5.7 billion to build a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border. For Democrats, the votes will show whether there are any cracks in the so-far unified rejection of Trump's demand.

Democrats on Tuesday ridiculed McConnell's bill, which included temporary extended protections for "Dreamer" immigrants, but also new curbs on Central Americans seeking safe

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## Transgender troop ban can take effect

The Supreme Court said the Trump administration can go ahead with its plan to restrict military service by transgender people while court challenges continue. The Justice and Defense departments applauded the decision. **Nation & World, Page 11**

## Bears superfan has shot at the big time

Plainfield's Don Wachter is probably one of the most recognizable superfans in the NFL, and he's competing with five other fans to be the first to be enshrined at the Pro Football Hall of Fame's fan museum. **Chicago Sports**

## Mayoral race kicks into gear as Brown booted



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown was ruled ineligible to appear on the ballot for the Feb. 26 mayoral election.

### Field little less crowded after Cook Co. Circuit Court clerk disqualified

BY JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago voters are set to choose the next mayor from among 14 candidates next month.

The Chicago Board of Election Commissioners disqualified Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court Dorothy Brown's candidacy for mayor Tuesday, ruling she did not have enough valid signatures on her nominating petitions to get on the ballot.

Tech entrepreneur Neal Sales-Griffin can appear on the ballot, the board ruled, leaving the field at 14 in the Feb. 26 election to

succeed Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Brown has the option to fight the board's decision in Cook County Circuit Court. But after the hearing, she said she would now start meeting with other candidates to decide whether she wants to endorse someone.

"Which stands to reason that what the electoral board decided today is a decision that they made, and therefore we will not move forward from today," Brown said. "We will endorse a candidate to bring real change to the city of Chicago."

Other candidates picked up support in the race Tuesday.

Howard Dean, a former presidential candidate and Vermont governor, came to Chicago

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■ A story Monday about medical marijuana incorrectly identified Ross Morreale as chairman of the Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois. He is the former chairman. The Tribune regrets the error.

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The rosary of a member of the Covington Diocese during a protest outside the diocese's building in Covington, Ky.



## JOHN KASS

# Thought crimes, media abuse and those Catholic high school boys

What exactly triggered that hateful leftist social media mob — shamefully egged on by prominent American journalists — to unjustly attack the students at Kentucky's Covington Catholic High School and denounce them as racists?

The school has been closed. Death threats and bullying continue. Students and family complain they've been doxed — their identities revealed so that the hateful mob can harass them some more.

So, what happened? Why were the students vilified?

Was it simply the sin of being white, Roman Catholic supporters of President Donald Trump, the boys having the gall to wear their "MAGA" hats at the March for Life?

Or was it something else? "This is a bad day for the news media," said CNN legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin. "The larger message that a lot of people are going to take from this story is that the news media are a bunch of leftist liars who are dying to get the president, and they're willing to lie to do it."

Toobin is clearly a prophet. He doesn't think it's true that the news media are a bunch of leftist liars.

But he clearly understands the meat and bones of the thing: Americans think the media lies for political reasons and journalistic credibility flies away, cawing idiotically, like a murder of crows.

Unfortunately, the great prophet Toobin wasn't talking about the Covington story.

Rather, he was talking about another story that came before the Covington story. And it, too, blew up in the media's face: that BuzzFeed story alleging that Trump had directed his smarmy fixer to lie to Congress.

Many in the Democratic Media Complex bought that BuzzFeed story, jumped on it, reported it breathlessly, used it as a platform to pump up their ratings and tease, deliciously, what they've been teasing for so long now: Trump's imminent demise.

Democrats were ecstatic. If true, they said, Trump would be impeached. If true, they said, Trump was finished. If true, if true, if true.

Then something happened. It wasn't true, according to special

counsel Robert Mueller.

His office issued a statement refuting the BuzzFeed story. Mueller knocked it down. And so, sheepishly, with egg on their faces, many in that Democratic Media Complex were upset and chastened.

But nature and politics and cable news abhor a vacuum.

And on the day of Mueller's statement came the March for Life, with huge crowds of people, most of them religious, many of them Christian, marching in protest against abortion. The boys from the Covington school, in their "MAGA" hats, were among them.

Usually, media isn't all that interested in the March for Life. Media mostly leans to the left and employs social justice warriors to protect abortion rights.

But this year, with the anti-Trumpers deflated after the collapse of the BuzzFeed story, something happened to lift their spirits.

Those Covington High School students were waiting for their bus after the march, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, with their "MAGA" hats.

The boys were wrongfully and publicly accused of confronting Native American activist Nathan Phillips, because that was what was highlighted on a short video of the event that went viral.

But it turned out the aggressors were Phillips himself, pounding his drum and singing loudly within inches of a Covington boy's face, and several Black Hebrew Israelite protesters shouting horrible racist insults at the boys.

Phillips' credibility is becoming shakier by the day. I don't want to call an old man a liar when he's playing the hero, but he's all over the map on his facts.

"There was that moment when I realized I've put myself between beast and prey," Phillips told reporters, rather dramatically. "These young men were beastly, and these old black individuals was their prey, and I stood in between them and so they needed their pounds of flesh and they were looking at me for that."

Prey? That's ridiculous. I won't repeat what the Black Hebrew Isra-

elites said, but what they said was racist and cheap and stupid and ugly.

One of the students, Nick Sandmann, was unlucky enough to be confronted by Phillips. Sandmann was provoked, clearly, but he didn't attack, he just smiled nervously.

But the way many reacted — including media — suggests they've never raised a child.

If you're a parent, think of your child in that situation, not being angry, not overreacting, just standing, calmly, with a nervous smile that was derided as a hateful smirk of privilege.

CNN legal analyst Bakari Sellers wanted the boys to be punched.

"He is deplorable," Sellers tweeted. "Some ppl can also be punched in the face."

He deleted that tweet, but does that erase the fact? CNN's Ana Navarro also deleted a tweet that likened Covington parents to paper towels in a toilet.

"Have you ever seen a more punchable face than this kid's?" asked former CNN personality Reza Aslan.

But it wasn't just CNN and those on the left that peeled the skin of the boys from Covington.

The most depressing part of it all is that the center-right also jumped on them hard, lest they, too, be accused of supporting thought crimes.

The National Review put out a short piece online suggesting the boys had defiled their faith, as if they'd spat on the cross. To its credit, the National Review removed the article when it became clear that the boys had been the victims, rather than the aggressors.

This is the new debilitating fear in America: being accused of thought crime and attacked by cyberbarbarians. You may be shamed and lose your career and have everything taken away.

Depending, of course, upon your politics.

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## The Chicago plan to end the shutdown: Make Pelosi, Trump shovel snow together

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MARY SCHMICH

On the 52nd day of the shutdown of the United States government, Clive, the White House butler, stepped into the Oval Office not knowing that he was about to change history.

"Excuse me, Mr. President and Madame Speaker," said Clive, "if you're hungry I could fry up our last two frozen hambersders."

Donald Trump and Nancy Pelosi, who were glaring at each other from opposite couches — him with his legs spread, her with her ankles crossed — turned toward the butler.

"And fries?" said the president, looking more hopeful than Clive had seen him in days. Five days, to be precise.

That was how long the president and the speaker had been snowbound inside the White House, with no company but each other, unless you counted Clive, the only government worker in the country who had not been furloughed.

On that fateful afternoon five

days earlier, when Speaker Pelosi arrived for another round of shutdown talks, the snow had only just begun to fall. Due to furloughs at the National Weather Service, there was no forecast of the storm's duration, and neither the president nor the speaker had glanced out the window as they argued.

If they had, they would have seen how the snow kept coming, rising into white mountains then freezing into ice, a wall of ice so hard and high that by the time they realized they should get out, it was too late.

"No more fries, sir," said Clive. "The Clemson leftovers ran out."

"An outrage!" the president cried. "Who's to blame? China? Where's my phone? I need to tweet this abomination."

Clive sighed. "I told you, sir, because of the ripple effects of the government shutdown, the entire country is closed. Social media sites have been blacked out, cell towers are down. We have no way to contact anyone."

The president pinched his lips. "How are my poll numbers? What's Fox saying?"

"Jim Acosta's the only guy left on the air, sir, and he's saying the country is near apocalypse."

The president snorted. "When

apocalypse comes, only the cockroaches will survive."

Clive sighed again. When he moved to the nation's capital from Chicago with the dream of being of service to democracy, this was not what he imagined, but he would continue to do his job as best he could.

He turned to go back to the kitchen.

"Clive!" the president grunted.

"Sir?"

"Who's to blame for all this snow?"

"Climate change, sir?"

The president swatted his hand through the air. "Whatever. Just get us out of here."

"But, sir, I'm the butler..."

As Clive fumbled for a reply, the speaker caught his eye.

"Clive," she cooed. "Didn't I hear that you're from Chicago? Don't people there know how to deal with snow no matter what?"

He felt her eyes on him like daggers, like feathers, her gaze both a command and a plea, and in that instant he knew what needed to be done.

"Be right back!" Clive cried, and a few minutes later he returned carrying two snow shovels.

"In Chicago," he said, "when the snow gets tough, the tough go shoveling."

The president glanced up from his phone — he was playing "Clash Royale" — and mumbled, "Great. Let me know when you've dug us out."

"No," said Clive, tugging the president off the sofa. "You and Madame Speaker are going to shovel. Together. Because here's what every Chicago person knows: You and your neighbor may be nothing alike. You may look different, vote different. You may think you hate each other. But when you meet outside in the snow with your shovels, it doesn't matter. You're allies with a job to do for the mutual good. Out there in the snow, you talk. And you come to understand that we can only clear the way if we shovel together."

On that lofty note, Clive steered them toward the door, but not before he took the shovel the president had grabbed and turned it right side up.

"The blade goes on the bottom," Clive said.

For the next few hours, Clive watched them from the doorway, occasionally venturing out to scatter salt. He could tell that in the bracing air, something was thawing between the two.

Sweet, he thought, the way the speaker showed the president how to keep the shovel handle

close to his body, how to bend his knees when he lifted. When the president skidded on the ice, she caught him and they both laughed. If Clive hadn't known better, he would have sworn they were flirting.

That's what he was thinking when in the distance, from the other side of the wall of ice, he heard a roar. Suddenly, the wall came tumbling down and on the other side stood a jubilant crowd.

A crowd of immigrants with snow shovels.

Later, through a translator, one of the immigrants told reporters, "We heard the country was in trouble and so we came to help. Who else was going to get the job done?"

One day the history books would tell this story, about the day the president and the speaker learned to work together to re-open the government.

And though Clive's name would not be recorded — the politicians took the credit — somewhere in Chicago a retired butler would live out his days knowing he had created what was known, if only to him, as "The Chicago Plan to End the Shutdown."

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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## Judge tosses suit in Naperville teen's suicide

Says city, police 'may have exercised questionable judgment'

BY STACY ST. CLAIR  
Chicago Tribune

While making it clear she did not endorse the way authorities interrogated a Naperville teenager who then killed himself, a federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by the boy's family and ruled that his constitutional rights were not violated.

Corey Walgren, a 16-year-old junior at Naperville North High School, was summoned to administrative offices Jan. 11, 2017, to meet with Dean Stephen Madden and Naperville police Officer Brett Heun, who is assigned to the campus. The two questioned the teen about an allegation that he had a video of a recent sexual encounter with a female classmate on his phone and that he had played the recording for friends.

Heun and Madden — who are also named as individual defendants in the lawsuit — accused Walgren of possessing child pornography and threatened him with placement on the

state's sex offender registry, according to the lawsuit. The recording they sought, however, ended up being a video file with no discernible images. Police described it as "very dark" and "more of only audio."

After the meeting, Walgren was told to wait in an office for his mother to arrive at the school. He instead left the building and headed toward a downtown Naperville parking garage, where he climbed to the fifth floor and then plummeted to his death.

In their lawsuit, his parents, Doug and Maureen, accused the officer and school dean of illegally questioning him without notifying them first and causing him extreme psychological distress.

U.S. Judge Andrea Wood dismissed the lawsuit last week, saying the officials may have exercised questionable judgment but did not violate the teen's constitutional rights. She wrote that she based her ruling solely on the Walgrens' allegations and did not consider any facts that may have

been disputed by the school and Police Department.

"Faced with the implied threat of such consequences, it is perhaps unsurprising that a previously well-adjusted teenager's emotional state could deteriorate to such a point that he would contemplate taking his life," she wrote in her 22-page ruling. "Nonetheless, these events as currently pleaded do not plausibly allege the constitutional violations asserted by plaintiffs."

Wood dismissed the entire lawsuit without prejudice, meaning the Walgrens could re-file their petition at a later date. They also could appeal the case to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The family's attorney, Terry Ekl, said they are considering their options.

"We respect it, but we strongly disagree with Judge Wood's ruling," Ekl said. "This case is far from over."

In a statement, Naperville City Attorney Mike DiSanto said, "While we are pleased with the decision, there are no winners in this tragic matter.



Walgren

"The City's sympathies remain with the Walgrens and everyone involved. We continue to have confidence in our Police Department and the service they provide."

Naperville District 203 released a statement extending its sympathies toward the Walgren family but did not answer questions about the concerns Wood raised in her ruling.

Both the city and school district have said they would not change any policies or procedures following Walgren's death.

"The staff and community of Naperville 203 remain saddened by the death of our student and extend heartfelt sympathy to all those affected by this tragedy," the school district's statement read. "At Naperville 203, the student-staff relationships are of paramount importance and we remain confident in our staff who serve with our students' best interest at heart."

The judge, however, made it clear that she was not condoning the way the interview was conducted. While it may have been legal for authorities to make

Walgren think he could end up on a sex offender registry, it was not necessarily right to do so.

"The court's determination that the individual defendant's actions, as pleaded, are not objectively unreasonable for purposes of a Fourth Amendment analysis should not be understood as an endorsement of those actions by this Court," Wood wrote. "Registration as a sex offender entails severe restrictions on a sex offender's liberty... And in Illinois, a juvenile convicted on charges related to child pornography could potentially be forced to remain a registered sex offender for the rest of his or her life."

Heun and Madden spoke with Walgren for 18 minutes, according to police reports, before calling his parents. Once they reached Maureen Walgren, Heun talked to her on a speakerphone with the teen in the room. He told her that her son was being investigated for "child pornography" and could end up being placed on the sex offender registry, Maureen Walgren has told the Tribune.

The officer then told Maureen Walgren he in-

tended to download items from her son's phone and needed her consent, according to the reports. Walgren, a nurse, said she would leave work immediately and be at the school within 50 minutes.

After the phone call, the officer and the dean walked Corey Walgren to an office waiting area and told him to sit down. The two went to speak with Principal Stephanie Posey, leaving the teen to wait for his mother.

He walked out of the school a few minutes later and headed toward the garage. He climbed to the fifth floor and then committed suicide by plummeting 53 feet to the ground. His mother, who had arrived at the school to find her son missing, was in her car just a few blocks away searching for him when he fell.

Despite the allegations of child pornography, police never intended to pursue charges, records show. Rather, they indicated authorities wanted to handle the matter in a way that ensured Corey Walgren understood the seriousness of his actions.

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## Weather lets go: Castles frozen

The Ice Castles complex in Lake Geneva, Wis., is finally ready to open to visitors. After weather forced a nearly monthlong delay in its debut, the structure — made up of dozens of tall towers, caves, tunnels, thrones and slides — opens Wednesday. Ice Castles will debut in time for Lake Geneva's biggest tourist draw of the season: the nine-day, family-friendly Winterfest, which runs Jan. 26 to Feb. 3.

## Girl injured in snow fort collapse out of hospital

A girl who survived a fatal snow fort collapse has been released from the hospital.

The 9-year-old, identified by a family member as Sophia Shin, was playing with a friend in a snowbank outside a church in Arlington Heights when the snow collapsed on top of them.

The other girl, 12-year-old Esther Jung of Elk Grove Village, died of accidental asphyxiation and hypothermia, authorities said. Both girls were trapped after their snow fort collapsed on them Sunday outside Rothem Church, where Esther's father is pastor, officials said.

Sophia was buried in snow and yelled for help but was not heard, a relative told reporters. Family members found them buried in the snow after they didn't return to the church for about an hour, though it's not clear how long they were buried.

The relative, Jae Kim, said Sophia is recuperating physically but has been crying a lot after learning of Esther's death. She was also treated for hypothermia.

— Robert McCoppin

## Officials: Laundry list of violations at R. Kelly studio

Judge orders 2nd-floor living quarters closed

BY JASON MEISNER  
Chicago Tribune

City inspectors on Tuesday alleged a laundry list of building code violations at R. Kelly's recording studio, including fire hazards, dangerous staircases, an illegal steam room and sauna as well as evidence that people were living in the warehouse space despite it being zoned only for commercial use.

The allegations detailed in court Tuesday prompted a Cook County judge to limit the embattled R&B superstar to using the studio space at 219 N. Justine St. only during normal business hours and order the second-floor living quarters to be shut down until further notice.

While Kelly's attorneys have denied anyone was living in the space, city attorneys presented photos to Judge Patrice Ball-Reed from a court-ordered inspection last week that

showed toiletries in the bathroom, bathrobes on hooks and piles of clothes and mattresses on the floor.

"It looks like people are living there, and that's not good," said Ball-Reed, noting pool tables, a wet bar and other amenities as well as a built-out lounge area. "It's a recording studio. It shouldn't be a party place."

In all, 67 code violations were found after the judge granted emergency access to the city to check out the two-story brick building earlier this month, according to an amended complaint filed by the city. Among the violations were an illegal steam room and sauna, a wobbly staircase unfixed to the wall, no smoke alarms in the upstairs areas and clothes and debris piled underneath stairwells, the complaint alleged.

Among the items the judge ordered removed from the studio's first floor was a Christmas tree seen in one photo decked out in silver bows with an illuminated angel on top. Kelly's lawyer said it was an artificial tree, but the judge said

she didn't care.

"Christmas is over," she said. "This tree needs to go."

Other photos released by the Buildings Department showed a closet area stuffed with boxes, a microwave oven, an inflatable couch and what appeared to be a stuffed reindeer. Inspectors said the debris was a fire hazard.

"One of the biggest concerns was the entire recording studio was built out without plans or permits issued, which means we have no way of knowing what's behind the walls," Kimberly Roberts, an attorney for the city's Law Department, said after the court hearing. "As far as the city (knew), it's an empty warehouse. ... Being out there, it's obvious that the work was not done well, which leads us to concerns about public safety."

Kelly's real estate lawyer, Melvin Sims, told reporters at the Daley Center that he was pleased that the judge did not grant the city's request for an order to vacate the property entirely. Sims said the building's occupants would comply

with the court's order to make immediate repairs as needed and that recording music would continue in the meantime.

"The judge's order was very clear that there is no injunction of any kind against recording studio activities taking place there," Sims said. "We are very pleased with that. We feel like this was a manufactured emergency. There was no emergency here all along."

Both sides will be back in court Feb. 7 to detail any progress for the judge. In the meantime, the space can be used only as a recording studio from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to the judge's order.

The recording studio has become the site of multiple protests following the release of the Lifetime documentary series "Surviving R. Kelly," which aired earlier this month and renewed attention on sexual abuse allegations that have dogged Kelly for decades.

Online records show the building is on the market for just under \$4 million. The real estate listing states that



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Inspectors say a lounge illegally constructed on the first floor of R. Kelly's recording studio contained a large seating area, massage table, pool table and bar.

the property is "fully rented" with a "high profile tenant" paying nearly \$23,000 a month. The first floor has a "fully built out recording studio, lounge and full kitchen," the listing states.

The lease, made public as part of an eviction lawsuit, shows that Kelly was granted permission to "modify the existing recording studio" to meet his "specific needs." He also was allowed under the terms of the lease to create an "apartment type area on the second floor," according

to the records.

However, the lease specifically states that Kelly was responsible for complying with "all applicable laws and building codes" when making the alterations.

Any penalties for code violations will be determined in court. The owner could be fined up to \$1,000 per day per violation — costs that could be passed on to Kelly if he was in violation of the terms of his lease.

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# Manhunt continues after Orland Square shooting

Family describes mall victim, 18, as 'just a normal kid'

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Police continued their search late Tuesday for a parolee in connection with the fatal shooting of an 18-year-old Rich Central High School senior at Orland Square Mall as members of the victim's family called on the man to turn himself in.

Family members of Javon Britten said he was a "quiet, unassuming" teen who was hanging out with his cousin at Orland Square Mall in Orland Park Monday when he was shot to death near the food court.

Britten's mother Nail Hobson, speaking to television crews Tuesday afternoon outside the Cook County medical examiner's office, said her son "was a wonderful kid, the best child you could ask for, the best child I could ask for."

She recalled the last words she exchanged with her son Monday before he left for the mall.

"He told me, 'I love you, mom,'" she said. "I said, 'I love you, too.'"

Orland Park police said a gunman pulled out a gun

and fired several times at Britten following a confrontation near the mall's food court. Britten was later pronounced dead at an area hospital.

Police said that there is a manhunt underway for 19-year-old Jakharr Williams, of University Park, who they said "should be considered armed and dangerous" and that he has an active parole warrant.

Members of Britten's family called on Williams to turn himself over to police.

Police are asking that anyone with information to contact them at (708) 349-4111 or email [crimetips@orlandpark.org](mailto:crimetips@orlandpark.org).

According to Illinois Department of Corrections records, Williams was on parole as of last June following a robbery conviction, with his parole due to end in June 2020. He was admitted to Shawnee Correctional Center in Vienna in June 2017.

Police described the shooting as an "isolated incident." Another person in the mall was grazed during the shooting, police said. Representatives with the mall and the mall's owner, Simon Property Group, were not available Tuesday to comment on the shooting.



Williams

Police said Britten and Williams knew each other but offered no other details about what prompted the shooting, which sent shoppers and mall employees scrambling for cover.

Customers at some stores were directed to shelter inside locked areas in the stores.

Britten, who went to Von, loved playing basketball, football and video games, his uncle Cecil Guyton said Tuesday.

"He was just a normal kid," said Guyton, who said his sister adopted Britten, her half-sister's son, when he was a small child.

Guyton said his sister, Jocelyn Williams, had provided a stable home for Britten, who spent time in foster care out of state before Williams became his guardian about a dozen years ago.

"Family meant a lot to Von," Guyton said. "Because he'd lost us at one time and now that he had us back he didn't want to let go."

Britten was especially tight with his 20-year-old cousin/adopted brother Chucky, with whom he lived in Richton Park, he said.

The pair, whom Guyton said were inseparable, had

been together at the mall Monday night.

"They had been at one of my sisters' houses and left to go to the mall," Guyton said. "Just like kids, they were just going to the mall to hang out for a minute."

He said Von and Chucky knew the suspect through their connection to Rich Central High School, which all three had attended, but wasn't sure if they had a prior disagreement or if Monday's shooting stemmed from an incident at the mall. Guyton said he didn't believe his nephews had gone to the mall intending to meet or confront the suspect.

Guyton said Chucky, who witnessed the shooting and narrowly missed being hit, was traumatized by the violent scene and was struggling to process the sudden loss of his cousin.

"One thing he said last (Monday) night was, who is he going to turn to now that Von was gone?" he said. "They depended on each other, they trusted each other."

Guyton said his nephew told him Britten was shot five times and the gunman fired off a couple shots at him as he ran.

Britten, according to the Cook County medical ex-



Britten

aminer's office, suffered multiple gunshot wounds.

"When I got to the police station (Chucky) just melted in my arms and just sobbed," Guyton said. "I can

imagine what he had witnessed was so horrific that he couldn't process it. He said later it was like a dream to him."

While the family is grieving and wants justice for the shooter, they don't want to see him harmed in any way, he said.

"We want to show that, even in light of a tragedy, not only can we come together, but we will come together in peace and harmony," Guyton said.

"We are not wishing him ill will because what our family is going through is similar to what his family is going to go through. They're going to possibly lose their son, if not for just a few years, but they will lose him."

Outside the medical examiner's offices, Eric Russell, an activist with Tree of Life Justice League, spoke alongside members of Britten's family, asking the shooter to turn himself in.

Andrew Holmes, another activist, implored family members of the suspect to "do the right thing" and

turn him in, saying there was a \$2,000 incentive for information leading to his arrest.

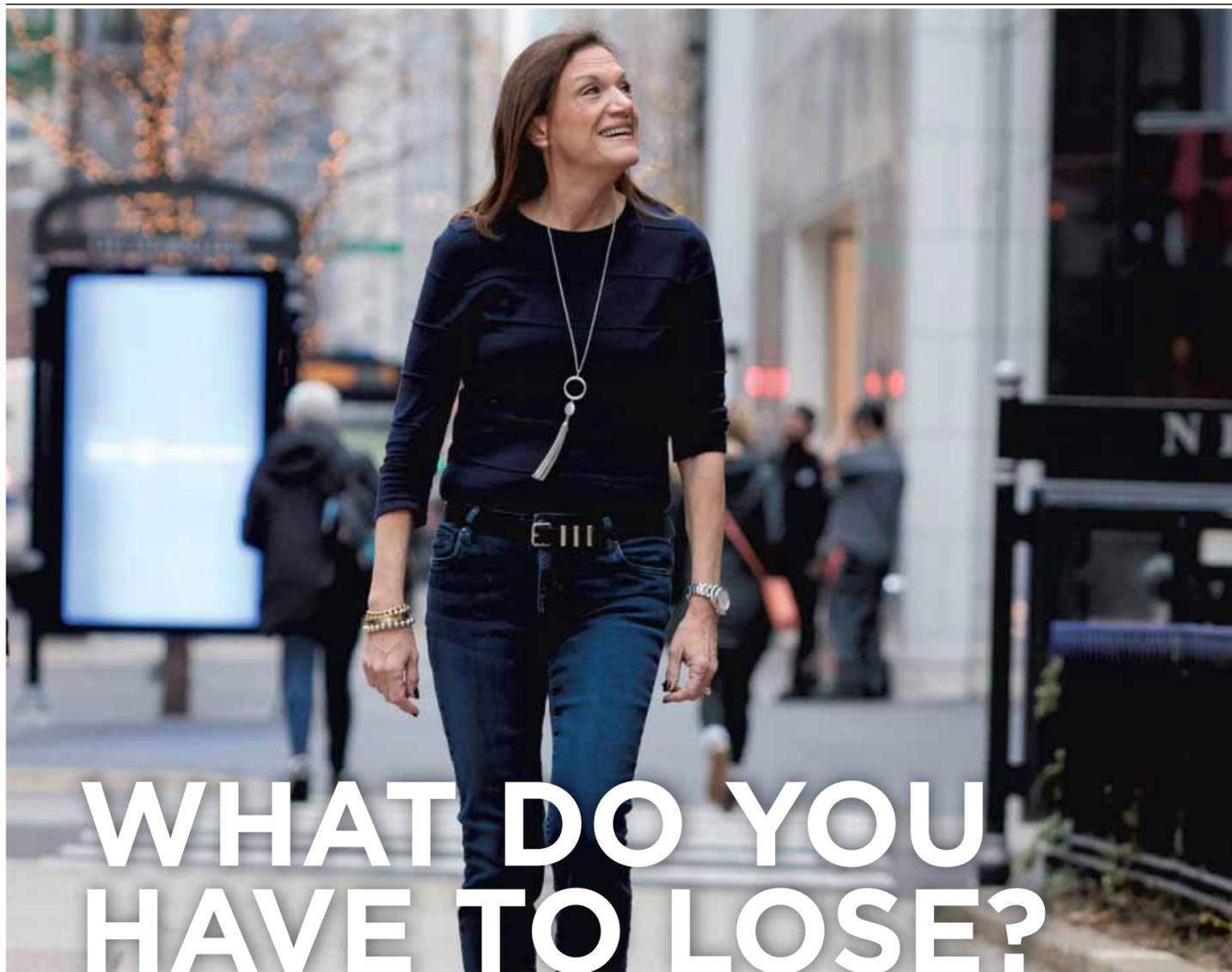
"I'm just asking the shooter, his mom, his sister, his brother, whomever. Turn him in with the help of God," Britten's aunt Stephanie Kizer said. "Surrender so that we can have peace and you can have peace, too, as well."

Rich Central in Olympia Fields, where Britten was a senior, released a statement on his death Tuesday. Principal Todd Whitaker said the school's crisis response team would provide support to students and staff in need, and asked parents to watch their teens closely for signs of distress over the next several days.

Alicia Evans, an assistant superintendent with Rich Township High School District 227, said she could not provide any additional information about Britten and that the district would not comment further on his death.

"While it is important to deal with grief, loss, anger and fear reactions, we believe it is essential to attempt to resume a normal routine regarding school activities," the school's statement said.

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# Ald. Burke's son was hired while under fire

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aware of the alleged sexual comments, defended the hire and said Burke was qualified. He said he does not recall discussing the hire with Preckwinkle. He also said it would not have been unusual if they had, as Burke was hired to a Shakman-exempt job — meaning political considerations could factor into the hire.

Preckwinkle's office has said Masters hired Burke. Asked about that, Masters said, "I was happy, when there was an expressed interest that he might've wanted to switch positions, to bring him on board."

In a statement, Preckwinkle spokeswoman Becky Schlikerman said, "We didn't know there was any investigation" and emphasized that separately elected county officials such as Preckwinkle and Dart "have their own employment process and each maintains their own personnel records."

"We do not have access to the personnel files of separately elected officials," Sch-

likerman said. "Generally, employers are hesitant to provide more in-depth information about former employees because of the potential of litigation alleging defamation and/or slander; especially with respect to prior discipline and open investigations."

Neither Burke Jr. nor his father returned messages seeking comment.

Schlikerman did not address a question asking whether Preckwinkle spoke with Ald. Burke about the hire.

When asked at a recent Tribune Editorial Board forum for Chicago mayoral candidates whether she talked to the alderman about a position for his son, Preckwinkle said only that the younger Burke joined her administration after doing a "similar" job at Dart's office.

Preckwinkle's ties to the embattled alderman have come under intense scrutiny amid his federal legal troubles and her mayoral candidacy. Preckwinkle has said she had "little contact and no relationship with

the alderman" even though Burke hosted a fundraiser for her last January at his home that netted \$116,000. She has since said she would return the money raised at that event.

Earlier this month, federal prosecutors charged Ald. Burke with attempted extortion, alleging he tried to shake down two restaurant chain executives looking to remodel a Burger King in his ward. The complaint also alleged the alderman sought a campaign contribution to benefit a candidate that sources identified as Preckwinkle. She has not been accused of wrongdoing and has denied knowing about the alleged shakedown.

In addition to the Burke charge, Preckwinkle has faced other high-profile problems since she announced her run for mayor months ago.

Preckwinkle, who is the Cook County Democratic Party chairwoman, fired her security chief in November amid the fallout of a county watchdog report that found a government SUV assigned

to her security detail had been illegally used to transport campaign materials supporting her. The former security chief told the Tribune he had no idea who put the political materials inside the vehicle but thought Preckwinkle unfairly ousted him to protect her political ambitions.

When she announced her candidacy for mayor, Preckwinkle also misled the public about when she knew of sexual misconduct allegations against her former chief of staff, who she fired the day before.

On the day she announced her run, Preckwinkle said she did not know about sexual harassment allegations against her top staffer before mid-September. The Tribune, however, later reported Preckwinkle knew of the concerns six months before she took action.

Burke Jr. was offered the Preckwinkle job on Dec. 5, 2014, records show. A compliance officer, the human resources head and Preckwinkle's then-chief of staff Kim Foxx all signed off on

the hire, records show. On Dec. 11, 2014, Burke resigned in a letter to Dart citing "personal reasons."

Investigative records released by Dart show Burke left the department amid much controversy. In October 2014, sheriff's records show, Burke filed a complaint alleging that a supervisor was unfit for duty and that the administration hadn't addressed it when Burke complained.

A male lieutenant filed a separate complaint from a female employee against Burke, claiming he made false allegations against the supervisor and had said publicly he had \$11 million for a sheriff's run.

The lieutenant quoted Burke saying that if anything happened to him as a result of his own complaint against the supervisor, "his father (Ald. Burke) would take care of it," according to the records.

Burke resigned to join Preckwinkle's administration before the investigations concluded, and the sheriff's office ended its inquiries after he quit, re-

ords show.

County records show that Burke Jr. later came under scrutiny during his tenure with the Homeland Security department for hours he claimed to have worked. He formally resigned last May.

At the Tribune's editorial board forum, Preckwinkle was asked how many applicants sought the position for which Burke was hired. She offered to have her administration look into it.

Asked about it later, Schlikerman did not say how many candidates applied for the position but noted the hiring process for Shakman-exempt positions "does not require posting and submission of applications through the county's applicant tracking system."

Burke resigned from the job in Preckwinkle's administration May 1, 2018, and was being paid \$110,000 a year, county records show. Records released by Cook County do not show why he left.

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## Desperate workers turn to pantries

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TSA officer for 14 years.

Organizations that normally serve the poor are putting their resources toward feeding federal employees. The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services program is providing meals for TSA and Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers for the duration of the government shutdown, and expects to feed about 1,400 workers at O'Hare and Midway airports daily.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository, a food bank that supplies Cook County's food pantries, on Tuesday brought cases of food and \$25 Jewel-Osco gift cards to the TSA's administrative offices near Midway for employees to pick up before and after their shifts, and plans to do so again on Thursday.

It also is organizing food distribution for federal prison employees, Coast Guard workers and TSA workers at O'Hare.

Numerous food pantries have waived their geographic boundary restrictions and are inviting federal workers from anywhere to get a month's worth of free groceries from their shelves.

"We do everything we can to make it as smooth and easy and dignified as possible," said Lyle Allen, executive director of the Care for Real food pantry in Edgewater, which reports a significant rise in registrations by furloughed federal employees.

Roberto Trento, 53, a TSA officer trained in behavior detection, said he has never received help from a food charity before. But as he entered the Midway TSA offices Tuesday to pick up his ration of groceries from the Greater Chicago Food Depository, he said it has become a necessity.

"Do I eat or do I drive to work?" said Trento, who drives 25 miles to Midway from his home in Frankfort. "You don't want to do this, but we're grateful for everyone helping out."

Trento, who supports his mother, has been getting by thanks to loans from friends and special freebies from businesses wanting to help federal workers. He is able to feed his dog, Bart, a retired TSA canine, thanks to a free 22-pound bag of dog food given away by Bentley's Pet Stuff.

Money already was tight for Trento, who missed four months of work late last year because of an injury, so the prospect of missing a second paycheck Friday makes him not only worried, but angry about the continued impasse between Democrats and President Donald Trump over the president's wish for a border wall.



Volunteer Erica Eckhardt helps a Transportation Security Administration employee pick out groceries at the Lakeview Pantry Monday in Chicago.



A Transportation Security Administration employee picks out groceries at the Lakeview Pantry on Monday in Chicago.

"Both sides, they're acting like children," Trento said.

For some people who already were living paycheck to paycheck, the shutdown has proven particularly nerve-wracking.

Gloria Perez, 42, a part-time TSA officer, is the sole source of income for her family, which includes two sons, ages 12 and 13. Her fiancé, who is in school to become a drug and alcohol counselor, is considering quitting school so he can get a job, she said.

Perez, who can't work additional hours because she has a heart condition, has been "stealing from Peter to pay Paul" since the shutdown began, picking which bills can wait. She missed work last week, she said, because she was having anxiety attacks every day.

English, who arranged the distribution for TSA union members at Midway, said he extended the event to nonunionized TSA management after he was contacted about managers facing hunger as well.

John Passarella, 60, a TSA supervisor, came in on

his day off to help with the food distribution to his colleagues, and stood in a room lined with bags of apples, oranges and sweet potatoes, and 25-pound cases filled with shelf-stable goods like rice, spaghetti and peanut butter. He shook his head in disbelief.

"We work for the greatest country in the world doing one of the most important jobs in the world, and we have the Greater Chicago Food Depository feeding us?" he said. "Really?"

Affording basics has also become precarious. Laundry detergent, to wash their TSA uniforms, was an item several workers said they were eager to buy with their Jewel gift cards.

TSA officer Latoi Winfrey, 35, who has three kids, has been borrowing money from friends to get by, and even applied for food stamps. She said she was denied and told to try again in a month.

Federal employees are usually the ones holding food drives and donating to pantries, so it is unsettling to see them on the receiving line, said Kate Maehr, executive director of the Chi-

cago Food Depository.

The rise in demand has been met with a rise in donations and volunteers as communities rally to help, so there is currently no threat to inventory, she said. But Maehr is worried that if the shutdown disrupts food stamps, and those recipients turn to food pantries for help, the situation will become unsustainable.

"There is no world in which the charitable response can fill the gap," she said.

About 1.8 million people in Illinois buy food with the help of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, which allows them to buy groceries from retailers. The program, which has 38 million participants nationwide, has been funded through February thanks to a temporary workaround in the budget bill, but it's unclear what will happen to March benefits.

Maehr has been in touch with both the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which funds the program, and the Illinois Department of Human Services, which ad-

ministers the program in the state, and "there doesn't seem to be much clarity," she said. "I'm not sure there is a plan."

Already, food pantries are preparing for extra strain from the shutdown's affect on SNAP. The benefits people usually get in February were loaded into their accounts early, by Jan. 20, causing confusion and concern that people won't know that those benefits have to last them through February.

"We are expecting an avalanche of need mid-February," said Michele Zurakowski, executive director of the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry. Her organization has seen a 9 percent jump in traffic this month compared with a year ago, which she attributes in part to new demand from federal workers and extra demand from SNAP recipients concerned about their benefits running out.

Lakeview Pantry saw its fifth busiest day in its history on Jan. 16, the Wednesday after federal employees missed their first paychecks and word got out that the pantry had waived its residency restrictions. It continues to get new registrants daily, many of whom never thought they'd find themselves there.

Among them is Katy, a twenty-something federal employee at a law enforcement agency. She asked that her last name and identifying details not be published because she had been instructed by her department not to speak to the media.

A recent college graduate who attends graduate school at night, Katy grabbed her reusable grocery bags and headed to the pantry Monday because her refrigerator was bare and her \$59,000-a-year job wasn't paying her a cent.

"It's humbling," she said as she waited for her num-

**"We are expecting an avalanche of need mid-February."**

— Michele Zurakowski, executive director of the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry

ber to be called at the pantry. "I know at some point I will get back pay, but for other people this is the norm. I want to make sure at some point I am able to give back."

Katy, who lives alone in a Lakeview studio, notified her bank, credit cards and landlord that she isn't getting paid, and they have been understanding. She worries about her car loan because she was able to defer payment for just a month, and there is no telling how long the shutdown will go on.

Katy has had to work during the shutdown, though she said she and her co-workers spend most of their time talking about how they are struggling.

"I have a job with this supposedly prestigious law enforcement agency and I can't afford groceries right now, or asthma medication," Katy said.

She has already started looking for a new job in the private sector, and if the shutdown hits the two-month mark, she plans to quit.

If there is a silver lining to the mess, it is the compassion she has received. After posting a photo of her bare refrigerator on Facebook, a friend she hasn't spoken to since high school offered to pay a month's rent.

"It gave me faith in humanity again," she said.

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Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown complained about the process Tuesday as the election board ruled.

## As Brown bounced from race, field drops down to 14

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endorse former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley. And former Ald. Bob Fioretti disclosed a \$500,000 donation from Chicago blues legend Buddy Guy — the largest contribution from an individual donor to any of the current mayoral contenders to date.

In her efforts to get on the mayoral ballot, Brown had argued she was being targeted with election fraud, and she continued Tuesday to complain about the process. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle filed the challenge against Brown, who said there isn't enough separation between the county and city election systems.

Brown alleged that thousands of the names she submitted were suddenly and mysteriously ruled invalid after having earlier been deemed valid. And she charged that objections to her petitions were added after the deadline and questioned who was behind it.

"I think that point, in and of itself, should have been enough for them to actually feel that this process was flawed, and should have overturned this entire process," she said after Tuesday's hearing.

The three-member election board ruled that Brown didn't prove fraud and said all her signatures deemed invalid went through the proper steps of getting vetted during the challenge process.

Mayoral candidates Preckwinkle and businessman Willie Wilson had challenged her petitions, but Wilson withdrew his challenge last week.

Wilson also attempted to withdraw his challenge to Sales-Griffin's petitions, but the hearing officer in the case said last week that because Sales-Griffin apparently had too few signatures, the election board would nonetheless need to consider the case.

The board ruled Tuesday that Wilson's challenge was not made in good faith and that Sales-Griffin's

name could appear.

Sales-Griffin said he's excited to get back in the race after spending so much time just fighting to take part. But he questioned the fairness of electoral standards.

"There are two types of candidates: the challenged and the unchallenged," he said. "If you're challenged, you will spend weeks or even months, in my case, fighting and exhausting all your resources. If you're unchallenged, you need only pass a visual test for overall conformity (of your signatures)."

Already on the ballot because they were not challenged or beat the challenge to their signatures were Preckwinkle, Wilson, state Comptroller Susana Mendoza, state Rep. La Shawn Ford, Daley, City Hall veteran and attorney Gery Chico, former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas, former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot, Fioretti, South-

west Side attorney Jerry Joyce, Austin Chamber of Commerce Director Amara Enyia and attorney John Kozlar.

Candidates for Chicago mayor need 12,500 valid signatures of registered voters to get on the ballot. In the Preckwinkle challenge, Brown was about 1,000 signatures below the 12,500 threshold.

Brown turned in about 25,000 signatures to get on the ballot, less than the standard of three times the required number that major candidates for citywide office try to collect. Twenty-one people filed petitions to run for mayor, but Brown and six other would-be candidates either withdrew or were removed from the ballot because of petition challenges.

If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote in the Feb. 26 city election, its top two vote-getters will face off in an April 2 runoff.

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## Buddy Guy firm giving \$500K to Fioretti's run

Amount is biggest campaign donation in mayoral race

By GREGORY PRATT  
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Chicago blues legend Buddy Guy's company donated \$500,000 to former Ald. Bob Fioretti's mayoral campaign committee over the weekend, giving the second-time candidate a major financial boost.

Guy's company, GBG Enterprise, Inc., made the contribution Saturday, records show. It's a contribution that's the single largest from an individual donor to any of the 14 mayoral contenders to date.

During an interview about the donation, Fioretti paused and said, "I am breathless."

"I am so humbled and honored by his support," Fioretti said. "He's a long-time friend."

Fioretti said he didn't recall when the two first met or how their relationship started but noted that he was quoted by The Washington Post when Buddy Guy was honored at the Kennedy Center in 2012.

A slideshow caption still on the Post's website notes that Fioretti "helped have the block in front of Buddy Guy's Legends renamed in Guy's honor."

Before Guy's contribution, public policy consultant Amara Enyia had been the recipient of the biggest campaign donation so far in the race: \$400,000 last week from Chance the Rapper. Enyia's campaign has been seen as a long shot in the crowded field of candidates, many with more experience and better-known political pedigrees.

But the support of Chance and fellow star rapper Kanye West, who also has given Enyia a combined \$200,000, has helped draw attention to Enyia's cam-

paign. Fioretti only can hope that the infusion of cash similarly boosts his campaign, which also is considered a long shot.

Until the donation, Fioretti lagged far behind many other candidates in the race, including former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, City Hall veteran Gery Chico and Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza.

Fioretti was a noted critic of Mayor Rahm Emanuel on the City Council, where he served from 2007 to 2015. Fioretti, however, endorsed Emanuel against Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia after failing to make the runoff.

At the time, Fioretti acknowledged his backing of Emanuel came as he sought to retire substantial debt owed to his mayoral campaign. Emanuel said he would help

Fioretti raise money, but both the mayor and the alderman said that had nothing to do with the endorsement.

Fioretti finished fourth in 2015 with roughly 7 percent of the vote, behind Emanuel, Garcia and businessman Willie Wilson.

Fioretti also ran for county board president earlier this year against Preckwinkle, portraying himself as an anti-tax reformer in an attempt to capitalize on backlash over Preckwinkle's soda tax. He was not successful.

Though Preckwinkle handily defeated Fioretti, some political observers have noted that Fioretti garnered about 40 percent of the vote — a sign, they say, that the pop tax continues to resonate against her.

Guy's representatives did not immediately return a message seeking comment.



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## Bill Daley makes Howard Dean's list

Would-be mayor endorsed by ex-DNC chair

By LOLLY BOWEAN  
Chicago Tribune

Joined by about four dozen supporters and staff, Chicago mayoral candidate Bill Daley on Tuesday announced the endorsement of Howard Dean, the former chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

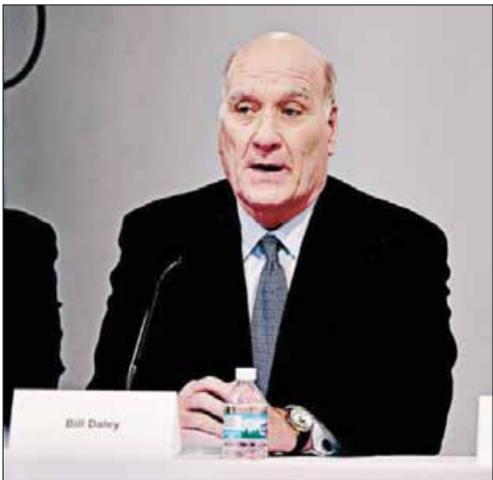
Dean, the former Vermont governor, said he is supporting Daley, in part because he has a vision that would address government corruption and he would implement reforms that could make Chicago a model city.

"Bill is somebody who doesn't need to be in politics, he had a successful series of careers," Dean said. "He's doing it for all the right reasons."

Dean and Daley are longtime allies. Nearly a decade ago, in 2011, Dean spoke critically of some departing White House advisers but praised the possibility of Daley being appointed chief of staff for then-President Barack Obama. At the time, Rahm Emanuel was Obama's chief of staff, and Dean called him shortsighted and too focused on making empty deals.

"The reason we hit it off ... is because he basically said it like it was," Dean said of Daley. "That's a rare commodity in Washington. I happen to share that belief in saying it like it is."

It's debatable how much impact, if any, Dean's endorsement will have in the race. After all, he has no roots in Chicago's fa-



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago mayoral candidate Bill Daley has announced the endorsement of former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean.

mously tribal politics, and it's been 10 years since he enjoyed the national influence that comes with the DNC chairmanship.

On Tuesday, Daley and Dean sat side by side before an audience downtown and discussed Daley's vision for Chicago. Then they answered questions from some of those gathered.

If elected, Daley has said he would push to overhaul the City Council and shrink it from 50 members to 15 — a number that he says would make the body more on par with other cities. He also wants to strip the councilmen of some of their power to dictate what can be built in their wards, and he wants to prohibit them from accepting outside income.

As a result of a federal corruption charge being levied against Ald. Edward Burke earlier this month, Daley and other candidates in the race have said they want to strengthen city ethics policies.

Daley is the brother and son of two former mayors who held the office for a combined 43 years. If elected, he would become the third Daley to serve as mayor. The former U.S. Commerce secretary has

raised more than \$4.5 million in campaign funds, leading the field of 14 candidates, according to the state board of elections.

But while Daley and Dean touted Daley's political connections and long-time reputation, the candidate has been criticized for missing local, grassroots forums and for being disconnected from some Chicago neighborhoods. While he says he wants to redraw city boundaries based on census figures so that there are fewer council members, he plans to do that with a ballot referendum, a technique that measures voters' sentiments but doesn't guarantee actual action.

"Let the voters have some say," he said. "We should not be afraid of the public. ... Everyone should ask their aldermanic candidates today, 'Where do you stand on restructuring our city government?' It's a fair question."

The mayoral election is Feb. 26. If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote, the election's top two vote-getters will face off in an April 2 runoff.

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## FOP endorses Burke despite his pending corruption charge

By JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Fraternal Order of Police has endorsed Ald. Edward Burke for re-election despite the fact he faces a federal charge of attempted extortion, the embattled alderman says.

Burke announced the endorsement of the lodge that represents Chicago's rank-and-file police officers on his 14th Ward Facebook page. "As a former patrol officer and now a strong supporter of our Police Department, I am humbled by the endorsement of the Chicago Patrolmen's Union, FOP Lodge 7," Burke said.

FOP officials could not be reached for comment Tuesday. A person with knowledge of the situation said the union board of directors voted to endorse Burke at a recent meeting.

Burke — who was a police officer for three years before joining the City Council in 1969 — has long been one of



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Ald. Edward Burke faces perhaps his stiffest re-election test as he remains in the race for a 13th full term.

the department's strongest backers in the body.

Burke faces perhaps his stiffest re-election test as he remains in the race for a 13th full term. Federal authorities charged him earlier this month with trying to pressure owners of a Burger King in his Southwest Side ward to hire his law firm for property tax appeal work in exchange for helping them get a permit for a driveway.

Even before the charge, political forces were lining up to try unseating him.

U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia has endorsed chal-

lenger Tanya Patino in the contest. Garcia also backed Patino's boyfriend, Aaron Ortiz, when he beat Burke's brother, former state Rep. Dan Burke, in last year's Democratic primary for the Southwest Side district's seat in the state House.

Jaime Guzman also is running against Burke in a ward that is now majority Hispanic. A third candidate, Irene Corral, also is in the race.

Burke stepped down from his post as powerful chairman of the City Council Finance Committee after he was charged Jan. 3. But he subsequently announced on Facebook that he would remain in the aldermanic campaign.

Burke is free on a \$10,000 unsecured bond while the case is pending. His attorney, Charles Sklarsky, has said the allegations are without merit.

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## Mendoza's new ad uses footage from comptroller campaign spot

By LISA DONOVAN  
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Chicago mayoral candidate Susana Mendoza ran a TV ad during her successful re-election campaign for Illinois comptroller about how playing on soccer teams with boys paved the way for playing in the boys club of politics.

Now, a few months later, she's recycling parts of the spot for a new TV ad in her run for Chicago mayor, her campaign staff confirms.

"All I wanted to do was play soccer. And my mother said, 'oh no, honey, you can't play soccer. Only boys play

soccer,'" she says in the ad. "When people tell me I can't do something, it just motivates me even more," she says.

The new commercial aims to distance her from the boys club that's defined Chicago politics, while saying she can stand up to it too. It comes as opponents in the crowded mayor's race link her to longtime mentor and 50-year Ald. Edward Burke, who was charged in a federal pay-to-play scheme in recent weeks.

Mendoza was re-elected state comptroller in November. The ad raised eyebrows at the time because

she was carefully avoiding announcing a mayoral bid, but in the commercial she wore a jersey with the colors of the Chicago city flag and bearing its four stars across the front.

This is the second TV spot Mendoza has done in English. She's done one ad in Spanish.

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## Morton Grove police: Man's death investigated as homicide

His frozen body discovered between two houses

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
Pioneer Press

The death of a man whose body was found outside a home in Morton Grove is being investigated as a homicide, police announced Tuesday.

Autopsy results showed Anthony Del Barrio, 30, of Chicago, died of a gunshot wound, said Morton Grove police Cmdr. Paul Yaras.

A suspect has not yet been identified, he said.

According to police, Del Barrio's frozen body was found between two houses on the 8800 block of Oleaner Avenue, about one block north of Dempster Street, shortly before 9:30 a.m. Jan. 20 by a resident who had gone outside to shovel snow that had fallen overnight.

Investigators do not believe Del Barrio was shot at the site where his body was found, but where the incident occurred was not known Tuesday, Yaras said. A vehicle belonging to Del Barrio, a pickup truck, was located about a block and a half away, Yaras said.

"He doesn't live in the area, but we do believe he was visiting somebody in the neighborhood," the police commander said. "We are still trying to determine which house he came from."

Yaras said authorities believe there is no danger to the community.

Police did not receive any calls of gunshots in the neighborhood on the evening of Jan. 20 or Jan. 21 morning, Yaras said. Investigators have spoken with residents, but no one remembered hearing anything that sounded like a gunshot, he said.

"We've had people mention they were home, but they didn't really notice



JENNIFER JOHNSON/PIONEER PRESS

Police from Morton Grove and the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force investigate a death in Morton Grove.

anything in particular," Yaras said.

A trail of footprints indicated Del Barrio had been walking around in the area prior to his death, police said. Several streets were closed for more than 24 hours while Morton Grove police and members of the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force conducted their investigation.

Marilyn Vargas, Del Barrio's sister, described her brother as a generous and "all-around great guy" who was devoted to his family, particularly his parents.

"He was always at their house," she said. "If he wasn't working, he was with my mom. He took care of our parents."

About a year ago, Del Barrio had started his own debris removal business, TKO Junk Removal, Vargas said. A website for the company indicates that removal services were available 24 hours a day, six days a week.

"He was a very hard worker," Vargas said of her brother. "A very, very hard worker."

Outside of work, Del Barrio, who grew up on Chicago's North Side, was a "foodie" who loved going to

restaurants, his sister said. A Filipino-American, Del Barrio enjoyed Filipino cuisine, but liked trying all types of food, Vargas said.

"He and my mom would go to different restaurants all the time, and he was always on YouTube looking up cooking videos," she said.

Marilyn Vargas and her sister, Jocelyn Vargas, both said they do not know what might have happened to their brother the night he died or why he was in Morton Grove.

"We're praying that we find answers," Marilyn Vargas said. "If anyone has any information, we would really appreciate that they come forward."

Del Barrio's death was initially labeled "suspicious" by investigators.

"We noticed blood, but we didn't see any obvious injuries," Yaras said. "That's why it was considered a suspicious death."

An autopsy initially had been planned for Jan. 21, but was postponed due to the condition of the body, Yaras said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Morton Grove Police Department at 847-470-5200.

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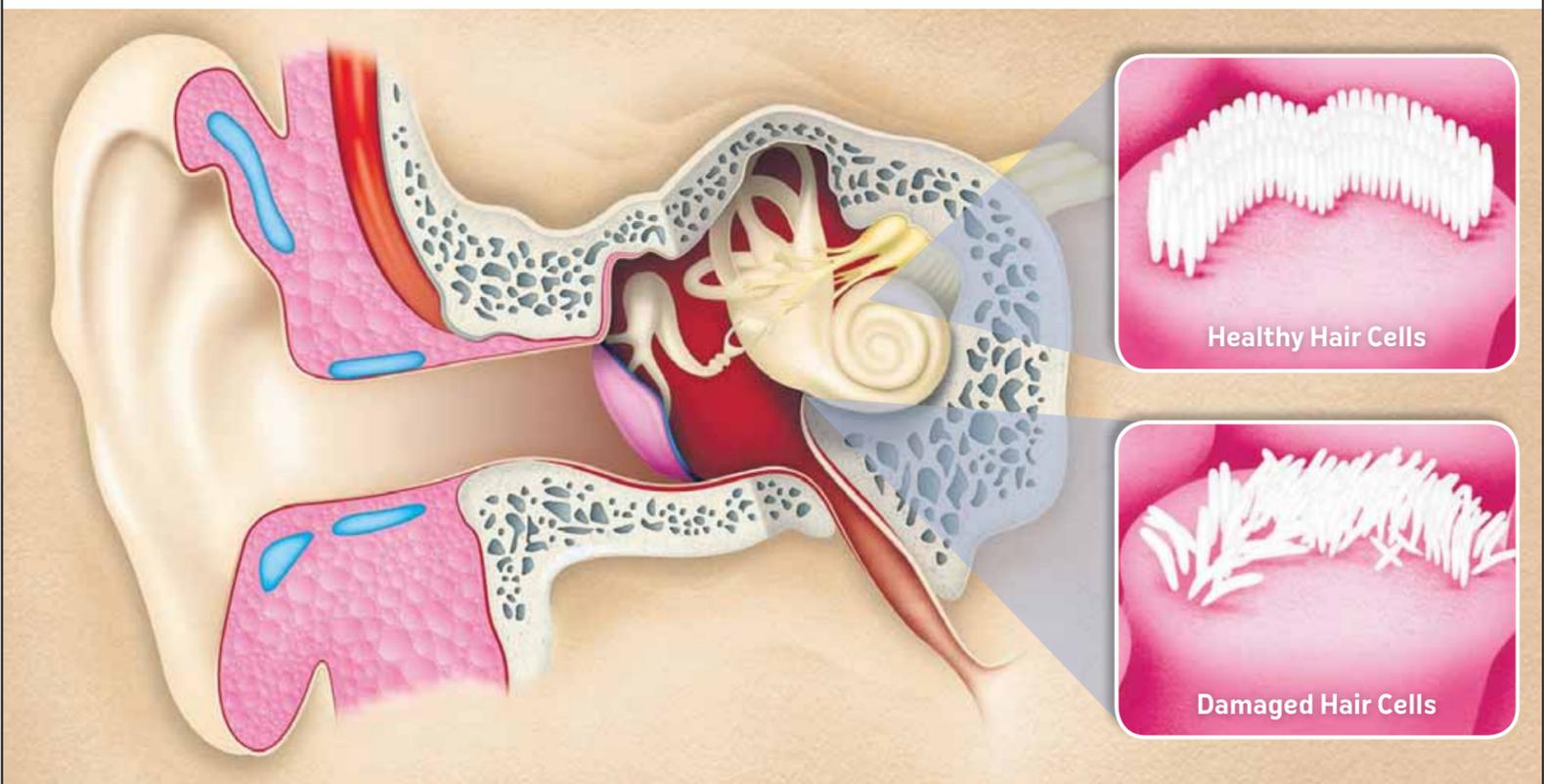
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## Transgender troop ban to take effect

Justice, Defense departments applaud Supreme Court decision

By JESSICA GRESKO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration can go ahead with its plan to restrict military service by transgender men and women while court challenges continue, the Supreme Court said Tuesday.

The high court split 5-4 in allowing the plan to take effect, with the court's five conservatives greenlighting it and its four liberal members saying they would not have. The order from the court was brief and procedural, with no elaboration from the justices.

The court's decision clears the way for the Pentagon to bar enlistment by people who have undergone a gender transition. It will also allow the administration to require that military personnel serve as members of their biological gender unless they began a gender transition under less restrictive Obama administration rules.

The Trump administration has sought for more than a year to change the Obama-era rules and had urged the justices to take up cases about its transgender troop policy immediately, but the court declined for now. Those cases will continue to move through lower courts and could eventually reach the Supreme Court again. The fact that five justices were willing to allow the policy to take effect for now, however, makes it more likely the administration's policy



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The Supreme Court's 5-4 split allows the Trump administration plan to restrict military service by transgender men and women to move forward.

will ultimately be upheld.

Both the Justice and Defense departments released statements saying they were pleased by the Supreme Court's action. The Pentagon said its policy on transgender troops is based on professional military judgment, and necessary to "ensure the most lethal and combat effective fighting force."

Justice Department spokeswoman Kerri Kupec said lower court rulings had forced the military to "maintain a prior policy that poses a risk to military effectiveness and lethality."

Before beginning to implement its policy, the administration is expected to

need to make a procedural filing in one case in Maryland challenging the plan. That request could be made this week.

Groups that sued over the Trump administration's policy said they ultimately hoped to win their lawsuits.

Jennifer Levi, an attorney for GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders, said in a statement that the "Trump administration's cruel obsession with riding our military of dedicated and capable service members because they happen to be transgender defies reason and cannot survive legal review."

Until a few years ago,

service members could be discharged from the military for being transgender. That changed under the Obama administration. The military announced in 2016 that transgender people already serving in the military would be allowed to serve openly. And the military set July 1, 2017, as the date when transgender individuals would be allowed to enlist.

But after President Donald Trump took office, the administration delayed the enlistment date, saying the issue needed further study. And in late July 2017 the president tweeted that the government would not allow "Transgender individu-

als to serve in any capacity in the U.S. Military."

He later directed the military to return to its policy before the Obama administration changes.

Groups representing transgender individuals sued, and the Trump administration lost early rounds in those cases, with courts issuing nationwide injunctions barring the administration from altering course. The Supreme Court put those injunctions on hold Tuesday, allowing the Trump administration's policy to take effect.

The Trump administration's revised policy on transgender troops dates to March 2018. The policy

generally bars transgender people from serving unless they do so "in their biological sex" and do not seek to undergo a gender transition. But it has an exception for transgender troops who relied on the Obama-era rules to begin the process of changing their gender.

Those individuals, who have been diagnosed with "gender dysphoria," can continue to serve after transitioning. The military has said that over 900 men and women had received that diagnosis. A 2016 survey estimated that about 1 percent of active-duty service members, about 9,000 men and women, identify as transgender.

## High court to hear 2nd Amendment challenge to NYC handgun law

By DAVID G. SAVAGE  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to hear its first Second Amendment case in nearly a decade and rule on a strict New York City ordinance that bars a legal owner of a handgun from taking it to a shooting range outside the city.

The city says owners may seek permits to carry handguns legally if they have good cause, but the permits are difficult to obtain.

Alternately, they may obtain a "premises" permit to keep a handgun at home, but that comes with strict regulation. The New York Police Department says those with a "premises" permit may carry the unloaded gun to a shooting range in the city, but not to a range outside the city.

Several gun owners sued to challenge this restriction on carrying a handgun outside the city. One of them sought the right to carry his gun to a vacation home in upstate New York, but lost

before a federal judge and the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Urging the high court to take up the issue, their lawyer, former U.S. Solicitor Gen. Paul Clement, called the "city's transport ban an extreme, unjustified and irrational restriction on Second Amendment rights. There is absolutely no evidence that transporting an unloaded firearm, locked in a container separate from its ammunition, presents a material public safety risk." The justices said they

would hear the case, *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. New York*, but it will probably be considered in the fall. If so, the court will not issue a decision until early in 2020.

While the case could be decided narrowly based on the unusual provisions of the city's ordinance, the court could rule on the more significant question of whether the Second Amendment protects carrying a gun in public.

Until now, the justices have said remarkably little

about the Second Amendment, other than that it protects the right of a law-abiding individual to have a handgun at home for self-defense. In 2008, the court struck down a District of Columbia ordinance that prohibited possession of nearly all handguns in *Heller v. D.C.* Two years later in 2010, the court struck down a similarly broad city ordinance in Chicago.

Since then, it has turned down a series of appeals from gun owners who objected to restrictions on

carrying guns in public or who sued over bans on the sale or possession of semi-automatic weapons.

That could change with the addition of Justice Brett Kavanaugh. When Kavanaugh worked on the federal appeals court in Washington, he dissented from a ruling that upheld the district's ban on semi-automatic rifles. He said such weapons are in common use nationwide, and therefore should be deemed as protected under the Second Amendment.

## Ky. school closes as precaution amid uproar over videos

By BRUCE SCHREINER  
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Associated Press

COVINGTON, Ky. — A Kentucky boys' school shut down its campus Tuesday as a precaution and a small protest was held outside their diocese as fallout continued over an encounter involving white teenagers, Native American marchers and a black religious sect outside the Lincoln Memorial last week.

President Donald Trump tweeted Tuesday that the students at Covington Catholic High School "have become symbols of Fake News and how evil it can be" but says he hopes the teens will use the attention for good, and "maybe even to bring people together."

The recorded images that initially generated outrage on social media were tightly focused on the students wearing "Make America Great Again" hats, who seemed to laugh derisively as they surrounded an elderly Native American beating a drum.

Longer videos from wider perspectives emerged later over the Mar-

tin Luther King holiday weekend. They revealed the drummer — Omaha Nation elder Nathan Phillips — had intervened between the boys and the religious sect. That came after the teens seemed to grow rowdier and the black street preacher who had been shouting racist statements against both groups escalated his rhetoric.

Soon, all sides were pointing fingers, giving their own accounts about feeling victimized and misunderstood.

"We just don't know what the volatility of the situation is with these people that react and they don't know the full story. And it's very scary," Jill Hamlin, of Cincinnati, a chaperone for the boys as they attended an anti-abortion rally, told FOX News.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington said Tuesday that local police alerted them a protest was planned. It said officials were advised to close school "due to threats of violence and the possibility of large crowds" adding they would reopen school when police "say it is safe to do so."



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Tribal protesters hold hands with a parishioner during a group prayer at the Catholic diocese in Covington, Ky.

The diocese, which previously criticized the students' behavior, promised to begin its investigation of events this week. "This is a very serious matter that has already permanently altered the lives of many people. It is important for us to gather the facts that will allow us to determine what corrective actions, if any, are appropriate."

The American Indian Movement Chapter of Indiana and Kentucky held a small protest outside the diocese office.

Albert Running Wolf, a Native American from Fort

Thomas, Ky., referred to Phillips during the event as "an honorable man" who was trying to be a peacemaker, but ended up being verbally attacked. He said Phillips deserves an apology. "It doesn't matter what color they were, what political factions they were. It was disrespect — straight-forward."

A smaller group supporting the teens converged closer to the diocese building.

Among them was Cincinnati resident Maureen Green, a former Catholic and mother of three, who

said she thought the boys had been "railroaded" by some media accounts. "I think these boys are learning a lot about how the world really works. It's a life lesson," she said.

The school's principal, Robert Rowe, said school officials closed the campus as a safety precaution. Police cars blocked school entrances Tuesday afternoon.

Phillips offered to visit the boys' campus for a dialogue on cultural appropriation, racism and the importance of listening to and respecting diverse cul-

tures.

"Let's create space for the teaching of tolerance to happen," his statement said, according to The Cincinnati Enquirer. "I have faith that human beings can use a moment like this to find a way to gain understanding from one another."

Twitter, meanwhile, has suspended an account that helped the video go viral. Twitter prohibits the creation of "fake and misleading accounts," and the encounter again demonstrated the power of social media to not just amplify but manipulate narratives.



JAWAD JALALI/EPA-EFE

Afghan intel officers leave a collapsed building Monday after a Taliban attack Monday in Wardak, Afghanistan. Afghan officials said Tuesday that at least 45 people were killed.

## Afghan intel agency suffers heavy toll in Taliban attack

BY AMIR SHAH AND RAHIM FAIEZ  
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Dozens of people killed in a brazen Taliban attack on a military base were members of Afghanistan's intelligence agency, officials said Tuesday, in a severe blow to the government that already has lost control of nearly half of the country to the insurgents.

At least 45 people were killed and as many as 70 were wounded by a suicide bomber who drove an armored Humvee packed with explosives at the base in eastern Maidan Wardak province Monday, the officials said.

There were fears the death toll from the daytime assault could increase. The base, which also serves as a training center for pro-government militias, is run by Afghanistan's intelligence service known as the National Directorate for Security, or NDS.

The NDS said its reports show 36 military personnel were killed and 58 were wounded. Though the agency's figures were lower than what provincial officials had reported, it was still an unprecedented casualty toll for the agency, among the best equipped and trained in Afghanistan.

The agency said the suicide bomber had managed to penetrate the gate of the base on the outskirts of Maidan Shar, the provincial capital about 25 miles from Kabul, even though guards fired at the vehicle.

Khawanin Sultani, a council member in the province, said a main building collapsed from the explosion. "Most of the bodies were under the destroyed building," he said.

The Taliban claimed responsibility in a statement hours after the attack and later said its representatives met Monday with U.S. representatives to discuss "ending the invasion of Afghanistan" in talks that were to continue Tuesday. They are meeting in Qatar, where the Taliban have a political office.

The timing of the attack, one of the worst Taliban assaults on Afghan forces in recent years, and the Qatar meeting that was meant to pave way for talks aimed at resolving Afghanistan's 17-year war, underscored the audacity of the insurgents in the face of stepped-up peace efforts.

The Taliban now hold sway in almost half of Afghanistan and carry out attacks on a daily basis, mainly targeting the country's beleaguered security forces.

After the suicide bomber struck, four other attackers engaged in a shootout with Afghan troops, according to Sultani, the provincial council member. All the attackers were killed, he said.

About 150 military personnel and others were at the base at the time, he said. The pro-government militia that was hit had been highly effective in securing the province, especially two key highways linking Kabul with the provinces of Kandahar, Maidan Wardak and Bamyan.

President Ashraf Ghani's office said the "enemy had carried out a terrorist attack against the intelligence agency's personnel, killed and wounded a number of honest sons of this homeland who were defending their country and protecting their people."

Last week, the Taliban threatened to walk away from the talks, accusing Washington of seeking to "expand the agenda" — presumably a reference to U.S. demands that the insurgents hold direct talks with the Kabul government.

The Taliban view the Afghan government as a U.S. puppet and have long insisted they will only negotiate directly with Washington.

## Lawyer: U.S. spy suspect unaware of classified files

BY NATALIYA VASILYEVA  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — The lawyer for an American man being held in Moscow on suspicion of spying said Tuesday that his client was given a flash drive containing Russian "state secrets" before he was arrested, but did not know he had them and had not looked at them.

His family insisted that he was entrapped and denied that he is guilty of espionage.

Paul Whelan, a former U.S. Marine, was detained in Moscow at the end of December after attending the wedding of a friend.

The arrest raised speculation that he could be swapped for one of the Russians held in the U.S., such as gun rights activist Maria Butina, who has pleaded guilty to acting as a foreign agent in the United States.

Whelan, 48, made his first public appearance in court Tuesday to hear the appeal of his arrest. The judge upheld the previous ruling that ordered him to be kept behind bars at least until the end of February.

Whelan was kept in a glass cage and did not speak to reporters.

Spying charges carry a prison sentence of up to 20 years in Russia.

Whelan's lawyer, Vladimir Zherebenkov, said Tuesday that when his client was detained at a Moscow hotel at the end of December he had something with him that contained "state secrets."

The lawyer said that Whelan was a frequent visitor to Russia and that he asked by an unnamed person to email him something about travel around the country. Whelan reportedly was not able to download it and then asked that person to put it on a flash drive.

"He was expecting to see



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Former U.S. Marine Paul Whelan, right, listens to his lawyer while standing inside a glass cage Tuesday in Moscow.

on the flash drive some personal information like pictures or videos, something like that, about that person's previous trips around Russia," Zherebenkov told reporters. "We don't know how the materials that contain state secrets ended up there."

The lawyer said the American was detained before he could open the files. He added that it was not clear what has happened to the person who reportedly gave the flash drive to Whelan.

Zherebenkov said the investigators have not disclosed which country he is accused of spying for.

According to American journalists who have worked in Moscow, the practice of giving Westerners secret documents in a bid to ensnare them was a known practice dating back to the Cold War.

Nicholas Daniloff, who was the Moscow correspondent for U.S. News and World Report in the 1980s, recalled the time in 1986 when a Russian friend handed him a plastic bag containing photos from Central Asia. Unbeknownst to Daniloff, the package also contained maps of Soviet deployments in Af-

ghanistan that were marked "secret."

"Suddenly a minibus drove up alongside me," he recalled in a recent article for The Washington Post. "Six men jumped out. Several of them surrounded me, pinned my arms behind my back and handcuffed me before shoving me into the van."

Daniloff was eventually released in a trade for Gennadi Zakharov, a Soviet physicist working for the United Nations who had been arrested in the United States for espionage-related activities shortly before Daniloff was taken into custody.

Paul Whelan's twin brother, David, said in a statement that the family was disappointed but hardly surprised by the denial of bail.

"While we still lack any details from the Russian government about why Paul is thought to be a spy, and who provided him with the alleged state secrets, we are certain that he was entrapped and is not guilty of espionage," he said in a statement. "We have not had any information about a USB drive, what was on it, or how it might have materialized in Paul's possession."

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# Yet another black eye for the DEA

Feds say star agent abroad laundered more than \$7M

BY JOSHUA GOODMAN  
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Associated Press

MIAMI — A U.S. federal narcotics agent known for expensive tastes and high-profile drug seizures has been implicated in a multi-million-dollar money-laundering conspiracy that involved the cartel criminals he was charged with fighting in Colombia.

Jose Irizarry is accused of conspiring with a long-time DEA informant to launder more than \$7 million in illicit drug proceeds, sometimes using an underground network known as the black-market peso exchange, according to five current and former law enforcement officials.

The officials described the case as one of the biggest black eyes in the history of the DEA, an agency that has seen repeated scandals in recent years.

The conspiracy is also believed to have benefited one of South America's top money launderers, who is a relative of Irizarry's Colombian wife, said officials, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the federal investigation.

The allegations sent shockwaves through the DEA and drawn new scrutiny to the agency's Colombia field office, a critical outpost steeped in turmoil in recent years. The division has seen internal strife and turnover in leadership even as it grapples with record-high levels of cocaine production.

Some of the details emerged in a federal case in Tampa, Fla., in which a former DEA informant, Gustavo Yabrudi, a dual Venezuelan-American citizen, recently pleaded guilty



JOE BURBANK/AP

A conspiracy involving a U.S. drug enforcement agent may have benefited one of South America's top money launderers.

to money laundering. That case refers to an unnamed "co-conspirator 3" — a suspect who is Irizarry, the five officials said.

It is unknown where the 44-year-old Irizarry is living, or whether he has been charged. Repeated messages seeking comment left on a cellphone number the law enforcement officials said belongs to Irizarry were not returned.

Chad Van Horn, a Miami attorney who represented Irizarry in a bankruptcy case, said he had no comment and could provide no assistance in efforts to reach him. Barry Wax, a Miami defense attorney who has also represented Irizarry, did not return phone calls and emails seeking comment.

A DEA spokeswoman said Irizarry resigned from the agency after he was recalled from Colombia to Washington in 2017 but declined further comment.

When word of the scan-

dal reached Washington that year, the FBI and Justice Department dispatched investigators to Colombia to conduct criminal and internal inquiries, fearing that it could backfire on the DEA's ability to keep the trust of sources in the criminal underworld, the law enforcement officials said.

The case raises new questions about the DEA's screening practices in its hiring of special agents. Irizarry was hired despite indications of deception in a polygraph exam he took upon admission, three of the law enforcement officials said.

There were other red flags. In 2010, Irizarry declared bankruptcy with debts of almost \$500,000, but he was permitted to handle financial transactions in his DEA role.

Before he was exposed, Irizarry had been a model agent, the law enforcement officials said. Based in Miami, he won special permis-

sion to set up an undercover operation to send money and ship contraband merchandise to Colombia on behalf of suspected drug traffickers using front companies, shell bank accounts and couriers.

His investigations led to scores of arrests, earning him an early-career transfer to a coveted posting in the Colombian resort city of Cartagena, where his successes continued.

"He was the superstar everyone wanted to be," one former law enforcement official said.

But Irizarry and Yabrudi, his long-time informant, allegedly opened a bank account where they directed deposits from a growing network of criminal contacts looking to repatriate drug proceeds to Colombia, the officials said. Sometimes the funds were used to purchase goods that were exported to Colombia for resale in pesos, which were used to pay the traffickers.

Prosecutors allege that \$7 million flowed through a single account over almost six years. Yabrudi, in pleading guilty, admitted he withdrew cash from the account and gave payments to his unnamed DEA co-conspirator — Irizarry, the officials said — and accounts he controlled.

"None of these deposits, nor the use of the funds that followed, were officially sanctioned DEA operations," prosecutors wrote in court filings.

They said Yabrudi knew the funds were illegal drug proceeds and that his co-conspirator had been "acting outside the scope of his authority" as a DEA agent.

Yabrudi's lawyer, Leonardo Concepcion, declined to comment about the case but described it as "involving serious corruption by a DEA agent."

At times, Irizarry fabricated DEA seizure orders or letters from banks to pocket some of the money, the law

enforcement officials said. Given the huge sums laundered every day, his unsuspecting criminal clients chalked up losses to a cat-and-mouse game with the feds.

Irizarry also adopted the ostentatious tastes of the drug traffickers he was tasked with targeting. Unlike most agents earning a government salary on temporary assignment, Irizarry bought a home and Land Rover in Cartagena. He traveled first-class to Europe sporting Louis Vuitton luggage and a gold Hublot watch, one official said.

He hosted yacht parties with bikini-clad prostitutes, which fellow agents and at least one supervisor attended against DEA policy, according to an official, who went to one such party. The DEA banned such gatherings in the wake of the 2015 "sex parties" scandal in Colombia that prompted the retirement of the DEA's administrator at the time.

Investigators are also examining whether Irizarry's marriage into the mafia was driving his off-the-chart arrest and seizure numbers, the law enforcement officials said. His second wife, Nathalia Gomez, is related to Diego Marin, who U.S. and Colombian officials describe as one of the top money-laundering suspects in the country over the past decade.

Authorities believe Marin is Colombia's contraband king, importing shipping containers full of electronics and textiles with drug dollars that wind up being sold at flea markets featuring contraband goods at a steep discount.

Marin was arrested in 1993 for allegedly hiding dope money for the Cali cartel in Colombia-bound home appliances. But he was never charged and has eluded prosecution by leveraging relationships built over decades as an informant to multiple U.S. law enforcement agencies, the officials said.

## Brazil's Bolsonaro makes stumbling start

New president's sweeping changes haven't happened

BY MAURICIO SAVARESE  
Associated Press

SAO PAULO — A few days after being inaugurated, new Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro announced a tax increase, only to have his chief of staff say hours later that the boss "had been wrong."

The former army captain also said he would be open to putting a U.S. base in his country, but military leaders quickly squashed the idea.

And the day after the nascent administration announced plans to abolish a land-reform program, officials said it would remain intact.

The far-right leader's first two weeks on the job have been filled with missteps and communication gaffes and little of his promised sweeping changes — underscoring a steep learning curve for a president elected on promises to overhaul much of daily life in Latin America's largest nation.

"He has never been in the executive, his party is totally new to high offices and few members of his cabinet have experience," said Carlos Melo, a political science professor at Insper University in Sao Paulo. "It

seems they are paralyzed by how complex Brazil's state is and also by internal disagreements."

Bolsonaro ran on a platform that mixed pro-gun, anti-corruption and market-friendly ideas. Despite having two months after his October election to prepare for his Jan. 1 debut, the administration has not hit the ground running.

The lack of a cohesive plan is raising questions about Bolsonaro's commitment and ability to deliver on promises ranging from a major overhaul of the pension system to moving Brazil's embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

"We saw all that polarization in the elections, but now that Bolsonaro is in Brasilia it looks like business as usual," said Denis Carvalho, a 34-year-old Sao Paulo architect who voted for rival Fernando Haddad.

Joao Felisbino, a 64-year-old doorman, said Bolsonaro just needs time.

"Brazil has been a mess for years. You can't solve all the problems in a month," he said, adding that Bolsonaro should not be judged until he has been in office a year.

Bolsonaro issued several

executive orders on his first day, including a plan to cease awarding any new land to indigenous groups, a campaign promise.

But in the days that followed, little happened and Bolsonaro shifted back to attacking the media and his adversaries.

"There is no end to the media lies that come 24 hours a day," he declared on Twitter.

Last Tuesday, two weeks after being inaugurated, Bolsonaro issued a decree loosening gun laws, fulfilling a signature campaign promise.

As expected, opponents of the measure criticized Bolsonaro for changing the law to allow almost anybody over 25 years old without a criminal record to be able to get a gun. But even many hard-core supporters joined in the criticism, angry that the measure didn't go far enough. Stocks of gun manufacturer Taurus, which had steadily gone up in recent months on expectations of major changes, fell 22 percent.

Bolsonaro and his allies insist they are on a good path and that big changes are coming "soon."

Still, there are more ques-



ANDRE PENNER/AP

Jair Bolsonaro raises both arms after his swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 1 in Brasilia, Brazil.

tions than answers about many of his signature pledges, and Bolsonaro is getting a crash course in the magnification of gaffes that come from high office.

That happened on his third day on the job during a military event in the capital of Brasilia.

Bolsonaro told journalists he had signed a decree to raise a tax on many common banking transactions. The move quickly brought a public outcry that it broke a campaign promise of no new taxes.

Hours later, the head of Brazil's tax agency said the president was wrong, as did Bolsonaro's chief of staff. Paulo Guedes, the economy

minister, was reportedly infuriated, though he did not comment publicly. In the end, there was no new tax.

Another flip-flop came Jan. 8, when the administration said it was freezing a redistribution program that gave underutilized state and private land to the poor. The next day, however, it was announced that the program would continue.

After the bank transfer gaffe, Bolsonaro has mostly avoided economic issues since being inaugurated. During the campaign, he often said he didn't understand the economy and instead deferred to Guedes, a University of Chicago graduate who has advocated

steep budget cuts and widespread privatizations.

Bolsonaro's administration appears paralyzed on moving Brazil's embassy in Israel, a promise that thrilled evangelical voters.

Despite claims by Bolsonaro that the decision "has been made," Minister Carlos Alberto Santos Cruz, who coordinates the administration with politicians and business leaders, told the BBC that the idea was "completely impractical."

"We have an important commercial relationship with the Arab world," Vice President Hamilton Mourao told the Folha de S. Paulo newspaper.

## Bipartisan authors of federal sentence reform have new goal

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The bipartisan team that rallied House support for last year's federal sentencing changes is drafting new legislation to clean up the existing criminal records of nonviolent drug offenders, a centerpiece of their efforts to pass further reforms.

Reps. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., and Douglas Collins, R-Ga., are discussing how to potentially expunge the records of people convicted of

drug crimes before minimum sentencing requirements were reduced, to restore their eligibility to apply for certain jobs, both lawmakers said.

Even in cases where people have served their time, criminal records can often keep them from rejoining the workforce, and the change could let people "really reset and restart their lives," Jeffries said.

"What is being contemplated is removing the stain that has been put on their life's journey as a result of a

nonviolent drug offense, often occurring at a very adolescent stage of their life," he added.

The bipartisan backing could form the basis for what Collins guessed might be called a "Next Step Act," to follow up on the pair's successful efforts to pass a "First Step Act" last year.

"My view is . . . let's look at what can we do in terms of going big," Collins said. "It may be complicated heading into a presidential (election) year, but we at least have an opportunity to

consider it."

Both lawmakers said they hope to continue their established partnership with the White House, in particular with President Donald Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner, with whom they worked on last year's criminal justice reforms.

Jeffries said he also hopes to address marijuana as part of any future criminal justice package.

"There's a growing number of conservatives, libertarians, and Republicans

who are in agreement with Democrats, who believe that we should at least take a hard look at descheduling marijuana," Jeffries said.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration lists marijuana as a Schedule I drug, a classification that makes it potentially subject to the strictest regulations and punishments for illegal distribution and use.

That stands in sharp contrast to the trend taking hold in several states, most of which have approved its use at least for medical

purposes, while some have decriminalized marijuana use entirely.

Attorney general nominee William Barr, who said during his confirmation hearing last week he is in favor of a federal ban on marijuana, acknowledged he would not "upset settled expectations" of people and businesses operating in states where distribution and production of marijuana are permitted.

An aide to Collins said the congressman is unlikely to support such a move.

# Senate sets up showdown votes

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haven in the country.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said the GOP plan's immigration proposals were "even more radical" than their past positions. "The president's proposal is just wrapping paper on the same partisan package and hostage-taking tactics," offering to temporarily restore programs Trump himself tried to end in exchange for wall funding, Schumer said.

McCconnell accused Democrats of preferring "political combat with the president" to resolving the 32-day partial federal shutdown. He said Democrats were prepared to abandon federal workers, migrants and all Americans "just to extend this run of political theater so they can look like champions of the so-called resistance" against Trump.

The confrontational tone underscored that there remained no clear end in sight to the closure. Amid tales of civil servants facing increasingly dire financial tribulations from the longest federal shutdown in history, the Senate chaplain nudged his flock.

"As hundreds of thousands of federal workers

brace for another painful payday, remind our lawmakers they can ease the pain," Chaplain Barry Black intoned as the Senate convened.

The planned vote on the Democratic plan marked a departure for McConnell, who had vowed to allow no votes on shutdown measures unless Trump would sign them.

The White House views its latest offer as a test of whether Democratic leaders can hold their members together in opposition, said a person familiar with the situation who was not authorized to speak publicly. The administration also wants to show they are willing to negotiate, hoping it will push more blame onto Democrats, who are opposing negotiations until the government reopens.

As the stalemate continued, Alaska Airlines said the closure would cause at least a three-week delay in its plan to start new passenger flights from Everett, Wash.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, said the shutdown could slow home sales by 1 percent in coming months. And a restaurant in Red Bank, N.J., owned by musician



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is expected to bring dueling proposals to the Senate floor Thursday.

Jon Bon Jovi, joined the list of establishments serving free meals to furloughed federal workers.

McCconnell's bill would reopen federal agencies, revamp immigration laws and provide \$5.7 billion to start building a border wall with Mexico — a project Democrats consider an ineffective, wasteful monument to a ridiculous Trump campaign promise.

Republicans posted the 1,301-page measure online late Monday. Its details pro-

voke Democrats, particularly immigration provisions Trump hadn't mentioned during his speech.

The measure would provide a three-year extension of protections against deportation for 700,000 people covered by the Delayed Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA. Democrats want far more to be protected and want the program's coverage for so-called Dreamers to be permanent.

The GOP bill would re-

live, for three years, protections for people from El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras and Nicaragua who fled natural disasters or violence in their countries. Trump has ended that Temporary Protected Status program for those and several other countries.

The bill would also, for the first time, require minors seeking asylum from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador to process their applications at facilities the State Department is to es-

tablish in several Central American countries.

Democrats have refused to negotiate until Trump reopens the government. Trump is worried Democrats won't agree to a wall compromise if he relents, while Democrats say Trump would use the shutdown tactic again if it works.

"If we hold the employees hostage now, they're hostage forever," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., told reporters.

## Pelosi, White House at odds over State of the Union

BY SEUNG MIN KIM  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The White House is trying to forge ahead with the State of the Union next week, further escalating a political tit-for-tat with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., who requested last week that President Donald Trump delay his address at the Capitol as long as the federal government remains partially shuttered.

Trump is preparing two versions of his annual

speech — one that could be delivered in Washington and another that would be held somewhere else, according to a senior White House official. The administration is trying to do advance work to prepare for an address at the Capitol, but as top House official, Pelosi has the power to determine whether Trump can give the speech in the House chamber.

In an email to House officials sent Sunday, a White House advance staffer requested a walk-

through from the House Sergeant-at-Arms to prepare for the presidential address, which was to be scheduled for Jan. 29. The White House asked to conduct the walk-through Monday, which was a federal holiday honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Given that we have lost valuable time over the past week my team would like to reschedule the walk-through for this Monday, if at all possible," Bobby Peede, the White House's director of presidential ad-

vance, wrote in the email, obtained by The Washington Post. Fox News first reported on the existence of the message.

That walk-through Monday did not occur.

Pelosi canceled a walk-through that had been scheduled for Jan. 16, a spokesman said.

Both the House and the Senate have to pass a resolution to make official the State of the Union, which is traditionally delivered during a joint session of Congress in the House chamber.

That resolution has not cleared Congress. The speaker of the House makes the invitation.

White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said Tuesday on Fox News that "there are many ways (Trump) can deliver the State of the Union address."

"Nancy Pelosi does not dictate to the president when he will or won't have a conversation with the American people," Gidley said. The speaker is "trying to play politics with that venue."



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Nancy Pelosi has the power to say whether President Trump can give his speech in the House chamber.

## Voter database's future in doubt

Kobach spearheaded the much-criticized plan aimed at stopping fraud at the polls

BY ROXANA HEGEMAN  
Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — The future of a much-criticized database that checks if voters are illegally registered in multiple states is up in the air after its patron, Kris Kobach, lost the Kansas race for governor and is out of elected office.

A spokeswoman for Kobach's successor as Kansas secretary of state said Friday the office is reviewing the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program and consulting with other member states about it. "No formal decision has been made either way" about whether to end the program, said Katie Koupal, the spokeswoman for Secretary of State Scott Schwab.

Crosscheck, which had been administered by Kobach's office, compares voter registration lists among participating states to look for duplicates. The program is aimed at cleaning voter records and preventing voter fraud, but has drawn criticism for its high error rate and lax security.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas alleged in a lawsuit filed last year that "reckless maintenance" of the program exposed sensitive voter information. Kobach called that lawsuit "baseless," citing the U.S. Supreme Court last year in an Ohio case dealing with maintenance of voter rolls.

Last Friday, Kobach noted Crosscheck has grown from four states at its start in 2005 to 30 states.

"It grew quickly because it provides such valuable information," he said. "Continuing the Crosscheck program is a no-brainer."

Lauren Bonds, legal director for the ACLU of Kansas, said Friday it would be hard to reform the Crosscheck program in a way that would make it constitutionally sound.

"If there was a way to make sure the program was more accurate and secure, we wouldn't necessarily be calling for its full abolishment," Bonds said. "But I think it would be hard to make those adjustments without changing the program fundamentally."

Kobach, a longtime champion of strict voter registration laws, was vice chairman of President Donald Trump's now-disbanded commission on election fraud. Kansas voters elected Schwab, also a Republican, to replace him after Kobach ran for governor and lost to Democrat Laura Kelly.

Crosscheck compares registration lists and analyzes voters' first and last names and date of birth to determine whether a person is registered in multiple states, but critics say most of the hits are false matches.

By comparison, the Electronic Registration Information Center, or ERIC, uses encrypted voter information along with Social Security Administration death records, driver license information and U.S. Postal Service change-of-address data.

Twenty-six states now use ERIC system, according to its website. ERIC, based in Washington, D.C., is a non-profit corporation governed by a board of directors made up of member states.

"A number of states use that for a fairly reasonable fee and that seems like a much better option than trying to rebuild Crosscheck from the ground up so it doesn't have the problems it currently has," Bonds said.

The ACLU lawsuit alleges Kobach used reckless methods such as unencrypted email to transmit sensitive personal voter information, such as partial Social Security numbers, to other states while investigating possible double registration. As administrator



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Kris Kobach, the former secretary of state of Kansas, lost in his bid to become governor last year.

of the Crosscheck server, he regularly sent server passwords in plain text emails that were widely shared.

Crosscheck was started in 2005. By 2017, 30 states were participating and more than 100 million voter records were added to the database, according to the ACLU lawsuit. Eight states have left the program due to security risks and data reliability concerns under Kobach.

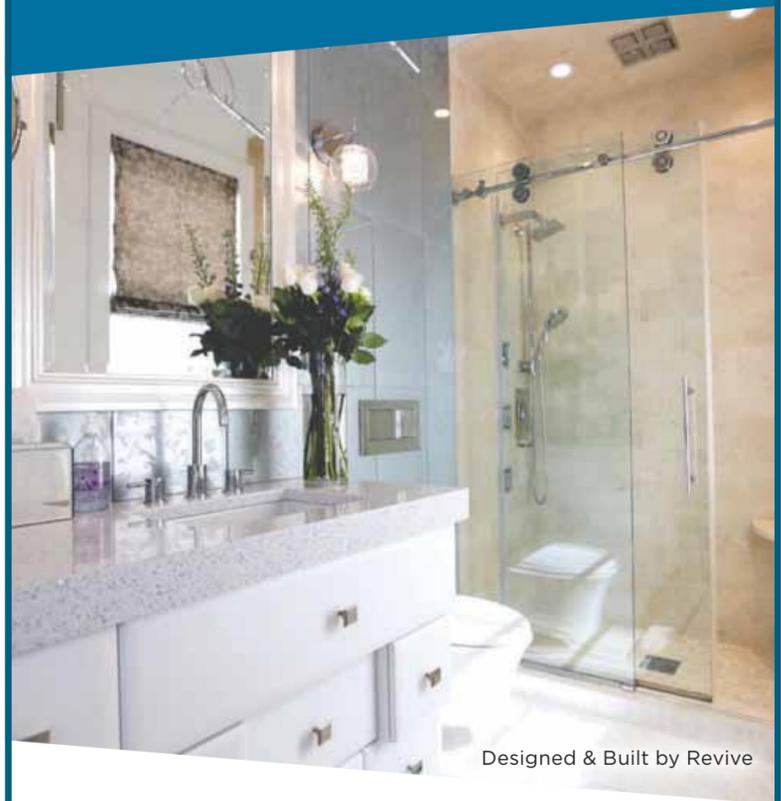
In New Hampshire, lawmakers are considering a bill to end the state's participation in Crosscheck and instead join ERIC. The legislation's sponsor, Democratic Rep. Marjorie Porter, said she was concerned at the high percentage of false matches produced by the Crosscheck system and reports that it doesn't properly protect personal information.

After the 2016 election, Crosscheck flagged nearly 95,000 New Hampshire voters with first and last names and dates of birth that matched those in other states, but officials eliminated all but 142 after taking a closer look at middle names and other information. The secretary of state's office eventually sent 61 cases to the attorney, and there have been a handful of charges brought so far.

"It certainly helps us say with confidence ... is that there's no wide-scale voter fraud that is taking place in New Hampshire," Deputy Secretary of State David Scanlan said last week.

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## NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

### Los Angeles teachers union approves contract, ends strike

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles teachers union ended its strike Tuesday night, based on overwhelming support for a contract agreement with the school district, union leaders said.

Teachers will be back in their classes Wednesday. They walked off the job Jan. 14.

"This is a historic victory for ... educators, students and parents," union President Alex Caputo-Pearl said earlier in the

day. "Class-size reduction, limits on testing, and access to nurses, counselors and librarians will change our students' lives forever."

A tentative deal was reached earlier in the day between school officials and the union, ending a strike against the nation's second-largest district. The Board of Education was expected to move quickly to ratify the deal, which would expire at the end of June 2022.

### Inmates at Panama youth prison anticipate papal visit

LAS GARZAS, Panama — More than 100,000 young people are expected to show up in Panama City when Pope Francis visits for four days beginning Wednesday for World Youth Day.

At a detention center about 25 miles away there are 144 more who can't make the trip, locked up for serious crimes including murder — so the pontiff is going to them.

In an encounter ex-

pected to last a little more than an hour Friday, Francis will pray and bring a message of peace and reconciliation to the young inmates, and also hear the confessions of several of them.

Francis nearly always makes side visits to prisons during his foreign trips, in keeping with his belief that even those on the lowest rungs of society have dignity and need ministry.

### Iowa Sen. Ernst says she turned down chance to be Trump's VP

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Sen. Joni Ernst of Iowa says she turned down Donald Trump's request to run as his vice president in 2016 because of family concerns.

Ernst made the claim in an affidavit in a divorce proceeding that was first reported by Cityview, a Des Moines newspaper.

The filing was made in October but unsealed this month after Ernst and her former husband, Gail

Ernst, settled their previously contentious divorce.

Ernst wrote that after Trump interviewed her in July 2016 to be his running mate, "I turned Candidate Trump down, knowing it wasn't the right thing for me or my family." She says it was a sacrifice she made for her husband, who wasn't fond of her political career. Ernst has indicated she'll run for a second six-year Senate term in 2020.



RUSSIA EMERGENCY SITUATIONS MINISTRY

In a photo from video, a fire boat douses two ships in the Black Sea on Tuesday. The Tanzanian-flagged tankers caught fire Monday while exchanging liquefied petroleum gas. Russian authorities said 14 crew members died, 12 were hospitalized and six are missing.

### Trump administration seeks court bypass for census query

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration asked the Supreme Court on Tuesday to bypass its normal procedures and decide quickly whether a question on citizenship can be placed on the 2020 Census.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Jesse Furman of New York ordered the administration to stop its plans to add the question to the survey. Furman said Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross broke a "veritable smorgasbord" of federal rules by ordering the citizenship question added against the advice of career

officials who said it was likely to cut down the response rate and make the census less accurate.

Normally, the Justice Department would appeal the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit. But Solicitor General Noel Francisco said that would not leave enough time for a final Supreme Court ruling.

"The government must finalize the census questionnaire by the end of June 2019 to enable it to be printed on time," he told the court.

Citing a Supreme Court rule, Francisco said the

"case is of such imperative public importance as to justify deviation from normal appellate practice and to require immediate determination in this Court."

Plaintiffs in the New York trial — including 18 states and several cities and jurisdictions along with civil rights groups — say asking about citizenship would reduce response rates in immigrant communities, possibly affecting congressional redistricting and the distribution of federal funding. The government said the question was necessary to enforce the Voting Rights Act.

### State judge strikes Iowa's 'fetal heartbeat' law

DES MOINES, Iowa — A state judge has struck down Iowa's restrictive "fetal heartbeat" abortion law.

Judge Michael Huppert on Tuesday found the law unconstitutional. He concluded that the Iowa Supreme Court's earlier decisions that affirm a woman's fundamental

right to an abortion would include the new law passed last year.

The law would ban abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected. That can happen as early as six weeks into pregnancy. It would have been the most restrictive anti-abortion law in the nation.

But the legal challenge by abortion providers Planned Parenthood of the Heartland and the Emma Goldman Clinic had halted it from taking effect last July.

Supporters of the law are likely to ask the Iowa Supreme Court to hear an appeal of Huppert's ruling.

### Pence urges Venezuelans to rally against their president

WASHINGTON — Vice President Mike Pence urged the Venezuelan people to "make your voices heard" against President Nicolas Maduro and rally around opposition leader Juan Guaido, in a video released on the eve of national opposition protests aimed at overthrowing the Maduro regime.

"Nicolas Maduro is a dictator with no legitimate claim to power," Pence says in the video, posted Tuesday morning on social media.

Pence's name is fairly unknown to the majority of Venezuelans, who are only used to hearing of President Donald Trump's name during Maduro's regular televised speeches. But the video from the second-ranking official in the U.S. government provides powerful public backing for efforts to oust the Venezuelan leader.

**Clintons:** Chelsea Clinton announced Tuesday that she and husband Marc Mezvinsky are expecting their third child in the summer. They have a daughter, Charlotte, born in 2014 and a son, Aidan, born in 2016. Clinton, 38, is the vice chair of her family's Clinton Foundation and has authored a number of books.

**Accident report:** Travel blog writers Menakshi Moorthy, 30, and her husband, Vishnu Viswanath, 29, were intoxicated when they died in October in a fall in California's Yosemite National Park, according to an autopsy report released Tuesday. Viswanath's brother said it appeared the couple died trying to take a photo.

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## EDITORIALS

## 800,000 Dreamers. 800,000 workers. 1 wall. Cut the deal.

On Tuesday, Day 32 of the partial government shutdown, President Donald Trump and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi continued their sniping, while thousands of federal employees continued showing up for work without pay. Trump says he won't give in. ("No Cave!" he tweeted.) Pelosi accused him of holding the country hostage.

**Meanwhile, out in the real world,** representatives of the Greater Chicago Food Depository delivered relief supplies to Midway Airport TSA workers who are financially struggling. They got 25-pound boxes of non-perishables (spaghetti, tuna) plus sweet potatoes and apples. Transportation Security Administration employees are among the lowest

paid federal workers, yet they do vital work on behalf of the American people. Can we offer the same praise to the nation's leaders? No.

The longer this absurd standoff lasts, and the more discomfort and inconvenience it inflicts, the more petty Trump, Pelosi and the others appear. They aren't fighting over a principle, they are hoping to force the other side to flinch. Trump wants money for a wall on the southern border; Pelosi and other Democrats refuse. Both Republicans and Democrats do want to strengthen border protections. But they won't compromise on their talking points, at the cost of a fully functioning government.

Back on Jan. 8 — otherwise known as Day 18 — we looked at the immigration issue, and urged

Republicans and Democrats to negotiate a settlement that would reopen the government by giving both sides a way to claim victory. The agreement would involve protection for the so-called Dreamers, young immigrants without legal residency who were brought to the U.S. years ago by parents or guardians. Both the president and Democrats are sympathetic to the Dreamers. Trump offered a version of that deal on Saturday, but Pelosi shot it down before he even announced it. Two points for her ... in some people's view, we guess.

Trump shoulders blame for the shutdown: He gave himself no negotiating room by demanding \$5.7 billion in funding for a physical wall. That's despite the fact that a long concrete or metal

barrier isn't needed or feasible to construct. What he should have done was speak metaphorically — a wall as a symbol of the country's need to improve border security and immigration policy. The gauzier the promise, the more likely political leaders can craft a solution everyone can accept.

Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer also shoulder blame for the shutdown: They might have sought a wall-for-Dreamers compromise at any time. But they wanted to humiliate Trump by forcing him to back down. Pelosi decided the wall idea was immoral. Democrats say Trump must reopen the government before any negotiations start on border security: *Yes, we'll duel, just as soon as you hand me your gun.*

Now both sides are boxed in. On Tuesday, Congress dithered over various ideas that didn't appear to have enough support to go anywhere. A group of centrist Democrats in the House suggested reopening the government in exchange for a later vote on the wall. In the Senate, lawmakers put forth competing bills, including one based on Trump's Dreamers proposal that Pelosi rejected.

**Mr. Trump and members of Congress:** Some 800,000 Dreamers have received protection and hope to stay in this country. Some 800,000 federal workers have been idled or are working without pay. All of you profess your admiration for both groups. Those are just empty words, right?

## MAGA-hatted teens, a Native American and the peril of instant judgment

In an age of instant communication, quick responses usually take precedence over careful deliberation. Hot takes are valued; "cold takes" are not a thing. But truth can be a casualty when social media hordes leap to vent anger at bits of information that look offensive.

All this became apparent, not for the first time, when a video went viral showing a face-to-face encounter at the Lincoln Memorial between a 64-year-old Native American veteran and a high school boy wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat.

The impression left by the clip was of an arrogant white teenager harassing a person of color for the amusement of his rowdy classmates. The Native American man, Nathan Phillips, told reporters he felt threatened by the crowd of teens and heard chants of "Build the wall."

**The storm of outrage that followed** was something to behold. The students, a group from a Catholic boys' high school in Covington, Ky., who were in the capital for the March for Life, were denounced on Twitter as racist bullies who had no respect for their elders. Calls went out for the boy and his friends to be expelled and shamed. The archdiocese of Covington condemned the students' conduct, and the mayor disavowed it.

But the reaction turns out to be a cautionary tale about jumping to conclusions. Other videos of



Nick Sandmann, a student at Covington Catholic High School in Kentucky, faces off with Native American elder Nathan Phillips on Friday in Washington, D.C. A video of their encounter went viral.

the gathering showed the students being subjected to nasty slurs by black protesters known as the Hebrew Israelites; the teens eventually countered with chants. It was Phillips who strode up close to the boy in the MAGA hat, singing and beating a drum. Robby Soave of Reason watched two hours of footage and didn't hear a single "build the wall."

The teenager, Nick Sandmann, who says he has gotten death threats, issued a statement giving his version. His classmates'

chants were a response to the insults directed at them, after they got permission from an adult chaperone. Sandmann was "startled and confused" when Phillips approached him and thought that "by remaining motionless and calm, I was helping to diffuse (sic) the situation."

When one of his fellow students responded to one of the people with Phillips, he said, "I motioned to my classmate and tried to get him to stop engaging with the protestor, as I was still in

the mindset that we needed to calm down tensions." A segment of one video appears to support Sandmann's account.

Was Sandmann's expression a smarmy smirk or a nervous smile? Was Phillips trying to calm the situation or confront some kids he regarded as Donald Trump followers? Were the students provoking antagonism or responding to it?

Even all the footage that has emerged leaves considerable room for disagreement. It's not

hard to believe that Phillips and Sandmann each acted in a way he thought was responsible and constructive. It was obviously a messy, confusing situation.

**But a couple of clear lessons can be drawn.** One is that it's dangerous to reach instant judgments based on images that lack context. Sometimes, video footage is invaluable in determining the truth. At other times, it makes something complicated look simple.

Another is that many Americans see their political opponents as not only mistaken but malicious, and are prone to interpret anything the other side does as damning.

It's never been easy for people to see things from the point of view of those who disagree, and it's even tougher in this hyperpolarized moment.

Some people who were initially furious found themselves backtracking. "If the Covington Catholic incident was a test, it's one I failed," confessed Cincinnati writer Julie Irwin Zimmerman in *The Atlantic*. Conservative commentator S.E. Cupp tweeted, "I wish I'd had the fuller picture before weighing in, and I'm truly sorry."

Next time an upsetting video or photo goes viral, maybe some observers will wait to learn more before forming strong opinions. Sure, you can rush to judgment and tweet "Gotcha!" to your foes. But doing justice takes time.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Those of us who are not politicians agree that neither party has really wanted to solve the immigration problem. ... They should be ashamed.

It was not in the interests of the Republican Party to address the border problem because that might leave them open to charges they were driven by questions of race and color. Also their major donors didn't mind illegal immigration, which was good for business. It's always convenient when you see things the donors' way!

The affluent and powerful in America enjoy feeling liberal and are uninterested in how poor Americans view chaos (as a threat — America is all they have; they don't have two passports and a share on a plane) and jobs lost to cheaper labor.

Democrats never intended to control the border because they think doing nothing marks them as the nonracist party, the compassionate, generous party that Hispanics will see as home. They would reap the electoral rewards in a demographically changing country. They will own the future!

Their big donors too opposed border strictness. They don't think about security a lot, even after 9/11. I think it was Murray Kempton who said Republicans are always hearing the creak of the door at night. It's true. Democrats are less anxious about security. It's fair to point out they tend to be more affluent and have the protections money can buy. Their fearlessness is not bravery but obliviousness. They off-load anxiety onto Republicans, who are always mysteriously eager to take it up.

Peggy Noonan, *The Wall Street Journal*

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## PERSPECTIVE

# Yes, there's blame to go around, but those Covington boys are no heroes



ERIC ZORN

Upon further review, my initial ruling stands: Those boys from Covington Catholic High School were acting like jerks.

You've seen the videos by now of the unsettling confrontation Friday between a smirking, MAGA-hatted teen staring down a weathered, drum-beating Native American man near the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The tribal elder is singing.

The boy's classmates are standing nearby laughing, mocking and taunting.

The initial condemnation of the boys, particularly the smirking student, Nick Sandmann, was swift. It called out the entitled, disrespectful white kids with their tomahawk chops and satirical, sports-team war chants. The backlash — the condemna-

tion of the condemnation — began about a day later and ferociously defended the students. It said the snippets everyone was reacting to lacked important context: Black Hebrew Israelites on the scene had started the confrontation by taunting the Covington boys at length with vicious invective.

The American Indian, Nathan Phillips, 64, then interposed himself between the two groups and moved toward the boys, escalating tensions rather than calming the situation as he said he intended.

Sandmann put out a statement Sunday portraying himself as a victim: "I was worried that a situation was getting out of control where adults were attempting to provoke teenagers," said the statement. "I believed that by remaining motionless and calm, I was helping to (defuse) the situation ... I said a silent prayer that the situation would not get out of hand."

Even President Donald Trump got into the revisionist act. In a pair of tweets this week he wrote that the "Covington Catholic

students were treated unfairly with early judgments proving out to be false," and that "Nick Sandmann and the students of Covington have become symbols of Fake News and how evil it can be."

Folks, this is what's called "gaslighting" — an attempt to persuade us not to believe our own perceptions, in this case what the multiple videos plainly show. There is no mistaking the smug condescension and lack of respect in Sandmann's expression and the confrontational defiance in how he alone stood his ground as Phillips approached.

You don't defuse a tense situation by simpering at someone and staring him down.

Nor, to be fair, do you defuse a tense situation by banging a drum in someone's face.

The idea put forth in Reason magazine that the Covington boys "tentatively joined (Phillips') chanting" is belied by videos from every angle showing them ridiculing him by hopping around and satirizing his singing.

Is there blame to go around? Sure. The Black Hebrew Israelites are a small but nasty band of

provocateurs whose insults were vile and inexcusable. Phillips should have approached *them* — the instigators and prime offenders — with his drum and his song, not the amped-up teen goofballs who were, again, acting like jerks.

The adult chaperones overseeing the boys during their participation in an annual anti-abortion rights rally deserve their share of blame as well.

The Cincinnati Enquirer has reported that there were "at least five on the scene" as the Covington students waited for their buses.

Sandmann's statement said "a student in our group asked one of our teacher chaperones for permission to begin our school spirit chants to counter the hateful things that were being shouted at our group (by the Black Hebrew Israelites) ... Our chaperone gave us permission to use our school chants."

Bad idea. "Turn the other cheek," would have been far better advice. "Ignore them. We'll wait over here."

Kooky, hateful protesters like the Black Hebrew Israelites are

not uncommon at major events in Washington. Acknowledgment is their oxygen.

I don't expect high school kids to know this, but adult supervisors in the tinderbox of social protests should. And the subsequent rowdy student display led to the tense standoff that followed, during which no chaperone was evident.

Is this incident a big deal? It shouldn't be. No one was hurt and no punches were thrown. Adults and teens behaved badly, as they will when passions are high. Cooler heads did not prevail. It happens.

Apologies are in order, including from those on social and conventional media who misreported basic facts.

Recrimination, however, and broad condemnation of white Catholic high school students is not appropriate.

But don't be gaslit by Trump and others into thinking the first impressions were "false," "fake" and therefore "evil."

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A demonstrator with a European Union flag outside Parliament in London on Tuesday. Brexit and the proposed U.S.-Mexico border wall have similar origins.

## Trump's wall is America's Brexit, thanks to Facebook



CLARENCE PAGE

Having trouble sorting out the United Kingdom's Brexit mess? Think closer to home. Think of Brexit as Britain's version of President Donald Trump's proposed Mexican border "wall."

And, perhaps more than we have been willing or able to comprehend, think of both as products of the age of Facebook.

Both have resulted from the twin convulsions of 2016, Trump's election and Britain's referendum vote to exit the European Union.

Both of those events were viewed as populist victories against indifferent elites.

Now, with the U.K. due by law to leave the EU on March 29, whether the U.K. makes a deal with the EU on how to execute that exit or not, and with the U.S. government in partial shutdown in a partisan dispute over whether to fund a wall at all, many of us on both sides of the Big Pond are rightfully wondering, how did we get into this mess?

"Everyone knows who won, but not everyone knows how," British actor Benedict Cumberbatch says ominously in the movie "Brexit," an HBO and BBC collaboration that debuted

on HBO this past weekend. Cumberbatch plays Dominic Cummings, an attack-dog political strategist who directed the "Vote Leave" campaign to victory and disrupted traditional campaigning by relying almost entirely on modern data science, including the heavy use of Facebook user data without us Facebook users knowing it.

I say "us" because data from us Americans would be used later by the Trump campaign through its hiring of Cambridge Analytica, a firm with close ties to AggregateIQ, the Canadian political consultancy and technology firm hired by Cummings for Vote Leave.

And here we run into another parallel: Both the Vote Leave and Trump campaigns have been subjects for various reasons of investigations into possible campaign finance violations.

As the probes continue, Cambridge Analytica has gone out of business and Facebook, among others, has begun to tighten up its controls of personal data amid a backlash from users. But the issues of how personal data from social networks is used by campaigns continues even as the testing of waters by 2020 presidential campaigns begins.

With that in mind, the "Brexit" movie, despite its occasional distortions that we have come to expect from movies based on actual events, offers an easy-to-digest dramatized peek into how data science is changing

the political playing fields and challenging democracies worldwide.

Cummings, a former government education adviser who was so eccentric in real life that former Prime Minister David Cameron called him a "career psychopath," shocks the establishment politicians on his own side by relying entirely on data samples, not old-fashioned door-to-door or telephone polling.

One difference is that with the data approach, much larger samples of potential voters can be "microtargeted" in population clusters categorized by age, income, gender, race and other categories overlooked by traditional polling.

We see a campaign created to learn what clusters of the electorate think about different issues. Users are given a chance to win an online bet (with odds almost too high for anyone to win) that includes pages of questions that reveal attitudes and emotions toward EU issues, which helps the campaign push out better-targeted anti-EU ads.

Depending on the person at whom they are aimed, ads would play up or play down fears of immigrants, dwindling funds for national health and other controversies. Predictable complaints were lodged against such tactics. But about 7 million people were targeted in the final 10 days before the Brexit referendum, the real-life Cummings has said. And, although his allies' polls told them they were mak-



Cummings

ing gains, Cummings avoided publicizing their apparent gains, so as not to provoke a larger turnout by pro-EU voters.

Watching the drama unfold in the movie, I was reminded easily of the shock that followed Trump's Electoral College victory and the anguish of apathetic liberals and moderates who wished they'd had gone out and voted against Trump when they had the chance.

That's the big lesson that's comes out of the Brexit and Trump victories. The growing political role of data science isn't going away soon, but two or more can play at this game. In fact, President Barack Obama's 2012 re-election campaign used data mining so effectively that MIT Technology Review ran a three-part series on it that December.

Unlike the now-bankrupt Cambridge Analytica, Obama's allies later said, they collected data with their own app, complied with Facebook's terms of service and received permission from supporters first.

At the time, the use of user data was so new that hardly anyone paid much attention. Now everyone seems to be paying attention. Increasingly, we should. The campaigns definitely will be paying attention to us.

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# PERSPECTIVE



SKIDMORE, OWINGS &amp; MERRILL RENDERING

A rendering shows revised plans for Sterling Bay's Lincoln Yards mixed-use development, which goes to the Plan Commission this week.

## With Lincoln Yards, we are delivering on community's vision

BY BRIAN HOPKINS

At the 2013 inception of my candidacy for alderman of the 2nd Ward, I adopted a clear and unequivocal position in favor of eliminating the North Branch Planned Manufacturing District, to open the area for mixed-use redevelopment. This was not a universally embraced position at the time, but I believed then as now: The PMD zone was characterized by poor infrastructure, traffic congestion, a lack of public investment, a consistent loss of jobs and declining tax revenue.

Recognizing the need for change, while preserving the history of this area, I made it a priority of my work to ensure that the portion of the North Branch Corridor in the 2nd Ward was adapted in a way that will bring economic growth, vitality and a new neighborhood characterized by a sustainable live/work/play urban lifestyle.

That modernization began with the Chicago Department of Planning and Development's North Branch Framework Process in June 2016. DPD sought the input of local aldermen, community organizations, neighborhood businesses and local residents to understand and outline the key priorities for the area's modernization: protecting local businesses, investing in transit and other infrastructure, reinvigorating the riverfront, increasing park and recreational space and providing new economic opportunities for all Chicagoans.

There were more than a dozen public meetings, yielding extensive community input on the North Branch Framework that was eventually incorporated and passed by the City Council.

At approximately the same time, Sterling Bay began to formulate its design principles for Lincoln Yards. As the alder-

man of the ward where Lincoln Yards was sited almost in its entirety, I instructed Sterling Bay to strictly follow the North Branch Framework, as well as to meet and listen to the input and recommendations from the local community. And it has. Over the past two years, Sterling Bay has met with hundreds of individuals to discuss the future of this area.

Overall, since 2016 there have been nearly 50 meetings on the North Branch Corridor, including two public community meetings held by my office and attended by over 1,000 people, a design charrette that I co-sponsored with DePaul University, countless phone calls, focus groups, in-person conversations, multiple surveys and significant media coverage.

The resulting feedback from these meetings and conversations was clear: the need for a more comprehensive master plan (which is available at LincolnYards.com), a significant increase in open space and park space, the removal of the stadium, the dispersal of the entertainment district, a significant reduction in building heights and, perhaps most importantly, resolving the "legacy" transportation and infrastructure issues that have been community burdens for decades.

Individual residents and community groups strongly advocated for these changes, and their participation in the process helped improve and enhance the overall design.

Together, we have been able to make important changes to better address neighborhood priorities.

This unprecedented \$6 billion development will bring thousands of jobs to the area, 11 contiguous acres of recreational park space (portions of which will open for sports next year), increased transit options, multiple access points across the

river, new vehicle bridges over the river and the reconfiguration of the Armitage/Ashland/Elston intersection to alleviate traffic concerns. In addition, we will have the first-in-the-city signalization system to ensure our lights are timed correctly to better manage traffic flows.

These are significant wins for our local neighborhoods and for the city.

I'm proud of the community-driven process. To imply this process has been rushed or these changes are insignificant is not only inaccurate, but also unfair to the time, effort, and energy local residents and established community organizations have invested thus far. These groups have been fierce community advocates who have provided constructive feedback that has altered the course of the project at every step.

Throughout this process, it has become evident to me that Sterling Bay has listened, and it is fully invested in the future of Chicago, as we all are. It will be a fair and responsible partner throughout the life of this development and I, along with my community partners, will hold Sterling Bay accountable for the promises it has repeatedly made, and the agreements that will be codified in various zoning documents that will soon be presented to the City Council.

Moreover, this process yielded significant community benefits, and it is now time to move forward. The Lincoln Yards plan will proceed to the Plan Commission on Thursday. To delay would only prolong the existence of vacant lots, a lack of jobs and deteriorating infrastructure at the expense of the community's future and the numerous benefits this project will provide to all Chicagoans.

Brian Hopkins is the 2nd Ward alderman.

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### D86 board holding us hostage

Hinsdale High School District 86 is intimidating the voting public with cutting football, wrestling and even National Honor Society in another attempt to push a \$130 million (now nearly \$140 million) referendum. This is the old proven tactic of holding the students hostage and blackmailing their parents to come up with the cash. The board and administration intentionally avoid both discussion and consideration of user fees for activities, reining in waste and getting personnel costs under control.

The board and administration need to resolve space use and unsustainable compensation issues prior to asking for more cash. The current union contract expires in June, which is an opportunity to establish prudent financial discipline, but there is a void of leadership to do it. Much easier to hold students hostage and blackmail the parents.

— Roger Kempa, Plainfield

#### Facts about D86's plans

If you're like me, you're disgusted by the state of politics in our country. Extreme partisanship, disregard for facts, intentional misinformation, influence of special interests ... the list goes on. Now, the cynicism that's jaded our view of national politics appears to have spilled into local government.

Factions within the District 86 referendum debate want you to believe that this local topic is infected with the same dubious intent and dysfunction we observe at the national level. Unfortunately, we're easy targets for misinformation. Please ask yourself why elected representatives from our community (our friends and neighbors), and experts in the delivery of exceptional education, would deliberately sabotage the future of our high schools or waste taxpayer money.

The state's transparency laws require that all information available to the school board, and every board meeting held to discuss options, be accessible to the community. This information is available at [d86.hinsdale86.org](http://d86.hinsdale86.org).

Please consider all the facts. Attend or stream a board meeting, review the data on the D86 website, go to an informational session, or visit Hinsdale South or Hinsdale Central to see for yourself. We owe it to each other.

— Chris Boruff, Hinsdale

#### Acquittals in alleged cover-up

Respect for the Chicago Police Department is at all-time low, and this decision ("Cops found not guilty of McDonald case cover-up," Jan. 18) proves that there is corruption not only in CPD but also in the judiciary. I bet former Officer Jason Van Dyke wishes he opted for a bench instead of a jury trial. This is truly a total miscarriage of justice.

— Jim Burke, Indian Head Park

#### Stop halting city's progress

How can we move forward progressively when individuals and organizations do whatever possible to thwart development in our beloved city? Chicago has lost its "second city" status. Illinois continues to lose population.

Chicago was the chosen site for the "Star Wars" museum. Unfortunately, those opposed did everything possible to derail the project. Then some of the same people and organizations turned their attention to the Obama library plan. While this has not been derailed, it isn't because there has not been a major effort to do so.

Now the Lincoln Yards development has come under attack. Chicago needs this project to develop a part of the city into something great. Illinois needs this project to retain citizens. It would be great to see a band of people taking action to help refine the plan to make it as big and beautiful as it can be.

— Dave Roberts, Frankfort

#### 'Culture' of noise

On the review of the new Virtue restaurant by Phil Vettel ("Southern charm meets urban sophistication," Jan. 9): It is true that the reputation of Hyde Park as a culinary desert in Chicago is improving, thanks to the opening of a number of new places, including Virtue. In fact, the previous occupant of this corner on 53rd Street, A10, was a restaurant that had opened only a few years ago, and also offered quality cuisine. I went there once, was impressed with the food, but never returned: The intolerable noise level drove me away.

Now I read Vettel's Virtue review. At the end of it came the qualification I feared: The place is meekly classified as "conversation-challenged." Thanks, Phil, for warning me: I will not attempt to try their food, as appetizing as it may be.

Why is it that so many fashionable restaurants seem to subscribe to a "culture" of noise that makes conversations nearly impossible?

— Dietrich Muller, Chicago

## Chicago has a mental health crisis. Reopening 6 clinics isn't enough.

BY ALEXA JAMES

For those seeking mental health services, the city of Chicago is one large waiting room. We need help. Desperately. But reopening six clinics, a plan the City Council is expected to vote on Wednesday, is a Band-Aid when we need intensive care.

The state of our mental health as a community has deteriorated considerably for a host of reasons since those clinics were closed in 2012, and we need to think much bigger if we want to truly help a city experiencing a mental health crisis.

This is a public health challenge we cannot afford to ignore. Mental health conditions are more common than breast cancer or diabetes. Just 50 percent of adults experiencing severe psychological distress received any treatment in 2017. Those statistics don't take into consideration the thousands of people — our neighbors — who are suffering from trauma and grief, violence, drugs, and food and housing insecurity. It affects residents from West Ridge to Roseland and from Austin to the Loop. It affects older adults, office workers and, in growing numbers, our children.

Ignoring their common struggle is morally unacceptable. It is also costly. Many people who are living with mental illness end up in emergency rooms and interacting with law enforcement. How desperate is it? Our 911 system is effectively the central intake line for mental health needs.

The burden is felt by their relatives, who are forced to navigate a byzantine system looking for help, but also by first responders, teachers, Chicago Park District and CTA employees who are called on regularly to go far beyond their scope of work. This is the system we've paid for.

It doesn't work. The city must think much, much bigger than six clinics. First, we must stop politicizing mental health, and we must stop treating those living with mental illness as punching bags.

This council and the next mayor need to make mental health a priority. The Chicago affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness and its partners have cre-



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Patients and community members protest in front of Chicago's Woodlawn mental health clinic in 2009 after the city announced it would be among the public clinics to be closed.

ated a blueprint for what mental health investment looks like. The task force must look at long-term, innovative, sustainable programs that expand social supports, lift up providers and ensure equal access to all. These programs exist. Further, we should expand the voices involved to include providers and those living with mental illness — yes, they have a voice and the most expertise.

The city can walk the talk by making sure public employees — from police officers and firefighters to teachers and CTA drivers — have adequate insurance so they can access robust mental health services.

The city can reframe the issue so that mental health is primary care, that mental health is community health. Clinical treatment is extremely effective, but this current plan ignores the impact of a person's environment.

The city can create dedicated teams in schools who can respond to individual and community trauma, in place to provide the long-term support we know is necessary

because as many as half or more of all mental illness first presents in teens. Importantly, it would also model that mental health is important.

The city won't have to go it alone. Chicago has many passionate, skilled providers and tireless advocates eager and willing to help.

Together we can transform Chicago from a massive waiting room to the model of a progressive, urban mental health wellness system.

In 1966, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Of all forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhuman."

He said those words here in Chicago while attending to human rights conference. Health care isn't optional; it is a moral imperative.

We must think bigger.

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## Furloughed workers offered free counseling

BY LISA SCHENCKER  
Chicago Tribune

Concerned about the mental well-being of federal workers affected by the longest government shutdown in history, a local health system is offering free counseling.

Sinai Health System's behavioral health department is accepting walk-ins and appointments for adult patients at Mount Sinai and Holy Cross hospitals. Workers who show their government IDs can get services for free if they've been furloughed or have been going without pay.

"If there's no other underlying mental health issue, this is one of those issues that could create one, especially when it comes to anxiety," Eric Lenzo, executive director for behavioral health services at Sinai, said of the shutdown. "The anxiety is really going to start to stack up."

The monthlong shutdown has resulted in 800,000 workers across the country being furloughed.

Workers have already missed one paycheck. They'll get back pay after the shutdown ends, but in the meantime, some are struggling to pay their bills.

"It's feeling more and more real each day, so I would expect that folks, even who weren't panicking in the beginning, might be panicking now," Lenzo said.

Earlier this month, the American Psychological Association, in calling for an end to the shutdown, also expressed concern for the mental health of federal workers and contractors.

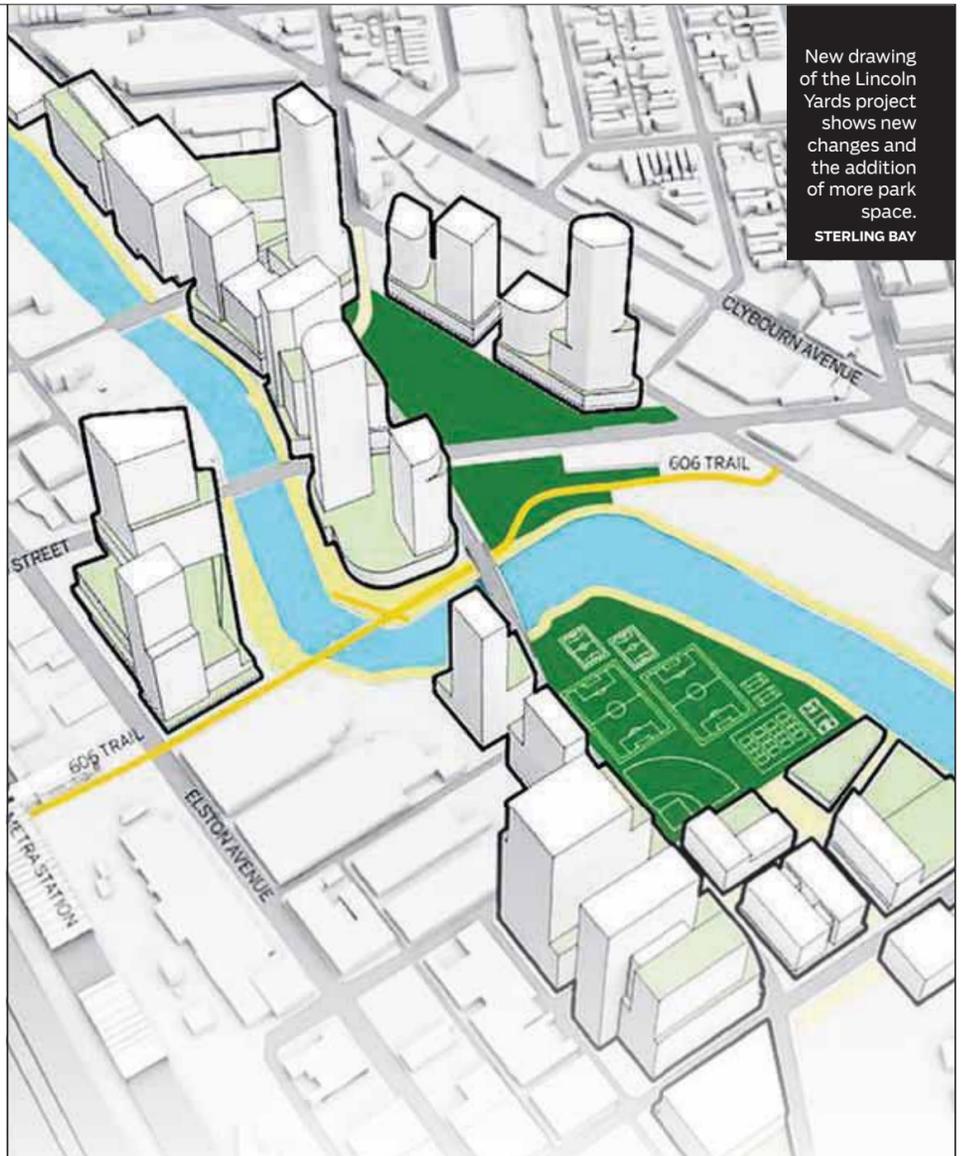
"The stress of uncertainty and missed paychecks is putting enormous pressure on the 800,000 furloughed federal workers, as well as government contractors and the many businesses that rely on federal workers," association President Rosie Phillips Davis said in a news release.

Workers may walk in to get assessed at Mount Sinai Hospital from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Holy Cross Hospital.

Affected workers may also call Sinai Community Institute's referral hotline at 773-257-6216 to get help with medical appointments; to find local support groups, child care options, bill pay options, housing assistance and food; or to learn about volunteer opportunities if they are looking for ways to fill their time. The community institute also will offer free meeting spaces for support groups trying to help affected workers.

A number of other Chicago-area businesses have also stepped up to offer free food and assistance during the shutdown.

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New drawing of the Lincoln Yards project shows new changes and the addition of more park space.  
STERLING BAY

## Newest details in Lincoln Yards

\$6B development proposal goes to Chicago Plan Commission Thursday



RYAN ORI  
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The \$6 billion Lincoln Yards development is headed to Thursday's Chicago Plan Commission meeting, after 2nd Ward Ald. Brian Hopkins said he supports revised plans for the sprawling North Side site.

Some neighbors and community groups still object to developer Sterling Bay's ambitious proposal for about 55 acres along the east and west sides of the

Chicago River. With concerns about traffic congestion, the project's height and density and other issues, they're asking that the zoning process be slowed down.

But Hopkins said the newest proposal — which eliminates a 20,000-seat soccer stadium and several Live Nation Entertainment venues — is the direct result of dozens of meetings with community groups and should move forward.

Hopkins, who announced his support for the project on Saturday, said he'll continue to solicit community input and can put the brakes on the project at any time between now and the final step in the process—a full City Council vote at a yet-to-be-determined date.

Sterling Bay's proposal is for about 55 acres it already owns between North and Webster avenues, and the Chicago-based developer has said the overall project could grow to more than 70 acres after more land is acquired along Lincoln Park and Bucktown. Here are some of the new details:

### More of everything

In response to calls for more park space, particularly for sports fields, Sterling Bay said it will build an 11.2-acre park for youth and recreational leagues where the stadium previously was proposed. Construction on the park could begin by later this year, and at least part of it will be open by 2020, Hopkins and the developer said.

The sports fields would be on the largest contiguous park space at Lincoln Yards, where 21 acres of open public space are now proposed.

But Sterling Bay also has boosted the density of its plan to about 15 million square feet of office, residential, hotel, retail and entertainment space, from 12.8 million square feet previously.

That's partly the result

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BLAIR KAMIN  
Cityscapes

### Plan still needs work despite hasty approval

I'm not sure which is worse: The out-of-place height and bulk of the massive Lincoln Yards development. Or the high-handedness Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, is displaying in bringing this flawed proposal to the Chicago Plan Commission on Thursday — a mere five days after it was released.

While the master plan, now in its third version, is getting better, its potential negative consequences — snarled streets, bland street facades and concealed park space — could be with us for decades. So what's the point in rushing it to a vote?

Drafted for developer Sterling Bay by Chicago architects Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, the proposal calls for a \$6 billion, 54.5-acre clump of offices, apartments, hotels, restaurants, shops and entertainment venues along the Chicago River's North Branch between North and Webster avenues. The impact will be enormous, which makes the

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## UPS adds Chicago to keyless-entry service

BY THOMAS BLACK  
Bloomberg News

United Parcel Service is expanding a keyless-entry system for package deliveries at apartment buildings to Chicago and other cities after a successful test in New York and San Francisco.

The efficiency gains from not having to resend packages or fumble with a ring full of keys prompted UPS to extend the service to 10 other cities where high-rise residential towers are common, including Chicago, Boston and Los Angeles. The system, in which drivers can enter buildings but not individual apartments, will be available in mid-2019, UPS said in a statement Tuesday.

"The residents are securely receiving packages, so customer experience is up," said Derek Banta, UPS's director of new product development concepts. "The service providers like having access and not having to bother other residents to get into buildings."

The expansion furthers efforts by couriers to develop automation and technology as customers demand swift, secure home delivery of e-commerce wares. Amazon.com introduced a smart lock in 2017 that can let its delivery people into a customer's home to leave a package. Amazon also acquired smart-doorbell startup Ring for about \$1 billion last year, boosting its presence in homes.

UPS is using a remote-access lock made by New York-based



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UPS is expanding a keyless-entry system that lets drivers enter apartment buildings, but not individual units.

Latch, in which a code is sent to a pre-credentialled UPS driver's handheld computer, allowing entry into a high-rise building. UPS partnered with Latch because of technology that enables the system to work even if without an internet connection, Banta said.

"That comfort level with their technology stack is what really got us excited," he said.

There are 20 million multi-family units in the U.S. with about 350,000 added each year, according to Latch.

The company also offers a product that gives residents the ability to allow couriers to gain entry into their homes with a door code.

## Chick-fil-A headed to Magnificent Mile

Purple Pig will move one door down

BY RYAN ORI  
Chicago Tribune

The Purple Pig will to move a few feet south of its longtime home on North Michigan Avenue, and Chick-fil-A is taking over the Michelin-approved restaurant's space on Chicago's best-known retail street.

Chick-fil-A has signed a lease to move into the space at 500 N. Michigan Ave. that the Purple Pig has inhabited since late 2009, according to people familiar with

the chain's plans. The Purple Pig will relocate to 444 N. Michigan Ave. this spring, chef and owner Jimmy Bannos Jr. said.

"As we enter our 10th year, the time was right to pursue a larger space more uniquely suited to the needs of our business, which continues to grow year after year," Bannos said in a statement. "The Magnificent Mile is our home, and we are thrilled that our new location is just across Illinois (Street), south of our existing address. My partners and I are grateful for the loyal guests who have dined with us and the countless memories that have been created in our restaurant since

2009. We look forward to sharing further details soon and most importantly, welcoming everyone to our new home this spring."

It will be the first location on Michigan Avenue for Chick-fil-A, the Atlanta-based chain known for chicken sandwiches and waffle fries and not opening on Sundays. It's unclear when Chick-fil-A will open.

Chick-fil-A is "always evaluating potential new locations," company spokeswoman Jackie Jags said in an emailed statement that neither confirmed nor denied the Michigan Avenue lease.

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The Purple Pig was one of 58 Chicago restaurants that received the Michelin Guide's Bib Gourmand award for 2019.

# Third time not the charm for Lincoln Yards

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rush to judgment of Hopkins and Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who backs the alderman's hurry-up time frame, preposterous. Since the first version of the plan was unveiled in July, Hopkins hasn't curtailed the amount of buildable area that would be permitted under the proposed rezoning the plan commission will consider Thursday. In fact, the buildable area has grown by 25 percent, to 15 million square feet, from 12 million.

The heights of Lincoln Yard's high-rises have been trimmed somewhat, but they still would be glaringly oversized next to the low-rise neighborhoods of Bucktown and Lincoln Park. According to the master plan's fine print, three areas of the development could have towers at least 600 feet tall, with the highest ones possibly reaching to 650 feet. That would be 62 feet taller than Marina City.

That upzoning will

mean a dramatic increase in the value of Sterling Bay's land, but it also threatens to undermine the placid, low-rise character of adjoining neighborhoods and overtakes roads, worsening the lot of drivers who already struggle to get through this busy section of the North Side.

"The density of this project will overwhelm the future infrastructure," Lincoln Park community activist Allan Mellis predicted in an email Saturday. He urges an independent traffic study of the development's impact, a sensible step that the city's Department of Planning and Development shows no sign of taking.

Hopkins insists that new roads and bridges, as well as the planned untangling of the dreaded Ashland-Elston-Armitage intersection, will "result in a net decrease in congestion."

Sure, alderman. Show us an independent traffic study that backs you up.

Apparently stung by criticism that Lincoln Yards could be as dull as a

suburban office park, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill proposes to split Lincoln Yards into "character zones," which would be, the plan says, "unique environments" brimming with personality and authenticity. Yet a close look at the plans shows it is easier to write about character than to create it.

Along Kingsbury Street, for example, a row of residential high-rises would fail to make the transition in height to neighboring Lincoln Park that the plan claims. In addition, the towers would sit atop four- to six-story bases, called podiums, that could be filled with parking. That's a surefire way to create lifeless sidewalks, as we know from the bland, hulking facades of River North and Cityfront Center.

Worse, those high-rises would be inward-facing, with few shops and other active uses along Kingsbury. They'd form a wall between Lincoln Yards and the Lincoln Park neighborhood to the east, turning some of the development's

open space into a kind of gated park without gates.

Character like this we can do without.

The rush to approve Lincoln Yards is also running roughshod over a careful examination of the "public benefits," or sweeteners that Sterling Bay is promising to win approval for the big upzoning.

Take the sleek new Metra station the developer is proposing at Clybourn Avenue. The station sits outside the area to be rezoned, so the developer won't be required to build it.

And while Sterling Bay is promising 11 acres of park land at Lincoln Yards and Hopkins says some of it will open next year, we still haven't seen a schedule for when the rest would be built. Remember the Cityfront Center riverwalk, still unfinished more than 30 years after that development began west of Navy Pier.

Granted, the new version of the master plan has improved in some ways. By eliminating a 20,000-seat

soccer stadium and a slick entertainment district, Hopkins opened the way for the southeast section of Lincoln Yards to become a district of freestanding, low-rise buildings containing shops, restaurants and other uses.

The layout of this district, which has been split into small blocks, would relate well to nearby Lincoln Park. It also would provide a much-needed transition in height between Lincoln Park and Lincoln Yards, becoming, in essence, a series of foothills to the project's skyscraper mountains.

The problem is: It's an exception to the overwhelming height of the rest of the project.

The key underlying issues remain density, the form it takes and its impact on the character of Chicago.

These issues are enormously complex and require careful deliberation — not the Plan Commission's rapid-fire rubber stamp.

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# Starbucks to add delivery in 7 U.S. cities

By Taylor Telford  
The Washington Post

Coffee delivery to the office? No problem. The soccer field? Sure thing. The whole world is a Starbucks now.

As Starbucks grapples with slowing foot traffic and a glut of competition, it's hoping to snag new customers by meeting them where they are — literally. The company is introducing a delivery service in seven U.S. cities through a partnership with Uber Eats, the coffee chain announced Tuesday. Starbucks Delivers is up and running in Miami, started Tuesday in San Francisco and will expand to Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, in the following weeks, making nearly a quarter of its U.S. stores open for delivery.

Through the Uber Eats app, customers can buy nearly anything on the Starbucks menu without having to set foot in a store, as 95 percent of the menu is eligible for delivery. Starbucks promises orders will be delivered in 30 minutes or less, and delivery fees start at \$2.49.

The explosion of online delivery services in the past few years has shaken up the food and beverage industry by including restaurants that couldn't offer their own delivery. The market has grown steadily each year, and Swiss investment bank UBS predicts that delivery sales could be worth \$365 billion by 2030.

The Seattle-based coffee firm is searching for other ways to compensate for falling traffic in its domestic stores. Besides raising the prices of its drinks 1 to 2 percent last year, Starbucks is putting more emphasis on customer service and convenience, by adding more drive-through windows and making its app available to all customers, not just those who use the company's rewards program.

# Newest details as development heads to Chicago Plan Commission

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of scrapping the stadium, which hadn't been included in previous square footage estimates, and adding the already built C.H. Robinson office building to the planned development.

Sterling Bay also now proposes 6,000 residential units on the site, up from 5,000 units in previous plans. The developer said the increase will include affordable homes.

## "Character zones"

The plan designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill is broken into several "character zones" that reflect the site's industrial

history, according to the latest plan. The zones envisioned are:

- 1.) The North Dominick Corridor, where office and mixed-use buildings are proposed along an extended Dominick Street, the river and a tree-lined riverwalk including cafes and other amenities.
- 2.) The Kingsbury Corridor, a primarily residential area along a park and residential amenities such as restaurants.
- 3.) The West Riverfront Gateway, "a pivotal site between the river and multiple transit choices" that would include buildings with mixed uses.
- 4.) The South Dominick Corridor, which would include office, residential and mixed-use buildings

along a new Dominick Street bridge, with towers set back from the street.

5.) The South Riverfront District, a pedestrian-oriented area including riverfront areas for shopping, public art and festivals.

## Transportation

Proposed infrastructure improvements include new intersections and bridges, as well as "The Exchange" — a new Metra train station that would connect two commuter train lines to other transportation modes.

Those would include a parking garage, an extension of The 606 recreational trail, three nearby water taxi stops, CTA bus lines and the city's pro-

posed new "transit way" connecting to downtown train stations.

One new detail in Sterling Bay's proposal is the creation of an express Metra route to O'Hare International Airport.

The plan includes one futuristic element, too.

Sterling Bay wants to build parking structures in a way that allows entire floors to later be converted into other uses, such as offices or apartments.

Talk of that concept has emerged in recent years as architects and developers try to anticipate the broad adoption of autonomous vehicles. Such flexibility is likely to be prioritized on developments like Lincoln Yards that have longer development cycles.

## Timing

Sterling Bay and Hopkins also have shed more light on the timing of construction, which is expected to happen in phases over the course of a decade or more.

In addition to work on the park, Sterling Bay also could begin putting up office buildings just south of C.H. Robinson's offices at the river and Webster Avenue by the time park space opens in 2020, Hopkins said.

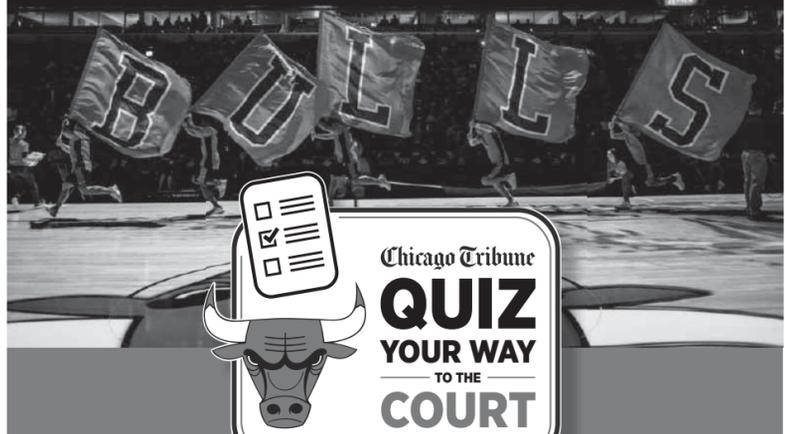
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# Purple Pig will add space, move in spring

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The Purple Pig was one of 58 Chicago restaurants that received the Michelin Guide's Bib Gourmand award for 2019. The award winners were announced in September.

The Purple Pig also was included in the most recent version of Chicago Tribune restaurant critic Phil Vettel's Top 50 Chicago restaurants list, published in August. Vettel described the Purple Pig as a "perpetually packed restaurant" where "there's always something new on the menu."

The 24-story building at 500 N. Michigan Ave. was sold for more than \$86 million in November 2017 by Macerich Co. to a group of European investors led by New York-based Samuel Schapira. The new owners have been actively seeking retail tenants to boost the property's value. That includes plans to bring in at least one multifloor retail

tenant for space facing Michigan Avenue. It was in advanced negotiations with Dylan's Candy — now on a short-term lease at 663 N. Michigan Ave — for a two-level space, but a deal was not completed.

Jones Lang LaSalle broker Peter Caruso, who represents the Schapira venture, did not respond to requests for comment.

Los Angeles-based CIM Group and Chicago's Golub & Co., the firms redeveloping nearby Tribune Tower into condominiums, bought the 36-story building at 444 N. Michigan Ave., from Munich-based GLL Real Estate Partners for \$138 million in December, according to Cook County property records.

In its new lease, the Purple Pig was represented by CBRE brokers Todd Siegel, Phil Golding and Kim Wiskup.

Chick-fil-A's closest restaurant to the Mag Mile is at 30 E. Chicago Ave. Its

other Chicago locations are at 177 N. State St. and 750 S. Halsted St. Chick-fil-A plans its first Chicago location with a drive-thru near the corner of Roosevelt Road and Jefferson Street, the Real Deal reported in December. Chick-fil-A also has restaurants throughout the suburbs and other parts of Illinois.

Chain restaurants often are controversial on America's best-known premier shopping streets such as North Michigan Avenue. But family-owned Chick-fil-A is no stranger to controversy because of its conservative beliefs, including its policy of not opening its stores on Sundays.

Chick-fil-A a few years ago abandoned plans for a Logan Square location after a public spat with Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno, 1st, who cited owner Dan Cathy's opposition to same-sex marriage. Cathy is the son of the late S. Truett Cathy, who founded the company in 1967.

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# Stocks slide amid global growth fears

Experts also cite trade tensions and rising interest rates

BY MARLEY JAY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks fell sharply Tuesday following new signs the global economy is weakening and reports of difficulties in trade talks between the U.S. and China. That broke a four-day winning streak for U.S. indexes.

Major global indexes traded lower after the International Monetary Fund trimmed its economic forecasts for 2019 and 2020 and pointed to risks including trade tensions and rising interest rates. China's government said its economy grew in 2018 at the slowest pace since 1990. U.S. stocks took further losses after the Financial Times reported that the Trump administration canceled a proposed meeting with Chinese



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The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank 301.87 points to 24,404.48 Tuesday. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq also fell.

trade officials this week.

Technology and internet companies skidded while energy companies sank with oil prices. Industrial companies also fell, hurt by the slower growth forecast and trade concerns as well as some weak fourth-quarter earnings. Bond prices climbed as investors looked for safer investments.

"We began last year, 2018, with a synchronized global

recovery, and what we have now is a slowdown globally," said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial. She said the reported difficulty in trade talks "has shaken up confidence that the U.S. and China are moving closer in the negotiating phase."

The S&P 500 index lost 37.81 points, or 1.4 percent, to 2,632.90. The Dow Jones

Industrial Average slid 301.87 points, or 1.2 percent, to 24,404.48. The Nasdaq composite fell 136.87 points, or 1.9 percent, to 7,020.36.

The IMF says the global economy will grow 3.5 percent this year, down from its previous forecast of 3.7 percent. It cut its estimate for growth in 2020 to 3.6 percent from 3.7 percent. Earlier, China reported its economy expanded by 6.6 percent in 2018.

Lately, global markets have rallied as investors began to feel that a slowdown in the world economy might not be that painful. The S&P 500 is up 5 percent in 2019 and has jumped 12 percent since hitting its recent low on Dec. 24. But Tuesday's losses were a reminder that investors will remain sensitive to clues that the global economy is weakening, and the trade dispute may be the top threat to economic growth.

According to the Financial Times, two officials

were scheduled to travel to the U.S. ahead of meetings between the U.S. and China's top trade representatives next week. It said the meetings were canceled because of a lack of progress on some critical issues, which underscores how far apart the two sides remain.

Technology and industrial companies took some of the worst losses. Farm equipment company Deere fell 3.5 percent to \$158.84.

Aluminum products maker Arconic slumped 16 percent to \$170.9 after it said it is no longer considering a sale. Formerly a part of aluminum giant Alcoa, Arconic said it didn't receive any offers it thought were in its best interests. The stock has gyrated over the last few months following reports the company was considering a sale.

Power tools maker Stanley Black and Decker sank 15.5 percent to \$115.69 after its forecast for 2019 fell short of Wall Street esti-

mates.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.74 percent from 2.78 percent.

Homebuilders also sank after U.S. home sales cratered in December and price growth declined to the lowest level in more than six years. The National Association of Realtors said Tuesday that sales of already-built homes plunged 6.4 percent. Years of rising prices and the more recent increase in mortgage rates have both affected sales, as has the limited number of homes available for sale.

EBay jumped 6.1 percent to \$32.90 after activist investment firm Elliott Management disclosed a 4 percent stake in the online marketplace and pushed it to make changes.

U.S. crude lost 2.3 percent to \$52.57 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 2 percent to \$61.50 a barrel in London.

# Demand for 3.2% beer dries up

More lenient state laws will shrink market

BY TIM TALLEY  
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Beer snobs are raising their mugs to a stronger brew in three states that once forbade grocers from selling anything but low-alcohol brands, and the changes could indirectly chill the industry in two others where such regulations remain.

Until October, Oklahoma grocery and convenience stores could stock beer with only up to 3.2 percent alcohol content — considerably lower than even leading light beer brands. Liquor stores were able to sell stronger 8.99 percent beer but were prohibited from selling cold beer of any strength.

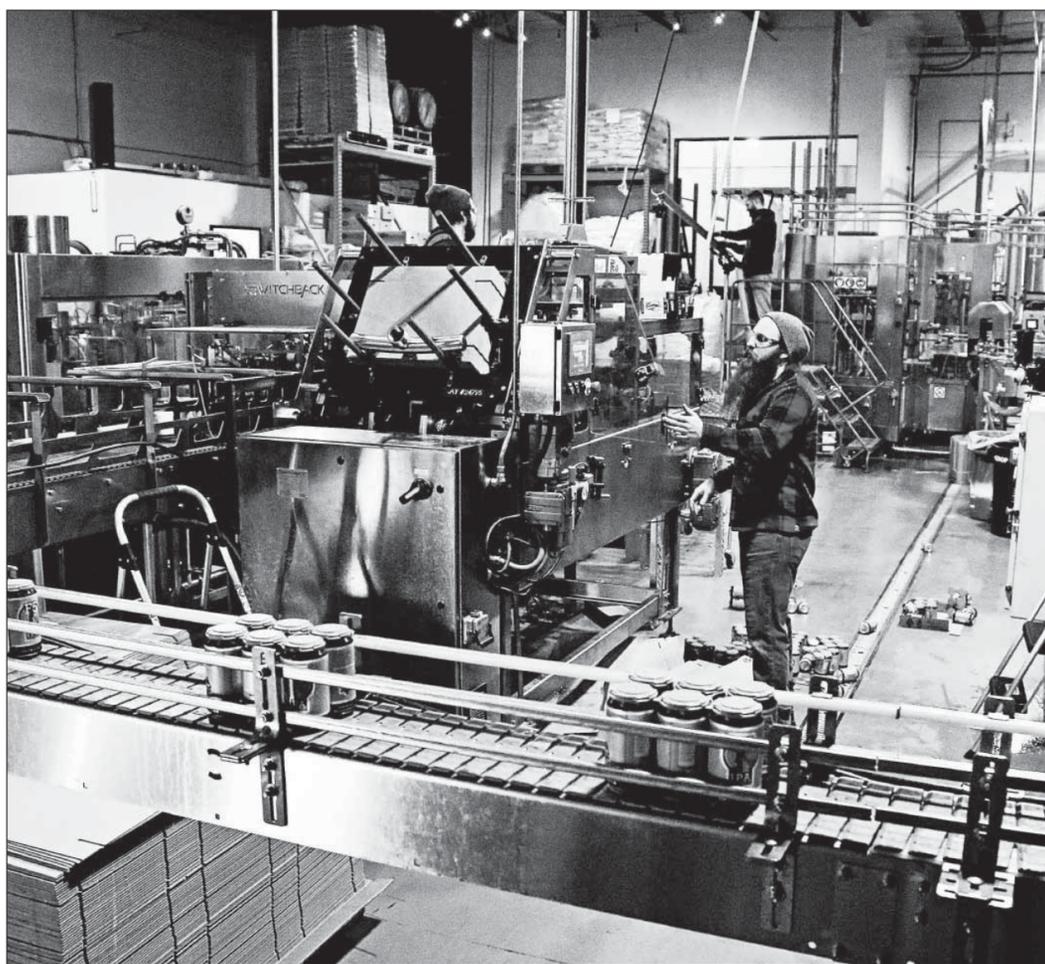
Voter-approved changes now allow stronger ales to be sold in Oklahoma grocery and convenience stores. And many of the changes are being adopted this year in Colorado and Kansas.

The beer revolution will leave just two states — Utah and Minnesota — where only 3.2 percent beer may be sold in grocery and convenience stores. Beer industry observers say how lawmakers in those states react to the changes could determine whether the future of low-point beer in the U.S. is as flat as a week-old lager.

Half of the nation's 3.2 beer market was in Oklahoma and 20 percent was in Colorado.

"It is a dramatic drop," said Brett Robinson, president of Beer Distributors of Oklahoma, which represents some beer distributors in the state. "In Oklahoma now, beer is just beer. There is no more definition or classification."

Oklahoma was the first of the nation's five 3.2-beer



SUE OGRICKI/AP

Darby Rose works on the line at COOP Ale Works where two of its three 3.2 percent brews have been discontinued.

states to make the switch. That's ironic considering alcohol was illegal until voters repealed statewide prohibition in 1959 — 26 years after Prohibition was repealed nationally.

"It was a long time coming," said Lisette Barnes, president of the Oklahoma Beer Alliance, a beer industry trade association. "It's refreshing. I think overwhelmingly people are excited about it. It's been a good thing for both industry and consumers."

As the market for "baby beer" continues to shrink, brewers must decide

whether it's profitable to continue to make it — a decision that could cause low-point beer supplies to dry up in Utah and Minnesota.

Anheuser-Busch, the world's largest beer producer, said it will work to meet the needs of consumers in 3.2 percent beer states amid declining demand.

"While we will continue to produce 3.2 percent beer, regulatory and legislative changes in Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas that affect demand for 3.2 percent beer will impact our national production," the

company said in a statement in December.

But some brewers are already cutting back on their 3.2 percent beer production. Oklahoma City-based craft brewer COOP Ale Works, which distributes in six states, including Oklahoma and Kansas, has discontinued two of its three 3.2 percent brews.

"The only reason we produced those other two beers was to have beer in grocery and convenience stores," said Sean Mossman, director of sales and marketing for COOP. "Now that we can sell our more popular styles

in the grocery stores, we just don't see any need to continue manufacturing those beers."

And selling COOP's flagship beers in grocery stores "has been a boon for us," Mossman said. He said the brewer's business has increased 50 percent in the months since Oklahoma grocers began stocking its stronger beers.

New regulations go into effect in Kansas in April, when grocery and convenience stores can start selling beer with an alcoholic content of 6 percent.

"Overall, we're very

happy about the death of 3.2 beer," he said. "The death of 3.2 beer is good for us."

Dwindling supplies of low-point brew is something state regulators have considered.

"That's the question we've been facing for a couple of years," said Terry Wood, director of communications for Utah's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. "Business decisions may be made that make it just a financial choice for the breweries to stop producing 3.2 beer."

Former Minnesota state Rep. Jennifer Loon, who authored legislation that repealed a long-standing ban on Sunday liquor sales in 2017, said regulatory changes in other states will likely force Minnesota lawmakers to consider allowing full-strength beer in grocery and convenience stores.

"The market's probably going to control this. Within the foreseeable future, there probably will have to be a change," Loon said.

Grocers have expressed support for selling strong beer in the past, but any effort to expand beer sales will probably be met with stiff opposition, she said.

"It's been very difficult to kind of drag our liquor laws into the 21st century," Loon said.

For now, low-point beer will continue to be produced by the New Belgium Brewing Co., a craft brewery based in Fort Collins, Colo., spokesman Bryan Simpson said.

Production of 3.2 percent comprises just one-half of 1 percent of the brewery's overall production, and the company will shop it exclusively to Utah, Simpson said.

"It makes sense for us to do it because we want to have a presence there," Simpson said. He said the company's breweries are already set up to produce low-point beer and "there's really no sense to hit the brakes."

# Google considers pulling its news service from EU

BY NATALIA DROZDIK  
Bloomberg News

Google is considering pulling its Google News service from Europe as regulators work toward a controversial copyright law.

The European Union's Copyright Directive will give publishers the right to demand money from the Alphabet Inc. unit, Facebook Inc. and other web platforms when fragments of their articles show up in news search results or are shared by users. The law was supposed to be finalized this week but was delayed by disagreement among member states.

Google News might quit the continent in response to the directive, said Jennifer Bernal, Google's public policy manager for Europe, the

Middle East and Africa. The company has various options, and a decision to pull out would be based on a close reading of the rules and taken reluctantly, she said.

"The council needs more time to reflect in order to reach a solid position" on the directive, said a representative of Romania, current head of the European Council, which represents the 28-member nations.

Google has said it doesn't make money from its news service, so it's unlikely the company would take a financial hit from withdrawing. But news results keep mobile users coming back to its search engine, where they often pursue queries that generate lucrative ad revenue. Google also competes against rival news-aggregation services from

Apple Inc. and Facebook.

"I don't buy the threat — they really need Europe," said François Godard, a European media analyst at Enders Analysis, a research firm.

Google has sometimes underestimated legal trouble in Europe and irritated regulators by being slow to recognize their jurisdiction over the Mountain View, Calif.-based business. It's waged dozens of battles with privacy authorities, including a 2014 case over the so-called right to be forgotten that forced the company to purge sensitive details from search results. Disputes with publishers have turned into costly antitrust investigations and a push for more legislation to curb Google's ability to use content.



CARSTEN KOALL/GETTY

Google said it doesn't make money from its news service. Above, Berlin's Google office.

Lawmakers are still hashing out how to define small excerpts of stories and whether individual words should be covered by the copyright rules, according to an EU official who asked not to be identified. The rules would also require Google and Facebook to actively prevent music, videos and other copyrighted content from appearing on their

platforms if rights holders didn't grant them a license.

Despite the delay, an agreement is possible in the next few months, two EU officials said. If there's no accord by the spring, when European Parliament elections are held, the process would be delayed until later this year.

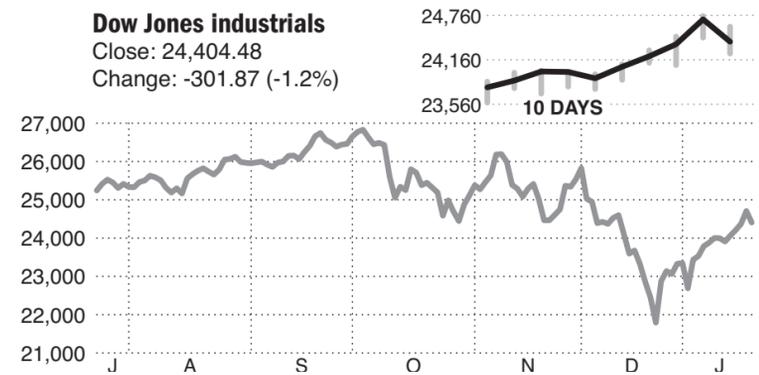
The impact of a Google News withdrawal on pub-

lishers who rely on the search giant for traffic to their sites is unclear.

Google says the new EU laws would force it to choose which publishers it would license, effectively picking winners and losers. Because bigger publishers typically offer a broader range of popular content, smaller competitors are likely to lose out.

# MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 24,607.76 Low: 24,244.31 Previous: 24,706.35



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-136.87 (-1.91%)	-37.81 (-1.42%)	-25.05 (-1.69%)
Close: 7,020.36	Close: 2,632.90	Close: 1,457.45
High: 7,110.16	High: 2,657.88	High: 1,479.82
Low: 6,979.81	Low: 2,617.27	Low: 1,451.01
Previous: 7,157.23	Previous: 2,670.71	Previous: 1,482.50

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.05 to 2.73%	+1.20 to \$1,282.50	-0.35 to 109.30/\$1	+0.0005 to .8801/\$1	-1.03 to \$52.77

## Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.41	NASD -0.05	S&P +0.87	DOW +11.99	NASD +13.36	S&P +11.99	DOW -6.89	NASD -5.90	S&P -7.26

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	518	526	514.25	521.25	+3.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	380.75	382.25	376.75	379	-3
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	916.50	919.50	899.50	909.25	-7.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	29.19	29.23	28.76	29.06	+0.05
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	314.30	315.70	310.10	313.00	-2.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 19	53.73	54.24	51.80	52.77	-1.03
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 19	3.327	3.361	3.026	3.040	-0.442
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 19	1.4435	1.4577	1.3907	1.4015	-0.0513

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	71.49	+0.7	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	101.83	+2.4
AbbVie Inc	N	88.66	+0.8	Equity Residential	N	70.40	+2.8
Alstata Corp	N	85.86	+1.6	Exelon Corp	N	46.25	+1.7
Aptargroup Inc	N	96.44	-1.25	First Indl RT	N	31.36	+0.7
Arch Dan Mid	N	43.56	-0.7	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	41.77	-1.29
Baxter Int'l	N	69.66	-0.8	Gallagher AJ	N	73.38	-1.03
Boeing Co	N	357.90	-6.83	Granger W W	N	300.61	-4.78
Brunswick Corp	N	48.99	-1.35	GrubHub Inc	N	74.56	-6.41
CB&E Global Markets	N	97.26	+2.17	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	96.72	-1.49
CDK Global Inc	O	50.83	+5.9	IDEX Corp	N	137.60	-3.17
CDW Corp	O	80.33	-1.36	ITW	N	132.17	-4.50
CF Industries	N	41.86	-2.32	Ingredion Inc	N	97.94	-7.6
CME Group	O	186.33	+2.90	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	139.93	-2.90
CNA Financial	N	45.29	-0.66	Kemper Corp	N	74.43	-1.6
Caterpillar Inc	N	132.24	-4.36	Kraft Heinz Co	O	47.28	-2.5
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	21.45	-1.2	LKQ Corporation	O	25.90	-3.5
Deere Co	N	158.84	-5.77	Littelfuse Inc	O	182.12	-5.30
Discover Fin Svcs	N	66.12	-1.5	MB Financial	O	45.35	+7.5
Dover Corp	N	79.29	-2.40	McDonalds Corp	N	184.57	+2.00
Equity Commonwealth	N	30.76	+0.1	Middleby Corp	O	116.64	-0.45
				Mondelez Intl	O	43.13	-2.3
				Morningstar Inc	O	115.00	-1.13
				Motorola Solutions	N	114.47	-1.13
				NISource Inc	O	26.55	-1.0
				Nthn Trust Co	O	90.53	-0.63
				Old Republic	N	21.25	-3.8
				Packaging Corp Am	N	92.28	-3.6
				Paylocity Hldg	O	66.27	-1.0
				Stericycle Inc	O	42.04	+2.7
				Teleph Data	N	36.10	-2.0
				TransUnion	N	59.40	-1.18
				Tribune Media Co A	N	45.86	+0.1
				US Foods Holding	N	33.89	+2.1
				USG Corp	N	43.16	+0.5
				Uta Salon Cosmetics	O	288.85	-2.65
				United Cont'l Hldgs	O	83.34	-2.25
				Ventas Inc	N	61.72	+6.8
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	71.59	-7.9
				Wintrust Financial	O	73.67	-1.84
				Zebra Tech	O	173.01	-4.78

## MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	8.66	-0.20
Bank of America	29.09	-1.41
PG&E Corp	7.70	+0.47
Chesapeake Engy	7.74	-0.21
Ford Motor	8.50	-0.08
Arconic Inc	17.09	-3.25
AT&T Inc	30.58	-3.38
Wells Fargo & Co	49.86	-1.15
Vale SA	14.45	-1.16
First Data Corp	23.08	+1.13
Ambev S.A.	4.57	-1.18
Freepoint McMoran	12.38	-1.18
Pfizer Inc	42.27	-2.6
Weatherford Intl Ltd	5.1	-0.6
Citigroup	61.85	-1.27
EnCana Corp	6.75	-0.30
Altria Group	44.97	-3.34
Kinder Morgan Inc	17.63	-3.38
Alibaba Group Hldg	152.15	-4.87
Schlumberger Ltd	43.96	-7.7
Morgan Stanley	42.41	-1.28
Snap Inc A	5.93	-0.25
Square Inc	67.85	-4.39
Verizon Comm	56.99	-1.10

## LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	152.15	-4.87
Alphabet Inc C	1070.52	-27.74
Alphabet Inc A	1078.63	-28.67
Amazon.com Inc	1632.17	-64.03
Apple Inc	153.30	-3.52
Bank of America	29.09	-1.41
Berkshire Hath B	200.72	-3.76
Exxon Mobil Corp	71.89	-1.10
Facebook Inc	147.57	-2.47
JPMorgan Chase	102.94	-1.65
Johnson & Johnson	128.80	-1.89
Microsoft Corp	105.68	-2.03
Pfizer Inc	42.27	-2.6
Royal Dutch Shell B	61.09	-1.63
Royal Dutch Shell A	59.62	-1.45
Unitedhealth Group	265.69	+1.9
Verizon Comm	56.99	-1.10
Visa Inc	138.05	-0.45
WalMart Strs	97.49	-2.4

## LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	29.40	-0.49	-3.2
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	25.61	-0.20	-3.2
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m4462	64.62	-6.2	-11.5
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	57.71	-3.9	-7.3
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	54.78	-8.7	-8.0
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	45.35	-7.7	-4.0
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	35.31	-5.3	-7.8
American Funds NwPrsctvA m	39.55	-5.5	-7.9
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	42.82	-4.9	-4.1
DFA EMktCorEq	19.91	-2.9	-17.6
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.36	+0.3	+9
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	38.97	-5.7	-19.3
Dodge & Cox Stk	183.70	-2.64	-7.7
DoubleLine TlRtBdl	10.42	+0.2	+2.1
Fidelity 500ldxmsPrm	91.56	-1.32	-5.2
Fidelity Contrafund	11.69	-0.19	-4.0
Fidelity ContrafundK	11.69	-0.19	-3.9
Fidelity TlMktldxmsPrm	74.54	-1.09	-5.5
Fidelity USBldxmsPrm	11.28	+0.3	+1.2
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.23	-0.1	-3.3
Metropolitan West TlRtBdl	10.41	+0.2	+1.5
PIMCO IncInclSt	11.86	-	+1.3
PIMCO TlRtRetns	9.94	+0.2	+9
Schwab SP500ldx	40.27	-5.8	-5.3
T. Rowe Price BCGr	102.32	-1.79	-2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	60.96	-9.7	-2.0
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	243.30	-3.48	-5.3
Vanguard DivGrInv	25.44	-1.8	-1.0
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	69.13	-7.7	-6.1
Vanguard GrldAdmrl	72.79	-1.25	-4.8
Vanguard HCAmrl	84.76	-7.6	+6
Vanguard InTrnGAdm	9.42	+0.2	+1.1
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.95	-0.1	+2.1
Vanguard Inslxdxms	239.22	-3.42	-5.2
Vanguard InslxdxmsPlus	239.23	-3.43	-5.2
Vanguard InslMltnPls	57.13	-8.3	-5.3
Vanguard MDCpdxAdmrl	182.91	-2.60	-7.6
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	127.42	-1.92	-4.2
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.45	+0.1	+1.6
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	68.50	-1.09	-6.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	29.43	-1.18	-4.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.56	-1.4	-5.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	31.94	-2.8	-6.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	19.57	-1.9	-7.0
Vanguard TlBMDxAdmrl	10.44	+0.2	+1.0
Vanguard TlBMDxInsl	10.44	+0.2	+1.0
Vanguard TlInBdxAdmrl	21.78	+0.4	+3.6
Vanguard TlInBdxInsl	32.68	+0.6	+3.6
Vanguard TlInBdxInv	10.89	+0.2	+3.6
Vanguard TlInSldxAdmrl	26.51	-3.3	-15.7
Vanguard TlInSldxInsl	106.00	-1.32	-15.7
Vanguard TlInSldxInv	106.02	-1.32	-15.7
Vanguard TlSMldxAdmrl	15.85	-1.9	-5.4
Vanguard TlSMldxInsl	65.57	-9.5	-5.4
Vanguard TlSMldxInv	65.58	-9.5	-5.4
Vanguard TlSMldxInv	65.54	-9.6	-5.5
Vanguard WlngtAdmrl	65.92	-4.5	-3.8
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	60.18	-1.1	-1.8
Vanguard WndsrldAdmrl	58.12	-8.2	-9.0

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DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.39	2.35
6-month disc	2.45	2.43
2-year	2.55	2.61
10-year	2.73	2.78
30-year	3.05	3.09

## SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1282.50	\$1281.30
Silver	\$15.259	\$15.330
Platinum	\$786.50	\$797.80

## INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.58

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE

	CLOSE	CHG./%
A U.S. Dollar buys...		
Argentina (Peso)	37.5263	
Australia (Dollar)	1.4049	
Brazil (Real)	3.8048	
Britain (Pound)	.7716	
Canada (Dollar)	1.3350	
China (Yuan)	6.8078	
Euro	.8801	
India (Rupee)	71.276	
Israel (Shekel)	3.6800	
Japan (Yen)	109.30	
Canada (Dollar)	1.3350	
China (Yuan)	6.8078	
Euro	.8801	
India (Rupee)	71.276	
Israel (Shekel)	3.6800	
Japan (Yen)	109.30	
Mexico (Peso)	19.1729	
Poland (Zloty)	3.77	
So. Korea (Won)	1131.52	
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.89	
Thailand (Baht)	31.79	

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# Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Unwanted e-mail
  - 5 Smack
  - 9 Slender
  - 13 Friendlier
  - 15 Lounge about
  - 16 Donut's center
  - 17 Mom's brother
  - 18 Like terrible handwriting

## OBITUARIES

LYNDA DELAFORGUE 1958-2019

# Liberal activist, co-director of Citizen Action/Illinois

BY GRAYDON MEGAN  
Chicago Tribune



DEAN LA PRAIRIE

Lynda DeLaForgue was born in Chicago and grew up in Franklin Park

— and she certainly had a passion for progressive issues early on.

Lynda DeLaForgue was a longtime political activist and for many years the co-director of Citizen Action/Illinois, leading fights for progressive causes including health care access, marriage equality, food safety and an end to predatory payday lending.

She was also active in politics, working last year to help elect Rep. Sean Casten in Illinois' 6th Congressional District.

"I've known Lynda now for decades and watched her grow into what I think is one of the most important progressive leaders in our state," said U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, who first met DeLaForgue when both worked for the Illinois Public Action Council.

DeLaForgue, 60, died Jan. 12 in her Chicago home of complications from metastatic colon cancer she had fought for more than four years, according to her daughter, Katy DeLaForgue Hintzen.

DeLaForgue was born in Chicago and grew up in Franklin Park. She focused on theater at what was then Rockford College in Rockford, graduating in 1980.

She was working as an actress and costume designer in Rockford after graduation and looking for part-time work when she took a job fundraising for the relatively new Illinois Public Action Council. Effective as a door-to-door canvasser and recruiter, she soon became the group's Rockford office manager and helped organize a voter registration drive leading up to the 1984 election.

"That was how she first got involved" her daughter said. "She came from a home of public service — her father was a firefighter

later she became its co-director and continued in that role until her death.

John Cameron, who preceded her as the group's director, said she often worked behind the scenes, "yet she was kind of the critical energy that drove it."

"Lynda was the person who made it happen, whatever success we had," Cameron said.

Those successes included improved access to quality health care, reform of predatory payday loan practices and national efforts on food safety, Cameron said. "She was an amazing person with a wide variety of interests."

"She would always be positive," Schakowsky said. "Never giving up, always at the meetings, always organizing, even when getting chemotherapy, she'd be on her cellphone."

Maintaining a connection to her early work in theater, she was an enthusiastic collector and online reseller of vintage clothing and vintage and antique jewelry.

Her coalition-building, helping groups work together to accomplish goals multiplied her own efforts, according to her life partner, Brian Reizfeld. He said the couple heard from a number of people about the lasting and spreading effects of DeLaForgue's work.

"How many lives she touched with her work," he said. "That's where her legacy will really live on."

A marriage ended in divorce.

In addition to her daughter and Reizfeld, DeLaForgue is survived by her son, Jordan; her mother, June Kaczur-Tate; and her sister, Laura.

Plans for a spring memorial service are pending.

Megan is a freelance reporter.

DeLaForgue became the Illinois group's statewide canvass manager and helped set up similar canvass operations in other states. She took an increasing role in the organization's work on issues, particularly health policy and consumer protection. She also got involved in progressive political campaigns, helping elect Paul Simon to the U.S. Senate in 1984, re-elect Mayor Harold Washington in 1987, and send Schakowsky to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1990.

"Lynda and I have been partners in all things political," Schakowsky said, "and policy-wise and organizing-wise for many many years." That included working to elect a Democrat to replace Peter Roskam in the 6th District.

"She was one of the leaders who helped put together the coalition that helped us elect Sean Casten," Schakowsky said.

After Illinois Public Action shut down in 1997, DeLaForgue became the associate director of the newly constituted Citizen Action/Illinois. Three years

**In 1950** the Knesset, Israel's parliament, proclaimed Jerusalem the capital of the Jewish state.

**In 1964** the 24th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections.

**In 1968** North Korea seized the U.S. Navy vessel Pueblo in the Sea of Japan, killed one crew member and held the other 82 as spies for 11 months.

**In 1973** President Richard Nixon announced that an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

**In 1977** the popular television mini-series "Roots," based on Alex Haley's novel, began airing on ABC.

**In 1980** President Jimmy Carter announced in his State of the Union address that he would reinstate Selective Service registration and pledged military force, if necessary, to protect the Persian Gulf region from Soviet aggression.

**In 1983** a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite plunged through the atmosphere and fell harmlessly into the Indian Ocean.

**In 1985** Gen. Fabian Ver, Philippine armed forces chief of staff, and 25 others were charged in connection

with the 1983 assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino. (All were acquitted by a three-judge panel 11 months later.)

**In 1991**, after 12,000 sorties over Iraq and occupied Kuwait, Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, announced allied forces had achieved air superiority in the Persian Gulf War.

**In 2004** a unanimous Illinois Supreme Court upheld the mass commutations granted by former Gov. George Ryan before he left office in January 2003.

**In 2005** former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson died in Malibu, Calif.; he was 79.

**In 2012** First-term Republican U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk, 52, of Illinois underwent surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital after suffering an ischemic stroke.

**In 2013** Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced plans to lift the ban on women serving in combat units. **Also in 2013** Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton testified before the House and Senate foreign policy committees that she did not see a request to beef up security before the Sept. 11, 2012, attack in Benghazi, Libya, that killed four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens.

**In 2017** President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from the sweeping Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact, using one of his first actions in office to reject a proposed accord that was eagerly sought by American allies in Asia.

**In 2018** tsunami warnings roused people from Alaska to Southern California after a powerful earthquake struck beneath the Gulf of Alaska; the resulting waves were miniscule and no injuries or damage were reported.

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ON JANUARY 23 ...

**In 1368** China's Ming dynasty, which lasted nearly three centuries, began as Zhu Yuanzhang formally became emperor following the collapse of the Yuan dynasty.

**In 1516** King Ferdinand II of Aragon, who with his late queen consort, Isabella of Castile, sponsored the first voyage of Christopher Columbus in 1492, died in Madrigalejo, Spain.

**In 1789** Georgetown University was established in what now is Washington.

**In 1845** Congress decided that all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of each November.

**In 1849** Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman in America to receive an M.D. degree. The Bristol, England, native was awarded her degree by the Medical Institution of Geneva, N.Y.

**In 1932** New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt committed himself to run for the Democratic presidential nomination.

**In 1944** Norwegian artist Edvard Munch, who painted "The Scream," died near Oslo; he was 80.

### WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

**ILLINOIS**  
Jan. 22  
Mega Millions .....  
04 15 37 59 64 / 16  
Mega Millions jackpot: \$82M  
Pick 3 midday ..... 783 / 5  
Pick 4 midday ..... 3976 / 2  
Lucky Day Lotto midday .....  
06 12 13 35 42  
Pick 3 evening ..... 214 / 2  
Pick 4 evening ..... 2080 / 2  
Lucky Day Lotto evening .....  
11 13 14 28 39  
Jan. 23 Powerball: \$144M  
Jan. 24 Lotto: \$7.5M

**WISCONSIN**  
Jan. 22  
Pick 3 ..... 923  
Pick 4 ..... 5026  
Badger 5 ..... 02 22 23 26 27  
SuperCash ..... 17 18 19 29 36 37

**INDIANA**  
Jan. 22  
Daily 3 midday ..... 780 / 0  
Daily 4 midday ..... 8392 / 0  
Daily 3 evening ..... 167 / 3  
Daily 4 evening ..... 3706 / 3  
Cash 5 ..... 04 18 35 44 45

**MICHIGAN**  
Jan. 22  
Daily 3 midday ..... 277  
Daily 4 midday ..... 5079  
Daily 3 evening ..... 675  
Daily 4 evening ..... 3061  
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Keno ..... 02 03 05 09 14 15  
16 21 26 32 34 45 51 56  
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#### Baker, Maureen Rita

Maureen Rita Baker (nee Horan); beloved wife of the late Dennis A. Baker, MD, for 52 years; loving mother of Dennis (Susan) Baker, Meg (Joe) Caruso, Ed (Krissey) Baker, & Eileen (Brad) Dorchinecz; proud grandmother of Emma, Holly, Kayleigh, Luke, Annaliese, Madeline, Elin, Jack, & Ben; dear sister of Dennis, Terry (Sharon), Kevin (Marcia), & Kathy (Joe) Lamich; aunt & friend of many. Visitation 3 to 9 pm on Friday, January 25 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral prayers Saturday, January 26 at 10:45 a.m., from the funeral home to St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs. Mass 11:15 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial donations to Misericordia (misericordia.com/giving) are appreciated. Funeral info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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#### Barrett, John McKinley

John M. "Jack" Barrett, age 93, WWII Navy Vet, devoted husband of Mary nee Schutzenhofer, loving father of Donna Barrett and Susan (E.J.) Orr, devoted grandfather of EJ Orr III, Emma Barrett Orr and John Patrick Orr, fond "uncle Jack" to many nieces and nephews. Visitation, Saturday, Jan. 26 from 10:00 am until time of Mass at 11:00am at St. Norbert Church, 1809 Walters Ave., Northbrook, interment private in Sacred Heart Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Norbert Parish or Geo. W. Benjamin Legion Post #791, PO Box 1068, Northbrook, IL 60062-1068 appreciated. Funeral info: 773-764-1617



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#### Bauer, Chester A.

Chester A. Bauer, 84, of Palatine, died January 15, 2019. He was born November 28, 1934 to the late Ferdinand and Celina in Poland. Chester was a veteran and the youngest of 6 brothers and sisters; uncle to many nieces and nephews and great-uncle to many great-nieces and great-nephews. Visitation Saturday from 9:30 am until time of Mass 10 am, St Colette Church, 3900 Meadow Drive, Rolling Meadows. Inurnment Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation, P.O. Box 368, Woodland Hills, CA 91365. Info (847)253-0224 or [www.Meadowswfh.com](http://www.Meadowswfh.com)

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#### Boc, Paul

Boc, Paul, 94, of Chicago passed away Thursday, January 17. Visitation will be Friday, January 25, 2019, 4 pm to 9 pm at Drake and Son Funeral Home, 5303 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. Funeral Saturday, January 26, 2019, 11 am at the funeral home. Interment Rosehill Cemetery. Info 773-561-6874 or [www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com)

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#### Boyle, Joseph L.

Joseph L. Boyle, age 86. Beloved son of the late Edward and Mary Boyle nee McAllister; dear brother-in-law to Bernadette Boyle; fond uncle of Matthew (Barbara) Thiel, Mary (James) Prisching, and Joseph Boyle; great uncle of Brianna (Jake) Holtz, Devin Prisching, and Caitlin Prisching. Visitation Thursday January 24, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral Services begin Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to Our Lady of Hope Church in Rosemont for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Interment is private. For more info 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com)



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#### Brandin, Patricia

Patricia Brandin passed away at her home on January 13, 2019 surrounded by her family. Patricia was a long time Hinsdale resident. She graduated from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in 1974. Following graduation, she worked at Pope Ballard for 5 years before becoming a partner at Seyfarth Shaw. In 1989, Patricia started at BP

America as an employment lawyer, until her retirement in 2004. In her spare time, Patricia was an avid reader, spoke beautiful French, and enjoyed plays, musicals and the ballet. While she was still able bodied, Patricia loved the water and was an incredible swimmer. Loving mother of Charlotte Barnes (Tim) O'Connell and Allison Barnes. Beloved sister of Robert and Douglas Brandin. Blessing and committal service will be held Saturday January 26, 2019, 11:00 am at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, 1400 S. Wolf Rd. Hillside, IL 60162. Family and friends will meet at the Mausoleum. Memorials appreciated to National Multiple Sclerosis Society <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate.Arrangements> by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale** For information 630-703-9131, [www.powellfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.powellfuneraldirectors.com)



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#### Burke, Mary Margaret Kelleher 'Babe'

Mary Margaret "Babe" Kelleher Burke. Beloved wife of the late Richard Francis "Dick" Burke Sr. Loving and devoted mother of Richard Francis Jr. (Cecilia Walsh), Mary Margaret (Dr. Jerome Hannigan), Nancy Ann (Timothy Woods) and the Honorable Kathleen Marie Burke. Dear grandmother of Richard Francis III "Ricky", Therese Marie and Marie Kelleher Burke, Julia Margaret and Jerome "Jerry" Burke Hannigan, Jeremiah Timothy and Patrick John Woods. Cherished daughter of the late Jeremiah Kelleher and the late Julia (nee Buckley) of County Cork, Ireland. Sister of the late John (the late Betty) and the late Gerald (the late Dorothy) Kelleher. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Babe was a graduate of Mercy High School and Chicago Teachers College. She was a dedicated Chicago school teacher for over 45 years, most of that spent at Morrill Elementary School where she taught virtually every grade and especially enjoyed the primary level students in first and second grade. Babe grew up in Saint Francis de Paula Parish on the south side of Chicago, and after marrying Dick Burke moved to the Beverly area where they raised their four children. She continued to live in her home there and was an active member of St. John Fisher parish for almost 60 years. She enjoyed longtime friendships with her neighbors, college friends and teaching colleagues, lunching with them regularly. Her greatest pleasure was spending time with her family and grandchildren, and attending their myriad of school and sports activities. Babe lived a very blessed life and will be missed by all her extended family, friends and neighbors.

Funeral Saturday 9:30 a.m. from **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. to St. John Fisher Church for Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy 6300 North Ridge Ave, Chicago, IL 60660. Info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at [www.donnellanfuneralhome.com](http://www.donnellanfuneralhome.com)



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**Carmody, Jerome 'Jere'**

Jerome (Jere) Carmody, of Park Ridge, died at the age of 84. He is mourned and celebrated by his cherished wife of 53 years, Teddi (Caccavale); his children, Cristina Tilley and Brad (Beth) Carmody; grandchildren Caroline and Margaret Tilley, and Bridget, Kathleen, and Thomas Jerome Carmody, all of Wilmette; and his sister, Anamarie (John) Arndt of Evanston. A Marquette University graduate, he was a quarterback for the last winning season of its "hilltoppers" varsity football team. He went on to a career in broadcast advertising sales, leaving him with an encyclopedic knowledge of the call letters of local television stations across the country. Before retiring, he spent his last years in development for United Way. He was a stalwart husband, father, and friend; kind, wise and, in the words of Mary Oliver, "married to amazement . . . taking the world into his arms."

Visitation Friday, Jan. 25, 2019 from 4-9 p.m. Funeral Prayers Saturday, 9:30 a.m. at **Nelson Funeral Home** 820 Talcott Road, Park Ridge, procession to Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church, 920 W. Granville Ave., Park Ridge for Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Info., (847) 823-5122 or www.nelsonfunerals.com.

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Courtney Sue Craig-Pauly, January 19, 2019. Beloved wife of James Pauly; loving daughter of Joanne and Richard Craig; dear sister of Richard (Melissa) Craig and Kelly (Chad) Hills; fond daughter-in-law of Sandy and Jim Pauly; dear sister -in-law of David, Ann, Chris, and Maria Pauly; fond niece and aunt to many and Minty-the-cat. Courtney grew up in Wilmette IL. She attended New Trier High School and the University of Iowa and graduated with a BA from Loyola University. She was employed as an office manager for a physician's busy Chicago practice. She and her husband moved to Nashville, TN in 2017. She was loved and will be dearly missed by all. Visitation Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. at Saints Faith Hope & Charity Church, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment Calvary Cemetery, Evanston. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Pet Smart Shelter, 19601 N. 27th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85027 Info: www.donnellanfuneraerl.com or (847) 675-1990.

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George R. Dorn, Jr., 57, a resident of Volo, passed away Sunday, January 20, 2019 at his home. He was born March 27, 1961 in Maywood Park, IL to George Sr. and Shirley Dorn. George is survived by his wife, Loretta; his parents; his son, Jeremy Dorn, his stepchildren, Anastasia (Charles) Yeoman, Thomas (Lauren) Tockey and Janelle Berger; his sister, Liz Dorn; niece, Brooke Valent and nephew, Benjamin Valent. He is preceded in death by his step-son, Eric Berger. A visitation and funeral service is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00pm with a funeral service commencing at 5:00pm on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at **Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium** 410 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake, IL 60030. Interment will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in George's name to www.pancan.org. For information, please call 847-223-8122 or visit [www.strangfuneral.org](http://www.strangfuneral.org).

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Deacon John J. Dulen, 92, passed away January 20, 2019. Visitation will be on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 3-8pm at Oehler Funeral Home (corner of Northwest Hwy./Rt.14 and Rand Rd.). Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles, IL, at 10:00am. Burial to follow at All Saints Catholic Cemetery in Des Plaines. For additional information please call 847-824-5155 or visit [www.oehlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.oehlerfuneralhome.com)

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73, Hallandale Beach, Florida, January 4, 2019. Cherished son of Robert (deceased) and Dorothy, nee Cawley (deceased). Much loved brother of Robert Jr. (deceased), Thomas (Patricia), Catherine, Gerald (Janet), Peter, John (Maria), Judy and Monica (deceased). Super awesome Godfather to Richard and Jennifer. Most fun, rattle-rousing Uncle Jimmy to his many adoring nieces and nephews. Mass Thursday, January 24, 10 a.m., Our Lady of Ransom, 8300 N. Greenwood Ave., Niles, IL 60714. In lieu of flowers, raise your glass.

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Prud U.S. Army Signal Corps Veteran during the Korean War. Beloved husband of Ann (nee Persson). Loving father of Jeffrey Erickson, Tod (Deborah) Erickson & Jill (Rick) Drebing. Proud grandfather of Trevor (Catherine), Griffen & Madison. Dear brother of Ronald (Gaby) Erickson & late Lorraine (late Arthur) Nickel and brother-in-law of L. Richard Persson & Ronald A. (Roberta) Persson. Kind uncle of many nieces & nephews. Wonderful and Outstanding Human Being to everyone he loved and knew. Visitation Thursday, January 24th from 3 until 9 p.m. at the **Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Family & Friends will gather Friday, January 25th for a lying-in-state 10 a.m. until time service 11 a.m. at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 7800 W. McCarthy Rd., Palos Heights. Interment and Military Honors will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Veterans Home in LaSalle, 1015 O'Connor Avenue, LaSalle, IL 61301 would be appreciated.

Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Feldner, Dr. Loren J.**

Dr. Loren Joseph Feldner, 58, of Palos Park, Illinois passed away suddenly on January 17, 2019. Loren was born on May 26, 1960 in Tinley Park, Illinois. He was the son of Joseph A. and the late Donna Marie Feldner. He is survived by his daughter Alexandra Lauren Feldner, siblings Duane (Meg) Feldner and Janeen (Robert) Pikula and many loving nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Loren graduated from Brother Rice Catholic High School in 1978, Loyola University in 1982 and Loyola School of Dentistry in 1986. He practiced dentistry in Orland Park at Brasky, Feldner & Assoc. for 33 years. As a dedicated teacher and lifelong learner, he was a clinical professor at Loyola School of Dentistry and earned his MBA from Northwestern Kellogg School of Management. Loren was actively involved in and an advocate for his profession. He was a member of the International College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists. He served as Chair of the Council on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and Chair of the American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC) as part of the American Dental Association (ADA). Loren also acted as a Director of the Chicago Dental Society (CDS) and held numerous offices in the Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS). He worked tirelessly to provide dental services to underprivileged communities and veterans in Illinois. Loren consistently went above and beyond to prioritize his patients and provide them the finest and most compassionate care.

Loren never experienced a dull moment as he filled his life with adventure. He loved boating on his Cobalt, snowmobiling, cheering on the Blackhawks, race car driving and traveling with his beloved Daughter Alexandra, Dear Family, Loyal Friends and his Love Terry Park. Loren's generous and genuine heart never stopped giving to others. His passion and excitement for life and sense of humor brought joy to everyone he encountered.

Visitation Friday, January 25, 2019, 12:00-9:00 PM at the **Vandenberg Funeral Home** 17248 Harlem Avenue Tinley Park, IL. 60477. Funeral Saturday January 26, 2019, 9:00 AM at the Funeral Home to St. Alexander Church, Mass of Christian Burial, 10:00 AM. Entombment in Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum of the Archangel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Alexandra's Medical School Education, Folds of Honor Dept. 13, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74182, foldsofahonor.org or Chicago Dental Society Foundation, 401 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60611, cds.org/secure/cds-foundation. For information on services, 708-532-1635 or [www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com)

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Jeanne M. Fox (nee Dunmore), age 88, late of Manitowoc, WI formerly of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Robert; devoted mother of Marianne (Samuel) Ledden, Regina, Brian (Rebecca), and the late Sean (Donna) Fox; proud grandmother of 9 and great-grandmother of 1; loving sister of Doris (Jack) Mauer, Rose Hunniford, the late James (late Helen) and late Ronald (late Carolyn) Dunmore; dear sister-in-law of the late William (Mary Jane) Fox; kind aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 3 - 8 p.m. at **Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service)** 14318 S. LaGrange Rd. (Northbound traffic: U-turn permitted at 143rd St.), Orland Park. Family and friends to meet directly on Monday at St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Ave., Oak Lawn for Funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. (708) 460-2300 or [www.thornridgefuneralhomes.com](http://www.thornridgefuneralhomes.com)

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Mabel "Dolly" C. Galatte (nee Cavallone) age 97. Beloved wife of the late Bruno J. Devoted mother of Nick (Bonnie), Judy Galati and the late Michael. Loving grandmother of 6 and great grandmother of 9. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM at the **Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home**, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Saturday 9 AM from the funeral home to Sacred Heart Church for 10 AM Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [St.Jude.org](http://St.Jude.org) Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at [www.palosgaidasfh.com](http://www.palosgaidasfh.com) (708) 974 4410

Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Gallagher, Helen M.**

Helen M. Gallagher, 91, devoted wife and mother and longtime resident of Naperville, died Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Smith Village senior home in Chicago. Visitation will be Friday, January 25 from 9-10:30 AM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services** 44 S. Mill St. Naperville, IL 60540. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 AM at St. Peter and Paul Church 36 N Ellsworth St. Naperville. Interment will follow at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville. In lieu of flowers or contributions, the family urges everyone to do or say a kind deed or word in her memory, as she would have wished. For more information, please call (630)355-0213. For full obituary, please visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com)

Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Glick, Barbara**

Barbara Solodky Glick, 81, beloved wife of Marvin Glick for more than sixty years; devoted mother of Lisa Glick Zucker (Dan), Wendi Glick Ezgur (Michael), and Danny Glick; cherished "Nonnie" of Sophie, Ben and Clara Zucker, and Aidan, Charlie and Rosie Ezgur; sister of June Rotblatt (Jerry) and Marlene Kornick (Harold) and loving aunt to nine nieces and nephews. Barbara, a licensed clinical social worker, earned a B.A. from Mundelein College and an MSW from Loyola University while raising her family. She had a varied career that included working in the Chicago public schools, teaching at Oakton Community College, counseling private clients, public speaking and becoming a top salesperson at Service Corporation International. She enjoyed tennis and golf, reading, concerts and theater, but most of all found joy in time spent with friends and family and true delight in a good laugh. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Funeral services 11 AM Jan. 24 at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd. Wilmette, IL. Interment to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Howard L. Graff, 77. Beloved husband of Luisita nee Mariano. Loving father of Michelle (David) Schiff and Joseph (Steven White) Graff. Proud grandfather of Mia Grace Dickens and Riley Faith Schiff. Dear brother of Barbara (Herbert) Dorfman and the late Robert S. Graff. Loving uncle of many. Masonic Service will begin Thursday 9:30AM followed by the Traditional Jewish Funeral starting at 10:15AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Westlawn. Memorials in his memory to JUF, 30 S. Wells St., Chicago, IL 60606, [www.juf.org](http://www.juf.org) or Illinois Masonic Children's Home, c/o Masonic Grand Lodge of Illinois, 2866 South Via Verde Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, [www.ilmason.org](http://www.ilmason.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)

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Shirley A. Heiting nee Fennessey. Beloved wife of the late George W. "Bud" Heiting. Loving mother of Dan (Karen) Heiting, Bill (Peggy) Heiting, Mary Beth (Paul) Partyka & the late Debbie (Mark) Gorski. Treasured companion of the late Joe Van Nieuwenhuyse. Cherished grandmother of Kristine, Billy, Laura, Brian, Mike, Ben, Elise, Emily & Molly. Proud great grandmother of Riley, Aidan, Finn, Alex, Max, Rose & Emilja. Devoted daughter of the late William & Margaret Fennessey. Dear sister of Jean (the late Howard) Smyth & the late Bill & Mary Fennessey, Margie & Tommy Warren & Joan & Morgan Greene. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews especially Mark (Karen) Van Nieuwenhuyse. Funeral Friday 9:30 am from Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St. Oak Lawn to Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, for Mass at 10:30 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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Native of County Limerick, Ireland; Loving sister of Meta, Michael, late Sr. Helen, late James, late Mary, Ann, Kay, Tom, Sr. Lucy, Paddy, John, and Fr. Willie; Cherished aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews; Best friend of Joan Suer; Visitation Thursday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Friday, 10:00 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Ave, Oak Lawn; Mass 11:00 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)

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Visitation Thursday from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence ave., Norridge, IL. A funeral service will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, at the funeral home, and we will proceed for interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com)

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died on 1/11/19. Services: 11 a.m., 1/26/19. Inquire: [lhughes50@gmail.com](mailto:lhughes50@gmail.com).

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Captain Barry J. Hynes, Jr., 60, of Cary, IL. Born December 2, 1958 in New York, NY, passed away January 20, 2019. Barry is survived by his mother, Virginia (Alan) Eades; siblings, Chris (Carole) Hynes, Ginny (Matt) Hanson, Peter (Laura) Hynes; fiancée, Vanessa Kobyleski; 6 nieces and nephews, Sean, Haley, Claire, Sarah, Nelson and Grace.

Preceded in death by his father, Barry J. Hynes, Sr. and his brother, Brian T. Hynes. A memorial visitation will be held on Friday, January 25, 2019 from 4-8 PM at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. 847-359-8020 or [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com).

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Marjorie June Johnson, nee Roemerma, age 90, of Homer Glen, Illinois, born and raised in Blakesburg, Iowa. Beloved wife for 71 years to Ernest "Pete" Johnson. Loving mother of Tonya (Greg) Baise, Trudy (the late Alan) Baise and Terry (Sue) Johnson. Cherished grandmother of Joel (Kendra) Baise, Erin (James) Downer; Ryan (Lindsey) Baise, Meghan (Chris) Weddige; Allie, Kacie, and Tyler Johnson. Dearest great-grandmother of Colin, Kinley, Weston, Rowan, Max, and Caden. Dear sister of her twin Martha Brown, Leora Warrick, Don (JoAnn) Roemerma, and the late Irene Harris, Mary Alice Thompson, and Henry Junior Roemerma. Marge was a member of Christ Community Church in Lemont, Illinois. She was a retired Administrative Assistant for Coldwell Banker. Above all, Marjorie was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt who loved spending time with her family and friends. Visitation Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 3-8 p.m. Visitation continues Friday, January 25, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11:00a.m. at **Colonial Chapel** 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Memorials may be given in memory of Marjorie to the Alzheimer's Association or a charity or organization of your choice. Express your thoughts and condolences at [colonialchapel.com](http://colonialchapel.com) 708-532-5400

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Willard M. "Bill" Jones. WW II Navy Veteran. Cherished husband of Betty (nee Parker) Jones. Devoted father of Linda Eiselstein, Gary Jones and Brenda (Craig) Pitsch. Proud Pop of Fred (Kim) Eiselstein, Sarah Eiselstein, Marie Musil, Chris Jones and Billy Jones. Loving Great Pop of 10 and Great Great Pop of 3. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews.



Bill was preceded in death by 3 brothers and 4 sisters. Visitation will be held Friday, January 25, 2019 from 10 am until time of Service, 12 Noon at **Adolf Funeral Home**, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook. Burial will be at Clarendon Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Honor Flight Chicago, 9701 W. Higgins Rd., Suite 310 Rosemont, IL 60018-4703. Bill was a 45 year employee and Director at The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P). For info: 630-325-2300.

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Shirley B. Kostas, nee Gehlert, of Grayslake, age 87. Beloved wife of Thomas; dear sister-in-law of Penelope (Anthony) Chiotis; loving aunt of Ralph Gehlert, Chris (Jill) Chiotis and Marie (Matt) Morrison. Family and friends will be received at the **Symonds-Lakes Funeral Home**, 111 W. Belvidere Rd., Grayslake, IL on Friday, January 25, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until time of service 11:00 a.m. Entombment Elmwood Cemetery. For info 847-543-1080.

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James R. Luedtke, age 82; beloved husband of Joan nee Cooper; loving father of Jim (Linda) Luedtke, Don (Sue) Luedtke, Jeanmarie (Bob) Bolero), Tom (Pam) Luedtke and Judy (John) McNamara; cherished grandfather of 16; great-grandfather of 9; brother of the late Lois (late Richard) Bez. Funeral Friday 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Visitation Thursday 4-8 P.M. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to American Lung Association would be appreciated. For info: (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)

Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Maher, Laurence James**

Laurence James Maher, 92, of Barrington and formerly of Mount Prospect, was born on June 30, 1926 in Chicago and passed away on January 21, 2019 in Barrington. Laurence was a Senior Executive Vice President of Encyclopedia Britannica. He was the caring husband of Dolores (nee McSweeney) for 63 years; loving father of Peggy (Charlie) Emerson, Lawrence Maher, Beth (Keith) Dinsmore, John (Jill) Maher and Kevin Maher; cherished grandfather of Robert, Kathryn (Bryan), Kate, Matthew, Ethan and Julia; dear great-grandfather of Eli. Laurence was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Helen Maher; and his sisters, Mary (Joe) Fernandez and Angela (Bill) Selbach. Funeral Services will be held privately for family. Arrangements were entrusted to **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, Barrington. For information, please call the funeral home at 847-381-3411 or visit [www.davenportfamily.com](http://www.davenportfamily.com) where friends may leave an online condolence message for the family.

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Anna Maria Mariani, 62, better known as Annie or "Peanut", passed away on Saturday, January, 19, 2019, in Elmhurst, Illinois. Annie is survived by her only sister, Rosemary Mariani, as well as her aunt Caroline (Bob) Michalski, uncle Leo (the late Mona) Losurdo, aunt Mary (the late Carlo) Losurdo, and uncle Larry (Cathy) Mariani. She is Godmother to Christopher Nikodem and Larry Imbordino and was blessed with the many cousins, nieces, and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father, Mario Mariani, and mother, Margaret (nee Losurdo), and uncle Patsy Losurdo. Born in Chicago in 1956, Annie lived most of her life in Schiller Park, graduating from East Leyden High School in 1975, and cherished wonderful memories of her grandfather, Mike Losurdo, Schiller Park farm. She was a skilled seamstress of bridal accessories as well as craft items. Her other passions were for her several dogs and one cat. She enjoyed cooking for her family and loved to help disabled children in their after school programs. Visitation for Annie will be held from 8:30am to 10:30am on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home, 9568 Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois, 60131, followed by a funeral mass at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in Schiller Park and a procession to Mt. Carmel Catholic Cemetery in Hillside immediately following the mass. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated.

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Beloved wife of the late Richard "Dick" Knight. Loving mother of Liz (Marc Martin) McLean-Knight. Devoted Daughter of the late Howard and Kathleen "Cappy" (nee Flood). Dear sister of Howard (Marcia), Tom (Maureen) and Bill (Connie) McLean. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. She was an avid world traveler and found enjoyment in everything she did. Visitation Thursday 3-8 pm with a Service at 7 pm at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home 4950 W. 79th St., Burbank IL. Interment Private

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Eileen McMillin (nee Martin), age 92, of LaGrange. Beloved wife of the late Donald McMillin. Loving mother of the late Donald (Lynda), Thomas (Patricia), Michael (Dawn), Terrence, James (Margaret), Eileen (Randy) McNeil, and John (Susan) McMillin. Devoted grandmother of 21. Dear great-grandmother of 10. Fond aunt and friend of many. Visitation 8:45am until time of chapel prayers 10:45am Thursday, January 24, 2019 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside and immediate procession to 11:15am Funeral Mass at St. Cletus Church, LaGrange. Interment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Illinois Chapter, 8430 Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. For Information: 708-352-6500 or [hjfurnerals.com](http://hjfurnerals.com)

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## Morrison, Harriette J

Harriette J Morrison (nee Chamberlain), 86, of Wood Dale formerly of Carol Stream, Elmhurst, Bensenville, and Romeoville passed away on January 18, 2019. She was born June 12, 1932 in LaGrange IL to Francis and Doris Chamberlain.

She is survived by her children, Francine Sue (the late Daniel) Schmehl, Bob (Peggy) Morrison, Betty (Dave) Carroll, and Nancy (Bill) Mogk. She was the loving grandmother to Jennifer (Tony), William (Lauren), Matthew (Breanna) Kelsey, Doris, Kristyn, David (Kassandra), and great-grandmother of Anthony, Eleanor, Jayde, William, and Emerson. She will be missed dearly by many nieces, nephews and close friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick, her parents and her dear brothers and sister, Francis, Phyllis, David and Robert.

Visitation will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 26, 2019 followed by a memorial Mass at 11:00 at St. Alexis Catholic Church, 400 W. Wood St, Bensenville IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to the PAWS organization (People Helping Animals) at [www.paws.org](http://www.paws.org) would be appreciated.  
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## Passolt, Thomas

Thomas Passolt, 61, of Arlington Heights. Beloved husband of Terri (nee Priller) Passolt, loving father of Carl (Laura) Guenther and Alison (Ryan) Frye; cherished grandfather of Isabella, Owen and Scarlett; fond brother of Bill (Joan), Jeff (Jeanne) and Jim (Pam); dear son of the late George and late Marilyn and loved uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation will be Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 9:00 AM until the time of memorial service at 11:00 AM at First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights, 1903 E. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to The National Park Foundation, 1110 Vermont Ave, NW, Suite 200 Washington, D.C. 20005 or P.A.D.S. Program, c/o First United Methodist Church, 1903 E. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Funeral information and condolences [www.GlueckertFH.com](http://www.GlueckertFH.com) or (847) 253-0168.

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## Perini, Randall G.

Randall G. Perini, age 65, at rest suddenly, January 19, 2019 at his home in Lemont. Beloved husband of Diane (nee Spengler); loving father of Stephanie (Joseph) Scorzo, Jessica (Chad) Rhodes, Gwendolyn Perini, Lauren Bordignon, Michelle and Gregory John Perini; cherished grandfather of Valentina and Marcella; devoted son of Helen and the

late George Perini; dearest brother of Kathy (the late David) Laubhan and Deborah (Richard) Nona; dear son-in-law of the late Donald and Ann M. Spengler, special brother-in-law of Donald M. Spengler, Catherine Tardy (Brian Turnbull) and Mary (Mark) McCarter; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation Thursday January 24, 2019 from 3-8 P.M. at **Gerharz-Cappetta Funeral Home & Cremation Services** 501 State St., Lemont. Family and friends are asked to meet Friday, January 25 at St. Patrick Church in Lemont for a 10 A.M. Memorial Mass. Info 630-257-2123 or [www.gerharzfuneralhome.com](http://www.gerharzfuneralhome.com)  
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## Peters, Walter A.

Walter A. Peters, 90, of Marengo and formerly of Hanover Park and Chicago, died January 18, 2019. Beloved husband of Helen Peters; loving father of Paul (Cynthia) Peters and Constance (Joseph) Greszewski; cherished grandfather of four and great-grandfather of six; dear brother of Robert (Jane), Ronald (Coralyn) Peters, and the late Ann (Vince) Georgen. Visitation from 4 to 8pm on Friday, January 25 at **Marengo-Union Funeral Home**, 505 E. Grant Hwy., Marengo. Funeral Mass at 9:30am on Saturday, January 26 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 323 N. Taylor St., Marengo. Interment in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery will be private. Online condolences may be made at [www.marengo-unionfuneralhome.com](http://www.marengo-unionfuneralhome.com).  
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## Reczek, C.S.S.F., Sister Mary Virginette

Sister Mary Virginette Reczek, C.S.S.F. Died January 19, 2019 in Our Lady of the Angels Convent, Chicago, IL. Beloved Member of Felician Sisters Community for 77 years. Beloved daughter of the late Stanley and Sophia. Beloved sister of the late John (the late Eleanor). Nieces and nephew. Visitation will begin at 3:00PM on Friday, January 25, 2019 at the



Mother of Good Counsel Convent, 3800 West Peterson Avenue, Chicago, IL. Wake Service will follow at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Commendation will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Felician Sisters' Retirement Fund, 3800 West Peterson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60659, would be appreciated. INFO 847-395-4000 Thomas K. Moore, Director.  
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## Schuler, Dr. James Joseph

Dr. James Joseph Schuler, 72, at rest January 20, 2019. He was born to John and Ella Schuler on March 12, 1946. James was the beloved husband of Catherine Jean Schuler of nearly 50 years and father to James Patrick and Matthew John.



James spent his early years growing up in Batavia, Illinois. He received his B.S. from St. John's University, M.D. from UIC College of Medicine, and M.S. from UIC College of Graduate Medical Education. His medical internship, residency, chief residency and fellowship training all completed at UIC and VA Hospitals.

Dr. Schuler's contributions to the medical field and professional accomplishments were extensive. During his forty years at the University of Illinois Hospital he was a life-long supporter of the Hospital. He rose rapidly through the ranks to become Division Chief of Vascular Surgery at the UIC. He was instrumental in setting up the Vascular Laboratory at the Hospital and providing academic structure to the recently formed division. He was a marvelous doctor and a great teacher; treasured by his peers, his surgical residents and medical students.

James was a true outdoorsman. He spent his leisure time hunting and fishing with family and friends. In his later years, James loved his Colorado ranch where he and Catherine lived for 14 years.

Dr. Schuler is survived by his two sons, their wives Maureen and Kelley, and his beloved grandchildren Jack, Claire, and Austin. James was the eldest of John and Ella's three children and is survived by brother Jack (Sarah) Schuler and sister Jane (Paul) Steingraeber and many nieces and nephews.

He will be profoundly missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to The University of Illinois Foundation would be sincerely appreciated. Please send all contributions directly to:

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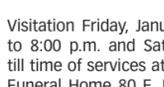
Visitation Friday January 25th from 4 to 8 pm at **Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd.** 7000 S. Madison Street, Willowbrook. Funeral service Saturday January 26th, family and friends will gather at St. Cletus Church 600 W. 55th Street, LaGrange, for Mass 11:15 am. Services for Dr. Schuler will conclude at the church. Service information: 630-325-2300 or [adolfservices.com](http://adolfservices.com)

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D. Martin Stratman of Clarendon Hills formerly Riverside, beloved son of the late Raymond J. and late Rita Mae nee Cobey; loving brother of John (Carolyn), Carol (Richard) Lochner, Philip (Nancy), Mark (Tina) and the late Gregory; fond uncle and great uncle of many. Marty was a U.S. Army Veteran and retired longtime employee of Divane Electric Company.



Visitation Friday, January 25, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 26, 8:00 a.m. till time of services at 9:00 a.m. at Ivins/Moravecck Funeral Home 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside to St. Isaac Joques Catholic Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment and Military Honors at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Donations to Diabetes Assn. at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org) or the American Cancer Assn. at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) would be appreciated. Funeral info 708-447-2261 or [www.moravecek.com](http://www.moravecek.com).

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## Turbak, James W.

James W. Turbak; beloved husband of the late Judithann M., nee Grabowski; loving father of Tim (Patty), Terry, and Tricia (Skip) Leuzzi; cherished and devoted grandfather of Paul, Katie, Nikki, Joey, Emma, Maggie (Matt) Borst, and Annie; fond brother of Richard (Beverly) Turbak; also, loving uncle and friend of many. Visitation Friday, January 25, 2019 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Saturday, January 26 starting with prayers at 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Mary of the Woods Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles. Info 773-774-0366 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)



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## Ward, Rita Joyce

Rita Joyce Ward (nee Thompson), passed away January 19. Joyce was born November 14, 1929 to Alfred and Mary (Rigney) Thompson. Beloved wife of the late Ray Ward. Loving mother to Diane (Bryan) Winter, Ray (Cheryl), Sharon (Don) Kubica, Mary Catherine "Kate" Woods, Linda Joyce "Joy" (Leo) Foertsch and Carol Ann. Proud grandma to Brendan (Megan) Winter, Ryan and Kristi Ward, Donna Kubica, Dana Woods, Tricia, Linda (Mike Thornton), Anna and Leo Foertsch. Great Grandma to Berend Winter, Jon Rus and Jackson Christie. Cherished sister of the late June (late Lewis) Murphy, Alfred Joseph (Carol) Thompson, Theodore (late Roberta) Rapcaz, and Marion (late Francis) Rapcaz. Dear aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Joyce and Ray worked many years side by side running Ward's Nursery, formerly in Glendale Heights. Visitation will be Friday, January 25, 3 - 8 PM at Leonard Memorial Home (565 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn). Funeral Mass will be Saturday, January 26 at 10 AM at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church (480 S Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn). Interment to follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Hillside.

We request that flowers be sent to St. Jude Research Hospital.  
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## Welko, Lenora Ann

Loving mother of Paula (John) Kelly and Amy (James) Fernandez; proud grandmother of Jack Kelly, Bridget Kelly, Isabel Fernandez, and Hannah Fernandez; cherished sister of Wayne (Jan) Rhein; loving sister-in-law of Bob (Lee) Welko; fond aunt, niece, cousin, and friend of many. Preceded in death by her husband, the late Paul Welko, her parents, the late Ted Rhein and the late Nettie Korcheck, and her in-laws, the late Peter and Josephine Welko. Lenora bravely fought a short and courageous battle with cancer. Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 25th, from 9:30am at Ridge Funeral Home, 6620 West Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638, to Funeral Mass at St. Daniel the Prophet Catholic Church at 10:00am. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 24th, from 3:00pm to 9:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the St. Jude Children's Hospital, the Arc Minnesota, or the Brotherhood of the Fallen, would be appreciated. For more information, please call 773-586-7900 or visit [www.ridgefh.com](http://www.ridgefh.com)  
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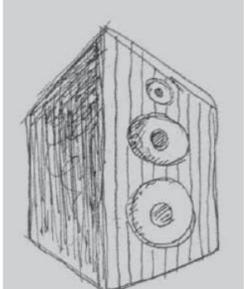
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Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct of or transaction of Business in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. **Y1900247** on the Date: **JAN 3, 2019** Under the Assumed Name of: **LUIGI THE PLUMBER** with the business located at: **5681 N CRESCENT AVENUE CHICAGO, IL, 60631** The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **MICHAEL J PEZZELLA 5681 N CRESCENT AVENUE CHICAGO, IL, 60631**



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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 Chivonne Dant'e Rhodes AKA Chivonne Rhoder Parish Rodgers AKA Parish Italian Rodgers**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Sonia Rodgers (Mother)**

**JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00215 16JA00216**

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Claude Rhodes (Father), and Unknown (Father),** respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern,** that on **December 31, 2018,** a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/06/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR 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 23, 2019**

### 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 Osaheni Rotimi, Jr**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Shannon Smith (Mother)**

**JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00515**

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Osaheni Rotimi Sr (Father),** respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern,** that on **June 5, 2018,** a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/13/2019, at 2:00 PM** in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR 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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### LEGAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TO METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

Sealed proposals, endorsed as below, will be deposited in the sealed bid depository located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District 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 and Materials Management or her designee at 11:00 A.M. on the stated bid opening date below for:

**CONTRACT 15-830-3D  
 REPLACEMENT OF TAILRACE STOP LOGS, HEADRACE GATES, AND EQUIPMENT AT LOCKPORT POWERHOUSE, STICKNEY SERVICE AREA**

Document Fee: \$50.00 (Non-refundable, in the form of cashier's check, certified check or money order payable to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District)  
 Estimated Cost: Between \$8,360,000.00 and \$10,120,000.00 Bid Deposit: \$506,000.00  
 Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Walk-Through Friday, February 15, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. CT  
 Lockport Powerhouse Conference Room, 2400 S. Powerhouse Rd., Lockport IL  
 Friday, February 15, 2019, at 11:00 A.M. CT  
 Lockport Powerhouse Conference Room, 2400 S. Powerhouse Rd., Lockport IL

Mandatory Technical Pre-Bid Conference:

**Bid Opening: March 5, 2019**  
 Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix C, Appendix K and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement are required on this Contract.

**CONTRACT 19-028-11  
 FURNISH AND DELIVER PAPER FILTERS, CRUCIBLES AND PETRI DISHES TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD**

Estimated Cost: Group A: \$93,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group A: None  
 Estimated Cost: Group B: \$20,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group B: None  
 Estimated Cost: Group C: \$50,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group C: None  
 \$173,000.00

**Bid Opening: February 5, 2019**

**CONTRACT 19-RFP-03  
 BENEFITS CONSULTING SERVICES**

Estimated Cost: \$185,000.00 Bid Deposit: None

The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice - Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, [www.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.org); click the Contracts and Proposals quick link on the District's Home page. Go to Contracts Being Currently Advertised and click for further information.

*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, unless stated above to the contrary, will be mailed in response to a fax request (312/751-3042). The vendor may also download specifications, proposal forms and/or plans online from the District's website, www.mwrd.org. No fee is required for the contract documents unless stated above.*

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130.1-et seq.), where it is stated in the Invitation to Bid Page.

**The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best interest.**

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

By Darlene A. LoCascio  
 Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois  
 January 23, 2019

### LEGAL NOTICES

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF Dreanna Brunson**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Breantly Brunson (Mother)**

**JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01344**

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

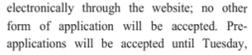
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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 23, 2019**



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January 11, 2019

Dear Interested Pre-Applicant,

The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) will be opening its Affordable Multi-Family Housing wait list for one (1) bedroom standard and accessible units at the Evanston Senior Redevelopment (ESR), located at the following buildings: 1900 Sherman Ave. Evanston, IL 60201 and 2300 Noyes Court, Evanston, IL 60201. The household will be required to pay rent equal up to 30% of their adjusted annual income.

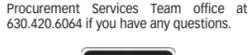
To qualify, the head of household or co-head/spouse must be eligible for one of following preferences: a person 62 years of age or older OR a person 18 years of age or older with a disability. The annual income for a one person household cannot exceed \$35,580 and the annual income for a two person household cannot exceed \$40,620.

Pre-applications will be available beginning on Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 at 10:00 am. To apply, please log onto the HACC's website at [www.thehacc.org](http://www.thehacc.org) and from HACC's homepage click on the link "See Our Open Waitlists." Under Affordable Multi-Family Housing, the applicant must select Evanston Senior Redevelopment (ESR) and then select "Applicant/Resident log in" for housing.

Pre-applications must be submitted electronically through the website; no other form of application will be accepted. Pre-applications will be accepted until Tuesday, February 19th, 2019 at 4:30pm. Up to 350 pre-applications will be accepted.

#### IMPORTANT

If you or anyone in your household is a person with a disability and requires a specific accommodation or seeks assistance with the completion of the pre-application, please contact the housing authority at (312) 542-4786.



### LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF NAPERVILLE Bid and Requests for Proposals Available Online

All City of Naperville solicitations will be advertised on our web site: <http://www.naperville.il.us/bidrfps.aspx>

You are invited to review all bid or proposal requests for any upcoming projects. All projects are available for download or pick-up. Please contact the Procurement Services Team office at 630.420.6064 if you have any questions.



**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 23, 2019**

### 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.mwrd.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.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.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 its cost a plot 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.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.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. Dailey. 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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Pre-applications will be available beginning on **Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** To apply, please log onto the HACC's website at [www.thehacc.org](http://www.thehacc.org) and from HACC's homepage click on the link "See Our Open Waitlists." Under Affordable Multi-Family Housing, the applicant must select North Suburban Housing (NSH) and then select "Applicant/Resident log in" for housing.

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TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 08/01/1990 A/K/A TRUST NO. 112420-05; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; SLADJAN STEVANOVICH; ZORAN STEVANOVICH; SLADJAN STEVANOVICH; FIFTH THIRD BANK F/K/A OLD KENT BANK F/K/A PINNACLE BANK F/K/A SECURITY FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO, AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007465 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0000024 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 342 E RUSSELL ST., BARRINGTON, IL 60010 Legal Description or Property Index No. 01-01-118-012-000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated This 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6078676

TO: OCCUPANT, BARBARA THOMAS; Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services f/k/a Illinois Department of Public Aid; Illinois Attorney General; City of Elgin; WILLIAM THOMAS, AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007468 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0001898 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 683 PACKARD DR., ELGIN, IL 60120 Legal Description or Property Index No. 60-19-406-009-000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated This 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6079188

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TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1E; OCCUPANT, UNIT 1W; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2E; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2W; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3E; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3W; ALVIN NIEMIAK; ADOLF NIEMIAK; KRYSZYNA GRABOWSKA, UNIT 2W; OCCUPANT SKATOLIA, UNIT 2W; OCCUPANT MILANOWSKI, UNIT 3W; OCCUPANT POJEK, UNIT 1W; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007469 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0002007 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 9205 SALLY LN., SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176 Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-15-233-021-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated This 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6079198

TO: OCCUPANT; SHEILA TIBALLI; ZACARIAS TAPAYAN; MICHAEL ILAGAN; CANDIDA CORTEZ; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007491 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009144 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4679 N KASSON AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60630 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-15-212-013-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated This 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6081091

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; BLANDINO ARGUELES, City of Chicago; MICHAEL ARIK; MARIE G. NAWOY; GUALPA; ULLIAN JAKUBOWSKI; KAMER KASSIM; AURELIO MERCADO; ABDULLAH AWAD; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007492 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009174 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4591 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60640 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-17-218-023-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated This 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6081096

TO: OCCUPANT; WILLIAM MAYER; NICOLETTE MAYER; MAYER; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 12/22/1981 A/K/A TRUST NO.72; CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING LLC F/K/A ASSOCIATES FINANCE, INC.; SIFINANCIAL, INC. F/K/A ASSOCIATES FINANCE, INC.; RICHARD SKUBAL, TRUSTEE; DJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC.; TERRI SHERWOOD, TRUSTEE; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; JUSTIN MAYER; GARY DIAMOND; KEVORK UTAS; TAKUHI UTAS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007493 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009208 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5734 W GRACE ST., CHICAGO, IL 60634 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-20-114-027-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated This 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6081126

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TO: Frieda Bassman; Convent of the Sacred Heart of Chicago, c/o Nathan Thomas Wilburn, Reg. Agent; Chicago Title Land Trust Company, Successor Trustee to LaSalle National Bank of Chicago, N.A., as Successor Trustee to First Illinois Bank of Evanston, N.A., u/t/a dated 02/18/1992 and known as trust no. R-3880, c/o CT Corporation System, Reg. Agent; Sovereign Apartments Limited Partnership, c/o Peter E. Manis, Reg. Agent; Sovereign Apartments Limited Partnership, c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Defunct Corp. Division; Sacred Heart Academy & Hardy Prep, Occupant, 6250 Sheridan St., Chicago, IL 60660; Occupant, 6167 N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago, IL 60640; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD000048 FILED: January 8, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 6, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0008822 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 6167 N. KENMORE AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 14-05-210-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 8, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 8, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on July 17, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 8, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: January 10, 2019 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6086272

TO: Oakley Steel Products Company, c/o Matthew R. Connolly, Reg. Agent; Oakley Steel Products Company, Occupant, 650 S 28th Ave., Bellwood, IL 60104; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD000048 FILED: January 8, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 4, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0002072 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 650 28TH AVE., BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 15-04-424-000-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 8, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 8, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on July 17, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 8, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: January 10, 2019 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6086239

TO: David Donahue; Ronald Masciola, as Trustee of Ronald Masciola Trust; Masciola 0415 dated 10/22/2004; Gina Masciola, as Trustee of Gina Masciola trust number 04E16 dated 10/22/2004; First Midwest Bank, as Successor Trustee to Standard Bank & Trust, as Trustee u/t/a dated 03/03/2009 and known as trust no. 2055 BMO Harris Bank N.A., f/k/a Harris Trust and Savings Bank; Fifth Third Bank; Steven P. Fischer; Janet A. Fischer; Machinery Movers Local 136 & Machinery Movers Ass'n of Greater Chicago Joint Labor-Management Cooperation Committee; Illinois State of Defunct Corp. Division; Riggers, Machinery Charters & Machinery Erectors Local 136 Charters 173; Occupant, 1820 Beach St., Broadview, IL 60155; Occupant, 1822 Beach St., Broadview, IL 60155; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD000050 FILED: January 9, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 4, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0002266 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1822 BEACH ST., BROADVIEW, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 15-16-410-028-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 8, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 8, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on July 17, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 8, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6086255

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3; CARL ASHLEY; TAMPAYER OF; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC.; ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC.; SPATIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC; SHANTONDA RICHES; DEBRA HOLLOWAY; DENISE LOWE; GARY HARRIS; JAMES SMITH; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007558 FILED: 11/07/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-001542 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5063 W JACKSON BLVD, CHICAGO, IL 60644 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-12-213-013-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated This 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6083265

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TO: DEBRA JACKSON; LUCILLE JACKSON; U.S. BANK, N.A.; DWAYNE HAYDEN; MARCUS JACKSON; WALTER JACKSON; EDDIE DEAN SALLIE; MICHAEL WASHINGTON; OCCUPANT BERRY; OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007556 FILED: 11/07/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0014656 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 120 N LECLAIRE AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60644 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-09-421-018-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated This 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6083258

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; ROGER HARRIS ; VERNELL WILSON; City of Chicago; FIRST MIDWEST BANK N/A PIONEER BANK & TRUST COMPANY; BANCO POPULAR, ILLINOIS F/K/A BANCO POPULAR NORTH AMERICA F/K/A PIONEER BANK & TRUST COMPANY; R/D MCGLYNN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007557 FILED: 11/07/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0014657 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4948 W WASHINGTON BLVD CHICAGO, IL 60644 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-09-423-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated This 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6083265

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TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; TIANI GATEWOOD; DAN RYAN FINANCIAL CENTER; RAMONA JAMES; BENITA WILFORD JACKSON; City of Chicago; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007548 FILED: 11/07/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0012529 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 11408 S STATE ST., CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-21-229-039-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6083221

TO: OCCUPANT; MO SEVEN, LLC.; RIVER EDGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION OF CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS; Village of South Holland, City of Chicago; TRENISEAN BERNARD; REVELL PORTE; NASIR PORTE; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007549 FILED: 11/07/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0012568 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 11712 S EGGLESTON AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-21-325-033-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6083225

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3; HAMADOU MBACKIOU FAYE; LAJEANA WALLS; City of Chicago; TRENICE TOLES; DEON LOWE; MIKANLA MICKENS; DARRELL PERKINS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007550 FILED: 11/07/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0012603 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 11736 S WENTWORTH AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-21-417-026-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6083229

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TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE U/7/A DATED 11/29/1968 A/K/A TRUST NO. 52906; KAREN WILLIAMS; JAMES WILLIAMS D/B/A FAMILY GUARD APARTMENTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS; DEVBEE; AND/OR LEGATEES OF JAMES WILLIAMS; City of Chicago; PRESTON BENNETT; KIMBERLY GATEWOOD; LEON GATEWOOD; MAKAYIA HARRIS; TORRIE HARRIS; JAMES HARRIS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007553 FILED: 11/07/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0012668 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 12001 S PERRY AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-28-214-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6083241

TO: OCCUPANT; STEPHEN BROWN; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR NEWLANDS ASSET MANAGEMENT, City of Chicago; LISA WARD; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007554 FILED: 11/07/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0012684 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 12248 S PRINCETON AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-28-225-026-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6083244

TO: OCCUPANT; EDWARD WATTS; DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ACCREDITED MORTGAGE MCM TRUST 2005-4 ASSET BACKED NOTES, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC.; ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC.; Owen Loan Servicing, LLC; WILKINS; KENNETH BESTER; WILSON ENGLISH; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007467 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0001060 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3048 WILSHIRE BLVD., MARKHAM, IL 60428 Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-21-104-040-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6079175

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TO: OCCUPANT; STEVEN BARRETT; LA DONNA WOOTEN; DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-0PT5, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-0PT5; CORDERO WOOTEN; ANTHONY LEFLORE; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007471 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016 Certificate No. 14-0004208 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 340 NASSAU ST., PARK FOREST, IL 60446 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-36-305-036-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6079226

TO: OCCUPANT; LOIS JOHNSON; RONLIE JOHNSON; KENYA GLENN; CHYNA ROBINSON; PAUL SHARIS; PIERRE ST GERMAIN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD007466 FILED: 11/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0000334 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1520 EDGEWOOD AVE., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-20-311-016-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 05/03/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 05/03/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 05/22/2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 05/03/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of January, 2019. Pub: 1/21, 22, 23/2019 6079161

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## Bulls should bring Rose back home during the offseason



**K.C. JOHNSON**  
On the Bulls

Six years after trying to form the same super team that landed in Miami, the Bulls signed Dwyane Wade in July 2016 amid much skepticism in a last-gasp attempt at relevancy that faded when Rajon Rondo fractured his thumb in the 2017 playoffs.

Five years after attempting to sign Carmelo Anthony as the missing piece to break through a still-open championship window, the Bulls acquired the 10-time All-Star on Tuesday in a financial deal that ultimately will lead to Anthony playing elsewhere.

This summer will mark three years since the Bulls stunned Derrick Rose by trading him to the Knicks. Rose, enjoying a renaissance season with the Timberwolves that places him in contention for the Sixth Man of the Year and Most Improved Player awards, will be an unrestricted free agent.

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The Hawks are reminding themselves what matters in an unusual place. **Page 3**

## A perfect finish

Dominant Yankees closer Rivera becomes 1st unanimous selection to Baseball Hall of Fame



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On baseball

As close to perfection as any reliever in major league history, Mariano Rivera made history again on Tuesday, becoming the first unanimous selection to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Yankees' closer was named on all 425 ballots by the Baseball Writers' Association of America while joining starters Roy Halladay and Mike Mussina and former Mariners DH Edgar Martinez in the Class of 2019.

Former White Sox DH Harold Baines and ex-Cubs closer Lee Smith also will be inducted in Cooperstown on July 21, after being selected by a veterans committee in December.

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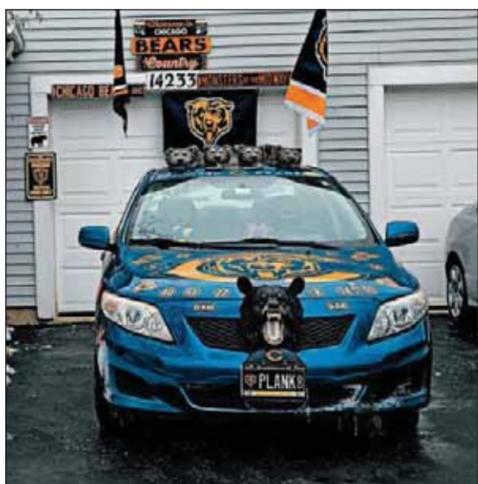
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## Die-hard supporter **Don Wachter**, complete with Bear costume, has the credentials for Hall of Fans

By **PHIL THOMPSON** | Chicago Tribune

The turning point in Don Wachter's Bears fandom came during a home game in 1996. "I saw a guy had a whole bearskin rug. He had it over his head and draped over his back," Wachter, 56, said. "It kind of gave me an idea. Can I get one of those heads from a bearskin rug and actually wear it?"

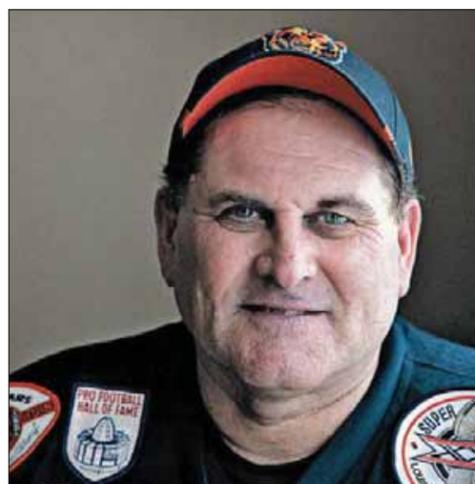


### HALL OF FANS VOTING

Wachter called taxidermy shops and found a bearskin with a good price — around \$300, as he recalls — in Palatine. He intended to cut the head from the body and strap the head to his.

"I was too embarrassed to tell what I was going to use it for," Wachter said.

He has made some modifications, such as a bicycle strap that was less flimsy than the first one, but he hit on a costume that would become an iconic image at Soldier Field.



### THE "BEARMAN" CAVE

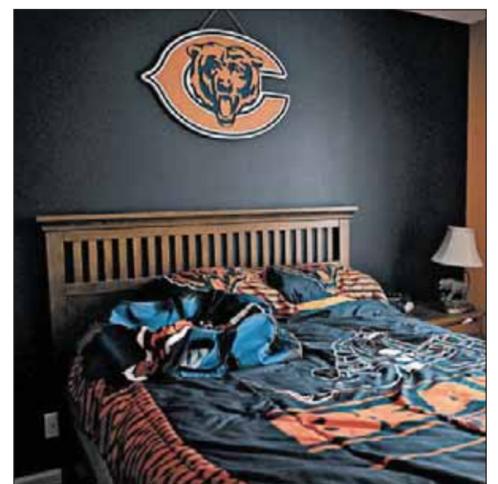
Don Wachter, aka Bearman, poses in his costume at his Plainfield home. ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

### MORE BEARS

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Now Wachter is one of six nominees competing to be the superfan named to the Ford Hall of Fans, which is housed at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Hall of Famer Brian Urlacher knocked on Wachter's door in Plainfield in December to surprise him with the news that he was a finalist.

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

## Pro Bowl isn't the No. 1 goal

What they say on the red carpet at the Academy Awards about how it's just an honor to be nominated is actually true when it comes to the NFL's Pro Bowl.

Hate to break the news to the Bears' Mitch Trubisky, Charles Leno, Cody Whitehair, Tarik Cohen, Kyle Fuller, Eddie Jackson and Akiem Hicks, but it's the all-star game in which no star should actually want to play.

The Bears' Khalil Mack was selected and will sit out with a knee injury, which honestly seems the way to go.

Ask Tom Brady, who has been picked for the Pro Bowl 14 times and played in it just twice, the last time being Feb. 13, 2005.

Lately Super Bowls have gotten in the way. Other times he simply said he was too banged up.

If an NFL player makes a certain amount of money, the Pro Bowl offers little incentive with a purse of \$70,000 for winning players and \$35,000 for losers.

It's not chump change but probably not worth extending an already taxing season and risking injury if you're making star money.

So while it's probably nice and all for Trubisky and the others to get the free trip to Orlando, Fla., let's not get too excited. Their goal ultimately should be to not play in the Pro Bowl.

Trubisky is getting Jared Goff's spot on the NFC roster because the Rams have a kicker and are going to the Super Bowl, and the Bears have Cody Parkey and time on their hands.

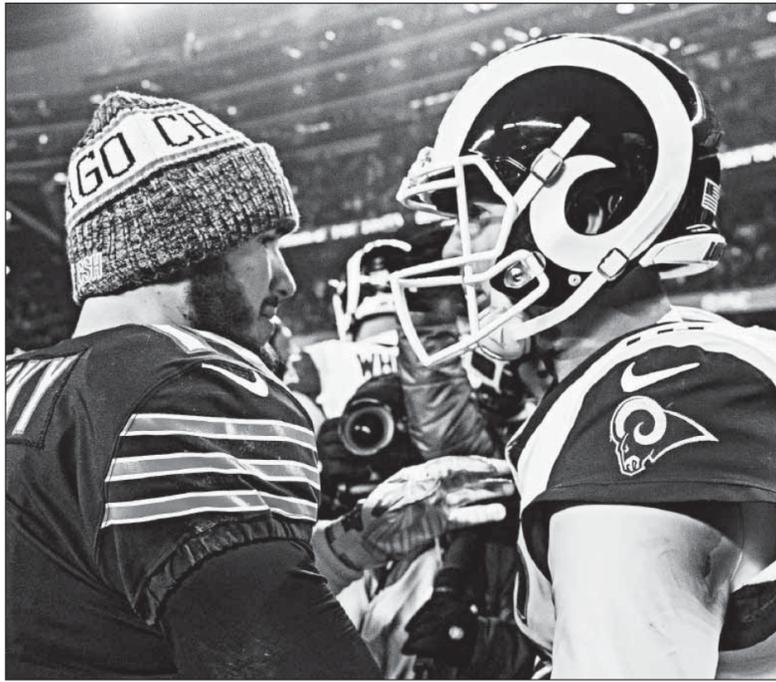
(Parkey's still here, right? Just checking. Someone want to help him pack?)

In the two Pro Bowls that Brady played he completed a total of six passes in 14 tries with two interceptions. So it's not as though he brought his A game.

No one's career is defined by what they do in the Pro Bowl, but it's an honor to be selected.

**Speaking of the Oscars**, the terrific Mr. Rogers documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" got snubbed for a Best Documentary nomination, but the NFL says it will consider making Academy Award votes reviewable.

While people are rightly up in arms that the NFL conference championship was affected by an incompetent officiating crew, opening up pass-interference calls to replay review isn't really the answer.



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QBs Mitch Trubisky and Jared Goff huddle after the Bears beat the Rams 15-6 on Dec. 9.

Let's not overreact to one atrociously called game.

This was an egregious error, but what of closer calls? Does everyone want every possible bump given the kind of scrutiny that has led to delays while it's determined down to the angstrom whether a ball is a legal catch or fumble or whatever?

Adding replay merely takes the pressure off the officials, allowing them to feel free to make mistakes while knowing the replay will correct everything later. Better to expect more from the officiating crew.

**So the NFL** is sending the Bears to London. Just what every team needs in midseason: jet lag.

**Of course the Cubs'** Kris Bryant finds St. Louis boring. The guy's from Las Vegas. Everything's boring compared with that.

**Bryant has inspired** this year's team slogan: "Goad Cubs, Goad."

**Those who've wondered** what the rebuilding Bulls are actually building this season got their answer in the "acquisition" of Carmelo Anthony and cash from the Rockets so Anthony can be waived. Gar Forman and John Paxson are establishing an escrow company.

**Is it fun to go to the movies** with CBS' NFL analyst and seer Tony Romo? Wonder if he says stuff like: "I bet that sled is important." "He's probably dead and doesn't know it yet." "The passengers on this train all ought to work together to kill the guy."

Better than having ESPN's "Monday Night Football" announcers chattering about what they think happens to Thelma and Louise when they get to the other side of the canyon.

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### BEARS

## Pro Bowl adds Leno, Whitehair

A day after Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky was added to the NFC Pro Bowl roster as a replacement for Super Bowl-bound Jared Goff, Trubisky's blind-side protection and center were handed a trip to Orlando, Fla.

Left tackle **Charles Leno** and center Cody Whitehair join a group of five others who will represent the Bears in Sunday's all-star game at Camping World Stadium.

Along with Leno, Whitehair and Trubisky, return specialist Tarik Cohen, cornerback Kyle Fuller, free safety Eddie Jackson and defensive end Akiem Hicks are on the NFC roster. Outside linebacker Khalil Mack withdrew from the game because of a knee injury suffered in the playoff loss to the Eagles.

The Bears have eight players selected or added to the Pro Bowl, the most since 2007, when the team also had eight.

The Bears signed Leno to a four-year, \$37 million extension with \$22 million guaranteed before the 2017 season. He was a seventh-round pick in 2014.

Leno has been durable since sliding into the starting role during the fourth game of the 2015 season. He has started 61 consecutive regular-season games, by far the longest streak for a Bears left tackle since 2000. Next on the list is J'Marcus Webb, who started 32 consecutive games from 2011-12.

Kyle Long was added to the Pro Bowl as a tackle in 2016. Before that, the last tackle the Bears have had in the game were James "Big Cat" Williams in 2002 and left tackle Jim Covert in 1987.

Whitehair, 26, a second-round pick in 2016, started every game this season. He is the first Bears center to be named to the Pro Bowl since Olin Kreutz in 2006.

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## 'Bearman' has plenty of credentials for Hall of Fans

Superfan, from Page 1

Wachter and his rivals have been campaigning for online votes, but their body of work (as fans and in the community) also will have to impress judges from the Hall of Fame. The field will be narrowed to three finalists, who will be notified Monday.

They'll be flown to Atlanta for the Super Bowl, and the winner there will receive a knock on his or her hotel-room door and be told they'll be enshrined in Canton during Hall of Fame weekend in August.

Sometimes even Wachter can't believe it all.

"I wasn't well-known in high school and definitely wasn't popular," he said. "And now being this ultimate fan, I kind of rose to this occasion. It's like a different persona being Bearman."

Wachter, who grew up in St. John, Ind., said he scrounged up enough money to go to his first game at Soldier Field in 1983. He got season tickets before the 1985 season.

"Then they won the Super Bowl, and, bam, everybody wanted tickets," he said. "So I got in there just at the right time."

He wore face paint for the first time when fellow Purdue students hosted a Super Bowl party in 1986, and Wachter's game-day garb then began a long evolution. The variations included a colorful wig, Zubaz pants, a "Saturday Night Live" Conehead and a Bears Riddell helmet, but when he wore a jersey he always wore No. 46 because his favorite player is Doug Plank, a former safety and the namesake of the Buddy Ryan's famed "46 defense."

"On the field he would punish people, sacrificing his body," Wachter said of Plank. "He went all out, all the time."

Plank said he made a video urging fans to vote for Wachter, which he planned to send to Wachter to be posted this week. It's the kind of gesture Plank said he would do only for a handful of people.

"He's an amazing individual," Plank said. "I've met a lot of Bears fans in my life but nobody like Don. What I like about him is he's for real, he's a real human being, and he just feels passionately for the Chicago Bears."

"What person would go out and do what he does in terms of his outfits? That's way over the top."

Plank, who first took notice of Bearman at the stadium and on TV in the mid-1990s and had met him at team events, added that he's humbled that Wachter wears his jersey: "He could pick any number he wanted, but to choose 46, it was very much appreciated."

Wachter took a leap as a superfan when he started wearing the bear costume. The bear head needed fake fangs and a tongue, but when he tried using the remnants from the bearskin rug to cover his arms, eventually the fur began to disintegrate. So he

switched to faux fur arms and legs he had a seamstress make from material from Jo-Ann Fabric.

"On game days I get up at 3 (a.m. for a noon game)," said Wachter, who most recently worked as a forester for the village of La Grange for 18 years. "I'm ready to get going. I don't really sleep all that well the night before a game."

Slowly his legend began to grow. In 1997, Miller Lite featured Bearman in its most "rabid fan" commercials. From 1998-2001, the Bears tapped him to run across Soldier Field waving a giant flag. In '99, Visa featured him in its Hall of Fans. That's where Wachter would meet other characters, such as the Browns' John "Big Dawg" Thompson; the Redskins' Boss Hogette Michael Torbert; and the Raiders' "Violator" Wayne Mabry, who provided the inspiration for Bearman's striped makeup.

Several of them have become members of the Pro Football Ultimate Fan Association, a national fan group that promotes fellowship and sportsmanship between fan bases as well as charity work. They've been supporting his campaign for the Hall of Fans, as well as fellow members of the Chicago Bears Tailgating Club and Facebook friends.

Some of Wachter's competition have decked out their homes as shrines to their favorite teams and players, and Wachter's west suburban home is no different, but arguably he takes his mania up a notch.

Standing sentry in his driveway is his "Bearolla," a blue 2010 Toyota Corolla decked out in plastic bear heads, team decals and a growling horn.

Inside, it's wall-to-wall Bears, with navy-and-orange walls and a wooden plaque that reads "The Bearman's Den." Pictures of Wachter posing with Plank, Urlacher, Jim McMahon and other Bears greats line a hallway. Bear figurines adorn furniture, and two stuffed bears — Wally (for Walter Payton) and Dougie (for Plank) — are mounted on walls.

One room upstairs is decked out with Bears artifacts dating to the 1920s and '30s that would be the envy of the Hall of Fame itself. Between Soldier Field season tickets — in sections 151 and 146, where he sits next to best Bears friend Paul "the Road Warrior" Zywicki — and memorabilia, Wachter estimates he spends at least \$5,000 a year on all things Bears.

Wachter hopes his 48 seasons supporting the Bears — 34 as a season ticket holder — even through the lean years, as well as fan votes, will be enough to carry him to Canton.

"I'm not a Johnny-come-lately," Wachter said. "Fans come and go. ... I've been through thick and thin."

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## BEARS

Q&amp;A WITH BRIAN URLACHER

## Hall of Famer tackles all topics

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

Brian Urlacher is back at the Pro Bowl. And the Hall of Fame linebacker will have heightened responsibility at this week's events. Urlacher will be serving as one of two "Legends Captains" for the NFC. Though to be fair, Urlacher hasn't yet been given a manual for what he'll be asked to do.

"It's a good question," Urlacher said Tuesday. "I know I have to be at every practice. But I have not yet been told exactly what I'll be doing. If something needs to be done, do it I guess. Be there for the guys. And I hope I just get a chance to hang out and have a good time."

Emmitt Smith is the NFC's other captain. Jim Kelly and DeMarcus Ware will represent the AFC.

For Urlacher, the week will surround him with familiar faces. When practices begin Wednesday at the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex, seven of the 44 NFC players will be Bears.

Urlacher spent time Tuesday morning at an NFL event to help restore and revive Ivey Lane Park in Orlando. The Tribune caught up with the Bears legend and picked his brain on everything from his own Pro Bowl experiences to Mitch Trubisky's growth to, yes, the "double doink" that eliminated the Bears from the playoffs earlier this month. Here are highlights from that conversation.

**You were an eight-time Pro Bowl selection yourself. What are your memories of your first experience?**

Oh, my gosh. It was 2000 in Hawaii. I went as an alternate because (Lions linebacker) Stephen Boyd didn't go. I remember I was a little nervous. These were all the guys I had watched growing up. I was 22 years old. And most of the guys who were there were way more established. I think Emmitt was there. These were so many of the guys I had watched. I was nervous and a little bit star-struck, I guess. But it was fun. And the thing I remembered most was the week of the Pro Bowl. The game? That was fine. Whatever. But the week of the Pro Bowl was the most fun part of the whole experience. It was just hanging out. Practice. Hanging out with all these different guys. Having a chance to meet everybody and hanging around the pool all day with the families. I played golf a few days. But just the interactions throughout the week were the most fun for me.

**Now that you're in this class as a "Legends Captain," what does that mean to you?**

It's awesome. To be in that category. They started this program five or six years ago to bring the legends around. And I remember watching the game and thinking "What are these guys doing on the sideline?" I didn't realize what they were doing at the time. But honestly, it's an honor to be around these younger kids and have the chance to hang out and meet them and interact throughout the week. ... And shoot, I was a Cowboys fan growing up. So I love being around Emmitt. I've been around him a few times over the past few years. I was honestly the No. 1 Cowboys fan as a kid. So any chance I have to hang out with him is a cool thing. ... I'm a fan of the game now. So, for me, it's fun to meet these guys. I sit back now on Sundays and watch the game and see all these great players coming up. Having the chance to meet some of these guys and hang out and interact during this week will be fun.

**There are now going to be seven Bears here this week. All of them are first-timers at the Pro Bowl. What's your advice to those guys for the week?**

Have fun. Like I said, I was so nervous my first time because of the star power of all these guys. And now suddenly you get the chance to be peers of theirs. So have fun during the week. It's the practices, the meetings. Hanging out with the coaches. It's cool. And there's a lot of solid coaching experience on this Dallas coaching staff. Coach (Rod) Marinelli is there. I'm a big fan, as you know. Marc Colombo is the offensive line coach. So just take it in. Enjoy the week. And then go play.

**The Bears defensive players are anxious about the change with Vic Fangio leaving and Chuck Pagano coming in. What are the challenges to that transition?**

I was very fortunate that when we changed coordinators later in my career we didn't change defenses. It was still Lovie's defense. So it wasn't hard to pick up and keep moving. It was the same terminology, just a different guy making the calls. For these guys, it'll still be the same scheme, the same 3-4 (base). But for them it will be adjusting to a different voice and different terminology. That takes time to get used to.

**You've been pretty high on Mitch Trubisky the last two years. What do you like about him?**

I just like his whole demeanor. Obviously he can throw the football. He can run it. But I love the way he handles himself after games. He never talks about himself unless it's "I need to do this better" or "I could have done this better." And anytime he talks about his teammates, it's "They did this great." In my opinion, that's how you should be as a leader of a team — especially as the quarterback. Talk about what you can get better at and what everyone else did well. He always does that.

**How many times during your career did you feel like you had legitimate hope that the quarterback position was solved for the long haul? In your career, you had 17 quarterbacks make at least one start.**

Man. Yeah. I really thought Rex (Grossman) was going to be the guy. I did. I thought Kyle (Orton) was going to be the guy. It's just hard. Because you're wired to believe in every quarterback you have. As a football player, your mentality is that you're going to win the Super Bowl. You have to think that when you're playing the game. So with that, every year we went out there, we thought we had the right quarterback to do that for us.

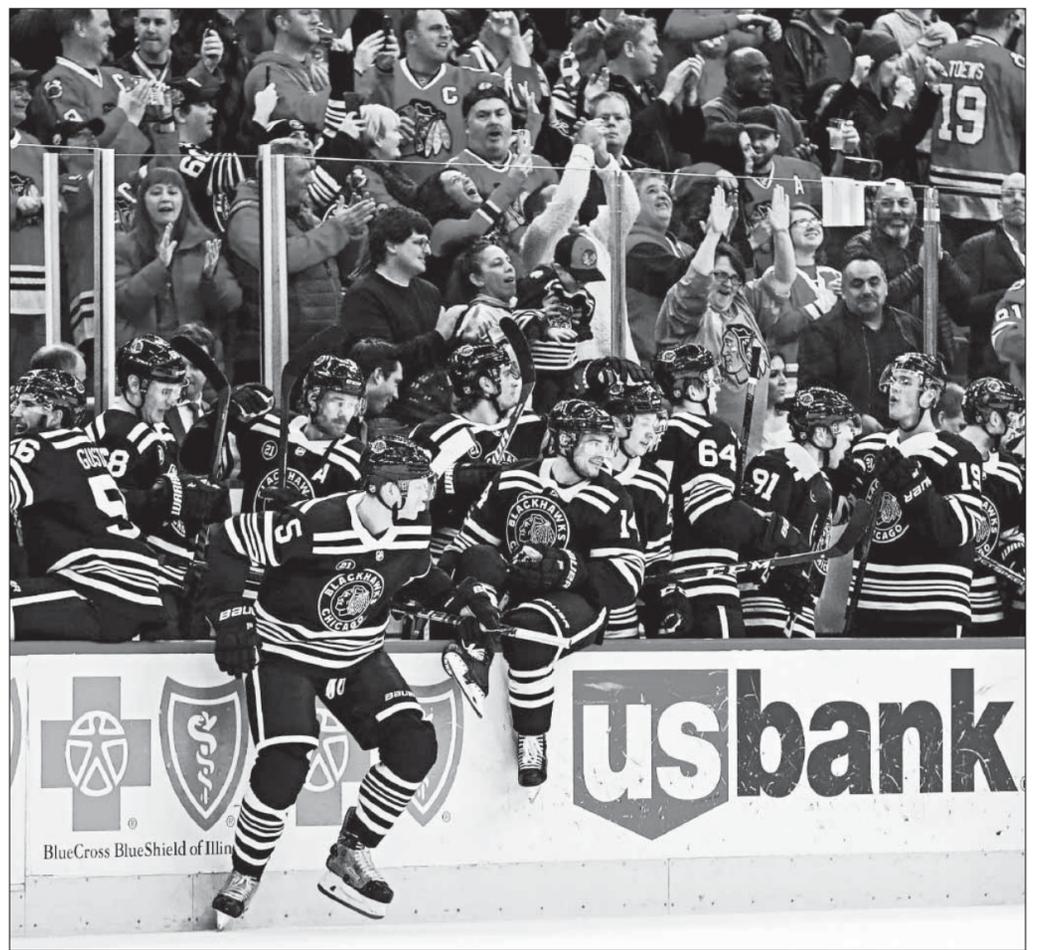
**You were at that playoff game two and a half weeks ago. What were your emotions watching that final kick by Cody Parkey?**

It should have never gotten to that kick. Those were my emotions. The defense should have stopped them. And I think every one of those defensive players will tell you the same thing. Sure, maybe the offensive could have done more. But those defensive players should understand that they should have found a way to get a stop so that it never got to that kick. But it did. And he should have made the kick. And he didn't. Yeah, it got tipped, blocked, whatever. (Expletive) happens, man. (Expletive) happens.

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## BLACKHAWKS



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**BLACKHAWKS RECAP** | The Blackhawks played in just their second shootout of the season Tuesday night at the United Center. Jonathan Toews went to his backhand to beat Islanders goalie Robin Lehner on the Hawks' first attempt. After Cam Ward stopped Josh Bailey, Patrick Kane converted his attempt, and Ward stopped Mathew Barzal to start the celebration. For the full story, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

## BLACKHAWKS 3, ISLANDERS 2 (SO)

## Tools of the blade

## Blackhawks inspired by writing reminders on their hockey sticks

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD  
Chicago Tribune

The single word written on the blade of Dominik Kahun's stick is "Spass," and it doesn't mean what you think, unless you know German.

About five years ago, Kahun decided he needed a reminder to have more fun whether he was practicing or playing in a game.

So he began writing "Spass," which means "fun" in German, on the bottom of his stick.

"I feel like it's positive energy and to be happy," Kahun said. "That's the most important thing. So that's what I have for my stick."

Kahun is one of many Blackhawks who have found putting a favorite phrase, word or the initials of loved ones on their sticks can give them a boost when they need it.

The NHL doesn't restrict what players can write on their sticks, typically somewhere on the vast amount of tape that covers them. It's essentially a blank slate a player can use to express himself.

When Hawks goalie Cam Ward was a young player, his dad preached to him that hockey was meant to be fun. For years, Ward has written "Have Fun" on the blade of his stick. At the top of his stick, he writes the names of his children.

"It's nice to have on your stick to put things in perspective again when things may not be going your way," Ward said.

"You can quickly take a glance and realize it is a game that we're playing, and I do play better when I'm enjoying it and having fun."

Defenseman Slater Koekoek puts the letters "K-B-G-L-M" on the back of all of his sticks toward the knob.



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Goaltender Cam Ward has "Have Fun" written on his stick, while defenseman Slater Koekoek has "K-B-G-L-M" to represent important figures in his life.

Each letter represents an important figure in his life.

"My parents, my sister and my girl," Koekoek said. "And then God in the middle."

Koekoek sits on the bench with his blade up, so he doesn't see the letters when he's taking a breather. But he never forgets they are there.

"I pretend like they're with me," Koekoek said. "I like having them there. Everybody puts something on their sticks. That's just what I do."

Not all of the Hawks said they write something on their sticks. For Brendan Perlini, it's a matter of how he feels on a given day. He said it could be anything from "swear words to happy stuff."

"If something before the game is on my mind or family-wise, I may put it on my stick for a reminder," Perlini said. "It's not a life-or-death situation. End of the day, a stick is a stick."

The phrase on Alex DeBrincat's stick honors a person he barely knew but whose story resonated with him. Ian Jenkins was a promising Detroit-area goalie who died in a car accident in 2011 at age 15.

Jenkins would write "Have a Purpose" on his hockey gear. DeBrin-

cat adopted the phrase as his own after Jenkins died.

"I didn't really know him that well, but his story kind of reached me," DeBrincat said. "It was a tough, tough story for the hockey world at that time. Try to carry out his legacy any time that I can."

Forward Drake Caggiula came across the quote "Leave no doubt" as a college freshman and immediately began writing it on his sticks. He liked it enough that as a sophomore, he also had the quote tattooed on his arm.

"You don't want to go out on the ice and wonder: 'Did I leave it all out there? Could I have done more?'" Caggiula said. "Leave no doubt in your own mind that you did everything you can to help the team win, help yourself have a good game."

"I try to put it in little areas that, if I'm sitting on the bench, I can take a look at it and get back to my roots. It helps me stay mentally focused."

So keep an eye on what's in the hands of your favorite player. You'll probably find something that sticks out.

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## BLACKHAWKS NOTES

## Kane prepares for eighth All-Star Game

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD  
Chicago Tribune

For the second straight year, Patrick Kane will be the Blackhawks' lone representative in the NHL All-Star Game.

While he expects to have a lot of fun this weekend in San Jose, Calif., where he'll participate in his eighth All-Star Game, nothing beats being there with teammates. The biggest Hawks contingent he has been a part of came in 2015 when Corey Crawford, Duncan Keith, Jonathan Toews and Brent Seabrook joined him in Columbus.

"The first one in Montreal was really special," Kane said. "That was a fun weekend. When I did that Superman-type thing in Ottawa, that was probably one of my better memories in the skills competition. We had some fun with that. It's always fun going with some of your teammates too."

If not for the rule that requires

selected players to attend or face a one-game suspension, Kane said he thinks far more players would stay home. So far it appears the Capitals' Alex Ovechkin is the only player selected who will get suspended one game for not attending.

"I think a lot more guys would take the option if that wasn't the rule," Kane said. "That's the way it is. Guys don't really want to miss games, so they're going to go to the All-Star Game and participate in the weekend so they're not missing a game."

**Forward thinking:** The Hawks have a glut of defensemen and are in need of some depth at forward.

Could defenseman Erik Gustafsson, an offensive weapon who is still trying to shore up his defensive issues, be an option? Gustafsson, 26, said no coach has suggested he give it a shot, and he wouldn't want to. At least not until he's much older, and not in the NHL.

"I want to try it," Gustafsson said.

"Could be fun. Maybe not up here. Maybe when I get older. Right now I want to play D."

**Juggling the defense:** Carl Dahlstrom played in 18 straight games after getting called up from Rockford before Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton made him a healthy scratch Tuesday against the Islanders. Henri Jokiharju took his place in the lineup.

"In a perfect world, I'd like the guys we're trying to evaluate not to be in and out, to be able to play a few games in a row," Colliton said. "To do that, there needs to be a rotation. Dahlstrom coming out, it's no reflection on his play. He's been great, love how he's playing."

**One-timers:** Forward Brendan Perlini (concussion protocol) participated in the morning skate but missed his second straight game after getting hurt last week against the Rangers. ... Cam Ward started in net.

## BASEBALL



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Hall of Famer Mariano Rivera recorded an all-time-best 652 saves during his career with the Yankees.

# Perfect finish to Rivera's career

Sullivan, from Page 1

Rivera, the all-time saves leader who dominated hitters with his cut fastball, was a no-brainer first-ballot pick. The only question was whether he'd be a unanimous selection, an honor denied to all-time greats like Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron and Stan Musial.

"Being the first player to be unanimous was amazing," Rivera said. "I can't put in words how I feel... This was beyond my dimension."

Before Rivera's "perfecto," the closest any player came to being a unanimous pick was Ken Griffey Jr.'s 99.3 percent (437 of 440 votes) in 2016. While several other players were deserving of being unanimous choices over the years, a few writers, usually anonymously, managed to spoil their chance for one petty reason or another.

Now that Rivera has broken the streak, former Yankees teammate Derek Jeter could be next. Jeter, the biggest name on next year's ballot, lauded his friend and fellow legend.

"In human history, more people have walked on the moon than have scored an earned run off of Mariano Rivera in the postseason," Jeter wrote on The Players Tribune. "Sounds crazy, right? But it's true."

"According to NASA, 12 people have had the privilege of walking on the moon. According to Baseball Reference, 11 people have scored an earned run off of 'Playoff Mo.'"

The Class of 2019 features two first-ballot picks in Rivera and Halladay, and two grinders in Martinez and Mussina, who've changed the minds of voters over the last few years.

Martinez was at only 27 percent in the 2015 voting, far less than the necessary 75 percent needed for induction. Designated hitters have traditionally been penalized in voting because they aren't considered full-time players, but Martinez gradually gained ground with writers and breezed in this year, his final chance on the ballot, at 85.4 percent.

**Now that Rivera has broken the streak, former Yankees teammate Derek Jeter could be next.**

"The fact Harold Baines and me got in this year is going to help future DHs for years to come," Martinez predicted, adding that sabermetrics helped his cause.

Mussina, who had 270 wins and a .638 winning percentage over 18 seasons with the Orioles and Yankees, was selected on his sixth year on the ballot. He never won a Cy Young award and was overshadowed by several other big-name pitchers during his era.

All Mussina did was win, and in the end, winning mattered. Players needed 319 votes to meet the 75 percent cut-off, meaning Mussina made it by only seven votes.

The cerebral pitcher nicknamed "Moose" won 147 games in 10 years in Baltimore and 123 in eight years as a Yankee. He told MLB Network he couldn't choose which cap he'd prefer to have on his plaque and was proud to pitch for both franchises.

"There's no way I could pick one over the other," he said.

Halladay, who was killed in 2017 when a plane he was piloting crashed in the Gulf of Mexico, copped two Cy Young awards and is one of two pitchers, along with the Yankees' Don Larsen, to hurl a postseason no-hitter. He also pitched a perfect game and was a throwback to another era with 67 complete games.

"It's kind of bittersweet," Martinez said of Halladay's posthumous election.

The current crop of BBWAA voters has proven to be far more generous than their predecessors when it comes to selecting players to the Hall. The 20 players selected in the last six years is the largest over a six-year span, breaking the mark of 15 players who went in from 1951-56.

The average ballot had 8.01 selections, and the return rate was 99.3 percent, with only three voters neglecting to mail in their ballots.

Two of the biggest losers of this year's election were Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds, who remained a good distance away at 59.5 percent and 59.1 percent, respectively, only a slight boost from last year's totals.

Early voting results on the public ballots gave the two hope they were closing in, but both dropped off in the final weeks, and apparently on ballots from writers who've remained anonymous.

The two superstars whose careers were marred by alleged PED use have three more shots on the BBWAA ballot before having to depend on a veterans committee. Since the committee includes current Hall of Famers, many of whom are against inducting steroid-tainted players, their best shot probably is with the BBWAA.

Controversial starter Curt Schilling made a jump in his seventh year, receiving 60.9 percent of the votes and finishing fifth on the ballot. Outfielder Larry Walker (54.6 percent) and shortstop Omar Vizquel (42.8 percent) both got significant jumps, which bodes well for their chances down the road.

Former Cub Fred McGriff (39.8 percent) failed in his final year on the writers' ballot, and will next get a chance when the Today's Game Era committee convenes in 2021. Unlike Bonds and Clemens, McGriff will have a better shot with the veterans committee since he was considered a "clean" slugger in a "dirty" era.

Ex-Cub slugger Sammy Sosa, another player tainted by alleged PED use, was near the bottom once again at 8.5 percent, though he surpassed the five percent necessary to remain on the ballot.

Four other players with Chicago ties — Ted Lilly, Jon Garland, Freddy Garcia and Juan Pierre — received no votes.

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## BULLS

## BULLS NOTES

## Carter: Williamson is 'a freak of nature'

By K.C. JOHNSON  
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Wendell Carter Jr.'s promising rookie season is almost certainly over after left thumb surgery, placing the focus on the future yet again.

If the Bulls win the May 14 draft lottery, Carter knows what he would do.

Draft fellow Duke product Zion Williamson.

"He's a for-sure No. 1 draft pick. No doubt about it," Carter said Tuesday. "I don't understand how anybody can pass up his athleticism, his potential."

This isn't based on some strong Blue Devils bond. Carter didn't cross paths with Williamson except for one game Williamson attended on a recruiting visit during Carter's lone season at Duke.

This is based on Williamson's potential.

"That's a freak of nature, a once-in-a-generation-type player," Carter said of the 6-foot-7, 285-pound forward. "I believe he'll be No. 1."

Even if the Bulls don't land Williamson, Carter believes the rebuild has a promising foundation. It just hasn't had much time to take root this season because of widespread injuries. Carter, Kris Dunn, Lauri Markkanen, Zach LaVine, Bobby Portis and Denzel Valentine have missed significant time because of injuries.

"I feel like everybody here is bought in," Carter said. "We just have to get a better feel for one another when we're on the court. Especially with the draft coming up, depending on who we draft, we'll be able to mold this team into something very special."

**Casting call:** Carter, who underwent surgery Monday, wore a cast that he said he would ditch in about 10 days for a splint to begin his rehabilitation efforts.

Carter said he initially was "devastated" by the news he needed surgery but took solace in Bulls trainers telling him Joakim Noah and Kirk Hinrich came back stronger from the same injury. He plans to be around the team, including traveling, as much as possible during his rehab and never questioned the need for surgery.

"So many people have had this injury and they don't get it taken care of and bones are coming out of their socket very easily," Carter said. "I wanted to eliminate all that."

Carter's season featured seven double-doubles and one 28-point game.

"Those games show the potential I have in this league," he said.

**Layups:** The Bulls held their trade call with the league office to complete the Carmelo Anthony deal with the Rockets. As previously reported, Anthony won't report to the Bulls, who will waive him if they can't trade his contract for an asset before the Feb. 7 deadline. The Bulls sent the draft rights of Tadija Dragicevic to the Rockets for Anthony, the draft rights to Jon Diebler and cash. The Bulls netted roughly \$900,000 in the transaction. ... The NBA upgraded Kris Dunn's third-quarter foul Thursday on the Nuggets' Jamal Murray to a flagrant-one.

## Bulls should bring Rose home during offseason

Johnson, from Page 1

It's time to bring Rose home. This isn't a hot take. It's a move that makes a lot of sense on a lot of levels.

Whether or not the Bulls are sold on Kris Dunn as the starting point guard moving forward — and there's indecision on that — is immaterial. Rose has proved this season he can contribute whether he starts or comes off the bench. Heck, the former most valuable player is even hitting game-winning shots again.

Off the court, Rose is drawing credit for helping everyone from Jimmy Butler to Karl-Anthony Towns as a mentor and confidant, as a paragon of perseverance.

The Bulls want to add veterans this summer who can help on and off the court. Who better than Rose?

He's not a vocal leader, but anyone consistently around Rose these days notices how at peace he is with what he has overcome. He's more comfortable expressing his opinion and sharing his struggles.

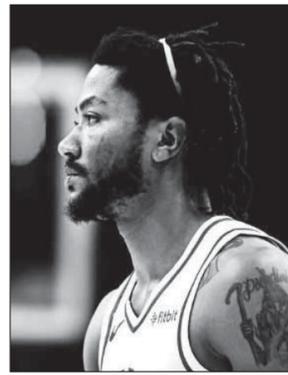
And with his highest scoring average since 2011-12 at 19.3 points per game and career-high 43.1 percent 3-point shooting, he can still hoop. His 50-point game on Oct. 31, which drew widespread admiration throughout the league, is more proof.

Of course, with roughly \$40 million of projected salary-cap space, the Bulls should do their due diligence on elite free agents such as Kevin Durant and Kawhi Leonard. They also should pursue more obtainable targets such as Tobias Harris and Khris Middleton.

Would the leftover cap space after signing, say, Harris or Middleton — or the midlevel exception if they use all of their cap space — be enough to bring back Rose? There will be competition for his services, most notably in Minnesota. Rose is a loyal person, and he'll likely feel indebted, not to mention comfortable, to re-sign with the Timberwolves.

However, coach Tom Thibodeau, Rose's main supporter and reason he's in Minnesota, is gone. That isn't to suggest Rose doesn't work well with and respect Ryan Saunders, who will have every chance to keep the Timberwolves job past this season.

But Rose, whose intentions in free agency aren't known, never wanted to leave Chicago. Even at his lowest moments, even as he became more insular while a



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Chicago native Derrick Rose was stunned when the Bulls traded him to the Knicks after the 2015-16 season.

segment of the fan base turned on him, Rose always wanted to win a championship for his hometown.

Nazr Mohammed, a fellow Chicagoan and former Bulls teammate of Rose, once told me: "From day one since I got here, even when he was hurt, he talked all the time about what winning a championship for Chicago would mean. He talks about how it would feel, being a guy from Chicago, to raise another banner here. People should know this. He wouldn't talk to (reporters) the same way, but trust me: That's his main goal and desire and what drives him. He's a Chicago guy through and through."

This has been reported before, but the Bulls' decision to trade him in 2016 badly stung Rose. He was caught off guard and was emotional.

But Rose sat along the United Center baseline with his son as fans during the Bulls-Celtics first-round playoff series in April 2017. He drew a loud ovation when shown on the video board. And he got a hug from Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf as he left the building.

Tuesday marked the nine-year anniversary of Rose's memorable dunk over then-Suns guard Goran Dragic. Four knee surgeries later, Rose doesn't always jump so high or produce such spectacular highlights.

Rose does produce steady play. And for a Bulls team that will be entering its third season of a full rebuild, that should be welcomed.

It's time to bring Rose home. P.S. Taj Gibson will be available as well.

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## CUBS

## 'Director of high performance' arrives

By TIM BANNON  
Chicago Tribune

The Cubs have a director of mental skills, a coordinator of mental skills, a director of strategic initiatives for baseball operations, a major-league strength and conditioning coordinator.

And now they have a "director of high performance."

The team Tuesday announced that Adam Beard will fill that new position.

Beard, who has no baseball experience, comes to the Cubs from the Cleveland Browns, where he held the same position, the first of its kind in the NFL.

"Beard will bring his more than 20 years of industry experience to be responsible for overseeing the integration and management of a collaborative approach to all aspects of training, conditioning, mental skills, nutrition, sport science and beyond," the Cubs said in a statement.

Beard has a master's degree in the sports science of biomechanics. Before joining the Browns, he was head of physical performance for the Welsh Rugby Union.

According to his LinkedIn page, he is working toward a doctorate in philosophy from the Universite de Lausanne in Switzerland.

"It's all about getting to know

your player groups and your coaches and getting the formula right," Beard told Cleveland.com in 2016. "It takes time to understand a player's thresholds."

"I'd love to say I have the magic ferry dust, but that's not the case. ... The more things we can track then it becomes about what we can do get better performances for the players. Obviously, injury prevention is huge."

With the Browns, Beard introduced the use of cryotherapy and altitude chambers to hasten injury recovery. He also tracked players' sleep patterns and used GPS chips to track players' movement during practices.

## SCOREBOARD

## CALENDAR

TEAM	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
 ATL	7 WGN-9, AM-670			LAC 7 NBCSCH, AM-670		CLE 2:30 WGN-9, AM-670	@BKN 6:30 WGN-9, AM-670
				ALL-STAR GAME, 7 NBC-5			

## WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA	WEDNESDAY	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670
7 p.m.	Hawks at Bulls	ESPN
7 p.m.	Spurs at 76ers	ESPN
9:30 p.m.	Nuggets at Jazz	ESPN
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
5:30 p.m.	Providence at Xavier	FS1
6 p.m.	Illinois State at Bradley	NBCSCH
6 p.m.	Purdue at Ohio State	BTN
6 p.m.	Texas at TCU	ESPNU
6 p.m.	Tennessee at Vanderbilt	ESPN2
6 p.m.	VCU at Rhode Island	CBSN
7:30 p.m.	DePaul at Marquette	FS1, WIND-AM 560
8 p.m.	Wisconsin at Illinois	BTN, WSCR-AM 670
8 p.m.	Loyola at Missouri State	CBSN
8 p.m.	Oklahoma at Oklahoma State	ESPNU
10 p.m.	Colorado State at Nevada	CBSN

GOLF	WEDNESDAY	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670
1 p.m.	Bahamas Great Abaco Classic	Golf Channel
10 p.m.	Dubai Desert Classic	Golf Channel
5:30 a.m.	Dubai Desert Classic	Golf Channel

NHL	WEDNESDAY	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670
6:30 p.m.	Capitals at Maple Leafs	NBCSN
9 p.m.	Predators at Golden Knights	NBCSN
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pregame.com	2	Atlanta
at Indiana	off	Toronto
at Brooklyn	16%	Cleveland
Houston	7	at New York
at Miami	off	LA Clippers
at Philadelphia	off	San Antonio
at New Orleans	1	at Charlotte
at Memphis	1	at Denver
at Utah	3	

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	WEDNESDAY	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670
at Xavier	5	Providence
at Duke	2 1/2	at Ohio State
at UMass	4 1/2	St. Bonaventure
at Fordham	4 1/2	La Salle
at Davidson	16	G. Washington
at St. Joseph's	5	Richmond
at TCU	4	Texas
at Indiana St.	2 1/2	Valparaiso
at Dayton	8	George Mason
at North Island	2	at Va Common
at Bradley	1	Illinois St.
Tennessee	11	at Vanderbilt
at LSU	11 1/2	Georgia
Saint Louis	2 1/2	at Duquesne
at S. Illinois	7 1/2	N. Iowa
at Drake	7	Evansville
at Houston	20 1/2	East Carolina
at UCF	13 1/2	at Tulane
at Marquette	11	DePaul
at Arkansas	5	Missouri
Loyola	4 1/2	at Missouri St.
Oklahoma	3	at Oklahoma St.
Wisconsin	6	at Illinois
at Wyoming	7 1/2	San Jose St.
at Cal Poly	1 1/2	UC Riverside
at CS Northridge	4	Long Beach St.
at Nevada	21 1/2	Colorado St.
UC Irvine	2	at Hawaii

NFL	WEDNESDAY	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670
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## BEARS

ROSTER RUNDOWN  
RUNNING BACKSPart 2 of an 11-part review of the 2018 Bears season.  
Coming Thursday: Offensive line.

## Time for some fine-tuning

Howard improved as season wore on, but new option possible

By BRAD BIGGS  
Chicago Tribune

The Bears running game was a work in progress this past season, a project that didn't always appear to be at the top of the to-do list at Halas Hall but was routinely tinkered with.

Results over the final month were encouraging. Jordan Howard carried the ball 88 times for 399 yards and four touchdowns in the five December games, averaging 4.5 yards per carry. Both of Howard's 100-yard games came at the end: He went for 101 in the Week 14 victory over the Rams and finished the regular season with 109 yards in a road win over the Vikings.

"(We're) trying to massage our identity, conceptually, of where we're at with the run game," coach Matt Nagy said at the start of December after Howard's solid finish began with a 76-yard road effort against the Giants.

The week after the Bears closed out a 24-10 home victory over the Jets by handing off to Howard on nine of the last 11 snaps, Nagy professed that developing the running game was still in the early stages. Howard and the offensive line were able to close things out, but 10 of the first 20 runs against the Jets by Howard and Tarik Cohen went for 3 yards or fewer. When you're running into a wall like that, it's easy for the play-caller to stay away from the run.

"I don't have a great feel yet," Nagy said. "I'm getting close. We are. When I say 'I,' I'm talking about our coaching staff. This isn't just a 'me' thing. We're all trying to figure out what's the best thing for us. We take input from the players too ... and then we try to see if it works, test it out. And then when you find a magic potion, you stick to it, and then they try to beat you the next week and you've got to try to stay one step ahead.

"So we're getting close. We're not there yet. We're not there yet in the passing game either. We've got a ways to go there too."

Consistent offensive production was fleeting in the first three months, reflected in Howard's 3.7 yards per carry, which ranked 39th among qualifying backs. That's the lowest figure for the Bears' leading rusher since Matt Forte slumped to 3.6 in 2009.

Just as the Bears were learning a new playbook in the passing game, they were adjusting to new blocking schemes for the ground game. That means meshing a lot of moving parts with the linemen, backs and quarterback Mitch Trubisky, the trigger man on run-pass options who is making pre-snap checks. It took time to figure out what worked, what didn't and what fit, and that changed weekly depending on the opponent. Factor in the intense focus on developing Trubisky and the passing game, and the ground attack was perceived as neglected at times.

After becoming the first Bears running back to begin his career with consecutive 1,000-yard seasons, Howard fell short with 935. Cohen had 444, and Trubisky was fifth among quarterbacks with 421 rushing yards. His production propped up the team's rushing statistics as the Bears finished 11th in the league with 1,938 yards (121.1 per game).



## ROLL CALL

## Jordan Howard

Signed through 2019  
2019 cap hit: \$782,007

## Tarik Cohen

Signed through 2020  
2019 cap hit: \$803,914

## Benny Cunningham

Unrestricted free agent

## Taqquan Mizzell

Signed through 2019  
2019 cap hit: \$645,000

## Michael Burton

Unrestricted free agent

## 2018 season review

Howard didn't look like the same runner he was in his first two seasons, and it wasn't just the new offense. He didn't appear as nimble on his feet and wasn't as powerful. One of his greatest strengths at the start of his career was gaining yardage after first contact. He ranked third in the league as a rookie in 2016, gaining an average of 2.22 yards per carry, according to ESPN. He was fifth in 2017 at 1.87 and dipped to 1.57 this past season, ranking 42nd.

That might not seem like a big difference, but it adds up over a season and can be the difference between a 3-yard or 4-yard run. The Titans' Derrick Henry led the league in yards after first contact at 2.85 per carry, inflated by his 99-yard touchdown Dec. 6 against the Jaguars. To put Howard's average in context, the 49ers' Matt Breida was 40th in yards after first contact and the Broncos' Phillip Lindsay, who is 5-foot-8 and 190 pounds, ranked 41st.

When looking at yards before first contact, Howard ranked 36th at 2.17 yards per carry, per ESPN.



That's not necessarily a reflection of the line doing its job but the precision and speed with which a back hits the hole. Lindsay ranked first in this category at 3.82.

Howard was stuffed on 24 rushing attempts, according to STATS, tied for ninth-most in the league, and the Bears as a whole were stuffed 46 times, tied for seventh-most. Negative runs will lead any play-caller to stray from the running game.

According to the NFL's Next Gen stats, Howard faced an eight-man front on only 14 percent of his carries, so it's not like he was facing a stacked box. The Bears relied on Trey Burton, really an oversized receiver, and the 165-pound Taylor Gabriel to block in the running game, and while their effort was consistent, that's not what they're best at. With Burton and Gabriel on the field, that left the offensive line blocking five on five on a lot of running plays. When the defense introduced a sixth defender in the box, the Bears were outnumbered, and in that case Howard or Cohen has to make that defender miss or Trubisky has to win the pre-snap chess match with RPOs.

Howard caught 20 passes for 145 yards, but half of his receptions came in the first three games. Dropped passes, a concern in the past, were not an issue, but his bigger problem has always been route running. He's not fluid in that regard, one reason he's not an ideal fit for the scheme.

Cohen was used more as a receiver — out of the backfield, from the slot and lined up wide — than he was a runner. He carried 99 times for 444 yards and got double-digit carries in only one game. Cunningham made the roster primarily as a special teams player and got only 37 snaps on offense, surpassed by Mizzell (70 snaps) because of his speed and versatility.

Although the Bears kept Michael Burton on the roster, he was active for only eight games and was on the field for only 49 of 1,075 offensive snaps, a significant reduction from the 179 snaps he got in 2017 under the previous coaching regime. That makes you wonder if the Bears will have a role for a fullback moving forward or if they need a different fullback to consider a larger role.

Jordan Howard, top, was often bottled up after short gains while Tarik Cohen, left, was better utilized as a receiver and returner.

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (HOWARD), CHICAGO TRIBUNE (COHEN)

Free agency/  
draft priority

It would be surprising if the Bears don't prioritize this position during the offseason.

It's hard to believe they would get in the market for Le'Veon Bell, but general manager Ryan Pace and Nagy didn't dodge speculation regarding former Chiefs running back Kareem Hunt, who is on the commissioner's exempt list as the NFL explores potential violations of its personal conduct policy.

## Bottom line

Howard, who is seventh all time on the Bears rushing list at 3,370 yards, remains a bargain for 2019 with a \$720,000 base salary. His salary-cap hit is actually lower than Cohen's because Howard was a fifth-round pick and Cohen got a larger signing bonus as a fourth-round pick.

There is little doubt that when this past season began, Howard envisioned getting a new contract before the 2019 season. It would be surprising if that happened at this point. Howard could play a role for the Bears in 2019, but you have to think they will explore options for a lead back who is a better scheme fit and more explosive.

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## SUPER BOWL

## After tough year, Gronkowski has come alive

Besides making huge plays, Patriots tight end doing all the dirty work

By KYLE HIGHTOWER  
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Even as Rob Gronkowski turned in a vintage performance with his big grabs down the stretch in the AFC championship game, the veteran Patriots tight end also did plenty of dirty work.

Gronk the blocker? The label didn't fit in the past. But this season, one of the best receiving tight ends in NFL history and Tom Brady's longtime favorite target made some big contributions to the Patriots' rejuvenated running game.

"Whatever coaches call, whatever plays we call blocking, receiving, no matter what is, whatever

play is called, just got to go out there and do your job," Gronkowski said.

It was an overwhelming season statistically for Gronkowski, who contemplated retirement after last year's Super Bowl loss to the Eagles. He appeared in 13 games as he fought through nagging back and ankle injuries, finishing with 47 catches for 682 yards and three touchdowns.

But Gronk did more of the things that don't appear on the stat sheet. And he's fine with that as he heads into a Super Bowl matchup with the Rams eyeing the third ring in his nine-year career.

Brady said Gronkowski's ability as a blocker might be the most underrated part of his game.

"He's one of the most dominant blocking tight ends in the league," Brady said. "He's a threat any time he's out there."

One of his biggest plays in the

Patriots' overtime victory over the Chiefs for the AFC title came in the run game.

After the Chiefs took their first lead, the Patriots responded with a 10-play, 75-yard drive that ended with Gronkowski pushing aside Chiefs linebacker Justin Houston on fourth-and-inches and allowing Sony Michel to jog into the end zone from 10 yards out.

Gronk's future beyond this season is once again an open question. He will be entering the final season of a six-year contract in 2019 and is scheduled to make about \$9 million. Before the season, he acknowledged he would like to rework the deal, and he skipped a voluntary offseason workout. He later had bonus incentives added to his contract.

He'd be missed if he doesn't return. After a quiet performance in the Patriots' divisional playoff win over the Chargers,

Gronkowski was targeted a season-high 11 times against the Chiefs, catching six passes for 79 yards and coming up with big grabs down the stretch.

Brady was 5 for 5 on third down in the fourth quarter and overtime, with two of those passes going to Gronkowski. Those catches, for 25 and 15 yards, set up the go-ahead and game-winning touchdowns.

It was nothing new for Gronk, who entered the season with 75 postseason receptions — the most by a tight end in NFL history. In the regular season, he has the most TD catches thrown by Brady to any player (78).

The Rams' defense was the second-worst in the league this season at defending Gronkowski's position, giving up 1,075 yards receiving to opposing tight ends. It should mean plenty of opportunities for Gronkowski, 29, to show

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the combination of size, strong hands and agility that has made him a matchup nightmare throughout his career.

His chemistry with Brady means he knows the ball could always come his way, no matter what kind of game he's having.

"You've got to have confidence in each other," Gronkowski said. "That's what practice is all about. That's knowing each other is all about. Knowing that when it comes to those situations and you've got to put that ball up, I've got to make the play. That's the trust that we have with each other. We love playing with each other. Just a bond we have, to always be on the same page."

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



KIN CHEUNG/AP

Germany's Alexander Zverev lets loose on his racket during a fourth-round loss to Milos Raonic at the Australian Open. "It made me feel better," Zverev said.

## More and more players adding overhead smash to their game

BY HOWARD FENDRICH  
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Way behind in a match he soon would lose, Alexander Zverev leaned forward in his Australian Open sideline seat to repeatedly, and violently, crack his racket against the court with a reverberating THWACK — one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight times in all, before throwing down the offending, and now-mangled, piece of equipment.

Caused quite a, well, racket.

"I heard it," said Zverev's opponent Monday, 2016 Wimbledon finalist Milos Raonic. "I don't think I looked over. I think it was pretty clear what was going on."

It certainly was not unusual. Smashing, spiking, bouncing or otherwise harming rackets is the most public form of anger, um, mismanagement in professional tennis, done all the time by all kinds of players, whether they are men or women, famous or unknown, seeded or otherwise, winning or losing. Over the first week of the Australian Open, Naomi Osaka, Dominic Thiem, Ryan Harrison and Daniil Medvedev, just to name a few, joined Zverev in producing GIF-worthy outbursts.

For better or for worse, racket-breaking is as inescapable an element of the sport as forehands and backhands, often revealing frustration, sometimes reversing the course of a contest, usually resulting in a fine of thousands of dollars, and even — as was the case with Serena Williams during her U.S. Open final loss to Osaka last September — occasionally costing a player a point (in Williams' case, because of an earlier warning).

"I love it!" exclaimed Henri Leconte, the 1988 French Open runner-up.

"I mean, sure, it's not good for kids to see," he said. "But sometimes, it's very important to show emotion. In my generation, we had so many players who did that: John McEnroe was doing it a lot; Goran Ivanisevic was breaking rackets. Sometimes, when you see your opponent doing that, you say: Oh, he's really upset. That's good.' But if you were playing McEnroe, you were in trouble, because he played better afterward."

Current players will cite McEnroe or Andy Roddick or Marat Safin, among others, when the subject is raised. They'll talk about all-time classic displays, such as three-time major champion Stan Wawrinka's signature move of bending a racket in half over his knee, the way a Major League Baseball slugger might try to break a bat. Or Marcos Baghdatis reaching into his bag for additional rackets during a changeover at the 2012 Australian Open (in a match against Wawrinka), until he'd slammed four and discarded them. Or Benoit Paire and his multiple-racket, sitting-then-standing tantrum (in a match against Baghdatis) that drew \$16,500 in fines, more than double his prize money from last year's Washington tournament.

"If we see a guy break a racket, someone will say to me, 'Ah, yours was better,'" said Baghdatis, the 2006 runner-up in Melbourne.

"There are worse things. For me, it's



KIN CHEUNG/AP

Serena Williams has learned the costs and benefits of racket abuse over the years, including a controversial penalty point at the U.S. Open last year.



ANDREW BROWNBILL/AP

Stanislas Wawrinka is widely recognized for a signature move of bending his racket when his frustration boils over.



SHUJI KAJIYAMA/AP

Andy Roddick was renowned for his racket-smashing antics in his day, and the practice has only become more common in tennis.

something that it's fun to see. It's good for tennis. There is some character and it should be like that," he said. "You have a bad day at the office, (and) you have a fight with your wife. You have a fight with your brother, your mother, your sister, your father. It's the way life is. Sometimes you have bad days and it just comes out."

Leconte is hardly the only one who wonders about what sort of example is being set for children who are watching, especially those who play tennis.

"It's become all too commonplace. And it seems like other players see it happening and they think, 'Oh, this is OK to do.' I think it's bad modeling, and the rackets are obviously expensive," said Tracy Austin, the 1979 and 1981 U.S. Open champion. "Emoting is good. We want to see personalities. But actually being destructive is not helpful for anybody."

Ernest Gulbis, a former top-10 player known for raising racket abuse to an art form, says he wishes he could avoid ever doing it again.

He also admits that's not likely.

"Sometimes the emotions just take over. It's a fight. It's like a gladiator fight. It's not like you're laying in bed and can just be relaxed," Gulbis said. "Emotions just come out. I'm against it, personally, because you can fix your problems on court in a different way. But to be honest, sometimes it helps."

That's a popular take.

"It made me feel better. I was very angry, so I let my anger out," Zverev said Monday.

Didn't do him a bit of good on the scoreboard, though.

He was trailing Raonic 6-1, 4-1 when he destroyed his racket at a changeover, then proceeded to drop the next two games and the third set, too.

But Osaka, who'll play in the quarterfinals Wednesday, did appear to get a boost from her racket fling while losing the opening set of what became a three-set victory.

"For me, I tend to keep a lot of things bottled up. I just felt like in that moment, sort of releasing it was easier than just keeping it inside," Osaka said, "and then maybe I would have dwelled on it for longer."

Top-ranked Novak Djokovic is a firm believer that the direction of a match can change with a well-timed to-do.

So the 14-time Grand Slam champion is hardly shy about chucking the tool of his trade when the inspiration strikes.

"At times in my career, these kind of situations, when I would scream or throw a racket, it would kind of wake me up and help me to just kind of free myself from that pressure that is just building throughout the match," Djokovic said. "But there are times when it doesn't help."

Crowd reactions vary.

Fans are sometimes seen begging a player to hand over a messed-up racket as a keepsake. Yet when Djokovic shattered a frame by pounding it against the French Open's red clay last year, spectators whistled and booed.

"I'm not proud of doing that, to be honest. I don't like doing that," he said. "But at times, it happens."

## eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

# Long-awaited free-agent Class of '19 still waiting

BY DAVE SHEININ  
Washington Post

The stories began appearing three winters ago and accelerated in pace in the winter of 2017-18: Some of the richest teams in baseball appeared to be getting their financial houses in order, trimming payroll, clearing space and getting under the luxury tax threshold, all in apparent preparation for what was coming in the winter of 2018-19 — what was expected to be the most anticipated free agent class in baseball history.

“Why the incredible Class of 2018 will change MLB as we know it,” read a Yahoo story from December 2015.

But now, the winter of 2018-19 has come and almost gone — spring training camps open in a little more than three weeks — and the free agent market is as cold as the January weather. The two biggest prizes of this offseason, 26-year-old superstars Bryce Harper and Manny Machado, remain unsigned, with few teams known to be bidding for them, and the industrywide shift away from long deals and veteran players, which began in earnest last winter, has continued.

The slowdown in spending has drawn the ire of baseball's labor side, with agent Jeff Borris recently going public with accusations, typically only whispered privately, that owners are colluding to depress salaries, and players such as Jake Arrieta, Dallas Keuchel and Evan Longoria taking to social media to voice their own concerns.

Baseball's union, faced with another slow-moving free agent market, increasingly depicts the trend of teams being “unwilling to compete” as damaging the sport. In 2018, according to Forbes, overall spending on payroll declined for the first time in eight years, despite revenues reaching a record \$10.3 billion.

“It's mid-January, and for the second consecutive year, players are seeing a historic pattern of inactivity in the free agent market,” Bruce Meyer, the MLB Players Association's senior director of collective bargaining and legal, wrote in an email this weekend. “There is a widespread lack of interest among clubs, who can well afford to do so, in improving their rosters through free agency. This unwillingness to compete is bad for players, fans and the game itself.”

In response, MLB said in an emailed statement: “All of our general managers try to put their clubs in a position to make the postseason as often as possible — that is what they are paid to do. ... But our fans understand that making unwise decisions on long-term, multiyear contracts could hamstring a club's competitiveness for years. There are plenty of examples of that. Without knowing the demands of the unsigned free agents, and the offers they have already received, the union has no basis to attribute blame for why those players have not yet signed.”

The rising tension threatens to break an unprecedented streak of labor peace — 26 years long and growing — when the current collective bargaining agreement ends after the 2021 season, with many observers already predicting a work stoppage if the atmosphere does not improve. But whatever changes are made then — with some in the industry advocating granting free agency to players after five years of service time instead of the current six — it will be too late for the vaunted free agent class of 2018.

A number of factors conspired to rob this winter's market of some high-end value from the outset. Josh Donaldson got hurt and settled for a one-year deal with the Atlanta Braves. Clayton Kershaw signed a new extension with the Los Angeles Dodgers rather than opt into free agency. Machado, too, undoubtedly damaged his own value with some public comments last fall about his unwillingness to run hard on every ground ball, and Harper didn't help his value with a 2018 season that fell below his career norms. (Another pitcher expected to be at the head of this class, Miami Marlins pitcher Jose Fernandez, died in a boating accident in 2016.)

But when it comes to the speed



KATHERINE FREY/WASHINGTON POST

Outfielder Bryce has long been expected to be the prize of this offseason's free-agent crop, but the bidding for him has been muted.



EZRA SHAW/GETTY

Offers for free agent Manny Machado may be falling short of expectations so far, both in number and in dollar value.

and trajectory of this market, the biggest factor is arguably the limited or not-at-all participation of some of baseball's perennial big spenders — the same teams everyone expected to drive the markets for Harper and Machado, but that, at least publicly, have shown only cursory interest.

The Dodgers, aside from re-upping with Hyun-Jin Ryu and David Freese on one-year deals, have signed only one major league free agent: reliever Joe Kelly, for three years and \$25 million.

The New York Yankees, for the second straight winter, made their splashiest move via trade. Last winter, they acquired slugger Giancarlo Stanton from Miami. This winter, it was lefty James Paxton from Seattle. Although the Yan-

kees have spent about \$140 million on free agents this winter, the majority went to retaining their own players: Brett Gardner, Zach Britton, J.A. Happ and CC Sabathia.

When the Dodgers and Yankees both trimmed tens of millions of dollars a year ago to duck under the 2018 luxury tax threshold of \$197 million, it was widely viewed as a strategy to reset their tax rates ahead of this winter's star-studded free agent class. Instead, both the Dodgers and Yankees, having gotten themselves under the threshold, appear committed to staying there in 2019, when it rises to \$206 million.

Two other traditional top-five payroll spenders, the Chicago Cubs and San Francisco Giants,

have all but sat out this winter's free agent market, spending less than \$16 million combined. And the World Series champion Boston Red Sox — one of two teams, along with the Washington Nationals, to pay a luxury tax in 2018 — spent \$74.25 million to retain 2018 stalwarts Steve Pearce and Nathan Eovaldi early in the winter but otherwise have not signed a single major league free agent.

At the same time, teams such as the Seattle Mariners and Arizona Diamondbacks — both in the upper half of payrolls in 2018 — have been shedding salaries, further diluting the talent pool. And at the bottom sit nine teams that are at least \$100 million below the 2019 luxury tax threshold.

At least from the union's perspective, the luxury tax (or as it is officially known, the competitive balance tax) was never supposed to create such a drag on spending. The Nationals' tax bill for exceeding the threshold in 2018, for example, was \$2.4 million — about the cost of a fourth outfielder. Even the Red Sox, the game's biggest spenders in 2018, were hit with a tax bill of \$12 million — a pittance compared to the revenue generated by their title run.

In effect, however, the luxury tax has acted as a de facto salary cap, with teams increasingly resolved to staying under the threshold.

At one time, Harper and Machado were thought to be seeking deals in the neighborhood of \$400 million, which would have shattered Stanton's record-setting \$325 million deal as the largest in history. But while little is known about the true state of negotiations, recent reports suggest that Machado's latest offer from the Chicago White Sox was for less than \$200 million. Meanwhile, Harper, who turned down a 10-year \$300 million offer from the Nationals in September, has yet to top that number, at least to the extent of the media's knowledge.

It's not only Harper and Machado who have had to adjust expectations in this sluggish market. According to MLBTradeRumors.com, 79 of the more than 200

available free agents have signed major league deals this winter, and of those, 10 have signed contracts for more than two years.

Explanations for the slowdown in spending vary and depend upon perspective. The current wave of analytics-driven general managers has created an industry that is more risk-averse and guided by the principle of efficiency — for which lengthy, expensive contracts for veterans don't apply. And the same can be said for paying a luxury tax.

Some economic analysts also wonder about the sport's long-term health — with total attendance declining for a third straight year in 2018, revenues that grow, but at a slower rate than in the past; a potential work stoppage looming after 2021; and trepidation over the future of regional sports networks in the age of cord-cutting — and connect that to the slowdown in spending.

“If (owners) say, ‘We're heading toward a lower rate of growth, and potentially even flat,’ that could be a big part of it,” said Matt Cacciato, a lecturer in sports administration at Ohio University and a former executive at ESPN, Fox Cable Networks and YES Network. Noting the 10-year contracts given to Alex Rodriguez by the Yankees in 2007 and to Albert Pujols by the Los Angeles Angels in 2011, he added, “You've also had some massive contracts that didn't work out in the past.”

“You could build an argument that between trepidation in the marketplace, when stacked up with the attendance concerns, you've got a lot of conditions combining for what is a pretty big storm,” Cacciato said.

Even now, with Harper and Machado waiting on the cusp of spring to find out their new destinations, the talk has turned to the prizes that are still to come. Colorado Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado hits free agency next winter. Maybe that's who the Yankees really want. Angels outfielder Mike Trout comes available the winter after. Maybe that's who the Dodgers are saving up for.

But the lesson of this winter should be clear: Never count on it.

91ST ACADEMY AWARDS

# Who should, will take home Oscar?

It's early yet, but here's one morning line on the winners

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS | Chicago Tribune

**S**everal firsts and a serious head-scratcher or two emerged from Tuesday's Academy Award nominations.

"Black Panther," with seven nominations, marks the first time a superhero picture has made the Oscars shortlist in the top category.

"Roma" tied with "The Favourite" for the most nominations (10), including best picture. Alfonso Cuarón's cinematic fresco, set in 1970 Mexico, is a Netflix title, a first for the streaming service eager to make inroads in the film industry and get people thinking a little less about the old-fashioned idea of "going out to a movie."

Spike Lee received an Oscar nomination, for "Black KKKlansman." I'll never know, of course, since I'm not one of the PricewaterhouseCoopers envelope-wrangers, but something tells me Lee's modestly budgeted, fact-based hit will be the second choice on the preferential ballot, which may give a shot at winning best picture.

Head-scratchers? Where to begin?

"A Star Is Born" deserved a director nomination (Bradley Cooper) but didn't get one.

Had I wagered on Morgan Neville's lovely Fred Rogers documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" (a crowd-pleaser in every good way) *not* getting a documentary feature nomination, I would've lost that wager. The silver lining: Chicago-based documentary filmmaker Bing Liu's "Minding the Gap" now has a real shot at winning.

With "Green Book" coming off a big win at the Producers Guild of America bash, and a Golden Globe, its best picture nomination (plus four more, including two for its movie-saving acting duo of Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali) surprised approximately nobody Tuesday.

Eight of the last 10 Producers Guild winners went on to win the top Oscar.

When "Green Book" won the audience award at the 2018 Toronto International Film Festival in September, many chalked it up to an off year, or some sort of indulgent, collective Canadian mood swing toward a nice, sweet, patronizing race-relations buddy comedy. Not a movie destined for a lot of "worst" lists, thanks to Mortensen, Ali and Linda Cardellini. But not much.

And now, here we are. "Green Book," "Roma," "A Star Is Born," possibly "Black KKKlansman" — a win for any of these seems possible. Statistically, and in various, dubious ways, "Green Book" feels like the one. I hope I'm not right.

We have a few weeks to debate all that, and to second-guess all these first-round predictions.

The very act of reducing cinema to a series of major-category horse races and morning-line bets is appalling.

So let's get to it.

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## BEST PICTURE

"Black Panther"  
 "BlackKkKlansman"  
 "Bohemian Rhapsody"  
 "The Favourite"  
 "Green Book" ▲  
 "Roma"  
 "A Star Is Born"  
 "Vice"

**Should win:** "Roma"

**Will win:** "Green Book" ▲

**Don't get me started:** You could fill miles of red carpet with films more deserving of recognition than "Bohemian Rhapsody." Or "Green Book." Or "Vice."



Malek

Viggo Mortensen in "Green Book" ▲

**Should win:** Bradley Cooper, "A Star Is Born"

**Will win:** Rami Malek, "Bohemian Rhapsody"

**Gimme a break:** Mortensen gets a nod over Ethan Hawke in "First Reformed"?

## BEST ACTOR

Christian Bale in "Vice"  
 Bradley Cooper in "A Star Is Born"  
 Willem Dafoe in "At Eternity's Gate"  
 Rami Malek in "Bohemian Rhapsody"

## BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Mahershala Ali in "Green Book" ▲  
 Adam Driver in "BlackKkKlansman"  
 Sam Elliott in "A Star Is Born"  
 Richard E. Grant in "Can You Ever Forgive Me?"  
 Sam Rockwell in "Vice"

**Should win:** Richard E. Grant, "Can You Ever Forgive Me?"

**Will win:** Mahershala Ali, "Green Book" ▲

**Seriously:** Driver gets a nod over Steven Yeun in "Burning," or Michael B. Jordan in "Black Panther," or Simon Russell Beale in "The Death of Stalin"? Did anybody even take the TIME to SEE "The Death of Stalin," which could've given "Vice" a few THOUSAND pointers in purposeful political satire?

## BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Amy Adams in "Vice"  
 Marina de Tavira in "Roma"  
 Regina King in "If Beale Street Could Talk"  
 Emma Stone in "The Favourite"  
 Rachel Weisz in "The Favourite"

**Should win:** Regina King, "If Beale Street Could Talk"

**Will win:** Regina King, "If Beale Street Could Talk"

**Splitting hairs:** If Emma Stone's a supporting actress in "The Favourite," then so is best actress nominee Olivia Colman.



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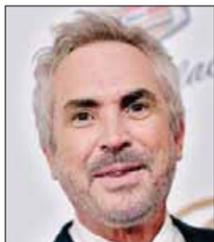
**Upon further review ...** Aparicio's effectiveness in "Roma" notwithstanding, Joanna Kulig's performance in "Cold War" should be on that list.

## BEST ACTRESS

Yalitza Aparicio in "Roma"  
 Glenn Close in "The Wife"  
 Olivia Colman in "The Favourite"  
 Lady Gaga in "A Star Is Born"  
 Melissa McCarthy in "Can You Ever Forgive Me?"

**Should win:** Melissa McCarthy, "Can You Ever Forgive Me?"

**Will win:** Glenn Close, "The Wife"



Cuarón

## BEST DIRECTOR

"BlackKkKlansman," Spike Lee  
 "Cold War," Paweł Pawlikowski  
 "The Favourite," Yorgos Lanthimos  
 "Roma," Alfonso Cuarón  
 "Vice," Adam McKay

**Should win:** Alfonso Cuarón, "Roma"

**Will win:** Alfonso Cuarón, "Roma"

**What the hell?** Leaving gender out of it, McKay doesn't belong on this list — not from the same year Chloe Zhao directed "The Rider," Marielle Heller directed "Can You Ever Forgive Me?" and Debra Granik did "Leave No Trace."

## BEST ANIMATED FILM

"Incredibles 2"  
 "Isle of Dogs"  
 "Mirai"  
 "Ralph Breaks the Internet"  
 "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse"

**Should win:** "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse"

**Will win:** "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse"

**"Decent Sequel Isn't Enough" citation goes to:** "Incredibles 2."

## BEST DOCUMENTARY

"Free Solo"  
 "Hale County This Morning, This Evening"  
 "Minding the Gap"  
 "Of Fathers and Sons"  
 "RBG"

**Should win:** "Minding the Gap"

**Will win:** "Minding the Gap"

**Mr. Rogers will avenge you!** "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" — skunked! It's better than both "Free Solo" and "RBG," much as I liked both.

## COMMENTARY

# R. Kelly and the music industry's complicity

Labels turned a blind eye for decades until profits started declining



GREG KOT

Tribune music critic

When RCA Records dropped R. Kelly from its artist roster a few days ago, those outraged by the mounting allegations against

the R&B star might've justifiably been asking themselves, "What took so long?"

Kelly had been associated for decades with RCA Records, a division of Sony Music Entertainment, and been the subject of investigative reports, lawsuits and legal proceedings concerning sexual assault for nearly as long.

As long ago as 1994, as reported by The Washington Post, Kelly's record company was tipped to the singer's penchant for picking up underage girls after concerts by the singer's own tour manager at the time. Clive Calder, founder of the Jive Records label that initially signed Kelly, told the Post

in May 2018 that he regretted not trying harder to get help for Kelly. "Clearly we missed something," Calder told the Post.

At best, the record industry consistently turned a blind eye to the charges swirling around Kelly's private life. At worst, it enabled him. The one incontrovertible truth is that the industry continued to profit from the music of an artist accused dozens of times of assaulting women and girls over a period of a quarter-century.

With his 1993 debut solo album, "12 Play," Kelly established

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RCA Records has dropped R. Kelly from its artist roster.

## CELEBRITIES

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AP

Swedish pop group ABBA announced that it had recorded two new songs for a "Virtual Abba" experience.

### ABBA delays new music until autumn

Abba fans rejoiced last April when the group, which split up 35 years ago, announced that it had recorded two new songs for a "Virtual Abba" experience in collaboration with "American Idol" creator Simon Fuller. The project was first announced in 2016 and was scheduled to premiere, via digital versions of band members, on NBC and ABC at the end of 2018.

However, in September the group announced the project was delayed until 2019, and now comes news that the songs — which are called "I Still Have Faith In You" and "Don't Shut Me Down" — may be delayed until autumn.

"No release before the summer," a rep for the group tells Variety. "Hopefully this fall."

While the rep did not respond to questions about the reason for the delay, the group's Benny Andersson recently said in an interview that legal complications had delayed the release.

"Everything was up and running smoothly, then it didn't run as smoothly," he said. "We are still trying to establish the agreement that needs to be done to be able to continue. We are good. It's the other side, everything that has to be done, everything that has to be drawn. It's delayed. It's not our doing."

The group's rep did not respond to a request to confirm that account.

— Variety



IMEH AKPANUDOS/GETTY

**Brown detained in Paris:** U.S. singer Chris Brown and two other people are in custody in Paris after a woman filed a rape complaint, French officials said Tuesday. The Grammy Award-winning singer was detained Monday on potential charges of aggravated rape and drug infractions and remained in custody Tuesday, a judicial official said. Investigators have another two days to decide whether to let him go or file preliminary charges.

**Bon Jovi's restaurant feeds furloughed:** A restaurant owned by musician Jon Bon Jovi served 71 free meals to furloughed federal employees and their families. JBJ Soul Kitchen in Red Bank, N.J., served up soups and entrees Monday. The meals are a result of a partnership with Gov. Phil Murphy's organization the Phil and Tammy Murphy Family Foundation. The governor and his wife visited the workers.

**Ja Rule slams Fyre Festival docs:** Ja Rule is lashing out against Hulu and Netflix documentaries about the doomed Fyre Festival. "I had an amazing vision to create a festival like no other. I would never scam or fraud anyone," the rapper tweeted Sunday. Founded by Billy McFarland with Ja Rule as his partner, Fyre promised guests luxurious villas, gourmet food and performances from major artists on a secluded island in the Bahamas, but poor planning ultimately doomed the festival.

**Jan. 23 birthdays:** Actress Chita Rivera is 86. Singer Anita Baker is 61. Actress Gail O'Grady is 56. Actress Mariska Hargitay is 55. Actress Tiffani Thiessen is 45.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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### Man struggles with legacy of abuse

**Dear Amy:** I am a 55-year-old man. My parents divorced before I can remember, and I lived with my narcissistic, alcoholic mother. When I was a child and a teen, I was sexually abused by her "companion." I didn't tell anyone because I knew my mother wouldn't believe me, and I know that she would have chosen him over me. There was never a question about that.

It has taken me years to rebuild broken relationships with siblings and cousins — and these are relationships I cherish. But I have never been honest with them about the root cause of my troubles. I have built a good life and that is a victory, but I also wonder what I could have done with my life if I hadn't been forced to carry around the pain and anguish of sexual assault.

My mom died several years ago, but her "companion" is still an accepted member of the family. I went home last year for a funeral on my dad's side, and the guy who abused me showed up. I've avoided my hometown for decades because of this man, which robs me of time with siblings and cousins — one more thing he has taken from me.

I have no interest in any kind of disclosure. I don't want that kind of drama. I'm not that strong. They might choose him over me. I just want my home and my family back. Do you have any advice?

— Heartbroken in the Heartland

**Dear Heartbroken:** I don't know if I can realistically guide you toward getting your home and

family back, because the man who abused you (and the mother who didn't protect you) robbed you of these things, at least in the most conventional sense.

You are a successful survivor, and even if you don't want to disclose this to your family members, you could find continuing healing (and perhaps help others) by connecting with other survivors.

An estimated 1 in 6 men report having been sexually abused. I admire the work of MaleSurvivor (malesurvivor.org), which helps connect abuse survivors with support, counseling services and each other. This would be vital to your healing.

Understand that the person who abused you might have abused others. Specialized counseling would help to clarify your options about disclosure.

I hope you will continue to go home (and welcome family members to visit you). Ideally you would stay in a hotel and host family members so you would control which people you would see. I believe your efforts to reclaim your connection to home are laudable — and healthy. This marks another guidepost in your recovery.

**Dear Amy:** I have two daughters. When the time comes for my daughters to divide up my possessions after my death, what is the fairest way for them to do this?

I am suggesting drawing straws, rather than the older going first. I was the older of two kids and chose first, but I'm not sure that's the best way. What do you think?

— Befuddled

**Dear Befuddled:** Here's how my sisters and I divided our mother's possessions: First, we each chose something of "equal value." We defined "value" in our own way. For instance, the sentimental attachment to a painting might make it as "valuable" as an automobile. We put these equal-value items into a group, where we mutually decided that each of the things in the group held roughly equal value for each of us (your daughters would only have two items or collections of things in a group).

We each designated one of our kids to draw a number out of our grandfather's old top hat. Whoever got the number 1 got first choice of the items in the group, and on down the line. We did round after round, traded back and forth if we wanted to, and had a great time. This is basically "gamifying" the concept of drawing straws.

**Dear Amy:** "Wondering" asked how to answer the question "How many children do you have?" when one child has died.

Here's how my brother and his wife have dealt with this (their son died at birth): They respond with, "We have three — our two girls, and their baby brother in heaven."

I also use this type of response when people ask me about their family. And we do use his name, also.

— Caring Aunt

**Dear Aunt:** Thank you.

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## Eve Ewing set to take on another Marvel series

By DARCEL ROCKETT  
Chicago Tribune

It's only been a couple of months since Eve Ewing's writing prowess graced the cover of her first Marvel series, "Ironheart." And the masses are picking up what she's putting down.

And part of the fun of watching Ewing do her thing is she's just as gobsmacked as fans are when the finished products hit newsstands.

So imagine the giddiness on the local comic landscape when "Wikipedia Brown" (Ewing's Twitter handle) shared the news that she got to work on "Ms. Marvel 38," to be released Feb. 13.

Now, another gift for comic fans: Ewing will be kicking off the first arc of a "Marvel Team-Up" — a classic series that ran through the '70s and '80s. Set for an April release,

Ewing's arc will consist of three issues of the ongoing series that will pair Ms. Marvel and Spider-Man together after a science demonstration at Empire State University goes awry. Ewing will write, Joey Vazquez will do the art.

"It's been wonderful to watch Eve grow as a comics writer, with each one of her 'Ironheart' scripts being better than the next," said C.B. Cebulski, editor-in-chief of Marvel.

We talked to Ewing before this news broke, to talk life post-Riri Williams (aka Ironheart) and pre-C2E2. The interview has been condensed and edited.

**Q: Tell us more about Ms. Marvel and Spider-Man.**

**A:** My goal with the story is to have maximum fun with two characters who are fan favorites (and faves of mine), and to put them

both in some delightful, awkward and uncomfortable situations where they have to stretch to the limits of their abilities. (Pun intended.)

**Q: Did Marvel reach out with the idea or was this something that you posed to the team?**

**A:** My editors at Marvel reached out with this idea and once I heard the characters involved, I couldn't resist.

**Q: "Ironheart" love is strong, but that was a reimagining of a character. This new endeavor is more of getting the baton passed to you. How does that translate for you as a writer/creator?**

**A:** It's a different challenge. In some ways Ms. Marvel is similar to Ironheart in that she's a newer character and I have had the chance to go back and get to

know her from the very beginning, whereas I couldn't in my lifetime read every take on Spider-Man. But it feels like such an honor to write a story for one of the most iconic characters ever created in pretty much the history of modern pop culture.

**Q: How did you feel after "Ironheart's" reception by Marvel fans?**

**A:** Continually inspired. Every single picture or story someone sends me about their mom or daughter or student or dad loving the story makes my heart swell. We've gotten equal parts love from people saying, "I've loved comics my whole life and this character is a breath of fresh air" to people saying this is their very first comic book, and both of those make me so happy. I spent most of this fall traveling around the country with (her previous book) "Ghosts in the Schoolyard" talking about school closures, and people often write me letters or come up to me at readings and tell me that that book



MARVEL/STEFANO CASELLI/NOLIS ANDERSON

Author Eve Ewing, at right, and the cover art of the first issue of the "Ms. Marvel and Spider-Man" team-up series.

made them cry, or it made them really angry. I think it's important to have that entire range of emotions. I think we need to get angry about the things that are terrible and unjust, and be saddened and moved to action, and I also think that we need space for play and for imagination.

**Q: How long before we see "Ironheart" hit the big screen?**

**A:** I don't know anything about anything! And if I did, I couldn't tell you! But I do think that Ironheart would

be a star, of course. On her own or with a team. Only time will tell.

**Q: What will you be talking about at C2E2 in March?**

**A:** Whatever the good people show up and ask me about! Just looking forward to having fun at our hometown con and hopefully meeting Donald Faison, Paul Rudd and Alicia Silverstone. I'm a big "Clueless" fan.

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## Female directors shut out of Oscar nominations ... again

By KRISTOPHER TAPLEY  
Variety

Despite a number of worthy Oscar contenders to choose from, female filmmakers were shut out of the directing category.

From Lynne Ramsay's "You Were Never Really Here" (an Amazon release that received a Cannes screenplay prize) to Debra Granik's "Leave No Trace" (a Sundance entry notably recognized by the Los Angeles Film Critics Assn. last month), great work from deserving women was certainly on the table. Ramsay, in fact, was — along with "BlacKkKlansman" helmer Spike Lee —

the most lauded filmmaker on the critics' awards circuit after Alfonso Cuaron.

Marielle Heller ("Can You Ever Forgive Me?," a Telluride Film Festival favorite) and Chloe Zhao ("The Rider," named the year's best film by the National Society of Film Critics) were other acclaimed players that arguably deserved to make the lineup. Tamara Jenkins ("Private Life"), Mimi Leder ("On the Basis of Sex") and Josie Rourke ("Mary Queen of Scots") were options as well.

Nominees were ultimately Cuaron for "Roma,"

Lee for "BlacKkKlansman," Yorgos Lanthimos for "The Favourite," Adam McKay for "Vice" and Pawel Pawlikowski for "Cold War."

So what happened? Clearly the critics did what they could, particularly with Ramsay, Granik and Zhao. In the cases of Bleecker Street's "Leave No Trace" and Sony Classics' "The Rider," tight awards budgets are certainly part of the equation. But it's a particularly sour note to hit a year after Greta Gerwig became just the fifth woman nominated by the Academy's directors branch, and amid an ongoing discussion of gender parity in the industry.

IN PERFORMANCE: 'The Realistic Joneses' ★★★

# Coming to terms with the horrors of life

Neo-absurdist writing teases pain beneath humor

By CHRIS JONES  
Chicago Tribune

Everyone is named Jones in Will Eno's "The Realistic Joneses," which I last saw on Broadway in 2014 in a production starring Michael C. Hall, Marisa Tomei, Tracy Letts and Toni Collette and that now is enjoying a Chicago premiere, sans such celebrity names but with a hefty dose of Chicago acting talent, in a coproduction between Shattered Globe Theatre and Theater Wit.

Perchance a review by one who understands the existential burden of so generic a moniker thus will carry atypical weight. Which is not to say you cannot enjoy this show if you are called Smith. Or Garcia.

In essence, "The Realistic Joneses" is a portrait of two stages of a marriage, between Joneses, of course. The older couple, played here by Linda Reiter and H.B. Ward, are in that twilight zone between middle and old age, still working for a living but also staring emptiness in the face. The younger pair, played by Cortney McKenna and Joseph Wiens, are their quirky new neighbors. One night, the more youthful Joneses show up with a bottle of wine on their elders' patio. Things go from there.

Where? Well, Eno is a very fascinating writer — a neo-absurdist. Thus he likes subverting the ridiculous banality of our everyday speech, teasing out the raw pain that lies underneath our verbiage.

"I found this company," says the younger guy, by way of conversation, "that will send you the transcript of any audio book."

"Wouldn't that just be



Joseph Wiens, Cortney McKenna, H.B. Ward and Linda Reiter in "The Realistic Joneses."

**When:** Through March 9

**Where:** Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.

**Running time:** 1 hour, 40 minutes

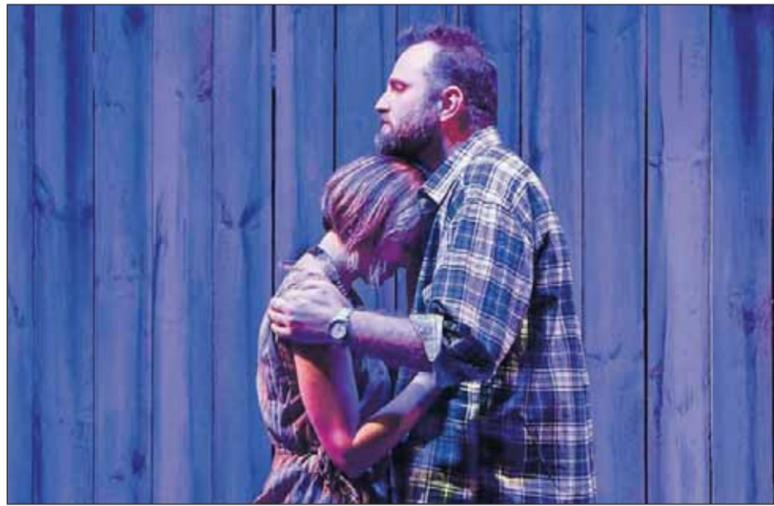
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the book?"

Cerebral humor, for sure, but not that far removed from Seinfeld or "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

Eno's physical humor is not that different. At one point, the two men in the play stalk each other under a motion-sensitive light. It's a very funny few minutes, although I think Eno intended the sequence to have more menace than immediately is obvious here.

Director Jeremy Wechsler's production has some real strengths — it grounds



Cortney McKenna and Joseph Wiens play the younger Jones couple in Shattered Globe Theatre and Theater Wit's Chicago premiere of "The Realistic Joneses."

the flightier aspects of the play in a Chicago-style reality.

Ward never messes around and he's a grumpy

rock here, all wound-tight machismo on the edge of going to seed, clinging to whatever vestiges of youth remain. Reiter is superb,

too. There's a sequence set in a grocery store where Wiens' young Mr. Jones, who never stops quipping and yakking, seems to want

to seduce the older Mrs. Jones, who cannot decide if she is being mocked or if this is actually one of her last chances to be party to a possibly invigorating affair, which might just save her life. You watch Reiter's eyes dart around, looking for answers in a situation that seems both hopeful and cruel.

Perchance you've been there.

I similarly admired McKenna's work at Monday night's opening — it's a very slippery performance, as it should be, never revealing too much of a character who may be the most naive person on the stage, or possibly the least.

Sexual tension is a big part of the play, which this production interprets with a heavy dose of sadness. That's certainly part of the alphabet here, but the show also needs more edge, especially from Wiens, who is too benign to keep the levels of tension where they need to be and thus can come off as glib, which is never Eno's intent. Overall, the production is a tad too cautious, too worried about its own implications. It needs to range deeper, not least in the moments of small joy.

"The Realistic Joneses" is really saying there can be no such thing, of course, unless you really train yourself to swallow back your own suffocating feelings of dread (an impossibility for me, at times). Some people find Eno's writing pretentious or circuitous. I'm a big fan, though. This play felt weird on Broadway but more at home on Belmont Avenue, where we probe these things in this town. If you like marital comedies and hate them both at the same time, this is your show.

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himself as a meal ticket for the multi-conglomerates — record companies, touring agencies, concert promoters, commercial radio stations, song publishers — that control the music industry. "12 Play" sold 6 million copies and launched a career that would help make Clive Calder and his fellow music-industry moguls very rich. Calder sold Jive for \$2.7 billion in 2002.

Over the next two decades, Kelly would make an estimated \$150 million for his label with 32 million album sales. As a touring act he was nearly as formidable, with gross revenue of \$5.7 million on a 2003 tour, \$13.7 million on a joint tour with Jay-Z in 2004 that was cut short when the headliners clashed, and \$8.3 million on a 2007 solo tour. As recently as 2017, Live Nation — the biggest concert promoter in North America — was still promoting an R. Kelly tour when reporter Jim DeRogatis broke another alarming report about Kelly's offstage activities in online journal BuzzFeed.

The BuzzFeed piece by DeRogatis, who also broke the initial stories on the allegations against Kelly in 2002 in the Chicago Sun-Times, reported that Kelly has been allegedly holding women against their will in a "cult"-like setting. Among those speaking out were Kelly's ex-wife, Andrea Kelly. (Full disclosure: DeRogatis and I have co-hosted the National Public Radio show "Sound Opinions" since 1999.)

Kelly concerts in New Orleans, Dallas, Los Angeles and other cities were canceled after the report surfaced, and the #Mut-eKelly protest campaign was launched. The activists partnered with the Women of Color group within the Time's Up movement and called for Kelly's business partners

to sever their relationship with him.

A multi-part documentary earlier this month on Lifetime, "Surviving R. Kelly," amplified much of DeRogatis' reporting with interviews of several women who claimed Kelly abused them. The Kelly protests grew in volume and visibility, as major artists such as Lady Gaga, Chance the Rapper and the rock group Phoenix expressed regret over working with the singer in the past. On Jan. 11, activist group UltraViolet chartered a plane to fly over the Sony Music offices in California with a banner that read, "RCA/Sony: Drop Sexual Predator R. Kelly." Protesters also gathered outside the Sony Music offices in New York on Jan. 16 to pressure the label to drop Kelly. A few days later, reports of the RCA/Sony decision to part ways with Kelly surfaced.

There was no formal announcement and record company executives could not be reached for comment. But Kelly's name no longer appears on the record company website and multiple reports confirm that the singer is no longer on the label roster.

Though the media coverage and protests undoubtedly played a role in the RCA/Sony decision, it's equally likely that Kelly's declining commercial fortunes made it easier for the label to part ways with him. Kelly has not released a studio album of new music since "The Buffet," in 2015, which turned out to be the lowest-charting album yet of the singer's career. A seasonal album released the next year, "12 Nights of Christmas," fared even worse. It debuted at No. 177 on the Billboard 200 chart and quickly fell off. Kelly has resorted to releasing his latest songs on the SoundCloud streaming platform.

It's difficult to precisely pin down why Kelly's music has declined in popularity. For more than

a decade after the allegations against the singer broke, his career continued to sail along. On a wider level, the impact of the #MeToo movement on the music industry has been late in arriving. While giants in the movie and TV industry (Harvey Weinstein, Bill Cosby) have tumbled amid sex-abuse allegations, the music business has seen little fallout — until recently.

A panel at the South by Southwest Music conference last year in Austin, Texas, wrestled with the question, and longtime public-relations executive Beth Martinez cut to the chase. Ultimately, Martinez said, it's up to the fans to reconsider their economic relationship to artists who have eluded taking responsibility for their actions. "No one in a capitalist society is going to be self-policing," Martinez said. Record companies and concert promoters "are going to make as much money as long as they can" off artists such as Kelly. "If you boycott records by abusive people, the labels won't put them out. When I found out about R. Kelly, I voted with my dollars."

The history of rock/R&B/hip-hop is populated with artists whose popularity was enhanced by their outlaw behavior. "Sex, drugs, rock 'n' roll," "I fought the law and the law won," "F--- the Police," were all image-enhancing slogans for artists who didn't play by the same rules as everyone else. It made it easy for record-company executives to excuse or ignore almost any kind of abhorrent behavior as long as the revenue kept pouring in. Little wonder that Kelly was viewed as a pariah by his record company only after the river of money he made them for 25 years started to show signs of drying up.

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IN PERFORMANCE

## An inspiring tribute to Dr. King

By HOWARD REICH  
Chicago Tribune

The words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. rang out in Orchestra Hall on Monday evening, a fitting finale to the national holiday marking his legacy.

But this time Dr. King's stirring phrases emerged in a plush musical framework, orator Kenneth Woods' dramatic recitations followed by soaring sounds from the Chicago Sinfonietta and the Waubonsie Valley High School Mosaic Choir. To hear excerpts of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech punctuated by luxuriant strings and youthful voices was to appreciate anew the music in Dr. King's words and the hope they embodied.

The occasion was the Sinfonietta's annual "MLK Tribute Concert," which has long since become a cultural rite in Chicago. On this night, King's message of equality resonated in multiple ways, for the concert was led by two conductors who had participated in the Sinfonietta's Project Inclusion. The Sinfonietta launched the venture in 2008 to develop much-needed diversity in classical music; and the work of conductors Kellen Gray and Kedrick Armstrong attested to the importance of Project Inclusion and the indispensability of Sinfonietta itself.

Gray opened the evening conducting Beethoven's "Egmont" Overture, its tale of a man who sacrifices his life in the cause of resistance thoroughly appropriate for this concert. But Gray's thoughtful direction offered more than just fiery musical rhetoric, the deliberation of the opening pages and slowly building tension of subsequent ones of Gray's interpretation.

One doesn't envy any reader tasked with delivering Dr. King's words. Considering the onus of this comparison, orator Woods proved quite effec-



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Kyle Dickson was violin soloist with the Chicago Sinfonietta in Orchestra Hall on Monday evening.

tive, dispatching King's distinct phraseology with a rhythm and pace all his own. When those immortal sentences issued from the stage, a large audience clearly savoring every word, the meaning of the King holiday became palpably real. All the more when followed by responses from the Sinfonietta and Mosaic Choir.

Woods outdid himself in Trevor Weston's "The People Could Fly," the narrator poetically delivering a narrative of slavery, the Middle Passage and longed-for liberation. As Woods told the folkloric story, violinist Kyle Dickson reflected it in lamenting lines echoed and enriched by Sinfonietta strings.

The music-making became remarkably serene in "Come Unto Me," by James Lee III, conductor Armstrong drawing translucent textures from the Sinfonietta and sweetly sung passages from the Mosaic Choir (directed by Seth Durbin). And Five Negro Spirituals from Michael Tippett's oratorio "A Child of Our Time" illuminated conductor Armstrong's knack for balancing orchestral-choral forces, the Mosaic Choir's dulcet sounds never obscured by the Sinfonietta's statements (or vice versa). Even the sight of this remarkable high school choir, its members dressed in a rainbow of colors, conveyed a message of optimism and inclusion. Elsewhere on the pro-

gram, conductor Armstrong brought forth the majesty of Adolphus Hailstork's "Epitaph for a Man Who Dreamed." And conductor Gray made a compelling case for Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's Petite Suite de Concert, a work beloved and recorded by Sinfonietta founder Paul Freeman.

The evening reached its communal high point when orchestra, chorus, soloists and audience joined forces in "We Shall Overcome," which made you believe we shall.

**Music notes:** Adrienne Thompson has been named project director of Chicago Musical Pathways Initiative, a "newly-established training program for talented student musicians from traditionally under-represented communities," according to a CMPI announcement. The venture was created last fall with a \$3.5 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, "which will be used to increase diversity in the classical music field."

Ashley Magnus has been appointed general director of Chicago Opera Theater. She previously was the company's general manager of strategy and development. Magnus replaces Douglas R. Clayton, who is stepping down.

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IN PERFORMANCE: 'Evil Dead: the Musical' ★★ 1/2

# Is a parody always a good thing?

Musical embraces original glory of cheap-and-dumb

BY KERRY REID  
Chicago Tribune

Long before "Scream" sent up the teen slasher genre, there was the "Evil Dead" trilogy. Director Sam Raimi's low-budget homage/spoof series blended H.P. Lovecraft's myths about the Necronomicon with the teens-in-a-cabin genre from "Friday the 13th."

Raimi's cult creation was obviously ripe for a cult musical. And it got one back in 2003 in Toronto, followed by an off-Broadway run in 2006 and numerous touring and regional productions since. One such non-Equity tour landed locally at Broadway Playhouse in 2014. I missed it but Chris Jones panned it, while noting "One could imagine some of this working, maybe, if performed in some Lakeview basement or attic ... preferably with a director who understood the perniciousness of objectification and was willing to turn a few tables."

Well, that's pretty much what director Ed Rutherford has done with his staging for Black Button Eyes Productions. Instead of Lakeview, it's in Uptown. He's incorporated the gender-queer performance talents of Stevie Love, veteran of many Hell in a Handbag productions, to play the vacuous Shelly. Yes, the character is still presented as an airhead and object of male lust. But at least Love's presence and well-honed skill at delivering the shallowest of lines with furrowed-brow sincerity skewers the stereotype more than indulges in it. If it doesn't turn the tables, it at least shakes them up a bit.

Still, a show that ends with a number celebrating blowing a woman away with a shotgun can still feel a little queasy-making — even if the woman in question is a demon from the bowels of hell. We're never too far away from reminders that Raimi and his collaborators were barely past being literally sophomoric when they created the original.

George Reinblatt's book, which sprinkles in lines from "Army of Darkness" (the third leg of the trilogy set in medieval times, and my personal favorite in the series) gets some further enhancements here with jokes about "Bird Box" and other current pop-culture phenomena. (There is also an in-joke about the terrible



Josh Kemper, Kirby Gibson, Jordan Dell Harris, Shane Roberie and Robert Quintanilla in "Evil Dead: the Musical."

direction in the first "Spider-Man" trilogy — another Raimi enterprise.) And while the 2014 production apparently featured taped accompaniment, Rutherford's staging features a three-piece band snuggled up near the ceiling under Oliver Townsend's musical direction.

The songs (lyrics by Reinblatt, with assists from Christopher Bond and music by Reinblatt, Bond, Frank Cipolla and Melissa Morris, with "additional music" credited to Rob Daleman) is pretty standard pop-rock fare. The opening number, "Cabin in the Woods," feels like "Little Shop of Horrors" in its poppy effervescence, while the second act's "Do the Necronomicon" shamelessly rips off "The Rocky Horror Show."

If it's subtlety you're after, this isn't your show. (There are special seats set aside in the "splatter zone" — free ponchos provided — for those who don't mind getting some stage blood on them.) But even if you're not familiar with the original Raimi films, you'll find moments of recognition with familiar horror tropes.

Caitlin Jackson, another Hell in a Handbag vet, is terrific as Cheryl, the unpopular dateless girl who of course is the first to be turned into the undead.



Jordan Dell Harris, Stevie Love and Josh Kemper in "Evil Dead: the Musical." Love, as the vacuous Shelly, skewers the airhead stereotype.

(How could a single book-worm possibly have anything to live for anyway, right?) Jackson's performance is all the more notable because most of it involves her popping out from the waist up through a cellar trap door, delivering increasingly strained puns. She's like a cross between a zombie Winnie in Samuel Beckett's "Happy Days" and Jo Anne Worley from "Laugh-In."

Jordan Dell Harris' Ash, the hapless hero, bears an

uncanny resemblance to Bruce Campbell from the original and also seems to be channeling Campbell's deadpan matinee-idol delivery. It's an effective performance that provides an anchor for the ridiculousness, as in the original. Kirby Gibson as Linda, Ash's doomed paramour and fellow S-Mart employee, brings knowing charm, particularly in their duet "Housewares Employee."

At two hours, the show feels overstuffed. The sec-

ond act in particular feels like it's grinding its gears at times, even though Love returns as Annie, the daughter of the professor who left the Necronomicon in the cabin basement and decided to record some of the chants for summoning evil spirits on a tape recorder (as one does). Robert Quintanilla's Ed, Annie's quickly-dispatched kinda-boyfriend, sings "Bit-Part Demon," but letting him sing about the fact that he's filler material doesn't actu-

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**Where:** The Broadway at Pride Arts Center, 4139 N. Broadway St.

**Running time:** 2 hours

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ally make up for the fact that he's unnecessary to the plot. Quintanilla also voices the puppet moose head over the fireplace, cunningly designed by Jeremiah Barr, which also comes to hilarious, um, unlite at point.

Overall, Rutherford's staging (which also features some inventive choreography in the small space from Derek Van Barham) does an admirable job at addressing the shortcomings of the material. It's tricky onstage to move from parody to horror, so Rutherford mostly — and wisely — favors the former. Even if the premise runs out of gas by the end, Black Button Eyes embraces the cheap-and-dumb glory of the original films with gusto and scores some genuine laughs along the way by not always pandering to the lowest of demon denominators.

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## 'The Favourite' mixes accuracies and inaccuracies

BY EMILY ZEMLER  
Los Angeles Times

In creating the visual world of "The Favourite," production designer Fiona Crombie wanted to emphasize spaces that felt like real people lived in them day to day. Queen Anne's palace, meant to be the historic St. James Palace, is less of a showpiece and more of a genuine home, one that reflects the quirks and emotional states of its inhabitants. In each room, especially the queen's bedroom, the furniture was allowed to shift based on what was happening — which was an early note from director Yorgos Lanthimos.

"We liked the idea that these rooms were lived in," says Crombie, sitting down to discuss the film in London. "They're not presentational. They change a lot depending on what's happening or the choreography or even how well someone is. You want to have a sense of character and life in those spaces. There's something really good about an unkempt room, and it can reflect where that person is and what's happening with her. We charted a little graph of the queen's mental health and well-being and



Filmmakers took pains to make the palace in "The Favourite," starring Rachel Weisz, left, and Olivia Colman, seem like a genuine home.

how it's reflected in the state of her bed or what's on the floor. Even the floral arrangements go through a mood shift."

Most of the palace was created in Hatfield House, a Jacobean house outside London in Hertfordshire. The property has been used frequently for filming, including on "Wonder Woman," "The Crown" and "Shakespeare in Love," and presented the best location

for several reasons, but particularly because Hatfield would allow the use of candles, an important element in Lanthimos and cinematographer Robbie Ryan's vision. The team could also build in walls and structures as needed for a particular scene (the palace entrance in the film, for example, is entirely a construct).

"That building is so beautiful and so inspiring,

but it's also a good use of economy, because I was adding to what we already had instead of redoing everything and pretending it's not there," says Crombie, who earned a BAFTA nomination for her work. "The cost of building (sets) is well beyond the budget of an indie film, so we have to work with what we had. We did clever things like build the passageway and

build doors and add tapes-tries."

Knowing that costume designer Sandy Powell was working with a monochromatic color palette, Crombie had to determine how her own colors would work against that. She ended up going for gold fabrics and wood, creating a warm set of colors against the cool blacks and whites of Powell's costumes.

One of the key visual elements within the palace are its black and white tile floors found in Hatfield along with wooden floors hidden underneath the carpets and polished to a gleaming shine. Using the actual historic floors proved to be a challenge, though, when it came to lighting scenes using only candles — Crombie estimates that 80,000 candles were used during production.

Another challenge was the use of wide, fisheye lens throughout the film. Many of the scenes are shot with an expansive viewpoint that encompasses a large portion of a room. That meant that Crombie and her team had to consider the ceilings and corners in a way a traditional production might not.

"We did camera tests at

Hatfield," Crombie says, "understanding what we needed to light a scene with candles, looking at the costumes. We also tested the lens so we knew what we would be getting. Very early on with Yorgos, we were talking about people in space and emptiness and not over-filling rooms, having a sense that although everything is exquisite, it's not over-stuffed. You don't have millions of things everywhere. There's a degree of isolation in these ornate spaces, and I think the lens is the thing that really pushes that."

Although these historic locations were an essential part of the visual storytelling and Crombie did lots of historical research, the sets and props for "The Favourite" don't necessarily adhere to period accuracy. There were not, for instance, birthday cakes with blue icing available in the 1700s.

She adds, "That's the thing about this film: There are things that are absolutely accurate, like the glassware and the queen's bed, which was hand-carved. And then you have the wheelchair, which didn't exist. It's a mix, and then they all fit together in a way."

## WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Rick Hoffman

**"Suits"** (9 p.m., 12:01 a.m., USA): The hit legal dramedy returns to finish out Season 8, picking up the action from last fall's midseason finale, which saw expectant father Louis Litt (Rick Hoffman) emerging as managing partner, prompted by an increasingly bitter power struggle between Harvey (Gabriel Macht) and Robert Zane (recurring guest star Wendell Pierce). Louis struggles to keep the corporate reins in the new episode "Rocky 8."

**"Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back"** (7 p.m., FOX): Host Gordon Ramsay and his team travel to Memphis, Tenn., to check out the situation at a traditional Southern-style eatery called Catfish Cabin. They find staff members who are passionate about their work, but their internal feuds have left the restaurant team fragmented, hurting workplace morale. With just 24 hours, Ramsay and his crew improve Catfish Cabin's survival odds with a spectacular physical makeover.

**"The Real Housewives of New Jersey"** (8 p.m., 10:30 p.m., Bravo): In the new episode "Mudslinging in Mexico," not everything that glitters is gold for Melissa as she makes a surprising discovery about her parents' marriage. As the friends depart for some fun in the sun of Cabo, a flare-up of tensions between Danielle and Margaret threatens the mood of the whole trip. Meanwhile, the day for Teresa's long-awaited fitness competition is finally here.

**"The Magicians"** (8 p.m., 2 a.m., Syfy): The sexy fantasy series returns for a fourth season that picks up the action shortly after the Season 3 finale, when Dean Fogg (Rick Worthy) wiped the memories of his students and gave most of them new, magic-free identities. Meanwhile, an apparently unkillable monster has escaped from his long confinement and possessed the body of Eliot (Hale Appleman).

**"You're the Worst"** (9 p.m., 9:33 p.m., 1:11 a.m., FXX): In an epic example of the immature pot calling the self-absorbed kettle black, a new episode called "The One Thing We Don't Talk About" finds Jimmy (Chris Geere) throwing down a challenge to Gretchen (Aya Cash) to see whether she is capable of tackling even some of the basic responsibilities that go with being an adult.

**"Knight Fight"** (9 p.m., 10:01 p.m., 12:01 a.m., 1:02 a.m., History): Knightly combat from long-vanished days of yore still lives today in the full-contact Armored Combat League, known in some quarters as "Knight Fight Club" or "Medieval MMA." Participants take what they know about the authentic historical traditions very seriously, right down to competing in simulated battles using real steel weapons.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): The cast of "The Good Place," including actors Kristen Bell, William Jackson Harper, Jameela Jamil, D'Arcy Carden, and Manny Jacinto.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Molly Shannon; TV personality Robert Irwin; Offset performs.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

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## WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 23

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N) ©	(8:01) SEAL Team: "Time to Shine." (N) ©	Team: "Time to Shine." (N) ©	Criminal Minds: "Chameleon." (N) ©	News (N) ♦		
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Chicago Med: "The Things We Do." (N) ©	Chicago Fire: "Make This Right." (N) ©	Chicago P.D.: "Outrage." (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦			
	<b>ABC</b> 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Match Game (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	<b>WGN</b> 9	NBA Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (N) (Live) ©				WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.	
	<b>This TV</b> 9.3	Doc (PG-71) ** Stacy Keach, Faye Dunaway. ©				Return of a Man Called Horse ***		
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature (N) © (Part 2 of 2)	NOVA: "Kilauea: Hawai'i on Fire." (N) ©	Dictator Playbk (N) ♦		
	<b>The U</b> 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game Gomer Pyle	Engagement WKRP Cincinnati	Broke Girl Hogan Hero	Broke Girl Hogan Hero	Seinfeld © C. Burnett
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith   Andy Griffith		Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦	
	<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Eraser (R,'96) ** Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Caan.				
<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	Scandal: "The Key." ©		The Masked Singer (N) ©	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©			
<b>FOX</b> 32	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell (N)		Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood ♦		
<b>Ion</b> 38	Blue Bloods ©		Jugar con fuego (N) ©	Señora Acero (N) ©	Chicago (N)			
<b>TeleM</b> 44	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)		All American (N) ©	Dateline @	Chicago ♦			
<b>CW</b> 50	Riverdale (N) ©		Atrapada	Rosario Tijeras	Tiro de ♦			
<b>UniMas</b> 60	Tres Milagros		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach's Cor.	Paid Prog.	Monument	
<b>WJYS</b> 62	Salem Baptist Church		Mi marido tiene familia	Amar a muerte	Noticias (N)			
<b>Univ</b> 66	Jesus		Storage (N)	Storage (N)	Storage (N)	Storage (N)	Storage ♦	
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	Storage	Storage	Storage (N)	Storage (N)	Storage (N)	Storage (N)	Storage ♦
	<b>AMC</b>	I Am Legend (PG-13,'07) *** Will Smith. Bloodthirsty plague victims surround a lone survivor. ♦						
	<b>ANIM</b>	North Woods Law: Uncuffed (N) ©				North Woods Law	North-Law ♦	
	<b>BBCA</b>	Planet Earth: Life ©	Planet Earth: Dynasties ©			Planet Earth: Life ©		
	<b>BET</b>	♦ B. Brown	The Bobby Brown Story: "Part 2."				Martin © ♦	
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	♦ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Wisconsin at Illinois. (N) (Live) ©				BIG Basket	
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ (N)			Sweet Home ©	Watch (N)	
	<b>CLTV</b>	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics	
	<b>CNBC</b>	Deal or No Deal ©	Deal or No Deal (N) ©	Deal or No Deal ©	Deal or No Deal ©	Deal or No Deal ©	Deal or No ♦	
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight (N)			Tonight (N) ♦	
	<b>COM</b>	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park ©		Daily (N) ♦	
	<b>DISC</b>	Moonshiners (N) ©	Moonshiners (N) ©			Homestead Rescue (N)	Homestead	
	<b>DISN</b>	Raven	Raven	Bunk'd ©	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven
	<b>E!</b>	Botched ©	Botched (N) ©			Dating	Dating (N)	Busy (N)
	<b>ESPN</b>	NBA Basketball: San Antonio Spurs at Philadelphia 76ers. (N) (Live)				NBA Basketball (N) ♦		
	<b>ESPN2</b>	♦ College Basketball (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live) ©			Australian Open Tennis (N) ♦		
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©			The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	<b>FOOD</b>	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)			Guy's Grocery Games	Grocery ♦	
	<b>FREE</b>	grown-ish	(7:31) Finding Nemo (G,'03) ***	Voices of	Albert Brooks. (SAP)		700 Club ♦	
	<b>FX</b>	Keeping Up With the Joneses (PG-13,'16) *** ©				(9:15) Keeping Up With the Joneses ♦		
<b>HALL</b>	A Royal Winter (NR,'17) Merritt Patterson. ©				Royal Hearts (NR,'18) Cindy Busby. ♦			
<b>HGTV</b>	Property Brothers ©	Property Brothers (N) ©			Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Property ♦	
<b>HIST</b>	Vikings: "Baldr." ©		Vikings (N) ©			(9:11) Knight Fight (Series Premiere) (N)	Knight ♦	
<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
<b>IFC</b>	Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13,'11) ** Robert Downey Jr. ©				S.W.A.T. ♦			
<b>LIFE</b>	Project Runway All Stars				Project Runway (N)	American Beauty Star (N)	All Stars ♦	
<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)		
<b>MTV</b>	Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show (N)		True Life Now (N) ©	Lindsay ♦		
<b>NBCSCH</b>	College Basketball (N)		Ski (Tape)		Chicago Bulls Postgame	Bulls (N)		
<b>NICK</b>	♦ Henry (N)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends ©	
<b>Ovation</b>	♦ (6) Hatfields & McCoy's: "Episode 2." Hatfields & McCoy's: "Episode 3." (Part 3 of 3)							
<b>OWN</b>	Four Weddings ©		Four Weddings ©		Curvy Brides	Curvy Brides	Curvy Brides	
<b>OXY</b>	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: LA ♦		
<b>PARMT</b>	Friends ©	Friends ©	Pretty Woman (R,'90) ***	Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. © ♦				
<b>SYFY</b>	♦ (5:05) Iron Man 3 ***		The Magicians (Season Premiere) (N)		Deadly Class (N) ©	Limitless ♦		
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N)	
<b>TCM</b>	Kovacs	(7:45) Operation Mad Ball (NR,'57) ** ©				The Ernie Kovacs Show		
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: "Justin's Story." (N)				Family by the Ton (N)	My 600-Lb ♦		
<b>TLN</b>	Camp Meeting		Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ♦	
<b>TNT</b>	♦ (5:55) Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith ('05) ***				Drop/Mic (N)	Jokers (N)	Pacific ♦	
<b>TOON</b>	Samur. Jack   Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Mysteries-Museum (N)		Amelia Earhart (N)		Beyond the Unknown (N)	Mysteries ♦		
<b>TVL</b>	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
<b>USA</b>	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Suits: "Rocky 8." (N)	Mod Fam ♦		
<b>VH1</b>	Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Black Ink: Chicago (N)		Cartel Crew ©	Hip Hop ♦		
<b>WE</b>	Last Holiday (PG-13,'06) ** Queen Latifah, Gérard Depardieu. ©				Hitch (PG-13,'05) ***			
<b>WGN America</b>	♦ (6:30) Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13,'05) ** Brad Pitt.				Pure: "Ordination." (Series Premiere) (N) ©	Mr. Smith ♦		
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	Brexit (NR,'19) Benedict Cumberbatch.		(8:40) True Detective	(9:35) Half Baked (R) **			
	<b>HBO2</b>	Crashing	True Detective ©	Super Troopers 2 (R,'18) ** ©	High Main. ♦			
	<b>MAX</b>	Insidious: The Last Key (PG-13,'18) **				(8:45) Arizona (NR,'18) Danny McBride.	Machete ♦	
	<b>SHO</b>	♦ (6:55) Crank (R,'06) ** Jason Statham.				Black Mon	A Bad Moms Christmas (R,'17) ** ♦	
	<b>STARZ</b>	♦ (6:28) Proud Mary ('18) * Superfly (R,'18) ** Trevor Jackson. ©					Crooklyn ♦	
<b>STZNC</b>	♦ (5:37) The Karate Kid ** Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13,'12) *** ©				(9:36) Twins ('88) *** ♦			



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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Jan. 23): Grow and win through collaboration this year. Take extra time for home and family. Adjust to winter partnership changes. Your physical performance and work heat up this summer, before a quieter cool-down phase. Discover a deep connection next winter.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Group communication pays off, with Mercury in Aquarius. Friends make everything more fun over the next three weeks.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. Patience with tests and challenges earns reward. Take leadership over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Aquarius. Communication benefits your career.  
**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Make travel plans. For about three weeks, with Mercury in Aquarius, communications and transportation flow with greater ease. Get organized.  
**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. Discuss shared finances over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Aquarius. Track earnings and revise the budget. Strategize and collaborate for common gain.  
**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. You and a partner are on the same wavelength for three weeks under Aquarius Mercury. Share your talents and resources. Collaborate and coordinate your efforts.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Get advice from coaches, doctors and advisors over three weeks. Communicate and connect about your work, health and fitness, with Mercury in Aquarius.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Practice hobbies, sports and passions. For about three weeks, fun takes priority. Creative expression flowers, with Mercury in Aquarius.  
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Make household upgrades. Discuss home improvements with family. For about three weeks, with Mercury in Aquarius, domestic harmony comes naturally.  
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Complexities fascinate, with Mercury in Aquarius for about three weeks. You're especially clever. Communication and transportation flow clearly; get your message out.  
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Wheel, deal and negotiate terms. There's money to be made over three weeks, with Mercury in Aquarius. Profit through networking and communication.  
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Begin a logical, rational cycle, with Mercury in your sign. You're especially witty, charming and persuasive over three weeks. Tell your personal story.  
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Dream up something wonderful. Imagination flowers, with Mercury in Aquarius. Review and revise plans over three weeks. Inquire into eternal questions.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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### Bliss



"I've heard of them barking at the moon, but never scating at the sun."

### Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ A Q 3	♥ J 6 5	♠ J 10 9 7 5	♥ 4 3
♦ A 8 4 2	♣ J 5 2	♦ Q J 9 7	♣ 9 3
<b>South</b>		<b>West</b>	
♠ K 8 6 4 2	♥ A K Q	♠ Void	♥ 10 9 8 7 2
♦ K 10	♣ A K Q	♦ 6 5 3	♣ 10 8 7 6 4

South saw that even a 4-1 spade split wouldn't defeat his small slam. Like any good player, however, he took precautions against a possible 5-0 spade split, which would threaten his contract.

South won the opening heart lead in hand with the ace and continued with the king of hearts and the ace, king of clubs. A spade to the queen revealed the bad news, and

### The bidding:

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	6NT	All pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♥

South led a low diamond toward his hand. Had East played low, South would have inserted his 10, winning against this lie of the diamonds but also

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ 3	♥ J	♠ 10 9 7	♥ Void
♦ A 8	♣ J	♦ 9 7	♣ Void
<b>South</b>		<b>West</b>	
♠ K 8 6	♥ Q	♠ Void	♥ 9 8
♦ Void	♣ Q	♦ 6	♣ 10 8

South led dummy's ace of diamonds and discarded his queen of hearts. This was followed by the jack of hearts shedding his queen of clubs. East finally surrendered on the lead of the jack of clubs. Either a spade or a diamond discard would give South the rest of the tricks. Very well played!

— Bob Jones  
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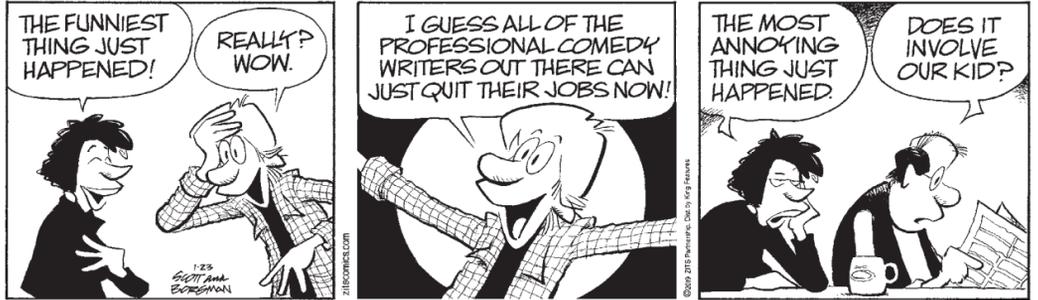
### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



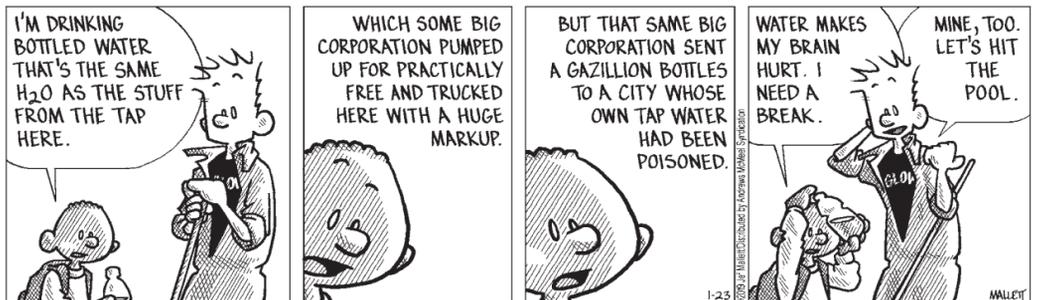
### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



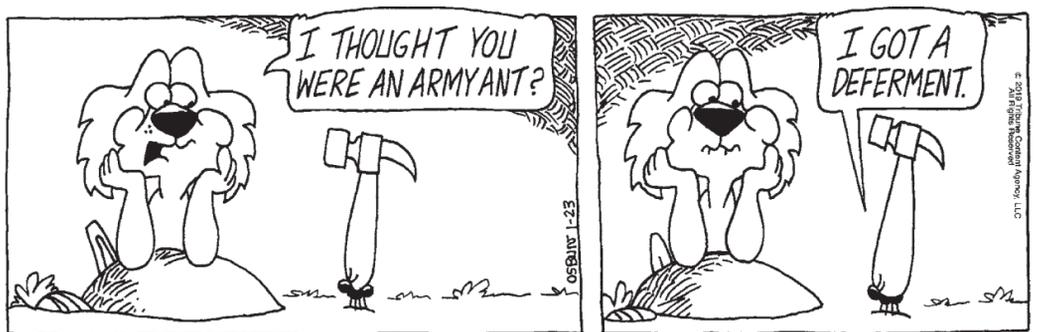
### Pickles



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### Animal Crackers



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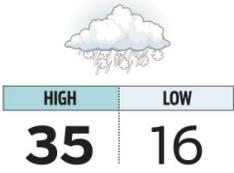
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 56° RECORD HIGH: 65° (1909) RECORD LOW: -18° (1963)

## Wintry mix ends, but dangerous temps Friday

### LOCAL FORECAST



■ Snow north, rain south to start the day, ending early afternoon. Falling temperatures.

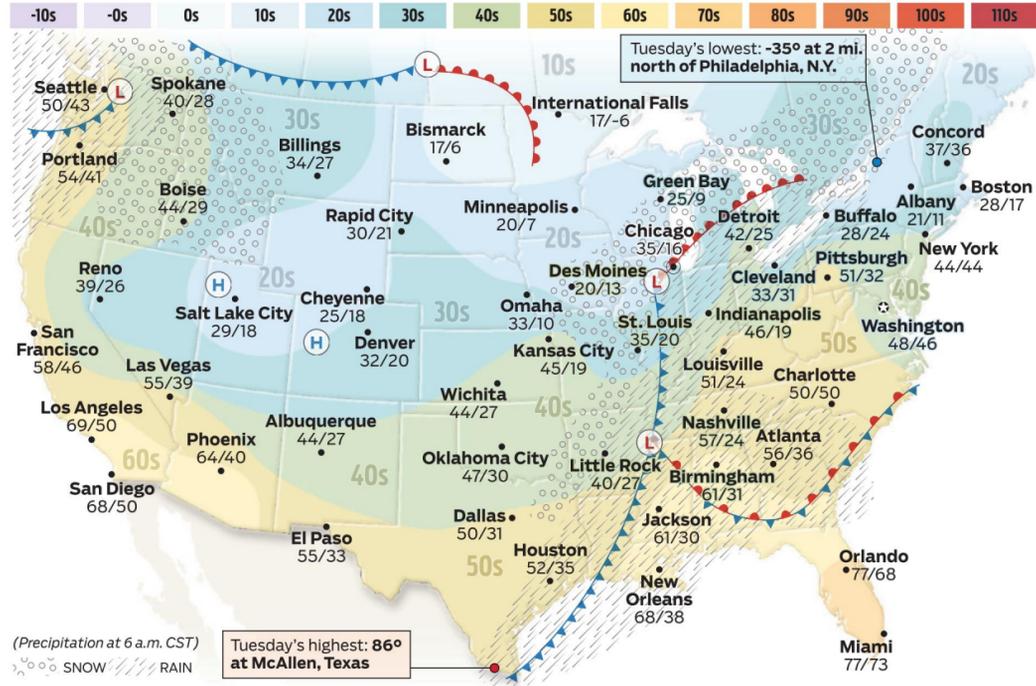
■ Snow in the far north suburbs may bring over an inch of snow after sunrise and a total storm accumulation near 6".

■ Less than 1" of snow expected after daybreak far north city and near northwest and north suburbs. A few flurries as rain ends to the south.

■ Winds turn WNW 15 to 20 mph/ gusts to 25 mph. Single digit wind chills.

■ High temp occurs near sunrise and falls to the mid 20s in the afternoon and teens overnight.

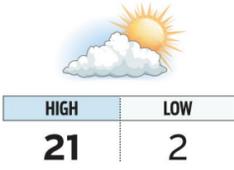
### NATIONAL FORECAST



The dangerous snow and icy conditions that began Tuesday come to an end this afternoon. The temperature will fall through the day, so surfaces that remain wet and untreated from the passing storm may freeze. Temperatures will fall rapidly Thursday evening and Thursday night as arctic air settles in for Friday and Saturday. Strong northwest winds Thursday night and early Friday will generate wind chill values as low as minus 25.

A brief warmup Sunday and Monday will be followed by a second push of arctic air that will drop temperatures to as cold as low single digits Monday morning and minus 10 by Tuesday morning. The brief warmup Monday may come with accumulating snow. Temperatures will remain below normal through the end of the month — very different from the high of 53 Jan. 7.

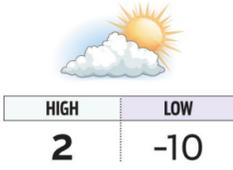
### THURSDAY, JAN. 24



Mostly cloudy, windy and turning colder. Highs in the low 20s but falling into the teens by evening. Partly cloudy, very cold overnight with single digit lows and dangerous wind chills. NW winds 16-20 mph gusting to 25 mph.



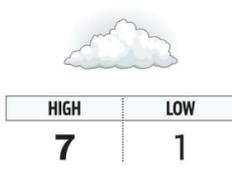
### FRIDAY, JAN. 25



Bitterly cold. Partly cloudy skies and a few passing flurries in the afternoon. High temp in the single digits. West wind 8-12 mph with dangerous wind chills from 10 to 25 below zero. Partly cloudy, a low near -10 overnight.



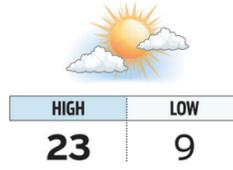
### SATURDAY, JAN. 26



Partly cloudy with a few flurries possible. Another day with a single digit high temperature. Southwest winds 7 to 12 mph. Mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow overnight. A low temp once again near zero.



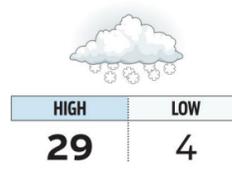
### SUNDAY, JAN. 27



Partly sunny and warmer with temperatures reaching the low 20s. A weak system approaches bringing clouds and a chance for snow overnight as temperatures once again to single digits.



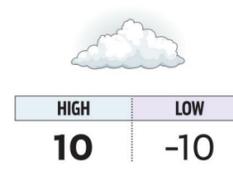
### MONDAY, JAN. 28



Cloudy as a low pressure system approaches from the west bringing the potential for accumulating snow. Warmer with a high near 30. East wind 7-10 mph gusting to 15 mph. Arctic air dropping low temps to single digits.



### TUESDAY, JAN. 29



Snow moves off to the east but skies remain cloudy during the day. A high temp near 10 as NW wind 8-12 mph helps usher in another push of arctic air. Skies clear overnight allowing the temperature to drop to -10.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
What is the record for the greatest amount of snow ever to occur in one hour in Chicago?  
— Jimmy Youlenn, Chicago

Dear Jimmy,  
The National Weather Service does not track that particular statistic, but we tapped the expertise of Chicago's resident weather historian Frank Wachowski. He informs us that two noteworthy snow events yielded high-intensity snows. The huge snowstorm of Jan. 26-27, 1967 — the city's largest snow event — produced a maximum snow rate of 2 inches per hour during the late morning on the 26th.

However, that snowfall rate falls far short of the snow intensity that occurred during a short-duration blizzard only four weeks later in the evening hours of Feb. 23, 1967: 3.5 inches of snow were recorded at Midway in one hour along with zero visibility and winds that gusted to 47 mph.

Write to: ASK TOM  
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## Two arctic blasts headed for Chicago; brutally cold wind chills

**A VERY COLD DAILY AVERAGE TEMPERATURE FORECAST**  
Chicago-O'Hare Jan. 24-29, 2019 (Thurs.-Tues.)  
Chicago forecast **7.5°**  
■ Coldest average Jan. 24-29 since 1980

**TOP 5 COLDEST O'HARE JAN. 24-29 DAILY AVERAGE TEMP AT O'HARE SINCE 1980:**

2014	9.5°
2009	11.3°
1982	11.6°
1980	11.6°
2004	13.3°

**BRUTALLY COLD ARCTIC OUTLOOK HEADED FOR THE MIDWEST!**  
6 A.M. Friday temp departure forecast: How much below normal?

**THURSDAY-FRIDAY FORECAST WIND CHILL**

**BARBARIC!**

**HERE'S THE PATTERN WHICH BRINGS DOWN SECOND COLD ARCTIC BLAST**  
Tuesday 6 p.m. Jan. 29 forecast  
CROSS-POLAR JET STREAM  
NORTH POLE  
BITTER COLD!

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives  
TOM SKILLING, BILL SNYDER, MARK CARROLL, THOMAS VALLE / WGN-TV

### MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	rn	46	21	pc	36	10
Carbondale	rn	39	26	sh	30	14
Champaign	rn	39	26	sh	30	14
Decatur	rn	39	26	sh	30	14
Moline	rn	38	19	pc	23	9
Peoria	rn	40	22	sh	25	10
Quincy	pc	25	13	pc	24	-3
Rockford	sn	34	20	pc	24	-8
Springfield	sh	34	14	pc	24	-2
Stirling	sh	36	20	pc	23	6
Indiana	rn	47	19	pc	33	6
Bloomington	rn	49	21	pc	38	9
Evansville	sn	34	23	pc	28	11
Fort Wayne	sn	22	6	pc	14	-14
Indianapolis	rn	46	19	cl	31	4
Lafayette	sh	43	17	cl	26	1
West Bend	rn	39	16	cl	22	2
Wisconsin	sn	25	9	sh	19	-10
Green Bay	sn	25	9	sh	19	-10
Kenosha	sn	24	6	pc	14	-14
La Crosse	ss	25	20	ss	24	14
Madison	sn	28	12	pc	22	6
Milwaukee	sn	22	6	pc	14	-14
Wausau	ss	22	8	pc	14	-13
Michigan	rn	42	25	sh	29	11
Detroit	rn	42	25	sh	29	11
Grand Rapids	rn	40	24	sh	26	8
Marquette	ss	25	20	ss	24	14
St. Ste. Marie	sn	21	19	ss	26	16
Traverse City	sn	29	22	ss	24	5
Iowa	pc	16	8	pc	13	-12
Ames	pc	16	8	pc	13	-12
Cedar Rapids	sn	19	5	pc	16	-16
Des Moines	pc	19	13	pc	18	-9
Dubuque	sn	23	7	pc	17	-14
El Paso	su	55	33	pc	60	31

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	su	52	35	su	54	29
Albany	pc	21	11	rn	39	38
Albuquerque	su	44	27	su	48	25
Amarillo	su	51	24	pc	45	24
Anchorage	sh	37	33	sh	37	32
Asheville	sh	48	36	pc	42	23
Aspen	sh	22	0	ss	27	17
Atlanta	rn	56	36	pc	45	29
Atlantic City	sh	48	47	rn	55	28
Austin	pc	57	35	su	64	35
Baltimore	sh	44	42	ss	55	30
Birmingham	pc	34	27	ss	35	10
Birmingham	rn	61	31	su	47	28
Bismarck	pc	17	6	pc	30	-5
Boise	sh	44	29	pc	46	29
Boston	pc	28	17	sh	45	43
Brownsville	pc	62	40	su	71	50
Buffalo	sh	28	24	rs	41	28
Butte	pc	12	8	rs	36	35
Charlotte	sh	50	30	sh	57	30
Charlottesville	sh	64	60	rn	63	38
Charlottesville	sh	57	30	rs	54	20
Chattanooga	rn	54	30	pc	44	25
Cheyenne	pc	25	18	pc	38	18
Cincinnati	rn	49	23	pc	34	9
Cleveland	cl	33	31	rs	45	29
Colorado Spgs	pc	31	14	pc	46	24
Columbia MO	rn	44	20	pc	28	22
Columbia SC	sh	64	58	sh	63	33
Columbus	rn	46	25	pc	30	9
Concord	sh	37	36	rn	49	23
Corpus Christi	pc	61	40	su	67	48
Dallas	su	50	31	su	58	30
Daytona Bch.	sh	75	67	rs	69	42
Denver	ss	32	20	cl	45	26
Des Moines	pc	19	4	pc	18	-2
El Paso	su	55	33	pc	60	31
Fairbanks	sh	14	6	pc	17	9
Fargo	sh	15	0	pc	22	-7
Flagstaff	su	46	19	su	43	17
Fort Myers	pc	82	70	pc	72	49
Fort Smith	pc	41	27	pc	49	20
Fresno	su	59	39	su	61	40
Great Falls	pc	33	14	pc	32	21
Grand Falls	sn	33	7	pc	37	26
Harrisburg	sh	43	42	rn	49	27
Hartford	pc	28	14	rn	42	40
Helena	sh	31	16	cl	34	28
Honolulu	pc	83	69	pc	82	66
Houston	sn	62	35	su	61	38
Int'l Falls	ss	17	-6	sh	16	-10
Jackson	su	61	30	su	51	30
Jacksonville	sh	74	64	rn	67	41
Juneau	sh	36	36	rn	41	38
Kansas City	sh	45	19	pc	36	27
Katami	sh	77	73	rs	77	57
Las Vegas	su	68	38	su	53	46
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## HEALTH &amp; FAMILY

## Knee replacement no panacea

Up to a third of patients remain in pain after surgery

By LIZ SZABO  
Kaiser Health

Danette Lake thought surgery would relieve the pain in her knees.

The arthritis pain began as a dull ache in her early 40s, brought on largely by the pressure of unwanted weight. Lake managed to lose 200 pounds through dieting and exercise, but the pain in her knees persisted.

A sexual assault two years ago left Lake with physical and psychological trauma. She damaged her knees while fighting off her attacker, who had broken into her home. Although she managed to escape, her knees never recovered. At times, the sharp pain drove her to the emergency room. Lake's job, which involved loading luggage onto airplanes, often left her in misery.

When a doctor said knee replacement would reduce her arthritis pain by 75 percent, Lake was overjoyed.

"I thought the knee replacement was going to be a cure," said Lake, now 52 and living in rural Iowa. "I got all excited, thinking, 'Finally, the pain is going to end and I will have some quality of life.'"

But one year after surgery on her right knee, Lake said she's still suffering.

"I'm in constant pain, 24/7," said Lake, who is too disabled to work. "There are times when I can't even sleep."

Most knee replacements are considered successful, and the procedure is known for being safe and cost-effective. Rates of the surgery doubled from 1999 to 2008, with 3.5 million procedures a year expected by 2030.

But Lake's ordeal illustrates the surgery's risks and limitations. Doctors are increasingly concerned that the procedure is overused and that its benefits have been oversold.

Research suggests that up to one-third of those who have knees replaced continue to experience chronic pain, while 1 in 5 are dissatisfied with the results. A 2017 study published in the BMJ found that knee replacement had "minimal effects on quality of life," especially for patients with less severe arthritis.

One-third of patients who undergo knee replacement may not even be appropriate candidates because their arthritis symptoms aren't severe enough



Danette Lake walks her dogs, Zoe and Chloe. A year after knee replacement surgery, the Iowa resident is still in extreme pain and unable to work.

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to merit aggressive intervention, according to a 2014 study in Arthritis & Rheumatology.

"We do too many knee replacements," Dr. James Rickert, president of the Society for Patient Centered Orthopedics, which advocates for affordable health care, said in an interview. "People will argue about the exact amount. But hardly anyone would argue that we don't do too many."

Although Americans are aging and getting heavier, those factors alone don't explain the explosive growth in knee replacement. The increase may be fueled by a higher rate of injuries among younger patients and doctors' greater willingness to operate on younger people, such as those in their 50s and early 60s, said Rickert, an orthopedic surgeon in Bedford, Ind. That shift has occurred because new implants can last longer — perhaps 20 years — before wearing out.

Yet even the newest models don't last forever. Over time, implants can loosen and detach from the bone, causing pain. Plastic components of the artificial knee slowly wear out, creating debris that can cause in-

flammation. The wear and tear can cause the knee to break. Patients who remain obese after surgery can put extra pressure on implants, further shortening their life span.

The younger patients are the more likely they are to "outlive" their knee implants and require a second surgery. Such "revision" procedures are more difficult to perform for many reasons, including the presence of scar tissue from the original surgery. Bone cement used in the first surgery also can be difficult to extract, and bones can fracture as the older artificial knee is removed, Rickert said.

Revisions also are more likely to cause complications. Among patients younger than 60, about 35 percent of men need a revision surgery along with 20 percent of women, according to a November article in the Lancet.

Yet hospitals and surgery centers market knee replacements heavily, with ads that show patients running, bicycling, even playing basketball after the procedure, said Dr. Nicholas DiNubile, a Havertown, Pa., orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports

medicine. While many people with artificial knees can return to moderate exercise — such as doubles tennis — it's unrealistic to imagine them playing full-court basketball again, he said.

"Hospitals are all competing with each other," DiNubile said. Marketing can mislead younger patients into thinking, "I'll get a new joint and go back to doing everything I did before," he said.

Rickert said some patients are offered surgery they don't need and that money can be a factor.

Knee replacements, which cost \$31,000 on average, are "really crucial to the financial health of hospitals and doctors' practices," he said. "The doctor earns a lot more if they do the surgery."

Yet surgery isn't the only way to treat arthritis. Patients with early disease often benefit from over-the-counter pain relievers, dietary advice, physical therapy and education about their condition, said Daniel Riddle, a physical therapy researcher and professor at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

Studies show that these approaches can even help people with more severe arthritis.

In a study published in Osteoarthritis and Cartilage in April, researchers compared surgical and nonsurgical treatments in 100 older patients eligible for knee replacement.

Over two years, all of the patients improved, whether they were offered surgery or a combination of nonsurgical therapies. Patients randomly assigned to undergo immediate knee replacement did better, improving twice as much as those given combination therapy, as measured on standard medical tests of pain and functioning.

But surgery also carried risks. Surgical patients developed four times as many complications, including infections, blood clots or knee stiffness severe enough to require another medical procedure under anesthesia. In general, 1 in every 100 to 200 patients who undergo a knee replacement die within 90 days of surgery.

Significantly, most of those treated with nonsurgical therapies were satisfied with their progress. Although all were eligible to have knee replacement later, two-thirds chose not to do it.

Some patients, such as Ellen Stutts, are happy with their results. Stutts, of Durham, N.C., had one knee replaced in 2016 and the other in 2018. "It's definitely better than before the surgery," Stutts said.

Doctors and economists are increasingly concerned about inappropriate joint surgery of all types, not just knees.

Inappropriate treatment doesn't harm only patients; it harms the health care system by raising costs for everyone, said Dr. John Mafi, an assistant professor of medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

The 723,000 knee replacements performed in 2014 cost patients, insurers and taxpayers more than \$40 billion. Those costs are projected to surge as the nation ages and grapples with the effects of the obesity epidemic, and an aging population.

To avoid inappropriate joint replacements, some health systems are developing "decision aids," easy-to-understand written materials and videos about the risks, benefits and limits of surgery to help patients make more informed choices.

Danette Lake once planned to undergo knee replacement surgery on her other knee. Today she's not sure what to do. She is afraid of being disappointed by a second surgery.

Sometimes, she said, "I think, 'I might as well just stay in pain.'"



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Berkley and Bob Wellstein, shown with children Georgia, 2, and William, 4, are talking to hospitals around the U.S. about adding Jane's Rooms.

## Comfort in memory of Jane

Winnetka couple open 6th grieving room at an area hospital in honor of stillborn daughter

By NARA SCHOENBERG  
Chicago Tribune

Bob and Berkley Wellstein were thrilled to be expecting their first child. The baby's room was ready. They had the crib and the clothes.

And then, one day in the 32nd week of an easy pregnancy, Berkley noticed that her baby hadn't been moving. She tried lying on her side. She had some sugar. Then she went to the hospital for an innocent-sounding "reassurance check," only to learn that medical staff could not detect a heartbeat. The Wellsteins' daughter,

Jane, had died in utero in a rare accident in which the umbilical cord becomes wrapped tightly around the baby's neck.

"It was just complete destruction. It was devastation," Bob Wellstein said of the loss seven years ago this month.

But even as the Wellsteins left the hospital with Jane's footprints and a snip of her bright blond hair, the Winnetka couple knew their little girl's story wasn't over. They wanted to do something to honor her and to help other parents who experience similar losses, including miscarriages and newborn deaths. Within a year of

Jane's death in January 2012, they'd opened the first Jane's Room — a comfortable, homelike space for grieving parents and family members — at Northwestern Medicine Prentice Women's Hospital in Chicago. Last week, the sixth Chicago-area Jane's Room was unveiled at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights.

"What we have done has been so healing, and so many people now know Jane, who she was," said Berkley, 34, a third-grade teacher.

"I kept saying that I won't let the brevity of her life define her worth, and she brought a lot into this world, even though she never

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Rush University Medical Center is among the area hospitals that have a Jane's Room.

## Comfort in memory of Jane

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took a breath in this world."

After Jane's death, the Wellsteins met with staff at Prentice, the hospital where they received maternity care. They'd been impressed with the support they'd gotten there after the stillbirth. They'd been able to hold Jane's body, get photos of her and bring family members in to see her. A social worker had helped them understand their options and express their feelings. They left the hospital with mementos and a gift bag with flower seeds, a candle and a note.

Working with Prentice, the Wellsteins identified a need: When Berkley was in labor, delivering her baby's body, family members spent time in the labor and delivery waiting room with happy families awaiting healthy births with balloons and hugs. That was difficult on both sides, the Wellsteins said, and they decided to focus on giving grieving parents and family members their own space. In 2013 they started their signature fundraiser, Jane's Pink Party, held on the Saturday closest to Jane's Jan. 25 birthday.

Stillbirth, when a baby dies in the womb after 20 weeks of pregnancy, affects about 1 in 100 pregnancies each year in the United

States, according to the March of Dimes. Problems with the umbilical cord may lead to about 10 percent of stillbirths.

The Wellsteins, who now have two other children, William, 4, and Georgia, 2, didn't initially plan to fund a series of Jane's Rooms, but Rush University Medical Center was interested, and after that Jane's Room was built the word spread, and the Wellsteins reached out to more hospitals. Their first out-of-state Jane's Room is at the University of North Carolina Medical Center at Chapel Hill, and they're working on a Jane's Room in Houston.

"We're talking to hospitals in Florida, in Washington, in California, in Michigan, in Texas, in Boston," said Bob, 39, a former managing partner at a recruiting firm who now works full time for the Jane B. Wellstein Memorial Fund, which raises money for Jane's Rooms. He declined to say how much the average Jane's Room costs.

The Wellsteins are pursuing nonprofit status for the project, which would open the way to grants and philanthropic foundation money, a prospect that Bob said is both exciting and daunting: Will foundations be interested?

The latest Jane's Room

— with a sectional sofa, flat-screen TV, swivel chairs, a bistro set and carpeting — was unveiled in a private event Jan. 17, according to Northwest Community Healthcare (NCH).

"It doesn't look like a hospital room, down to the faucets and handles on the doors," Jill Kottmeier, NCH perinatal palliative care coordinator, said in a news release. "I can't wait for these families to have their own sacred, calming place to be when their lives are filled with so much uncertainty."

The Wellsteins, who hang a stocking for Jane at Christmas and get her an ornament each year, say their grief can still be intense.

But there are joyful memories too: of pregnancy, preparing for parenthood, meeting milestones. And there are new memories of Jane's Pink Party, scheduled this year for Jan. 26.

"It's a good thing for Berkley and I," Bob said of the Pink Party. "We get to keep her memory alive and also sort of be there in the community saying that this happens, and it's OK to call your baby by name, and it's OK to talk about it and share your feelings and grief with other people."

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## At Girl Scouts in Iowa, take baby to work day every day



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Balancing Act

Here's an idea I'd like to see spread like wildfire. (We really need some happier examples of things that spread quickly: Kudzu? A virus? We can do better.)

For now, though, the idea: Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa announced a new "infants at work" initiative recently, whereby all new parents can bring their babies to work with them every day for up to six months.

"We want to practice what we preach and normalize a reality where having children and advancing your career are not mutually exclusive," Beth Wood Shelton, Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa CEO wrote in a Facebook post announcing the policy. She had me at "practice what we preach."

She had me on my feet at "having children and advancing your career are not mutually exclusive."

"As a workplace with nearly 50 full-time and 70 part-time employees, eight locations and a variety of office spaces — from cubicles and conference rooms to campgrounds and retail shops, we know this is 'disruptive,'" Wood Shelton, a mom of three, wrote. "We know babies cry. We know they need attention and care and diapers and quiet places. And yes, we also know that productivity will dip for parents who are multitasking with their infant present. That's true."

"But we also know that we want to attract and retain talented employees, provide economic savings for employees and support

employees in their transition back to work," she continued. "We want to support women who choose to nurse, and support babies in a developmental period of importance."

I love this.

For far too long and in far too many industries, we have asked people to separate their lives into silos: Work! Family! And never the twain shall meet!

Here's a workplace that prizes the brain power, skill set, perspective and lived experiences of its employees so highly that it has decided to acknowledge the biological, physical, emotional and financial reality of babies. People have them.

**What if, for a little while, ... we made it easier for parents to keep their careers, and workplaces to keep their parents?**

Smart, talented, hard-working people, in fact. Smart, talented, hard-working people who add value to their companies and, simultaneously, create and raise tiny humans. (The circle of life!)

What if, for a little while, while the babies are tiny and mostly immobile but super needy, we let the work/family twain meet? What if, in so doing, we made it easier for parents to keep their careers, and workplaces to keep their parents?

A page on the Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa website spells out some specifics around the policy.

Other staff members can volunteer to be "alternate

care providers" for the infants if mom, dad or guardian needs to be baby-free for a meeting or other obligation. Infants can come to work with a parent or guardian up until six months or when they start crawling, whichever happens first.

Fourteen-week-old Finley DeRuyter is the only baby in the program so far, but the Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa says two staffers are currently on parental leave, and four additional full-timers are expecting babies in 2019.

I contacted Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana to see if they're considering a similar policy.

"Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa has initiated a game-changing concept for all businesses to consider and take seriously," CEO Nancy Wright told me, I agree.

"We've spent hours thinking through contingencies and vetting our new program. We've read case studies and conducted interviews on feasibility," Wood Shelton wrote. "We've developed policies about the 'hows and wheres' of who can hold babies and where crying is welcomed. And we've invested in change, not just in our future, but in the future for all working parents, to raise the bar on what we could and should be doing to advocate for equality."

"Empowering people is our rally cry," she continued. "It's tiny and comes in swaddling clothes. But it's a start."

A fantastic one.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon.

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## Income swings may take toll on the heart

Unstable pay can affect health in a number of ways

By DENNIS THOMPSON  
HealthDay

Losing a job or taking a big pay cut is hard on more than just your checkbook — it might drastically increase your risk of heart attack, stroke, heart failure or death.

A new study finds that people who endure large swings in income over the years are much more likely to develop heart disease or suffer a premature death.

"We found that individuals in the highest third of income volatility — the individuals with the most fluctuation in income — had an almost double risk of cardiovascular disease and death in the subsequent 10 years, compared with people who had the least fluctuation in income," said lead researcher Tali Elfassy. She is an assistant professor at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

People who had the most volatile incomes between 1990 and 2005 were a little more than twice as likely to develop heart disease and 78 percent more likely to die from any cause during the following decade, compared with people with the most stable incomes, Elfassy and her colleagues found.

Further, people who suffered two or more income drops during that same period were 2.5 times more likely to develop heart disease and 92 percent more likely to die from any cause, compared with those who never had their income go down, the study findings showed.

The study only found an association and couldn't prove that income fluctuations caused health issues.

However, unstable income can affect a person's health in a number of ways, said Donna Arnett, past president of the American Heart Association and dean of the University of Kentucky College of Public Health.

People under stress tend to have increased blood pressure and inflammation, likely due to higher levels of the fight-or-flight hormone cortisol, Arnett said.

Their ability to process blood sugar also is hampered.

Those caught in an income squeeze can also have their health affected by more practical problems, Arnett added.

"Could it be you can't take your medications because you can't afford them, you can't afford to see a physician, you can't afford the right diet?" Arnett said. "I think it's a multitude of reasons that could be contributing to this finding."

Elfassy pointed out that previous studies have linked income to a person's risk of heart disease, but those studies tend to focus on income at one single point in time.

"As we all know, income changes throughout life," Elfassy said. "For this study, we were interested in changes in income over time and how that is associated with disease and mortality."

To explore that topic, the researchers turned to a large-scale ongoing heart study being conducted in four urban areas in the United States: Chicago; Minneapolis; Birmingham, Ala.; and Oakland, Calif.



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The investigators gathered data on nearly 4,000 participants who were between the ages of 23 and 35 back in 1990.

As part of the study, people reported their income five times between 1990 and 2005, at regular intervals. The researchers assessed income volatility based on large swings in income.

The team then tracked those people to see if income changes were associated with their health outcomes.

Only about 5 percent of the sample had absolutely no changes in income during the 15-year period, while about 90 percent experienced at least one pay increase, the researchers reported.

"Individuals with higher income volatility were more likely to be women, black, have lower income in general, and less likely to be married," Elfassy said. "They also had less years of education than those who did not have income fluctuation."

So what should you do if you're someone with highly unstable income?

Arnett said that it's difficult to remain heart-healthy when you're facing the stress of a job loss or pay cut.

"When you're in those situations that are stressful, it's hard to do what is best. You go into survival mode. You may be more likely to have a beer and have a cigarette for stress relief," Arnett added.

On the other hand, Elfassy said, getting a little exercise can help ward off the harmful effects of a dissolving paycheck.

"You don't need to take an expensive yoga class. Simply going for a 15-minute walk every day would have benefits in and of itself. There are low-cost ways to adequately obtain physical activity," Elfassy said.

The study was published online in early January in the journal *Circulation*.

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## R. Kelly doc yields supportive talk, group

BY ALISON BOWEN  
Chicago Tribune

As people around the country talk about the decades of abuse allegations in the new Lifetime documentary “Surviving R. Kelly,” LaShanda Nalls considers how her clients hear messages within that conversation.

That black women and girls don’t matter. That even after decades of allegations, a man is not in jail. That women might be blamed if they come forward.

All of these are things Nalls expects to begin talking about Thursday.

Nalls is a therapist and director of trauma therapy at Resilience, a Chicago group that provides services to sexual assault survivors. In the wake of the documentary, she will lead a new group for African-American, female-identified women who have been affected by sexual trauma.

“People are wanting to talk,” she said. “People are wanting to know they’re not alone.”

Since the documentary aired in early January, Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx has encouraged potential victims to come forward. Kelly, who was acquitted in 2008 of child pornography charges after being accused of filming himself having sex with an underage girl, has denied allegations of sexual misconduct through his lawyer.

Nalls holds this group for African-American women each year. But this year feels different, she said. The group has space for eight people; right now there is a waitlist for five more.

“I’ve never had a waitlist for this group before,” she said.



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LaShanda Nalls will lead a new group for African-American women who have been affected by sexual trauma.

The conversation about the documentary is coming up even in individual therapy sessions, she said. People ask their therapists if they’ve seen it, perhaps leading to a discussion on what the show means to them or triggers for them.

High-profile news events, such as the hearings for Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, who was accused by Christine Blasey Ford of assaulting her in high school, add to trauma already being experienced by survivors.

As for the documentary, Nalls said, the alleged victims were black, and black women might more clearly see themselves reflected in it.

“Thinking about a survivor who’s an adult now, they could have been the same age as one of those girls were at that time,” she said. “That’s a huge trigger. Looking at that and seeing how vulnerable those girls are.”

Survivors also are seeing people defend or fail to condemn Kelly. A #MuteRKelly protest on Jan. 12 to get his concerts canceled and music off the air was interrupted by pro-Kelly supporters expressing love and forgiveness for the

52-year-old singer.

Beyond the challenges of trying to heal and move on from sexual assault — suffering flashbacks, harboring fear, possibly enduring a court case — black women face unique obstacles, Nalls said. She noted that they also are shouldering generations of stereotypes and oppression. And, she said, the conversation surrounding this documentary has not only been one of violence, but also of black women not mattering.

“That’s been in the media, ‘Oh, people don’t care because it’s black women.’ I want to know their thoughts on that,” she said. “I want to know how people are feeling about being a part of this population that they feel like is not being paid attention to, compared to other populations.”

Nalls is excited to start. She knows the group will prove to be a place for healing. She plans to discuss the documentary at the first session.

“We can’t pretend like it’s not happening,” she said.

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## Christmas wrapup fills house with memories



CHRIS ERSKINE  
The Middle Ages

We tried to extend the potted poinsettias by replanting them in the front flower bed, near the new mailbox my wife liked. Well, she never actually said she “liked” the mailbox. She just never said she didn’t.

In a long marriage, that passes for gushing.

The little guy protested that poinsettias can be poisonous, which made me think that he’s been reading his Shakespeare after all, because in one of his many stories, the Bard must’ve referred to poisonous poinsettias. That would be the sort of dastardly icon he would savor — a Christmas symbol with the power of death.

“I’m not making a salad with them,” I explained to my son.

“What about the dogs?” he asked.

Oops. I forgot we had dogs.

They’re really not much trouble, except they go in and out about a thousand times an hour, and the 300-pound beagle appears to have his days and nights mixed up, as if an infant.

Seriously, the idiot dog scratches to go out at 2 a.m., then again at 4. It’s a rich life, let me tell you. Instead of hobbies and pursuits, I have these two very needy dogs.

So forget Shakespeare’s chewy-delicious words, and forget my futile attempt at adding a little color to the yard. At the end of the day, I’m just another dad with a couple of dogs and a hole in his favorite walking shoe.

I didn’t even know about the hole till it finally

rained. When we woke, the neighbors’ roofs were steaming and you could see your breath. It was the perfect day for a melancholy stroll across our soggy little suburb.

There’s a certain sanctity to a melancholy morning, a backward allure. I take along White Fang, our wolf-dog, who never lets me stay down for long. Bred for snow, a dreary day enlivens her. Like kids, most dogs are upbeat by nature, their most exquisite gift.

And let me just say, a hole in your shoe leads to a wonderful sensation; the cold rain seeps into your sock, then your skin, then ignites the central nervous system itself. Like a fire-truck coming up too quickly, or a tongue-flicky first kiss, a hole in your shoe really hot-wires the mind.

“So awesome!” I said when I felt the cold rain-water seep into my shoe, because that’s how I deal with frustration lately: I sarcasm it to death.

White Fang has no shoes, nor sense of sarcasm. She prances through rain puddles and licks at them, as if sampling a hearty porridge. Such a fine way to begin a winter’s morn.

White Fang also accompanied me while I finally took down the Christmas tree, which was harder than I expected, since I had no adult supervision. Even when Posh was sick, she managed to boss us around and make sure the fragile ornaments went in one bin and the cheesy stuff in another.

With 200 big Tupperware containers, and four semitrailer trucks, putting away Christmas was like moving Detroit to North Dakota.

My late wife reserved one box for the ornaments the kids made in kindergarten, the ones with the

torn edges and gap-toothed photos. If there’s ever a fire, that’s the first thing I’m grabbing. The rest of the family photos are somewhere in “the cloud,” as they say, which means we’ll never see them again.

The brittle tree fought me at every turn. It bit at my hands and stung my arms while I untangled a million lights. There were also all these scraggly little ornaments whose time had passed; I wanted to toss them but hesitated.

Because somewhere — maybe in another cloud — I sensed someone was watching and would’ve punished me with bad karma and lousy luck if I edited down the ornaments, the ones we’d spent four decades collecting.

Now I’m not sure what more Posh could’ve done to me. I already have a hole in my shoe and a leaf pile of unpaid cancer bills. I’m like the protagonist in a Nicholas Sparks novel, shell-shocked and a little ornery at the dumbest things (such as beagles, the dumbest things ever).

“I once lost an entire weekend in profound grief over a shower curtain,” one reader counseled us, on the pitfalls of losing loved ones.

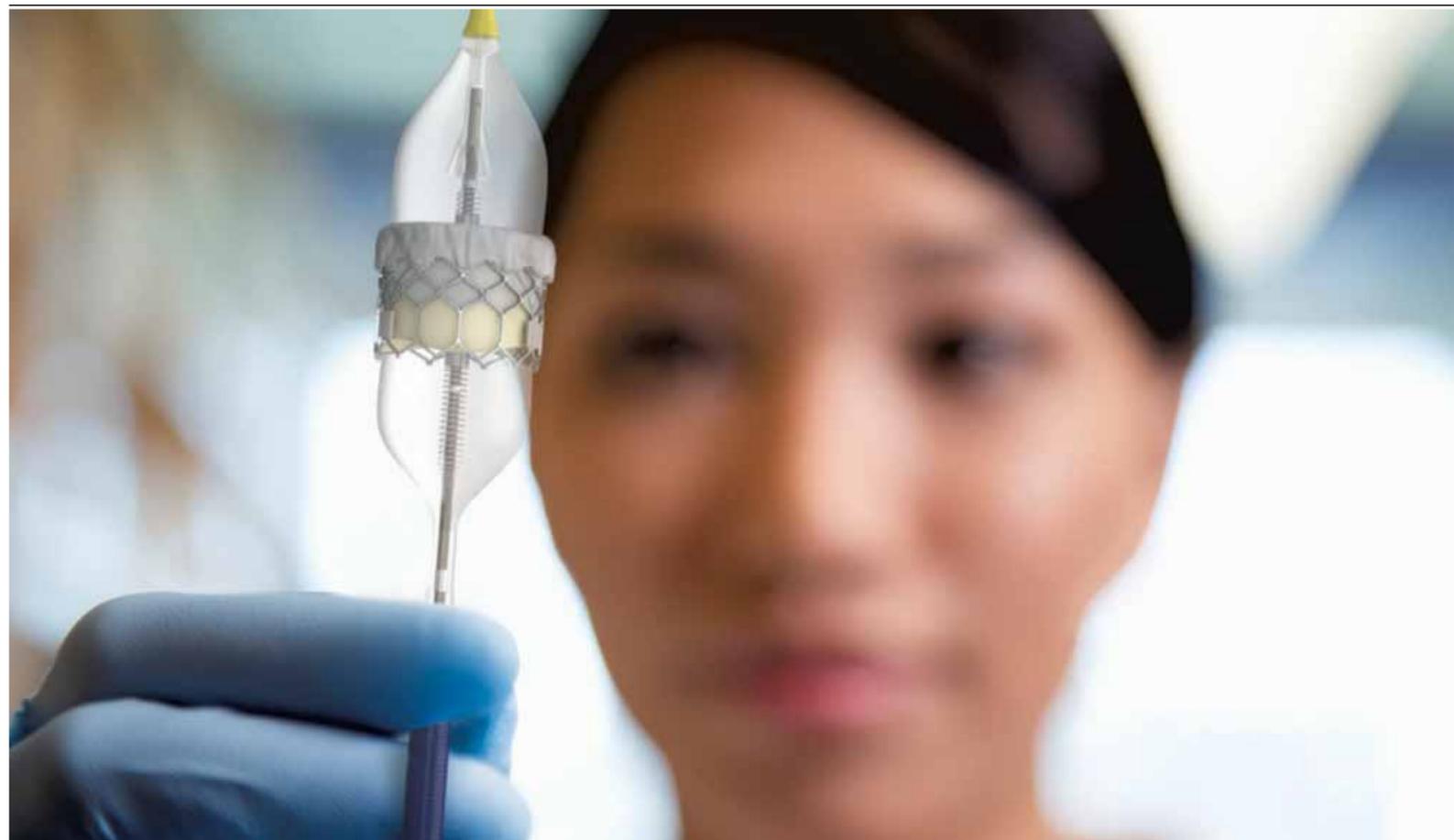
As I promised many of you, Posh will live on in this column, though — in the busy house she commanded and in all the stars we see in the sky.

Most of all, she will live on in her dazzling daughters and her lanky son, who bounces into a room like Bozo the Clown and manages to make me laugh. She even lives on in our ridiculous pets.

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# Food allergy perception far higher than reality

By AMY NORTON  
HealthDay

More than 10 percent of U.S. adults have a food allergy — and nearly double that believe they do, a new study estimates.

Researchers found that 19 percent of those surveyed thought they had a food allergy. But when the investigators dug into people's symptoms, they found that only 10.8 percent reported "convincing" signs of a true allergy.

Experts said the findings highlight two important facts: Food allergies are common among U.S. adults, and many mistakenly believe they have one.

"There are many misconceptions around reactions to food," said lead researcher Dr. Ruchi Gupta, a professor of pediatrics at Northwestern University in Chicago.

According to Gupta, it can be easy for people to assume food-related symptoms signal an allergy. But other conditions can be the real culprit, she said.

People with true allergies have an immune system reaction against proteins in a particular food. Those reactions, Gupta explained, can sometimes be severe — including life-threatening breathing difficulties or drops in blood pressure. So it's crucial to get an accurate diagnosis, she noted.

Dr. Wayne Shreffler, a medical adviser to the nonprofit Food Allergy Research & Education, agreed.

"Sometimes people think, 'What difference does it make? If the food makes me feel bad, I'll avoid it,'" Shreffler said.

But people with a true allergy need to completely eliminate the offending food from their diet — and they should get professional guidance on how to do that, he suggested.

They should also get a



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Shellfish ranked as the most common true food allergy, with an estimated 3 percent of adults affected.

prescription for epinephrine, Shreffler said. The drug, given by auto-injector, treats severe allergic reactions in an emergency.

On the flip side, food avoidance can be very challenging — so people without an allergy should not do it unnecessarily, he added.

What other conditions can cause food-related woes? One possibility, Gupta said, is a food intolerance — such as difficulty digesting lactose, a sugar in milk.

Unlike allergies, food intolerances do not involve the immune system. They arise from an issue in the digestive system — like an enzyme deficiency — that makes it hard to break down a particular food.

In other cases, Gupta said, people have an oral allergy syndrome. That occurs when someone with a pollen allergy has a reaction to a food with proteins similar to pollen — usually a raw fruit or vegetable.

The symptoms include itchiness in the mouth or throat, or swelling around the lips. That type of reaction is not life-threatening, and people may be able to avert it simply by cooking the offending produce, Gupta said.

The study, published online in early January in JAMA Network Open, included more than 40,400

U.S. adults.

Overall, 19 percent reported food allergies. However, only 10.8 percent had ever suffered "convincing" symptoms — such as hives, throat constriction, lip or tongue swelling, vomiting, difficulty breathing or rapid heartbeat.

Certain other symptoms — like cramps or diarrhea — were not considered convincing, because they are more likely to indicate a food intolerance.

Among people with true allergies, shellfish was the most common culprit: An estimated 3 percent of adults were allergic to shellfish. Milk allergy (1.9 percent) and peanut allergy (1.8 percent) were next in line. Many people had more than one food allergy, the findings showed.

And surprisingly, allergies often developed in adulthood, rather than childhood. Almost half of participants with convincing symptoms developed at least one of their allergies as an adult, according to the report.

Gupta's team also found that only half of study participants with convincing food allergy symptoms had ever received a formal diagnosis.

"I think that finding is a bit of a wake-up call to the medical community," Shreffler said.

## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Eating kiwi fruits may help prevent, heal canker sores

By JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate

**Q: For as long as I can remember, my family and I have suffered off and on with horrible canker sores. We finally realized eating nuts or peanut butter appeared to trigger this problem. Often, L-lysine didn't work. I read in your column that eating kiwi fruit helped prevent canker sores.**

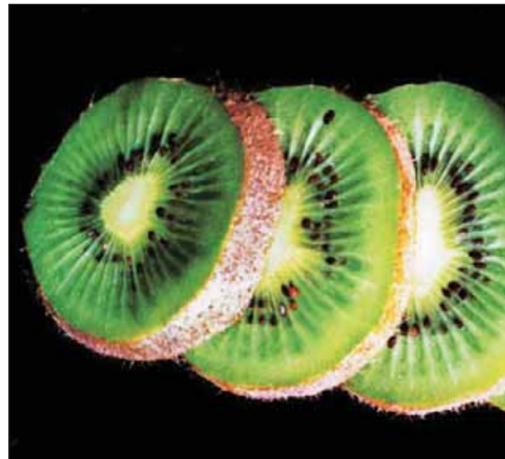
**I love kiwis, so I decided to try it. Lo and behold, I can now eat peanut butter, pistachios, pecans and peanuts as long as I eat a kiwi within a day of consuming the nuts. I haven't had a canker sore in four years.**

**A:** You are not the only reader who has reported success eating kiwi fruit to prevent or speed healing of canker sores. Scientists have not specifically studied this activity of the green fruit with the fuzzy brown skin (*Actinidia deliciosa*). However, they have found that an extract from a related fruit, *Actinidia arguta*, can alleviate skin inflammation through its impact on immune system compounds and cells (Nutrients, Oct. 2, 2018).

Other research has shown that people eating SunGold variety kiwi fruit increase their levels of vitamin C and experience changes in their gut microbes (Nutrients, July 12, 2018).

We don't know if the balance of microbes in the mouth also is altered, though that might contribute to the healing properties of kiwi fruit for canker sores.

**Q: Most of us do not get nearly enough vitamin D, but taking a daily**



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Research has shown that people eating a certain variety of kiwi fruit experience changes in their gut microbes.

**supplement of vitamin D-3 may not be enough. I recently read that magnesium deficiency can prevent absorption of vitamin D supplements. Is this true?**

**A:** Yes, it is, but the story is quite a bit more complicated. The enzymes that process vitamin D in our bodies require magnesium to function well. A recently published study demonstrated that optimal magnesium status is important for improving circulating vitamin D (American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, Dec. 1, 2018).

The majority of American adults don't get adequate amounts of magnesium in their diets. A higher intake of this mineral increases vitamin D utilization if levels of vitamin D are low.

**Q: I have been told that therapeutic-grade frankincense has healthful properties. My friend said you can apply it to your skin at night to relax and get to sleep. Are these claims true?**

**A:** Frankincense is the fragrant resin of trees in

the Boswellia family. It has long been used in traditional Indian medicine, and scientists have confirmed some health benefits.

Boswellia extracts have anti-inflammatory activity (Frontiers in Pharmacology, April 20, 2018). Italian scientists reported that a mixture of L-methionine with boswellia and hibiscus extracts relieved symptoms of urinary tract infections (Archivio Italiano di Urologia e Andrologia, June 30, 2018).

We could find no research on topically applied frankincense to improve sleep.

One cancer center in the U.K. tested personal inhalers called aromasticks to help people sleep (Complementary Therapies in Clinical Practice, February 2016). Patients liked this approach.

Some chose a blend of frankincense, mandarin and lavender essential oils.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via [www.peoplespharmacy.com](http://www.peoplespharmacy.com).

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## FOOD & DINING

REVIEW: Brindille ★★★

## Nahabedians led renaissance of French cuisine

BY PHIL VETTEL  
Chicago Tribune

French food is enjoying a coast-to-coast resurgence. Places such as Le Coucou in New York, Trois Mec in Los Angeles and Tiny Lou's in Atlanta are tough tickets in their respective cities; in Chicago, Le Sud was one of the bright surprises of last year. And if John Hogan, who left his post at River Roast a month ago, doesn't open a French restaurant this year (or so), I'll eat my pork-pie hat.

Which brings me to Brindille, which has been carrying the

French-cuisine torch in Chicago for nearly six years.

Brindille opened in spring 2013 as Carrie and Michael Nahabedian's "other" restaurant. It became the cousins' only restaurant when Naha, after a stellar 18-year run, closed last March. Ten months later, it's clear that Brindille is blossoming under the Nahabedians' full attention.

Carrie Nahabedian's food is complex and nuanced and unfailingly delicious; Michael Nahabedian oversees an excellent wine

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Steak tartare is topped with a fried quail egg and spicy watercress, and is accompanied by rye crisps. To the side is a line of bright, acidic accents: pickled onion, multicolored cauliflower and mustard seeds.



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Celery takes center stage in this stir-fry dish that also includes a small portion of pork served over steamed white rice.

# TAKING STALK

## Hardworking celery deserves fresh look

BY JOY MANNING | Special to The Washington Post

Have you ever felt overshadowed, your hard work, talents and range going unnoticed while some more ostentatious soul gets promoted, awarded or otherwise heaved into the spotlight? I have. And I'm not alone. Celery, my favorite winter vegetable, also knows the feeling. Celery selflessly props up other ingredients with its subtly salty bite and savory aroma, unifying with a dish after being sautéed to a docile translucence, essentially disappearing. It's the kind of ingredient you never single out, but if it weren't there in your workaday tuna salad or minestrone, your tongue would know that something was missing.

I bet you have a bag of celery in your crisper drawer right now. Most of us do. Soup-making season is upon us, and a vast number of those recipes start with a mirepoix, that stalwart trio of onion, celery and carrots.

You need it for things like meatloaf, chicken stew, pot roast and many other wintry dishes. Celery is cheap and lasts a long time in the refrigerator, so there's no compelling reason to leave it out.

Without T-shirt slogans promoting it (see: kale) or chefs cooking it like a steak (see: cauliflower), celery languishes in the deep background of our collective culinary unconsciousness. But it's time to take a fresh look at this staple vegetable. Really, when was the last time you cooked or ate a celery-forward dish? Give it its moment. Celery earned it.

Stir-fried with dried chiles, Sichuan peppercorns, ginger and garlic, celery really shows you what's it got. It becomes juicy as it soaks up those bold flavors. The pork in this dish accents the celery without overshadowing it, glossing the crisp vegetable slices with fat. My recipe is inspired by Fuchsia Dunlop's gong bao chicken in her cookbook "Every Grain of

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## Chicago Restaurant Week in a nutshell

BY PHIL VETTEL  
Chicago Tribune

The 12th annual Chicago Restaurant Week begins Friday and runs through Feb. 7, during which a record number of participating restaurants — nearly 400 at last count — will offer prix-fixe lunches (\$24), brunches (\$24) and/or dinners (\$36 or \$48, sometimes both).

You've got two ways to narrow your search. One is to log in to [eatitupchicago.com](http://eatitupchicago.com), where you'll find a complete list of participants, their menus and a link to make online reservations via OpenTable. The other is to take my advice.

Following is my list of recommended restaurants. I've included restaurants that have done a good job in previous Restaurant Weeks, and promising newcomers (based on their published menus or because they're already restaurants I like).

### Lunch

**Bistrionic**, 840 N. Wabash Ave. Always one of my CRW favorites. The three-course dinner is \$36, or \$48 with the addition of a cheese plate (chef/owner Martial Noguier is fanatical about his cheeses) or \$58 with bottomless Champagne cocktails. Lunch and weekend brunch menus also available.

**Free Rein**, 224 N. Michigan Ave. The lunch menu includes such dishes as pork terrine, striped bass, saffron spaghetti with mushroom conserva and limoncello semifreddo. Dinner menu (four courses, \$48) also available.

**Pacific Standard Time**, 141 W. Erie St. The three-course lunch includes such dishes as apple salad with horseradish cheddar, and a banh mi sandwich with duck confit and cotto salami. Dinner menu (four courses, \$48) also available.

**Piccolo Sogno**, 464 N. Halsted St. Three-course lunch includes an arugula salad with pears, walnuts and goat cheese; four-cheese ravioli with marsala glaze; mixed grill of calamari, shrimp and octopus; and shredded roast duck with arugula and spinach. Dinner menu (\$36) also available.

**Smith & Wollensky**, 318 N. State St. In addition to a three-course lunch menu that includes rib-eye carpaccio, iceberg wedge salad, salmon and the signature Butcher Burger, this steakhouse is offering a list of "cellar steals" — premium library wines at prices wine lovers will appreciate. Dinner menu (\$48) also available.

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# Go grocery shopping like a chef

BY LOUISA CHU  
Chicago Tribune

When you think about how to shop like a chef, you might imagine wearing a white coat to the farmers market, lingering lovingly over colorful piles of produce. In reality, you're calling in orders, or texting them, with quick runs in between. Whether I was working in Michelin three-star restaurants or a fishing lodge in Alaska, shopping like a chef meant economy of money and motion.

While I believe in you to know what works best for your life, a few tips from my experience as a chef might help. So recently I drove past my regular Aldi store out to Downers Grove, the village about 20 miles southwest of Chicago, to shop the area's newest location with an in-store bakery. With Aldi's \$5 billion plan to remodel 1,800 existing stores and expand to 2,500 locations by the end of 2022, it's a look into our futures.

Aldi may be best known as the discount supermarket chain with the crazy rosé wine specials that sell out in a single day. That's still somewhat true, but the stores are changing dramatically too. Now more than ever, you can shop like a chef and even find hidden deals.

"Home chefs can find an expanded selection of organic meats and produce, fresh fish, gourmet cheeses and award-winning wines," Laura Branneman, Batavia division vice president for Aldi, said via email. The corporate office is in Batavia, about 40 miles west of Chicago.

If you want to make your take on some of your favor-

ite chef dishes at home, look for organic grass-fed ground beef (\$4.99 for a 1-pound package) for burgers, and organic avocados (\$4.89 for a four-pack) for toast. As for cheese, get the aged white cheddar (\$2.49 for a 10-ounce block) to build your own budget board.

The fish that's fresh and never frozen are farmed salmon and tilapia. That's a harder choice, even with the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch guide. You can skip them for frozen wild Alaskan sockeye salmon (\$9.99 for a 10-ounce package of fillets) instead, for flavor and sustainability.

The wines may be award-winning, but after tasting that touted rosé, I'd stick with impressive local craft beers, including Revolution Anti-Hero IPA (\$8.89 for a six-pack) and Lagunitas A Little Sumpin' Sumpin' pale wheat ale (\$16.89 for a 12-pack).

"Every Wednesday, we bring in 20 to 30 new items of food," said Nathan Geers, manager at Aldi in Downers Grove. "Wednesday is the time to come in because there are special buys."

That can mean mark-downs, though sales pop up to clear shelves as needed. My best score ever was sea salt Marcona almonds, normally \$4.99 for a 6-ounce bag, for only 99 cents. I bought all eight bags left.

Aldi actually introduces nearly 100 new products per week from food to vinyl records to furniture.

"It's a way we surprise our shoppers with trendy new products and also an opportunity to test out new items that could become part of our everyday selec-



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS  
In-store bakery self-serve shelves beckon at the Aldi grocery store in Downers Grove, southwest of Chicago.



You can make a great burger at home. Look for 1-pound packages of organic grass-fed ground beef for \$4.99.



If you're making avocado toast or guacamole, organic avocados are priced at \$4.89 for a four-pack.

tion," Branneman said.

I've been waiting for those Marcona almonds to go on sale again, may have missed out on a granite-top kitchen cart and never saw the Johnny Cash LPs.

The in-store bakery goods include soft pretzel buns (59 cents each), crusty baguettes (99 cents each), Emmental cheese sticks (99 cents each) and doughnuts (49 cents each or \$2.49 for a prepacked box of six) that even surprised baker and store associate Jill Peterson.

"The unknown thing for a lot of people who are not true Aldi shoppers is that

we don't have any additive colors," said Peterson. "So even the sprinkles in our doughnuts are made with beet juice, paprika and turmeric, which is very unusual I think."

While only a handful of Aldi stores have bakeries, on the other end of the spectrum, all carry gluten-free products.

What can we expect in the near future? My No. 1 request is kimchi.

"Later this spring, we'll have an assortment of seasonal organic fruits and vegetables, like baby bella mushrooms, organic Cam- pari tomatoes, Cara Cara

oranges and mango slices," said Branneman.

"Due to growing consumer demand, we recently introduced our new Vita-Life kombucha (\$2.49 for a 16-ounce bottle), more milk alternatives, ghee (\$6.49 for a 13-ounce jar), avocado oil (\$6.99 for a 17-ounce bottle) and expanded our Earth Grown line of vegan and vegetarian foods to add items like vegan shredded cheese (\$3.29 for a 6-ounce bag) and soy protein burgers (\$2.99 for four 2.5-ounce patties)," Branneman added.

No kimchi, but she said she would pass along my

request.

Meanwhile, Aldi also carries a few name brands, including our favorite local El Milagro corn tortillas (35 cents a pack of one dozen) and chips (\$2.69 for a 16-ounce bag), plus three flavors of Frontera salsa (\$3.49 for a 16-ounce jar) — jalapeno cilantro, roasted tomato and tomatillo — created by chef Rick Bayless himself.

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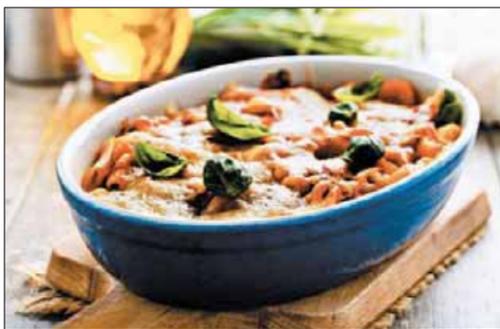
# Roasted vegetable-baked pasta for your party buffet

BY DIANE ROSSEN  
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Roasted vegetables are so versatile. You can serve them as a side dish, puree them in a soup or add them to your favorite pasta; you can't go wrong.

Roasting vegetables before baking them with the pasta in the following dish brings a rustic, rich flavor to the meal. You can add zucchini, cauliflower florets, leeks or other peppers for a more complex flavor. Sometimes I'll throw in some black pitted olives to give the pasta a slightly briny note.

The melted, smoky provolone adds a comforting touch. If you want, you can hold back a couple of



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Shredded chicken or cooked sausage can easily be added to this versatile vegetarian pasta.

tablespoons of provolone from the mixture and sprinkle on the top along with the Parmesan.

I like this vegetarian dish because it is perfect for a party buffet or as a

family style meal. I often serve this for award show viewing because it is a one-dish meal. Want more protein? Add shredded cooked chicken or cooked sweet or hot sausage.

## Pasta with roasted vegetables, tomatoes and provolone cheese

Prep: 35 minutes Cook: 1 hour, 20 minutes Makes: 6 servings

Vegetables:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 large eggplant, peeled, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 small broccoli stalk, cut into florets
- 1 1/4 pounds medium mushrooms, quartered
- 2 large red bell peppers, cored, seeded, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Pasta:

- 1 pound rigatoni or fusilli
- 4 cups favorite marinara sauce
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil, plus some basil leaves
- 1/2 pound provolone, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 3/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan
- Dash crushed red pepper flakes

**1. Heat** oven to 425. In a large roasting pan, combine the oil, onion, eggplant, broccoli, mushrooms and red peppers; mix to coat all the ingredients with oil. Season with salt and pepper. Roast the vegetables until softened, stirring occasionally to keep them from sticking, 40 to 45 minutes. Remove from the oven; allow to cool.

**2. Cook** the pasta in a large pot of well-salted boiling water until al dente, about 12 minutes. Drain well.

**3. Transfer** the pasta to a large bowl. Pour 3 1/2 cups of the marinara sauce over the pasta; mix well. Add the chopped basil, provolone, 1/4 cup of the Parmesan, crushed red pepper and the roasted vegetables; mix well. Taste for seasoning.

**4. Grease** a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Spoon the pasta mixture into the dish; dot the top with the remaining 1/2 cup marinara sauce. Sprinkle with the remaining Parmesan.

**5. Heat** oven to 400. Bake the pasta until bubbling hot, 20 minutes. Garnish with basil leaves; serve immediately.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 667 calories, 23 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 38 mg cholesterol, 86 g carbohydrates, 17 g sugar, 31 g protein, 1,469 mg sodium, 12 g fiber



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The cheese steak is fine, but it would have been walloped by Taylor Gourmet's version.

# Cousins' sandwiches not as ambitious as expansion plans

BY NICK  
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I don't usually keep tabs on the latest chain restaurant opening in the Loop. In the past few years, projects like Taylor Street Gourmet and Honeygrow have opened snazzy downtown locations, only to pack up and flee after short stints. But what about a chain from Wisconsin that plans to saturate the metropolitan area with dozens of new locations in the next six years?

Back in August, Cousins Subs, which first opened in Milwaukee in 1972, announced that it hoped to open 40 outlets in the Chicago area by 2025.

That's ambitious, especially considering that, according to the company's website, it has only 90 locations in Wisconsin. (It used to have two outlets in Arizona, but those have closed.)

Since the first Chicago outlet opened last week at 120 W. Madison St. in the Loop, I figured it was my duty to swing by to see how these sandwiches held up to the competition.

Cousins Subs offers a selection of cold cut subs, which you can ask for warm, along with cheese steaks (for some reason,



The fried cheese curds proved a pleasant surprise.

the company sneaks a space in the name of that sandwich). Along with bagged chips, it also serves fries and, more intriguingly, fried cheese curds.

I wasn't expecting a chain that has a stated goal of massive expansion to play it so safe. The 7 1/2-inch club (\$6.49) includes ham, turkey and provolone cheese, all of which are solid, if unspectacular. I asked for it with everything and got shredded lettuce, thinly sliced onions, mushy tomatoes, dried oregano and a generous swipe of mayonnaise, which is a pretty boring collection of sandwich toppings. While pickles are available upon request, it seems odd that they aren't automatic. I feel the same ambivalence about

the roast beef and cheddar (\$6.49).

As for the steak cheese steak (\$7.99), it would have been walloped by Taylor Gourmet, had that chain not left town a few months ago. But as far as sandwiches stuffed with thinly grilled beef and cheese go, it's fine.

Each sub's best feature is probably the bread, which is baked fresh and features a decently crisp crust. You know, it's got nothing on Chicago's coal-fired rolls from D'Amato's Bakery, but few do.

One slight surprise was the order of fried cheese curds (\$3.49), which came from the fryer crispy on the outside and molten within. They eventually cool to a pleasantly squeaky texture. (That is a compliment.)

On my highly scientific chain sandwich spectrum, I'd rate it slightly better than Jimmy Johns, if not quite up to Potbelly. Whether or not that's enough for such an ambitious expansion plan is too early to tell. Regardless, Cousins Subs hardly makes a dent in the crowded Loop sandwich field.

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# Wine choices may reveal how you think

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“You’re a fluid thinker,” my friend said. I assumed she was referring to my preoccupation with wine, but no, she meant my Prius.

My friend had been reading “Prius or Pickup?: How the Answers to Four Simple Questions Explain America’s Great Divide,” a new book by Marc Heatherington and Jonathan Weiler, political scientists at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. They separate our hard-line political factions by simple choices we make in our lives, such as what type of car to drive, whether we buy coffee at Starbucks or Dunkin’ Donuts, what values we instill in our children. These define our cultural and political biases, as well as the difficulties the sides have in communicating with each other. The authors describe the two extremes as “fluid” or “fixed” thinkers.

While my friend discussed this in terms of our national political debate, as I listened to her and later explored the book, I couldn’t help think of how this could describe wine lovers. Judging by my social media feeds, my fellow vinophiles come in all political stripes. One post’s bonding over a tasty chard can quickly disintegrate into shards of vitriol over a comment on the day’s news. So let’s try to leave politics out of this discussion and look at how our choices in wine define us.

Heatherington and Weiler describe fluid thinkers as people who “support changing social and cultural norms, are excited by things that are new and novel, are open to, and welcoming of, people who look and sound different.” Prius drivers, or for the second edition, Tesla. Fixed thinkers, on the other hand, “are warier of social and cultural change and hence more set in their ways, more suspicious of outsiders, and more comfortable with the familiar and predictable.” They drive pickups. And well, maybe Cadillac.

Fluid thinkers enjoy experimenting with wines. They embrace “natural wines,” and they find entrancing funky flavors that repel more conservative drinkers who thought those faults had been eradicated by modern wine-



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Are you a fluid thinker or a fixed thinker? Your wine choices — natural wines, funky flavors, nonclassic regions or traditional styles, critics’ scores — might provide a window into how you view the world. And of course, each bloc could benefit from trying some choices of the other.

making. They seek out environmentally friendly wines made by organic, biodynamic or sustainable methods. They care about how many liters of water are used to make a bottle of wine, or the winery’s carbon footprint. They don’t care about point scores from some critic their parents slavishly follow. They love to try wines from nonclassic regions such as Virginia, Maryland, Bulgaria or the Jura, and unfamiliar, tongue-twisting grapes such as rkatsiteli or mtsvane. They will splurge to enjoy the experience of a rare or unusual wine, especially if it was fermented in a concrete egg or buried underground in a qvevri.

Fixed thinkers enjoy their cabernet sauvignon and their barrel-fermented chardonnay, especially if their wines have cult or grand cru status. The higher the alcohol and the higher the

point score, the better. They stick to the classic regions of Bordeaux and Burgundy, Napa, Barossa and Chateaufeuf-du-Pape. They debate classic style vs. modern, Suckling’s scores vs. Parker’s, and they revel in the nuances of a favorite vineyard from year to year. Entire evenings are consumed discussing which vintage to drink now or to hold. They cast a skeptical eye on local wines, because they tasted one two decades ago and it was awful.

Some of this is generational. Baby boomers who discovered wine in the 1980s or 1990s and are now at the top of their earning capacity or beginning to drink down their cellar collections can be excused for being set in their ways. But they may have helped put top wines from Napa, Bordeaux and Burgundy out of reach for younger drinkers just discov-

ering their palates and earning potential. Millennials and younger drinkers have more options to explore and are willing to give less expensive wines their due.

There’s common ground, of course. Oenogeeks of all stripes enjoy a terrific bargain, that wine that boasts a high quality-to-price ratio and offers bottled fun no matter the pedigree. Whether we celebrate Harlan or Movia, we can high-five over a delicious bierzo.

We can go too far toward this common ground, though. Jennifer Gersten, a music doctoral student at Stony Brook University, wrote a brilliant essay in The Washington Post’s Outlook section in December lamenting how classical music is being dumbed down to, essentially, elevator music to soothe our jangled nerves. We risk losing the

“bristling harmonies,” the “cutting yowls” and “multidimensional textures” of classical music at its best when we think of it only as an invention “to address a yawn shortage,” Gersten writes.

The same with wine. If we focus solely on what’s cheap and good, the basic need for all of us, we risk losing sight of the bristling harmonies and cutting yowls that make wine exciting, that connect us with a distant land, our culture and history, and make a wine worth a little more cash.

As for me, bring on those biodynamically farmed, environmentally friendly Teslas as they cut through the clutter of the humdrum. I’ll still enjoy a good cabernet any time.

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# HOT TAKES

What's the best hot chocolate mix? We tried 10 to find out

BY GRACE WONG  
Chicago Tribune

One of my favorite parts of childhood church ski trips was coming in from the freezing, snowy slopes to a Styrofoam cup of hot cocoa. Steaming and sweet, the comforting chocolate was stirred up by the ladies in our Bible study to warm and replenish our tiny bodies. White and blue packets of Swiss Miss were rationed out, one per wiggling child. And with the marshmallow variety in short supply, we all fought over who would be the lucky ones to get a cup with the tiny white confections.

I'm not alone in that love. Mike Kostyo, a trendologist at Datassential, which conducts food industry market research, said 94 percent of Americans have had the chocolatey warm beverage at some point in their lives, and 83 percent say they love it or like it. Although the popularity of plain hot cocoa served in restaurants has dropped 12 percent in the past four years, affection for premium options and flavors has grown.

Mexican hot chocolate alone has seen a 35 percent growth on menus in the past four years.

Since nostalgia has taken over food and pop culture, it's not uncommon to find hot chocolate on a drinks menu. There are even adult versions with booze to really warm you up. But when you're at home, you just want something simple, convenient and quick. Enter instant hot chocolate mixes that'll serve you a mug in mere minutes.

Swiss Miss has been making hot cocoa mixes for more than 50 years. But when you head to the grocery store, you'll see dozens of brands, some from familiar chocolatiers like Nestle and Hershey's, and others from dedicated instant hot chocolate labels. The flavors and varieties seem endless, from no sugar or "natural" varieties to caramel, mint and dark chocolate flavors. While some instant mixes come as a viscous liquid contained by glass jars, others come as tablets for you to break off and whisk into hot milk or water.

Though this winter has been relatively mild so far, true Mid-



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westerners know that brutal days lie ahead. You'll need to stock up on supplies. So to get you through, the Tribune Food & Dining staff sampled 10 brands of plain, unflavored hot cocoa powder (without marshmallows).

We chose to sample the hot cocoas with water, not milk, almond milk or another additive. We wanted to make sure we provided a baseline, in the event you don't have milk at home or are lactose sensitive. We did not include some widely available brands, such as Starbucks, Lake Champlain or Sillycow Farms,

because their instructions called for milk.

This was a blind tasting, which means tasters didn't know which hot cocoa they were trying. Each brand was made with the amount of hot water indicated in the directions on the packaging and poured into individual cups. The cups were immediately served to our panel of tasters. Each participant was asked to comment on the appearance, aroma and flavor of the drink, especially how chocolatey it was.

The powdered mixes were purchased at Target, Jewel Osco,

Aldi and Whole Foods. Prices listed are what they are priced normally, without any promotions or discounts.

The winner of the taste test was a surprise to every single participant, and spoiler, my childhood favorite did not win, much to my chagrin. There were two ties, which were broken by calculating the median score or choosing the one that received higher numerical ratings.

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## Taste-testing results (From best to worst)



### 1. Land O'Lakes Chocolate Supreme Hot Cocoa Mix

Though one taster called Land O' Lakes a classic hot chocolate, others noted it had a salty component — but in a good way. Still others found it tasted as if someone had dissolved marshmallows in it. Most loved Land O' Lakes for its rich and milky flavor, hearty crema and buttery texture, although one taster wished it had more dark chocolate flavor. 49 cents/serving, bag



### 2. Hershey's Hot Cocoa Mix Milk Chocolate

"I wouldn't mind a nice big mug of this by the fire," said one taster. Hershey's had a rich mahogany color and felt velvety on the tongue. It felt more adult, like drinking liquid chocolate. However, one taster said it smelled like chemicals, and another detected a sourness to the flavor. \$2.79/box, six servings; 47 cents/serving



### 3. (tied) Stephen's Gourmet Milk Chocolate Hot Cocoa

Stephen's tied with Jewel Osco's store brand, but won out because one taster gave it a higher score. Participants noted that this brand had a great chocolate finish with a touch of saltiness "like a little seawater got mixed in, but in a good way." Another commenter said it tasted like cheap chocolate coating on a candy bar, but also not in a bad way. \$5.49/can, 13 servings; 42 cents/serving



### 4. (tied) Signature Select Hot Cocoa Mix Rich Milk Chocolate Flavor

Jewel Osco's hot cocoa tied with the third-place winner, but lost out because one taster gave it a lower score. This hot chocolate was sweet, above all else, but still maintained the richness of cocoa with a good level of viscosity. It is "indulgent but not super rich" and leans more heavily on its milk flavors, one taster said. Another deemed it to have the best mouthfeel of all the brands we tried. \$1.99/box, 10 servings; 20 cents/serving



### 5. 365 Organic Hot Cocoa Milk Chocolate Flavor Mix

365 won compliments for its consistency, with one taster saying it was a "classic cup." However, other tasters complained that it had an odd aroma, like baby formula, plastic or cheese. "Did someone mix this with mac and cheese powder?" asked one participant. "Industrial accident?" \$3.99/box, 10 servings; 40 cents/serving



### 6. Swiss Miss Milk Chocolate Hot Cocoa Mix

While this cup looked promising, tasters were disappointed by the absence of chocolate flavor and aroma. Swiss Miss was a letdown, stale and diluted. The flavor reminded one taster of hollow chocolate Easter bunnies you get at a drugstore. \$1.59/box, eight servings; 20 cents/serving



### 7. Aldi Milk Chocolate Flavored Hot Cocoa Instant Drink Mix

"Is there something here sucking away all the flavor?" one participant asked. "Fake milk and no chocolate. Boo!" said another. This pick was decidedly average, thin and bland. \$1.79/box, 10 servings; 18 cents/serving



### 8. Nestle Rich Milk Chocolate Flavor Hot Cocoa Mix

Tasters complained that Nestle tasted almost devoid of flavor except for the slight chocolate note at the end, and smelled of powdered milk. One participant described it as "the cheap stuff you'd buy at high school football games." 99 cents/box, 6 servings; 17 cents/serving



### 9. (tied) Equal Exchange Organic Hot Cocoa

This tied with the O Organics brand and only won because one taster gave it a higher score. From the aroma to the taste, participants had harsh words for this brand, saying that it smelled and tasted like cow manure or a hamster cage. The consistency was thin, and the flavor was neither sweet or chocolatey. \$7.99/can, 20 servings; 40 cents/serving



### 10. (tied) O Organics Organic Hot Cocoa Mix Rich Chocolate Flavor

Tied for last place, this one lost out because one taster gave it a lower score than the other brand. Tasters complained that O Organics was "aggressively off-putting, bitter, astringent and muddy." It smelled of compost and had an odd fruit flavor. \$2.99/can, 12 servings; 25 cents/serving

## North Shore Distillery steps in with new artisan curacao

BY ZAK STAMBOR  
Chicago Tribune

I was a little surprised when North Shore Distillery co-founder Sonja Kassebaum let me know about the distillery's plan to start a new winter tradition in which it will produce a fresh take on orange curacao every year.

"Orange curacao?" I thought to myself. "How different can one curacao be from the next?"

In part, that's because aside from the occasional Google search to remind myself of the differences among curacao, triple sec, Grand Marnier and Cointreau, I've never spent much time thinking about curacao or any other type of orange liqueur. (In case you're wondering, curacao originated on the island of Curacao and is typically made from a pot-stilled brandy and flavored with a variety of sweet and bitter oranges; triple

### Orange curacao sidecar

**Makes:** 1 cocktail  
**2** ounces Beehive Curacao  
**2** ounces aged rum  
**1** ounce lemon juice

Shake all the ingredients in a shaker with ice, then strain into a coupe glass. Garnish with a twist of lemon.

sec, which originated in France, is typically produced with less sugar than curacao, hence "sec" or dry; Grand Marnier is a curacao-style liqueur made from cognac, bitter-orange peel and sugar; and Cointreau is a triple sec.)

But that view quickly dissipated when I tasted North Shore's Beehive Curacao.

Rather than use a brandy base, Kassebaum and her husband and co-founder, Derek Kassebaum, started by fermenting Midwest-produced honey into mead. They then distilled that mead and added a variety of sweet and bitter oranges, along with a few spices and herbs. The resulting spirit has bright orange notes front and center. Those elements are balanced against the distilled mead (which some call honey jack) and some indistinct spice notes.

The idea was to create a balanced spirit, Sonja Kassebaum says. "We didn't want one flavor to dominate."

And they did achieve that balance. Beehive is good on its own, with tonic water and a twist of orange, or in a variation on a sidecar. (Rather than use cognac, I subbed in aged rum.)

Soon after I tasted Beehive Curacao, it got me thinking about



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Beehive Curacao combines with aged rum and fresh lemon juice for a twist on a sidecar.

other ways North Shore could tweak the curacao template when it releases a different take on the liqueur next year. While Derek and Sonja Kassebaum were coy when I asked what might be next,

I'm eager to see what they do.

**Find it:** Beehive Curacao is a limited-release spirit. For buying information, visit the distillery's website, northshoredistillery.com.



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Lil Buddy is packaged in a squat 8-ounce can that is likely a first in Chicago's growing brewing industry.

# 8-ounce beer can is cute, but the beer is good too

BY JOSH NOEL  
Chicago Tribune

Lil Buddy is the cutest beer you've ever seen. There are no two ways about it.

To test the power of its cuteness, I brought Lil Buddy home.

"Cute!" my wife said. "Why's it so little?" my 3-year-old son asked.

"That's the cutest little thing I've ever seen!" said Aunt Carla, visiting from New Mexico. "It's the perfect size for me."

(Aunt Carla is 5 feet tall on a good day, so she speaks the truth.)

Lil Buddy, released Tuesday by Hopewell Brewing, drinks the way it looks.

Tidy. Petite. Approachable. It is a faultlessly clean helles lager clocking in at a lean 4.7 percent alcohol.

But, really, the most important wrinkle of Lil Buddy's diminutive existence is undoubtedly the package: a squat 8-ounce can that is quite likely a first in Chicago's burgeoning brewing industry.

Hopewell is aiming for both practicality and the heartstrings with Lil Buddy. The brewery certainly went all in on the motif, using a spare design to accentuate the tiny package: the words "lil buddy" — yes, all lowercase — in a cartoonish, rainbow-colored font on a white label, above its description as "a little lager."

(Awwwwwwwww ...) Lil Buddy four-packs will retail for \$5.99, includ-

ing at Hopewell's Logan Square taproom (2760 N. Milwaukee Ave.). It will not be packaged in any other format — not even on draft. The package is the point.

"We've brewed similar lagers before," said Hopewell co-founder Jonathan Fritz. "But this vessel is a part of the project."

That project is the latest turn in a slow-building shift in beer industry packaging. Last fall, in a bid to be more consumer-friendly, Off Color Brewing made the move to 8-ounce bottles for many of its booziest and most complex beers. Other breweries have increasingly embraced new and novel ways to package and sell beer, such as mixed four-packs.

Nationally, just a handful of breweries have so far employed stubby 8-ounce cans, including Flat 12 Bierwerks in Indianapolis, Interboro Spirits and Ales in Brooklyn and Brewery Bhavana in Raleigh, N.C. But expect to see more of it — including other beers from Hopewell.

In an industry increasingly taken with cans, the squat 8-ouncer provides a unique thrill. Not only is it eye-catching, but it can be an ideal amount of beer — a nip when a nip is all you want. (If you haven't tried to slug down 16 ounces of 10-percent-alcohol hazy IPA lately, give it a try and get back to me.)

"Not everyone is drinking the same way every time," Fritz said. "We want to be able to provide more

options and different scenarios in which people want to drink."

Most of the breweries employing 8-ounce cans have done so with big, boozy brews, particularly imperial stouts aged in bourbon barrels.

With Lil Buddy, Hopewell heads the other direction. In a sense it is mimicking the biggest beer companies, which package many of their biggest brands — Miller Lite and Miller High Life, Bud and Bud Light, Corona and Coors Light among them — in 7- or 8-ounce options.

But Hopewell's take on the "little lager" is decidedly craft. Lil Buddy is muscular, though still fairly accessible: crisp and lean, with a rich, silky texture and a light bitter hop finish. It is a beer at once refreshing and interesting. Though it beckons to be drunk out of its little can, Lil Buddy is best when poured into a glass, where its aroma springs to life.

"We didn't want to put a nothing beer in that can," Fritz said. "If this was a craft option, we didn't just want to duplicate a macro lager."

(Lil Buddy also has craft pricing; the per-ounce cost would translate to about \$13.50 for a traditional six-pack.)

The challenge may be getting people to understand the beer. It's not meant to be a meal in the way that a 12- or 16-ounce beer is.

"The trick with this beer

is that we want to teach people how to use it," Fritz said.

It can be a palate cleanser between boozier beers or cocktails. It can be a sidekick, which is how a handful of bars and restaurants plan to use it; Map Room, The Duck Inn and Pacific Standard Time will tack Lil Buddy onto its bloody marys for an additional dollar. Maria's Packaged Goods & Community Bar and The Native will employ its charms in "beer and a shot" deals.

Or, perhaps, 8 ounces of lager is all you want between getting home after work and, say, getting the kids in bed. Or maybe it's a nightcap.

Whatever the use, Fritz said he thinks of Lil Buddy in a way that we don't typically think of a serving of beer.

"It's a snack," he said. Hopewell's canning line, purchased last summer, allows it to package beer in 8-, 12- and 16-ounce cans. Lil Buddy will become a year-round beer for the brewery, alongside its First Lager (which is packaged in a 12-ounce can), Swift IPA (ditto) and Ride or Die pale ale (16-ounce cans).

But don't expect to see Lil Buddy in any other sizes, no matter how well it goes over, says Fritz: "It's not very 'lil' if it's in a 16-ounce can."

Aunt Carla would approve.

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# New Revolution barrel-aged brews

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Revolution Brewing's wintertime barrel-aged releases have become a delectable, boozy marathon.

We're at Mile 26. Rather than release its crop of barrel-aged beers on a single day, as do Cruz Blanca or Goose Island, Revolution has spread its releases across four months.

In October, we met V.S.O.J. and Code Switch. In November came the backbone of the portfolio: Deth's Tar, Cafe Deth and Deth by Currants.

December brought Vanilla Deth, Gravedigger Billy and Ryeway to Heaven.

At last, we have reached the finish: Straight Jacket (bourbon barrel-aged barleywine) and Boss Ryeway (Ryeway to Heaven aged in a mix of Armagnac and rye whiskey barrels) were released Friday at Revolution's brewery, 3340 N. Kedzie Ave.

Straight Jacket costs \$25 for a four-pack of 12-ounce cans and will be sent into wide distribution beyond the brewery release. Boss Ryeway cans, again in a four-pack of 12-ouncers, will be sold only at the brewery for \$35 per four-pack with a limit of two per person. (Draft beer will be sent into distribution.)

Here are my thoughts:



REVOLUTION BREWING

Revolution Brewing's Straight Jacket and Boss Ryeway were released Friday.

**Straight Jacket:** Revolution set a remarkably high bar with this beer last year. It was obvious with the first sip in January and affirmed nine months later with a bronze medal among 162 entries at the Great American Beer Festival.

This year's Straight Jacket may be as good. It's too soon to tell.

Straight Jacket leaps from the glass with a noticeably hop-forward and boozy aroma. Last year's gorgeous layers ("raisin, plum, toffee, caramel, molasses, maple and vanilla") exist more at the edges.

Some deft flavors are at work — custard, graham cracker and caramel — amid the lingering bitterness and boozy heat that lurks in the 13.1 percent alcohol listed on the label.

Barrel-aged beers inevitably change with time, and many improve into their most ideal selves. That's the guess here with Straight

Jacket. It's worth sipping but will probably be in peak shape in about six months to a year.

It's a good beer now. A great beer most likely lurks in the can.

**Boss Ryeway:** The base beer here is a version of Ryeway to Heaven, a beer released in December. However, this version, I'm told, was a bit sweeter. One-third of that beer was aged one year in rye whiskey barrels. The other two-thirds spent a year in WhistlePig Boss Hog Armagnac barrels. (Armagnac is a cousin of the more familiar Cognac.)

The result of that complex process is a complex beer. And it's just wonderful — a big, boozy sipper.

The aroma is long on cherry and berry, maple, caramel, toffee, pecan, coconut and cocoa. Those flavors swirl on the tongue,

dry out into notes of oak and spicy rye and are ushered out with boozy warmth. It amounts to a sweet, fruity, earthy, nutty, boozy eye-opener.

Marty Scott, who manages Revolution's barrel-aging program, called it "the most complex beer the Deep Wood series has ever produced."

Hard to argue. And now that we're all wrapped up with the 10 beers that make up this year's Deep Wood crop, I will not rank them (the way I did 2018 Bourbon County Stout).

But I will offer my top tier of favorites from what turned out to be a strong portfolio: V.S.O.J. (among my favorite beers of 2018), Deth by Currants, Gravedigger Billy and Boss Ryeway.

See you next winter.

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# Brindille leads French comeback

**Brindille**, from Page 1

list and strong beverage program. And service, but for a few missteps on one particularly hectic evening, is polished and charming.

The 55-seat dining room is a tranquil environment of muted earth tones, gentle lighting and illuminated pictures of leafless trees. (A brindille is a twig that grows from a tree branch; it symbolizes rebirth and new growth.) Linen-draped tables are large and generously spaced. It's a quiet room.

The Brindille menu has a different look; the ruffled-edge paper with the embossed B has been replaced with a single page that looks distinctly Naha-ish in style and typeface, though the menu headings are "pour commencer" and "la mer et la ferme." The new, smaller typeface also allows the chef to offer more dishes and to indulge her penchant for detailed descriptions.

Here's the description for her tatin-style potatoes: "Tarte Tatin of Potatoes, Caramelized Onions and Julianna Goat Cheese scented with *Herbs de Provence* and Armenian Walnuts, Salad of Roquette, Toasted Green Pumpkin Seeds, Shaved "Beauty Heart" Radish and Marbled Nicoise Olive Oil." Now that's a chef who believes in full disclosure.

Your first bite won't be on the menu at all, but will be a little opening amuse of potato beignets, straight from the oven, a crispy salted exterior giving way to a soft, almost molten interior. Bread and butter will arrive unbidden, and then the real fun will begin.

Besides the aforementioned, gooey potato creation, there's a gorgeous steak tartare topped with fried quail egg and spicy watercress; to the side is a line of bright, acidic accents in the form of pickled onion, multicolored cauliflower, mustard seeds and rye crisps and crumbles. Hand cut to order, the tartare itself is thick and coarse, with a satisfying mouthfeel.

Cured and crisped pork belly plays against a fruit assortment of poached cranberries and gooseberries, along with medjool-date puree. Soft trofie noodles serve as a foil for lump crabmeat, buttered kohlrabi and lobster-coral butter, under a sheaf of shaved black truffles.

Seafood and game dominate the entree selections, particularly this time of year. The star is the Dover sole, which Nahabedian imports from Europe and treats with the care that this royal fish deserves: roasted in brown butter along with whole almonds, Parisian potatoes, diced lemon and capers, and topped with dehydrated spiced lemon slices. It's a \$57 indulgence, but it's a one-of-a-kind



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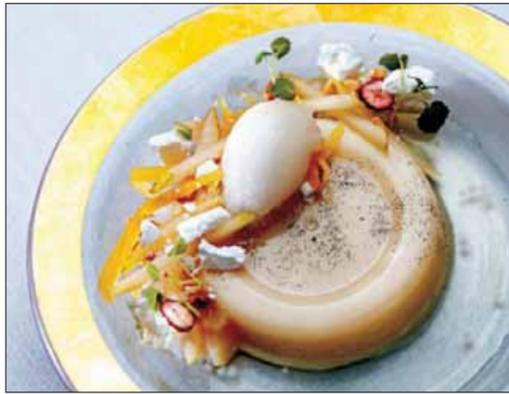
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Dover sole is roasted in brown butter with whole almonds and accompanied by Parisian potatoes, lemon and capers.



Arctic char combines rich, fatty meat and crisp-charred skin, and is served with Brussels sprouts and mushrooms.



Almond milk blancmange comes with gooseberries, tapioca pearls, pomegranate, pear nectar and star-anise sorbet.



The gateaux St. Honore is stacked with roasted apples, cognac-accented sultanas and toasted-oat ice cream.

experience. And frankly, I wouldn't trust a sole at a significantly lower price.

Another rarity is wild-shot Scottish wood-pigeon, another import (and one that originated on the Naha menu), but unlike the gentle and buttery sole, pigeon delivers assertive gamy flavors, particularly when paired with a liver-bolstered rouennaise sauce. Bacon, foie gras and wild-

boar sausage bolster this dish further. (As it's seasonal, its time on the Brindille menu will be limited.)

Arctic char combines rich, fatty meat and crisp-charred skin, matched to charred Brussels sprouts and mushrooms (golden chanterelles on my visit, likely hedgehog mushrooms on yours), among other goodies; rack of lamb

is served off the bone with lamb-sausage crepinette, fingerling potatoes and Swiss chard; roasted poussin comes with hen of the woods mushrooms (I see what she did there), shaved fennel and silken sweet-potato mousseline.

Pastry chef Craig Harzewski, who also handled desserts at Naha, turns out one splendid sweet after another. He produces

feather-soft clafoutis in various flavors (get the prune armagnac), and a tiny, delicious gateaux St. Honore stacked with roasted apples, cognac-accented sultanas and toasted-oat ice cream. Harzewski's light, custardy blancmange is made with almond milk, decorated with pomegranates, sliced gooseberries and tapioca pearls and finished with

## Brindille

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**Tribune rating:** ★★★

**Open:** Dinner Monday to Saturday

**Prices:** Entrees \$27-\$57

**Noise:** Conversation-friendly

**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.

pear nectar and star-anise sorbet.

Brindille remains one of the city's best destinations for cheese. The preferred presentation embraces a dozen French cheeses, served with fruit compote and crusty raisin ficelle bread, for \$32, but it's possible to request a more modest portion.

Brindille does offer five- and eight-course tasting menus (\$125 and \$175, respectively), and these are custom-designed, meaning that if you simply must have the warm oysters with eggs brouilles and/or the lacquered duck breast, you may.

The Nahabedians are still shopping locations for their next restaurant, which might debut before the end of the year, and they have one more project in the works. In the meantime, we have Brindille, and that's a very good thing.

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## Restaurant Week picks

**Vettel**, from Page 1

**Tanta**, 118 W. Grand Ave. Lunch options at this Peruvian restaurant include seafood fried rice, and Peruvian pork and ciabatta sliders. Dinner menu (\$48) also available.

### Dinner

**Aba**, 302 N. Green St. The challenge here is snagging a reservation at this perpetually packed hot spot (best strategy: arrive early and hop on the waitlist). Set dinner menu (\$48), which includes a glass of wine, features such guest favorites as muhammara, chicken kefta kebab, grilled octopus and eggplant-wrapped lamb.

**Bar Biscay**, 1450 W. Chicago Ave. A first-timer at Chicago Restaurant Week, Bar Biscay will offer a set menu (\$48) of gougères, sausage-stuffed piquillo peppers in Mornay sauce, clam and jamon fabada (classic Spanish bean stew) and coconut cake with pumpkin puree.

**Brindille**, 534 N. Clark St. This is Brindille's first year of participation, but owners Carrie and Michael Nahabedian are CRW veterans due to their many years at the late Naha. Brindille is offering a three-course, \$48 dinner whose components include chilled oysters, coddled duck egg over white polenta, roasted poussin and moulard duck breast with foie gras.

**City Mouse**, 311 N. Morgan St. The four-course dinner menu (\$36) includes grilled shrimp in pipian rojo, rigatoni with pork and kimchi ragu, sweetbread schnitzel, swordfish with oxtail ragout, risotto with root vegetables, Stumptown Coffee creme brulee and caramel cake.

**Le Sud**, 2301 W. Roscoe St. Chicago's newest bistro will feature a three-course dinner menu (\$36) that includes salads and roasted-vegetable dishes, steak frites, loup de mer, Basque cake and chocolate-orange mousse.

**Oceanique**, 505 Main St., Evanston. One of the finest seafood restaurants in the Midwest, Oceanique will feature a three-course dinner menu (\$48) that includes dishes such as calamari and shrimp, Rhode Island skate and ocean trout.

**Prosecco**, 710 N. Wells St. One of the prettiest dining rooms in town will offer a three-course dinner menu at \$36 and \$48, the latter including more upscale selections (risotto with mushrooms on the \$36 menu, risotto with beef tenderloin on the \$48, and so on). Lunch menu also available.

### Brunch

**Duck Duck Goat**, 857 W. Fulton Market. Stephanie Izard's fun take on Chinese cooking is on display at this fixed brunch menu, which includes short-rib pot stickers, crab rangoon, shrimp and goat bao, and more. Available Saturday and Sunday. Dinner menu (\$48) also available.



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Aba is featuring favorites like muhammara for dinner during Chicago Restaurant Week.

**HaiSous**, 1800 S. Carpenter St. Two-course brunch menu features such dishes as octopus-eggplant salad, beef pho and crab-noodle soup. Beverage pairings available. Available Saturday and Sunday. Dinner menu (\$48), including a vegetarian menu, also available.

**Mercat a la Planxa**, 638 S. Michigan Ave. Check out the four-course, Catalan-inspired brunch, which includes a Spanish omelet

with smoked salmon, the Mercat Benedict (with truffled hollandaise). Available Saturday and Sunday; Mercat also features a dinner menu (\$36).

**Sunda New Asian**, 110 W. Illinois St. The brunch menu starts with sashimi and maki and ends with yuzu panna cotta. In between, there's a choice of grilled suke salmon, pork katsu and squash curry. Available Saturday and Sunday; the CRW lunch

menu is identical; dinner menu (\$48) also available.

**Travelle**, 330 N. Wabash Ave. The Langham hotel dining room offers dishes such as cauliflower soup, cider-brined pork chop and blueberry custard cake. Available Saturday and Sunday. Lunch menu identical, and dinner menu (\$48) also available.

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# Winter vegetable deserves a fresh look

Celery, from Page 1

Rice." I use a simplified version of her stir-fry sauce and pungent spicing, but ditch the chicken in favor of a mountain of sliced celery, some green bell peppers and a little bit of meat — just 2 ounces per serving. I like this stir-fry over steamed white rice and served with a smashed cucumber salad.

In July, a green, leafy salad practically tosses itself. The farmers market overflows with a variety of sweet greens, and even the typical supermarket offers more and better options through the growing season. But now? Bagged greens packed in plastic — and showing signs of decay before you've even bought them — do not inspire me to break out the salad bowl. But humble celery can.

When it comes to making celery the base for an appealing cold-weather salad, there are several important things to remember.

First and foremost: slicing. You want to cut celery on a bias in thin, almost shaved strips. If possible, use the leafy stalks from the bunch's inner heart. (Those outer stalks are better in the above-mentioned stir-fry anyway.)

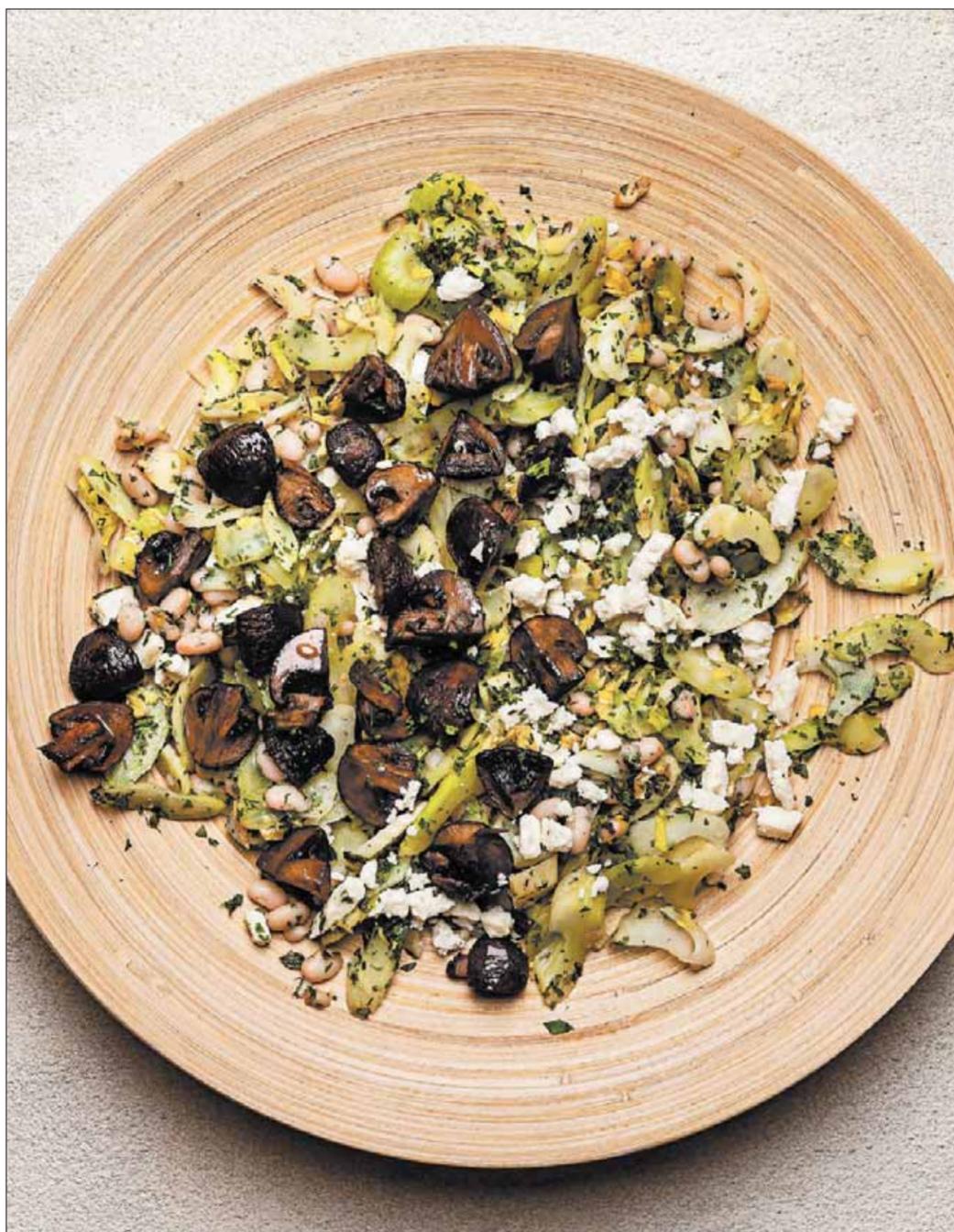
Once you turn your stalks into a fragrant, feathery pile of greens, dress them early. Allowing the salt and acid to work on the vegetables will render them crisp-tender in roughly 30 minutes.

Rich, tangy cheese complements the flavor and texture of celery the way few other ingredients can. Think back to the after-school snack of cream-cheese-filled stalks or the cooling bite of spears drenched in blue cheese sauce that are so often enjoyed with hot wings. I call for feta in the recipe here, but a funky, creamy, richly veined blue is also a good idea.

Winter salads need one warm element to entice me on cold days. I like roasted creminis for their meaty, earthy savor. Roasted sweet potato cubes would be good if you wanted to lean in a sweeter direction. And warm, cubed chicken makes this a complaint-proof main course.

My hope is less that you make this exact recipe and more that you recognize celery's stealth star power. It's easily transformed into a salad base in a way that wrecks baby spinach's self-esteem.

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## Celery salad with roasted mushrooms, white beans and feta

Servings: 4 to 6

Warm roasted mushrooms make this salad hearty and appealing on a cold day. Goat cheese, blue cheese or Parmigiano-Reggiano would all be good swaps for the feta. **Make ahead:** The celery mixture needs to marinate in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes and up to one hour. The salad can be refrigerated for up to three days. (The mushrooms aren't the same cold or at room temperature, but they are still good.)

### For the marinated celery

2 tablespoons minced shallot  
2 tablespoons champagne or other white wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
½ teaspoon salt  
¾ teaspoon sugar  
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
8 ribs celery (preferably leafy ones from the heart), sliced very thin on the diagonal  
1 cup cooked or canned white beans (rinsed and drained if canned)

### For the roasted mushrooms

12 ounces cremini mushrooms, each cut into quarters  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
¼ teaspoon salt  
**For assembly**  
¼ cup chopped parsley  
¼ cup chopped fresh mint  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill  
3 ounces crumbled feta cheese (see headnote)

**1. For the marinated celery:** Whisk together the shallot, vinegar, oil, salt, sugar and black pepper in a large salad bowl until the sugar has dissolved. Add the celery and white beans, toss and let marinate in the refrigerator for 30 minutes to 1 hour.

**2. While the celery marinates,** make the roasted mushrooms: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Arrange the mushrooms on a rimmed baking sheet, then drizzle with oil, season with salt and toss to coat. Roast (middle rack) for 30 to 40 minutes, until the mushrooms have browned and are tender.

**3. Reserve 2 tablespoons** of the mixed herbs to garnish the salad. To assemble just before serving, toss the rest of the herbs with the celery and white bean mixture. Arrange on a platter. Top with the roasted mushrooms, crumbled feta and reserved herbs. Serve right away.

**Nutrition per serving (based on 6):** 190 calories, 7 g protein, 13 g carbohydrates, 13 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 480 mg sodium, 4 g dietary fiber, 4 g sugar

## Celery and pork stir-fry

Servings: 4

If you can't find the Chinkiang (black) vinegar at your nearest Asian market, use balsamic vinegar. Serve with steamed white rice.

### For the sauce

2 tablespoons water  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 tablespoon Chinkiang black vinegar  
2 teaspoons soy sauce  
1 teaspoon cornstarch  
1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

### For the stir-fry

1 tablespoon canola oil  
4 dried red chiles, crumbled (seeds discarded if you prefer less spicy heat)  
1 teaspoon Sichuan peppercorns  
5 medium ribs celery, sliced on the diagonal  
1 green bell pepper, seeded and cut into thin strips  
3 large cloves garlic, sliced thin  
12-inch piece of fresh ginger root, peeled and sliced thin  
6 scallions, sliced, white and green parts divided  
8 ounces ground pork  
¼ cup roasted, unsalted peanuts, coarsely chopped  
Kosher salt

**1. For the sauce:** Whisk together the water, sugar, Chinkiang vinegar, soy sauce, cornstarch and toasted sesame oil in a medium bowl.

**2. For the stir-fry:** Heat the oil in a wok or large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the red chiles and Sichuan peppercorns; stir-fry for about 1 minute, until the chiles darken slightly.

**3. Add the celery** and green pepper; stir-fry for 3 to 4 minutes, until crisp-tender. Add the garlic, ginger and white parts of the scallion and stir-fry an additional 1 minute, until fragrant. Transfer to a plate.

**4. Add the pork** to the skillet and cook, breaking up the meat as you stir-fry, about 5 minutes, until browned. Add the celery mixture and stir to combine. Stir the sauce, add it to the skillet and stir to coat everything. Sprinkle the peanuts over the top, and season lightly with salt. Serve right away.

**Nutrition per serving:** 260 calories, 14 g protein, 13 g carbohydrates, 18 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 40 mg cholesterol, 270 mg sodium, 3 g dietary fiber, 6 g sugar

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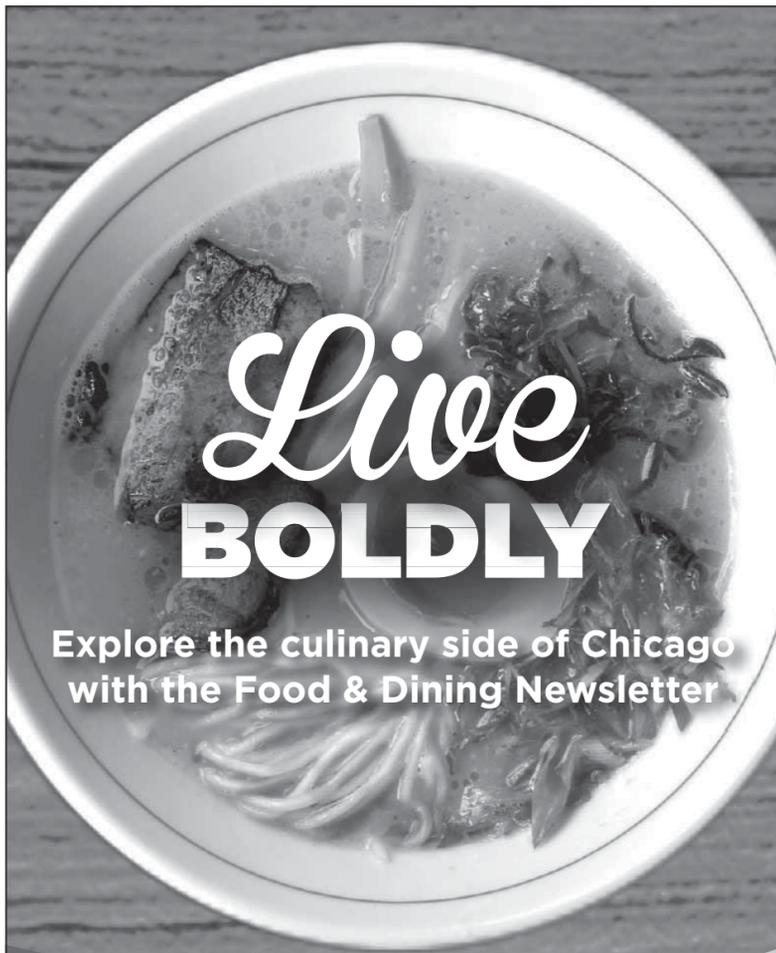
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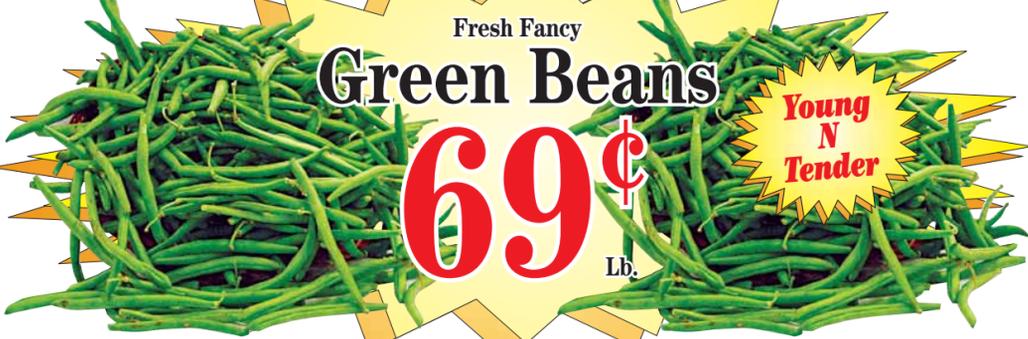
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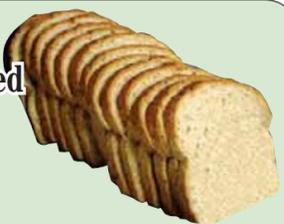
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 Value Pack  
 \$329 Lb.  
 90% Lean Beef Steakets Value Pack \$3.99 Lb.  
 Ground Fresh in store many times daily.

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"  
**Beef Bottom Round Roast**  
 Sold As Roast Only  
 \$379 Lb.  
 Bottom Round Steaks Value Pack \$3.99 Lb.

Oscar Mayer  
**Hot Dogs**  
 Selected Varieties  
 15 - 16 Oz.  
 \$299

Oscar Mayer  
**Smoked Sausage**  
 •Beef •Turkey •Italian  
 12 - 13 Oz.  
 \$299

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef" Tenderized  
**Beef Cube Steaks**  
 Value Pack  
 \$429 Lb.

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"  
**Porterhouse Steak**  
 Any Size Package  
 \$799 Lb.  
 T-Bone Steak Any Size Package \$7.79 Lb.

Dutch Farms Premium  
**Sliced Bacon**  
 Assorted Varieties  
 16 Oz.  
 \$399

Johnsonville Breakfast  
**Pork Sausage**  
 •Links •Patties  
 Assorted Varieties  
 12 Oz.  
 \$299

Gilbert's  
**Craft Sausages**  
 Assorted Varieties  
 10 Oz.  
 \$499

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
**Center Cut Pork Chops**  
 Value Pack  
 \$199 Lb.

Oscar Mayer  
**Basic Lunchables**  
 Assorted Varieties  
 2.2 - 4.4 Oz.  
 5/\$5

Carl Buddig  
**Lunchmeat Tub**  
 Assorted Varieties  
 7 - 9 Oz.  
 2/\$5

Buona  
**Italian Sausage Links**  
 •Mild •Hot  
 19 Oz.  
 \$379  
 Italian Beef Tub 4 Lb. \$15.99

Vienna Beef  
**Italian Beef & Gravy**  
 4.5 Lbs.  
 \$1599

Foster Farms  
**Corn Dogs**  
 Assorted Varieties  
 29.3 - 42 Oz.  
 \$599

On-Cor  
**Bagged Breaded Chicken**  
 •Nibblers •Strips •Patties  
 26 - 27.5 Oz.  
 2/\$7

## Specialty Shoppe

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
**Stuffed Bone-In Pork Chops** . . . . \$249 Lb.

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Pork  
**Stuffed Pork Tenderloin** \$349 Lb.

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Pork  
**Breaded Pork Tenderloin Patties** . . . . . \$379 Lb.

Walt's Premium  
**Breaded Chicken Dijon** . . . \$499 Lb.

Walt's Premium  
**Greek Flank Steak with Spinach & Feta** . . . . . \$799 Lb.

## Seafood Specials

**CATCH! THE SAVINGS**

Wild Caught  
**Red Snapper Fillets** . . . . . \$699 Lb.

Sea Best  
**Salmon Fillets** . . . . . 16 Oz. \$699

Sea Best  
**Cod Fillets** . . . . . 16 Oz. \$579

Sea Best  
**Tilapia Fillets** . . . . . 16 Oz. \$399

Louis Kemp  
**Imitation Crabmeat** . . . 8 Oz. 2/\$4  
 Assorted Varieties

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
**Pork Country Ribs**  
 Value Pack  
 \$179 Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
**Assorted Pork Chops**  
 Value Pack  
 \$159 Lb.

# Check Out Our LOW PRICES DELI-HUT Check Out Our LOW PRICES

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**

Walt's Signature Premium  
**Ham off the Bone**  
 \$498 Lb.  
 \$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Land O Lakes  
**American Cheese**  
 Selected Varieties  
 \$498 Lb.  
 \$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Garden Fresh  
**BLT Pasta Salad** . . . . . \$599 Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut  
**Chicken Salad** . . . . . \$649 Lb.

Garden Fresh  
**Seafood Salad** . . . . . \$549 Lb.

Garden Fresh Creamy  
**Kidney Bean Salad** . . . . . \$379 Lb.

Garden Fresh Sour Cream  
**Cheddar Macaroni Salad** . . \$379 Lb.

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**

Berkshire  
**Roast Beef**  
 \$698 Lb.  
 \$3.49 1/2 Lb.

Berkshire  
**Corned Beef**  
 \$698 Lb.  
 \$3.49 1/2 Lb.

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**

Eckrich  
**Hard Salami**  
 Selected Varieties  
 \$578 Lb.  
 \$2.89 1/2 Lb.

Eckrich  
**Deli Loaves**  
 Assorted Varieties  
 \$498 Lb.  
 \$2.49 1/2 Lb.

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**

Deli Reserve  
**Cheese**  
 •Colby Jack •Mild Cheddar  
 Selected Varieties  
 \$398 Lb.  
 \$1.99 1/2 Lb.

Stella  
**Parmesan Bags**  
 Selected Varieties  
 8 Oz.  
 \$479

Dietz & Watson  
**All Varieties Turkey Breast**  
 \$798 Lb.  
 \$3.99 1/2 Lb.  
 Gluten Free

Dietz & Watson  
**Honey Glazed Ham**  
 \$698 Lb.  
 \$3.49 1/2 Lb.  
 Gluten Free

Walt's Deli Hut  
**Whole Rotisserie Chicken**  
 \$599 Ea. Tyson

Walt's Deli Hut Breaded  
**Chicken Breast Tenders**  
 \$499 Lb. Tyson  
 Breaded Chicken Breast Tenders  
 2 Lb. Bucket \$9.95

Dietz & Watson  
**Buffalo Chicken Breast**  
 \$698 Lb.  
 \$3.49 1/2 Lb.  
 Gluten Free

Dietz & Watson  
**Hard Salami**  
 \$798 Lb.  
 \$3.99 1/2 Lb.  
 Gluten Free

# DAIRY

## Pillsbury Rolls

- Cinnamon 7.3 Oz.
- Crescent 4 Oz.
- Grands! Biscuits 10.2 Oz.
- Flaky Biscuits 12 Oz.

**10/\$10**



## Pillsbury Rolled Pie Crusts

- 14.1 Oz.
- Big Crescent Rolls 12 Oz.

**2/\$5**

## Coffeemate Natural Bliss Flavored Creamer

16 Oz.

**2/\$5**



## Imperial Spread

1 Lb. Qtrs.

**99¢**



## Pillsbury Cookies

16 - 16.5 Oz.

**2/\$5**



## Simply Potatoes

20 Oz.

**\$2.29**



## Best Choice Butter

- Regular
- No Salt

1 Lb. Qtrs.

**2/\$5**



## Dutch Farms Sour Cream

•Regular

16 Oz.

**3/\$5**



## Dean's DairyPure Half & Half

Quart

**\$2.79**



## Dean's DairyPure Buttermilk

Quart

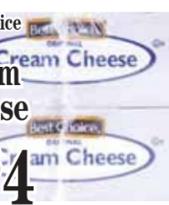
**\$1.79**



## Best Choice Regular Cream Cheese

2 Pk.

**2/\$4**



## Sargento Shredded Cheese

Selected Varieties

5 - 8 Oz.

**2/\$4**



## Dutch Farms Cottage Cheese

•Regular

24 Oz.

**2/\$5**



## Dutch Farms Premium Dips

11.5 - 12 Oz.

**\$2.19**



## Dutch Farms Cheese Melt

2 Lb. Loaf

**\$4.99**



## Dannon Yogurt

•Danimals Drinks 12 Pk.

•Activia 12 Pk.

**2/\$10**



## Dutch Farms Dips

- French Onion
- Ranch

16 Oz.

**99¢**



## Sargento Natural Cheese Slices

Selected Varieties

6.67 - 8 Oz.

**2/\$5**



## Dutch Farms Regular American Cheese Singles

12 Oz.

**3/\$6**



## Dutch Farms Cheese Melt

2 Lb. Loaf

**\$4.99**



## Blue Bonnet Soft Spread

15 Oz.

**\$1.59**



## Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice

52 Oz.

**2/\$6**



## Kraft Shredded Cheese

24 Oz.

**\$4.99**



## Kraft String Cheese

9 - 12 Oz.

**\$2.79**



## Kraft Cheez Whiz

15 Oz.

**\$4.99**



## Kraft Philadelphia Soft Cream Cheese

7.5 - 8 Oz. Tub

**\$2.99**



## Arizona Tea

59 Oz.

**3/\$5**



## TruMoo Chocolate Milk

1/2 Gallon

**2/\$6**



## Dutch Farms Orange Juice

Gallon

**\$3.99**



## Dutch Farms Organic Milk

1/2 Gallon

**\$3.99**



## Sunny D

Gallon

**\$2.99**



# FROZEN

## Prairie Farms Premium Ice Cream

56 Oz.

**2/\$5**



## Best Choice Waffles

Selected Varieties

12.3 Oz.

**2/\$3**



## Mr. Dee's Hashbrowns

•Shredded

•Golden Round

24 Oz.

**2/\$5**



## Jimmy Dean Breakfast Bowls

7 Oz.

**\$2.59**



## Morning Star Farms Sale!

Selected Varieties

5.25 - 12 Oz.

**\$3.49**



## Ore Ida Potatoes

14 - 32 Oz.

**2/\$5**



## Breyers Ice Cream

48 Oz.

**2/\$7**



## Klondike or Magnum Ice Cream Bars

Selected Varieties

3 - 6 Pk.

**2/\$7**



## Ben & Jerry's Premium Ice Cream

16 Oz.

**2/\$6**



## Turkey Hill Premium Ice Cream

48 Oz.

**\$2.99**



## Campione's

•Five Cheese Garlic Bread 11.75 Oz.

•Garlic Toast 11.25 Oz.

•Garlic Breadsticks 10 Oz.

•Garlic Bread 16 Oz.

•Garlic Dinner Rolls 8 Oz.

**2/\$5**



## Louisa Pasta

Selected Varieties

2 - 22 Oz.

**2/\$7**



## Birdseye Polybag Steamfresh Vegetable Mixtures

Selected Varieties

9.5 - 16 Oz.

**2/\$4**



## Birdseye Polybag Regular Vegetables

•Regular

•Rice Steamfresh

Selected Varieties

10 - 16 Oz.

**3/\$4**



## Fries

•Checkers 28 Oz.

•Arby's Seasoned Curly 22 Oz.

•Red Robin Steak 22 Oz.

•Nathan's Jumbo Crispy 28 Oz.

•Onion Rings

•Nathan's 16 Oz. •Red Robin Crispy 14 Oz.

**2/\$5**



## Weight Watchers Smart Ones Entrees

Selected Varieties

4.4 - 10.5 Oz.

**6/\$10**



## Banquet Family Size Entrees

24 - 28 Oz.

**\$2.99**



## Banquet Meat Pot Pies

7 Oz.

**10/\$10**



## Bertolli Meal Kits

24 Oz.

**\$6.99**



## Marie Callender's Dinners

Selected Varieties

10.5 - 12.4 Oz.

**\$3.29**



## Palermo's Thin Crust Pizza

12 Inch

**5/\$10**



## Banquet Chicken

•Nuggets

•Patties

•Tenders

12 - 15 Oz.

**\$2.99**



## TGI Friday's Appetizers

Selected Varieties

7.6 - 11 Oz.

**\$2.99**



## Ore Ida Bagel Bites

7 Oz.

**2/\$4**



## Delimex Taquitos

•Rolled-Tacos

23 Oz.

**2/\$10**



## Home Run Inn Ultra Thin Crust Pizza

12 Inch

**2/\$10**



## Edward's Pizza

24 - 28 Oz.

**2/\$10**



## Gino's East Deep Dish Pizza

9 Inch

**2/\$10**



## Tony's Pizzeria Style Pizza

12 Inch

**4/\$10**



# GROCERY

When You Buy 3  
 Classico  
**Pasta Sauce**  
 24 Oz.  
**3/\$5**  
 Must Buy 3. Single Item Price \$1.99 Ea.

Wesson  
**Oil**  
 •Canola  
 •Vegetable  
 •Best Blend  
 48 Oz.  
 Sale Price **2/\$5**  
 Digital Reward Coupon  
 When You Buy 2 **-\$1**  
**Final Price 2/\$4**  
 Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Old El Paso  
**Taco Shells**  
 8 - 12 Ct.  
**Refried Beans**  
 16 Oz.  
**Enchilada Sauce**  
 10 Oz.  
**4/\$5**

Bear Creek  
**Soup Mix**  
 9 - 11.2 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

Kraft  
**Mac & Cheese**  
 •Regular  
 •Shapes  
 •Three Cheese  
 •Thick'n Creamy  
 5.5 - 7.25 Oz.  
**5/\$5**

Duncan Hines  
 Family Size  
**Fudge Brownie Mix**  
 18.3 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

Olive Garden  
**Salad Dressing**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Mr. Clean  
**All Purpose Cleaner**  
 40 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Best Choice  
**Pasta**  
 Selected Varieties  
 16 Oz.  
**3/\$2**

Open Pit  
**Barbecue Sauce**  
 18 Oz.  
**99¢**

Old El Paso  
**Taco Dinner Kit**  
 8.8 - 11.4 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Peter Pan  
**Peanut Butter**  
 16.3 Oz.  
 Sale Price **2/\$4**  
 Digital Reward Coupon  
 When You Buy 2 **-\$1**  
**Final Price 2/\$3**  
 Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Kraft  
**Velveeta Shells & Cheese**  
**Deluxe Mac & Cheese**  
 3 Pk.  
**\$6.49**

Duncan Hines  
**Cake Mix**  
 Selected Varieties  
 15.25 Oz.  
**4/\$5**

Duke's  
**Mayonnaise**  
 32 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Swiffer  
**Cloth Refills**  
 •Wet •Dry  
 12 - 16 Ct.  
**\$3.99**

Best Choice  
**Soup**  
 •Chicken Noodle  
 •Tomato  
 10.5 - 10.75 Oz.  
**3/\$2**

Vlasic  
**Pickles**  
 16 - 24 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Ortega  
**Taco Seasoning Mix**  
 1.25 Oz.  
**79¢**

Mott's  
**Apple Juice**  
 64 Oz.  
 Sale Price **2/\$5**  
 Digital Reward Coupon  
 When You Buy 2 **-\$1**  
**Final Price 2/\$4**  
 Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Kraft  
**Mac & Cheese Cups**  
 •Regular  
 •Velveeta Shells  
 •Easy Mac  
 •Deluxe  
 1.9 - 2.39 Oz.  
**4/\$5**

Duncan Hines  
**Cake Frosting**  
 14 - 16 Oz.  
**\$1.79**

Glenmark  
**Salad Croutons**  
 5 Oz.  
**5/\$5**

Cottonelle  
**Bath Tissue**  
 6 Pk. Mega Rolls or  
 12 Pk. Double Rolls  
**Viva Paper Towels**  
 6 Pk. Regular Rolls  
**\$6.99** **Your Choice**

Best Choice  
**Beans**  
 •Kidney  
 •Black  
 •Chili  
 •Pinto  
 •Garbanzo  
 15 - 15.5 Oz.  
**3/\$2**

Heinz  
**Yellow Mustard**  
**EZ Squeeze Ketchup**  
 20 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Ortega  
**Taco Sauce**  
 8 Oz.  
**Taco Shells**  
 12 Ct.  
**\$1.79**

Mott's  
**Apple Sauce**  
 •6 Pk.  
 •46 - 48 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Red Gold  
**Tomatoes**  
**Tomato Sauce**  
 28 - 29 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

Keebler  
**Fudge Cookies**  
 6.5 - 13.6 Oz.  
 Sale Price **2/\$5**  
 Digital Reward Coupon  
 When You Buy 2 **-\$1**  
**Final Price 2/\$4**  
 Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Maruchan  
**Ramen Noodles**  
 3 Oz.  
**4/\$1**  
**Ramen Soup Cup**  
 2.25 Oz.  
**5/\$2**

Luv's  
 Big Pack  
**Diapers**  
 64 - 104 Ct.  
**\$13.99**

When You Buy 3  
 Regular, Diet  
**Pepsi**  
**Mountain Dew**  
**Crush**  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or 8 Pk. 12 Oz. Btfls.  
**Bubly Sparkling Water**  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**3/\$10**  
 Must Buy 3. Single Item Price \$3.99 Ea.

When You Buy 3  
 Kool-Aid  
**Jammers**  
 10 Pk.  
**3/\$5**  
 Must Buy 3. Single Item Price \$1.99 Ea.

Keebler  
**Town House Crackers**  
 9 - 13.8 Oz.  
 Sale Price **2/\$5**  
 Digital Reward Coupon  
 When You Buy 2 **-\$1**  
**Final Price 2/\$4**  
 Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Hostess  
**Twinkies**  
**Cup Cakes**  
**Ding Dongs**  
 6 - 10 Ct.  
**2/\$4**

Best Choice  
**Coffee**  
 •Breakfast Roast  
 •Colombian  
 •Supreme  
 34.5 Oz.  
**\$4.49**

Nestle  
 Pure Life  
**Water**  
 24 Pk. 5.1 Ltr. Btfls.  
 Sale Price **\$2.79**  
 Digital Reward Coupon **-.50¢**  
**Final Price \$2.29**  
 Must use Walt's App to redeem.

•Angel Soft  
**Bath Tissue**  
 6 Pk. Mega Rolls or  
 12 Pk. Double Rolls  
 •Sparkle  
**Paper Towels**  
 6 Pk. Regular Rolls  
**\$5.99** **Your Choice**

# GROCERY GOLD VALUES

•7Up •Dr. Pepper  
•A&W •RC  
•Canada Dry  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or  
8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.  
**3/\$11**

•7Up •Dr. Pepper  
•A&W •RC  
•Canada Dry  
2 Ltr.  
**5/\$5**

Regular, Diet  
•Coke  
•Coke Zero Sugar  
•Sprite  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or  
8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.  
**3/\$12**

Regular, Diet  
•Pepsi  
•Mtn. Dew  
•Crush  
2 Ltr.  
**4/\$5**

Regular, Diet  
•Coke  
•Coke Zero Sugar  
•Sprite  
6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans  
**4/\$10**

Nestle  
Splash  
6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.  
**4/\$5**

Powerade  
8 Pk. 20 Oz. Btls.  
**2/\$8**

•Deja Blue Water  
24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.  
•Vita Coco  
Coconut Water  
1 Ltr.  
**\$3.99**

•7Up •Dr. Pepper  
•A&W •RC  
•Canada Dry  
6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls. or  
6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans  
**4/\$11**

Lipton  
Tea  
128 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Bigelow  
Tea  
20 Ct.  
**2/\$4**

Juice  
•V8 Vegetable  
46 Oz.  
•Campbell's Tomato  
64 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Cheetos  
7.5 - 8.5 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Doritos  
Tortilla  
Chips  
9.25 - 10.5 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Jays  
Oke Doke  
Popcorn  
7.5 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Uncle Ray's  
Potato  
Chips  
8 - 8.5 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Skinny Pop  
Popcorn  
4.4 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Herr's  
Snack Barrels  
•Cheese Balls  
•Party Mix  
•Sour dough Pretzels  
18 - 24 Oz.  
**\$4.99**

Best Choice  
Split Top  
Wheat Bread  
16 Oz.  
**\$1.29**

Mother's  
Bread  
•White •Wheat  
24 Oz.  
**\$2.49**

Entenmann's  
Donuts  
15 - 16 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Quaker  
Oats  
18 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Land O'Lakes  
Hot Cocoa  
Mix  
1.25 Oz.  
**3/\$1**

Candy  
•Snickers Bar  
•Milky Way Bar  
•3 Musketeers Bar  
•M&M's •Twix Bars  
1.41 - 1.92 Oz.  
**2/\$1.50**

## GM/HBC

Kellogg's  
Special K Meal Bars  
•Chocolate Crunch •Double Chocolate  
•Chocolate Chip •Chocolate Peanut Butter  
6 Ct.  
**\$5.99**

Alka-Seltzer Plus  
•Day & Night •Cold Night  
•Maximum Strength Cold & Cough  
•Maximum Strength Orange  
20 Ct. Tablets  
**\$4.99**

DayQuil or  
NyQuil  
•8 Oz. Liquid  
•16 Ct. LiquiCaps  
**\$5.99**

Best Choice  
Cotton  
Swabs ..... 300 Ct. **\$1.49**

Right Guard Extreme  
Gel or Solid  
Anti Perspirant  
& Deodorant ..... 2.6 - 4 Oz. **\$2.99**

Benadryl  
Tablets ..... 24 Ct. **\$3.99**

Dove Intensive Repair  
Shampoo or  
Conditioner  
•Moisturizing •Thermal  
12 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

Colgate Total  
Toothpaste  
•Stripe •Regular  
•Whitening Paste  
•Whitening Gel  
6 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Windmill Vitamin  
Winter Sale  
Selected Varieties Up To  
**30% Off**

## FINE WINE, BREWS & SPIRITS

Available in Homewood, Tinley Park, Crete & Beecher stores only.

•Miller High Life  
•Miller High Life Light  
•Icehouse •Busch •Busch Light  
•Rolling Rock  
30 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**\$12.99**

•Miller Lite •Miller 64 Lite  
•Miller Genuine Draft  
•Coors Light  
•Budweiser •Bud Light  
18 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls.  
**\$11.99**

Angry  
Orchard  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls.  
**\$13.99**

Fetzer Wine  
•Chardonnay •Cabernet  
•Gewürztraminer 750 ML **2/\$10**

Svedka  
Vodka ..... 1.75 Ltr. **\$21.99**

Woodbridge  
Wine  
•Pinot Grigio •Merlot 1.5 Ltr. **\$11.99**

Blue Moon **Buy This**  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. **\$12.99**

•Sam Adams  
•Sierra Nevada  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans  
**\$13.99**

Goose  
Island  
•12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls.  
•15 Pk. Cans  
**\$13.99**

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16145 SO. STATE ST.	SO. HOLLAND	(708) 333-5500
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1100 E. EXCHANGE AVE.	CRETE	(708) 672-3270
1218 SHEFFIELD AVE.	DYER, IN	(219) 322-6428
1111 DIXIE HWY.	BEECHER	(708) 946-2543

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# WALT'S

## FOOD CENTERS

**SALE DATES:**  
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23rd THRU  
TUESDAY, JAN. 29th, 2019

**STORE HOURS:**  
Mon.-Sat. 7 am to 9 pm  
Sun. 7 am to 7 pm



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at [www.waltsfoods.com](http://www.waltsfoods.com)

### 3 DAY SALE!

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday ONLY!

Fresh Sweet  
**Blackberries**  
6 Oz. Pkg.

**99¢**

Limit 2

Walt's USDA Choice Premium "All Natural" Beef  
**Boneless Top Round Roast**  
Sold As Roast Only

**\$2.99**

Lb.

Best Choice/Pleasant View  
**Milk**

•2% Reduced Fat •1% Lowfat •Skim Fat Free  
Gallon

**\$1.88**

Limit 2 Total

Tony's Pizzeria Style  
**Pizza**  
12 Inch

**\$1.99**

Limit 2 Total

Best Choice

•**Bath Tissue**

Ultra 6 Pk. Mega Rolls or Extra Soft 12 Pk. Double Rolls

•**Paper Towels**

8 Pk. Select A Size Rolls

**\$3.88**

Walt's Country Fried or Seasoned Grilled  
**Dark Meat Chicken Bucket**  
10 Pieces including 5 Drumsticks and 5 Thighs

**\$5.99**

Limit 3

Available 9 am - 6 pm

### 2 DAY SALE!

Saturday & Sunday ONLY!

Washington  
**Honeycrisp Apples**

**69¢**

Lb.

Lunch  
Box  
Size!

Walt's "All Natural" Premium Pork  
**Whole Pork Tenderloin**  
Sold Whole in the Bag

**\$1.99**

Lb.

Dutch Farms Regular

**American Cheese Singles**

12 Oz.

**88¢**

Limit 1 Total

Prairie Farms Premium  
**Ice Cream**  
56 Oz.

**\$1.99**

Limit 2 Total

Vitner's  
**Potato Chips**  
8.5 Oz.

**\$1.49**

Krakus Imported  
**Polish Ham**  
Regular Only

**\$3.98**

Lb.

\$1.99 1/2 Lb.



**Redeem All 4 Coupons With A \$40 Purchase**  
Coupons Good All 7 Days! Coupons Not Available In Store.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5365

Walt's Own  
**Cake Donuts**  
•Plain •Powdered Sugared  
•Cinnamon Sugared •Granulated Sugared  
6 Pk. Pre-Packaged

**\$1.49**

Made Fresh in our Store

With This Coupon and a **Separate \$10 Purchase** Per Coupon.  
Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.  
Limit One Per Coupon. Coupon Good 01/23/19 - 01/29/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5366

Dutch Farms Premium  
**Sliced Bacon**  
Assorted Varieties 16 Oz.

**\$2.79**

With This Coupon and a **Separate \$10 Purchase** Per Coupon.  
Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.  
Limit One Per Coupon. Coupon Good 01/23/19 - 01/29/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5367

Doritos  
**Tortilla Chips**  
9.25 - 10.5 Oz.

**\$1.79**

With This Coupon and a **Separate \$10 Purchase** Per Coupon.  
Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.  
Limit One Per Coupon. Coupon Good 01/23/19 - 01/29/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5368

Best Choice  
**Butter**  
•Regular •No Salt  
1 Lb. Qtrs.

**\$1.99**

With This Coupon and a **Separate \$10 Purchase** Per Coupon.  
Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.  
Limit One Per Coupon. Coupon Good 01/23/19 - 01/29/19.

# Buy Any 6 of these items and Save \$3 Instantly

Limit 2 Mix or Match Offers Per Customer Per Visit.

Mix or Match!

Mix or Match!

**Skippy Peanut Butter**  
16.3 Oz.  
**\$1.49**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$1.99 Ea.

**Dean's Orchard Pure Orange Juice**  
64 Oz.  
**\$2.49**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$2.99 Ea.

**Clorox Disinfecting Wipes**  
70 - 75 Ct.  
**\$3.99**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$4.49 Ea.

**Nabisco Family Size Cookies**  
•Oreos •Chips Ahoy •Nutter Butter  
13.1 - 20 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$3.49 Ea.

**Dean's Cottage Cheese**  
24 Oz.  
**\$2.49**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$2.99 Ea.

**Glad Zipper Bags**  
•Freezer •Storage  
15 - 25 Ct.  
**\$1.49**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$1.99 Ea.

**Nabisco Family Size Crackers**  
•Ritz •Snack  
12 - 24 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$3.49 Ea.

**Eggo Waffles**  
24 Pk.  
**\$3.99**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$4.49 Ea.

**Glad Bags**  
•Tall Kitchen •Trash  
28 - 80 Ct.  
**\$6.99**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$7.49 Ea.

**Best Choice Single Serve Coffee**  
12 Ct. Pods  
**\$3.99**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$4.49 Ea.

**Corleone Extra Virgin Olive Oil**  
30 Oz.  
**\$3.79**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$4.29 Ea.

**Tide Simply Clean Liquid Laundry Detergent**  
40 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$3.49 Ea.

**Best Choice Coffee Creamer**  
35.3 Oz.  
**\$3.49**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$3.99 Ea.

**Best Choice IQF Chicken**  
•Boneless Skinless Breasts •Wings •Tenders  
3 Lb. Bag  
**\$5.49**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$5.99 Ea.

**Era Liquid Laundry Detergent**  
50 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



When You Buy Any 6, Must Buy 6. Single Item Price \$3.49 Ea.

# DAIRY/FROZEN GOLD VALUES

**Dutch Farms English Muffins**  
6 Pk.  
**4/\$5**

**Best Choice Sour Cream**  
8 Oz.  
**79¢**

**Dutch Farms Cracker Cheese Cuts**  
10 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

**Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice**  
89 Oz.  
**\$6.49**

**DeWafflebakkers Pancakes**  
Selected Varieties  
18 - 60 Ct.  
**\$2.99**

**Mrs. Smith's Fruit Pie**  
•Apple •Dutch Apple •Cherry •Peach  
35 - 37 Oz.  
**\$5.99**

**Birdseye Veggie Made**  
Selected Varieties  
10 - 12 Oz.  
**2/\$7**

**Vito & Nick's Pizza**  
19.51 - 30.09 Oz.  
**\$8.99**

**Parkay Margarine**  
41 Oz.  
**\$3.79**

**Dean's Dips**  
16 Oz.  
**\$1.99**

**Dutch Farms Shredded Cheese**  
•Regular •Fancy Selected Varieties  
6 - 8 Oz.  
**3/\$6**

**Kraft Velveeta Cheese**  
2 Lb. Loaf  
**\$7.49**

**Best Choice Frozen Orange Juice**  
12 Oz. Can  
**2/\$3**

**Edy's Grand Ice Cream •Yogurt •Sherbet**  
48 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

**Grown In Idaho Potatoes**  
28 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

**Raybern's Sandwich**  
10 - 12 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

**Ore Ida Just Crack An Egg**  
3 Oz.  
**\$2.49**

**Dutch Farms Cheese Spread**  
8 Oz.  
**\$2.29**

**Dutch Farms Cheese Bars**  
Selected Varieties  
8 Oz.  
**3/\$6**

**Kraft Cheese Cubes**  
Selected Varieties  
6.4 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

**Mr. Dee's Hash-Brown Patties**  
31.75 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

**North Star Sundae Cones Variety Pack**  
24 Pk.  
**\$9.99**

**Tyson Chicken**  
•Nuggets •Patties •Tenders  
11.5 - 13.25 Oz.  
**\$3.29**

**Bella Nico Beef**  
26 Oz.  
**\$4.99**

**Best Choice Cream Cheese**  
•Regular •1/3 Less Fat  
8 Oz. Box  
**4/\$5**

**Dutch Farms Cheese**  
•Snack •String  
10 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

**Dutch Farms Natural Cheese Slices**  
Selected Varieties  
6 Oz.  
**3/\$6**

**Kraft Old English Cheese Spread**  
5 Oz. Jar  
**2/\$6**

**Campione's Garlic Mini Loaf**  
8 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

**Good Humor Ice Cream Bars**  
•Strawberry Shortcake •Chocolate Eclair  
6 Pk.  
**\$3.99**

**Farm Rich Appetizers**  
Selected Varieties  
16 - 26 Oz.  
**\$5.99**

**Patio Burrito**  
5 Oz.  
**2/\$1**

**Dutch Farms Bagels**  
14 Oz.  
**4/\$5**

**Jell-O Pudding •Gelatin**  
4 Pk.  
**\$1.99**

**Dutch Farms Whipped Topping**  
6.5 Oz. Can  
**\$1.59**

**Florida's Natural Orange Juice**  
52 Oz.  
**\$3.79**

**Best Choice Texas Toast •Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks •Five Cheese Garlic Bread**  
11.75 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

**Best Choice Frozen Lemonade**  
12 Oz. Can  
**10/\$10**

**Reames Egg Noodles**  
12 Oz.  
**\$2.49**

**Kraft Mac & Cheese Entree**  
8.5 Oz.  
**\$2.99**