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Judge lets challenge to OPC proceed

Ruling is blow to Obama center's Jackson Park plans

BY LOLLY BOWEAN
Chicago Tribune

In a setback to plans to build the Obama Presidential Center on Chicago's South Side lakefront, a federal judge ruled Tuesday that a lawsuit challenging its location can proceed.

U.S. Judge John Robert Blakey said in a written ruling that the environmental group Protect Our Parks has enough legal ground to bring some of its objections before him. Blakey did toss out parts of the lawsuit filed against the city of Chicago and the Park District.

The ruling to allow the suit to proceed is significant because it could delay construction for months, and potentially raise the question of whether the \$500 million sprawling presidential campus can be built at all on lakefront property in Jackson Park.

A major point of contention has been whether Chicago has legal standing to build the Obama center on public park property to begin with.

Herbert Caplan, founder of Protect Our Parks, hailed the ruling "as a victory because it keeps our case alive."

"We are not opposing construction of the Obama Presidential Center, as long as it's not in historic Jackson Park," he said.

City officials, for their part, said they were pleased that parts of the suit were dismissed and indicated their intention to move forward with the plans.

"The Obama Presidential Center is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all of Chicago," said a statement released by the city's corporation counsel, Ed Siskel. "It will bring transformative investment to the South Side, create hundreds of permanent jobs, and inspire young Chicagoans and people from across the world to follow the lead of Barack and Michelle Obama."

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Report: Push to share nuclear tech with Saudi Arabia

The House has opened an investigation into a report that senior White House officials pushed a project to share nuclear power technology with Saudi Arabia. **Nation & World**, Page 11



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Sen. Kimberly Lightford, D-Maywood, clutches ceremonial pens as she's flanked by Gov. J.B. Pritzker and wife M.K. Pritzker in Springfield.

\$15 hourly minimum wage signed into law by Pritzker

Increase to be phased in across state by 2025 as governor fulfills campaign vow

BY DAN PETRELLA
Chicago Tribune

Low-wage workers across Illinois will ring in 2020 with a \$1-per-hour raise after Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Tuesday signed a bill that sets the state's minimum wage on a path to reach \$15 per hour by 2025.

Pritzker signed the bill into

law Tuesday morning during a ceremony at the Governor's Mansion in Springfield, making Illinois among the first states to approve a minimum wage of \$15 per hour, a goal set by the labor-backed Fight for \$15 movement. California will hit that level in 2022, Massachusetts in 2023 and New Jersey in 2024. New York's minimum wage

eventually will reach \$15 per hour statewide through a series of increases tied to inflation.

Illinois last increased its minimum wage, to \$8.25 per hour, in 2010.

"For nine long years, there were many forces that were arrayed against giving a raise to the people who work so hard to provide home care for seniors, child care for toddlers, who wash dishes at the diner, and who farm our fields," Pritzker said before signing the measure.

"Today is a victory for the cause of economic justice."

By signing the minimum wage increase into law before delivering his first budget proposal to lawmakers on Wednesday, Pritzker scored a major victory in the opening weeks of his term, fulfilling a campaign promise and demonstrating the power Democrats now wield in Springfield with control of the governor's office and the legislature.

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Lori Lightfoot's profile as a police reform advocate was largely built in recent years.

Complex past out of step with image as reformer

In police killings, Lightfoot landed on both sides

BY DAN HINKEL AND DAVID HEINZMANN
Chicago Tribune

Lori Lightfoot is pitching herself to voters as the mayoral candidate who fights abuses of power by law enforcement.

In a campaign ad, Lightfoot says she "held police

accountable" as the head of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's reform task force, which suggested sweeping changes and called out the Chicago Police Department for discrimination. She also fired cops accused of misconduct in her role as Police Board president.

Lightfoot's profile as a police reform advocate largely has been built during the last three years, after video showing white Officer Jason Van Dyke

shooting black teen Laquan McDonald turned the political tide toward dramatic change in the way law enforcement operates in Chicago.

A look at Lightfoot's earlier tenure running the city's former police disciplinary agency and working as a federal prosecutor reveals a more complicated picture, however.

During the early 2000s,

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As Sterigenics shut, Lake Co. feels shut out as it fights toxin

Residents push for same protections Willowbrook got

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE
Chicago Tribune

Months of community organizing, pleading and haranguing paid off last week when Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration banned Sterigenics from using cancer-causing ethylene oxide gas at its sterilization plant in west suburban Willowbrook.

About 40 miles away, residents of Lake County feel forgotten and left behind.

Two other companies — Vantage Specialty Chemi-

cals in Gurnee and Medline Industries in Waukegan — continue to release the same toxic gas into neighborhoods where nearly 42,000 people live. Yet the Trump administration has brushed aside petitions from members of the Illinois congressional delegation to monitor air quality near the Lake County sites, even though federal scientists estimate that, like in Willowbrook, surrounding areas face some of the highest long-term cancer risks in the U.S. from toxic air pollution.

The administration also has done nothing to inform Lake County resi-

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Aurora Police: No record of FOID card revocation

That doesn't mean police weren't notified in 2014, when warehouse shooter Gary Martin's gun license was revoked, but they don't have any record of it. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

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"Public Art in Chicago: Photography and Commentary on Sculptures, Statues, Murals and More." This book collects writings published in the Tribune about some of Chicago's most famous and memorable installations of public art. Some of the works discussed here were temporary and are no longer on display. Some are prominent — the Picasso, for example — and others are lesser-known treasures tucked away in hidden corners of the city. The articles offer historical and retrospective snapshots of artworks that have become cherished — and infamous — markers in Chicago's urban landscape.

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris of California tweeted "this was an attempted modern-day lynching."



JOHN KASS

1-year-old boy shot set aside for political indignity

Something important has been lost in the embarrassing saga of Jussie Smollett, the tuna fish sandwich-loving actor and anti-Trump activist, and those muscular Nigerian brothers.

And I suppose it's easy to lose what's important with all the panic and intersectional hatred and liberal identity politics gone bad in this Smollett story.

What's been lost is this: I'm told that two dozen detectives were assigned to the Smollett case.

Can Chicago afford that, what with all the unsolved murders and shootings in this town?

No. There were some 18 people killed in Chicago after Smollett began telling his story in late January, that story in which he cast himself as the hero, about having to fight off pro-Trump racists.

Now it turns out that the pro-Trump racists, who he says put a noose around his neck, may actually be his friends, two muscular Nigerian brothers who may or may not have been paid in this deal.

Either way, his story is he fought them off. Even though he had a cellphone in one hand, a tuna sandwich in the other.

Smollett must be a certified badass. His sandwich survived.

But two dozen detectives assigned to check out his story that he was a victim of a politically inspired pro-Trump hate crime, a story that is unraveling by the second?

Even in Chicago, a city known for its unending violence and political corruption, assigning two dozen detectives seems a bit overdone.

I could go with a lower number — say 20 detectives — given to me by someone who knows.

But that's still high given all the homicides that are never solved.

Chicago has an abysmal homicide clearance rate of about 17 percent. Chicago's detective ranks have been decimated by attrition and idiotic shortsighted political management. There aren't enough detectives. That's an issue in the mayoral campaign.

Thousands of people have been

murdered in Chicago over the past few years, and thousands and thousands more have been shot and survived.

They're alive because of the wonders of trauma center technology and the brilliance of ER doctors, and the hard work of Chicago Fire Department paramedics.

Even so, the city is numb to physical violence on the street. And numb to the emotional violence exerted by the political class.

But two dozen detectives for Smollett just doesn't seem right. Make no mistake. I'm not blaming the detectives, or the Chicago Police Department.

They work for a politician. His name is Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who famously announced a few years ago that a crisis is a terrible thing to waste.

And when Smollett told his amazing story, about being a black gay man attacked by racist Trump supporters on one of the coldest nights of the year, the media was all over it. National politicians were all over it.

They bought it without question.

"This was an attempted modern-day lynching," tweeted Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris of California. "No one should ever have to fear for their life because of their sexuality or color of their skin. We must confront this hate."

Sen. Cory Booker, the New Jersey Democrat, issued a similar tweet, although it saddened me that his mythical friend, the dangerous drug dealer T-Bone, had nothing to say.

But other Democrats fell in line. And CNN and many who earn their livings in the Washington-New York liberal media echo chamber rushed to judgment. So did a few in Chicago, but Chicago reporters had more healthy skepticism than their national counterparts.

It was a perfect anti-Trump story. It fit the prevailing narrative of many in the media (who are themselves liberal Democrats) that Trump supporters are racist and just itching to find some minorities to beat up.

Just a few weeks ago, the same media and Twitter mob descended upon those Covington High School

boys and blamed them for race hatred in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

It turned out the boys were innocent. But the social justice warriors of the left shrugged and moved on, looking for the next story with which to portray America as a hateful nation — because it fits their politics — and some found it in Smollett.

For a list of media examples, you might want to go to Mediaite and the article "Did the Media Jump the Gun on the Jussie Smollett Story?" by Caleb Howe.

Or you might consider CNN anchor Brooke Baldwin. She looked into the camera, and sighed, and her sigh was full of her politics.

"This is America in 2019," she said. We get it, Brooke. We're terrible. Donald Trump is the president, and everything's gone to hell.

There's nothing new there. Trump is a political-lightning-rod president, inspiring irrational hate in some and irrational adoration in others and most likely both groups are tribal and wrong.

But America isn't a hateful nation. America is the least hateful nation, and the best hope of humankind on Earth.

A few weeks ago, after Smollett began telling his tale — in which he's the hero fighting oppression and hatred — a 1-year-old child was shot in the head.

It looked like a street gang may have been targeting his mother. She's been shot before. The child, Dejon Irving, is on life support.

I don't think there were two dozen detectives assigned to Dejon Irving's case. But he's not a star to be used by politicians in pursuit of power. He's not a symbol.

Politicians don't tweet his name. He's just a little boy from Chicago, shot in the head.

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One lesson from the Smollett investigation

The first-day story is never the whole story. That's one of the most important lessons I've learned as both a journalist and a consumer of news, and it's one I repeat whenever I'm tempted to pop off too quickly about the latest public outrage.



MARY SCHMICH

about truth and justice. Many of us think of ourselves as super sleuths, able to deduce what even the experts can't. We're looking for the approval of our peers, we stand at the ready to fight the enemy.

But rushing to judgment in complicated news stories is like rushing unequipped into a fire. You risk getting burned.

If you're old enough to remember the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, you'll remember how many people, some of them famous and important, immediately concluded it was the work of Islamic terrorists. It wasn't.

After the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, speculation ran rampant in the media and among the public that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was the mastermind. He wasn't.

In 2017, after a man shot and killed 59 people at a country music concert in Las Vegas, social media exploded with claims that the gunman was a rabid liberal who despised Donald Trump. Wrong. Again.

Over time, facts emerged, stories changed, opinions shifted.

The attack against Jussie Smollett may not have happened the way he claimed, but that's not to say it couldn't have, and whatever happened that night, certain things are true:

Hate crimes are real. Black people and gay people are among those who are discriminated against every day. Anyone who doubts it has only to look at the racist, homophobic hate mongering that has sprung up in response to Smollett's story.

Did Smollett lie? I don't know. Neither do you. Yet. Because, as surely as it might have happened the way he claims, the fact that it might have doesn't mean it did.

If it turns out he lied, he's done damage that he should be held to account for. But that's still an "if" and if is not a fact. For now, the wise news consumer will continue to watch and wait.

The truth is likely to be revealed soon, and before long the story will fade from public view. But another will come along quickly that tests our commitment to the truth.

When it does, pause. Take a deep breath. Repeat:

The first-day story is never the whole story.

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"Everybody's got hunches. Hunches are not facts."

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In other words, when it comes to significant events, and even to ones that don't seem to matter much, there's always more going on than initial reports contain. Facts take time to emerge. They take time to find. If you want the truth, you need to wait.

We're now on the umpteenth day of the Jussie Smollett story, with its twists and turns, its mysteries within mysteries, and we still don't know what happened.

I've got a hunch. You've got a hunch. Everybody's got hunches. Hunches are not facts.

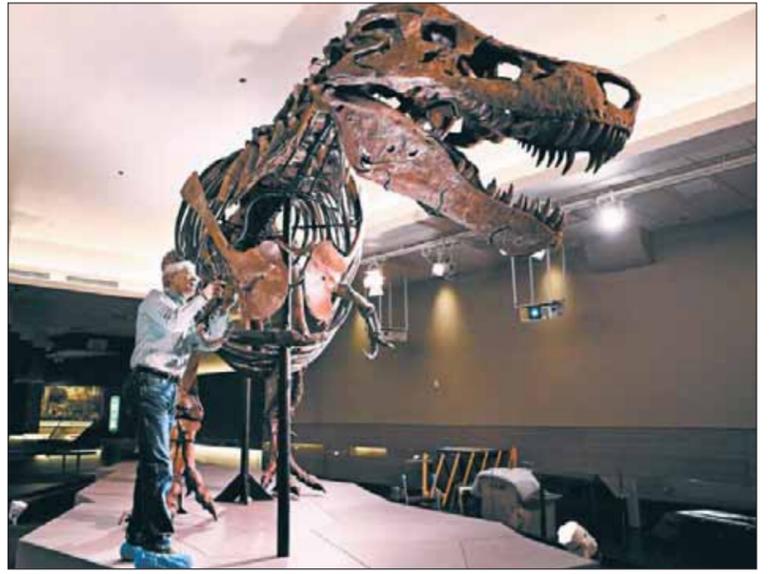
Fact: Smollett, a star of the TV show "Empire," who happens to be black and gay, reported that he was beaten up on Jan. 29, in the depths of a freezing Chicago night, by two masked men shouting slurs and wearing Trump-style MAGA hats.

Fact: The Chicago Police Department reported that it was investigating the alleged incident as a potential hate crime.

Fact: The news media exist to report news, and both of the facts above are news. The media have continued to report on the incident even as murky information surfaces to cast doubt on Smollett's version.

Also a fact? The media are not an "it." They're a "they," plural, many outlets that report in different ways, some more reliable than others. The Tribune is on the cautious end of the spectrum, which is why it hasn't reported every anonymously sourced claim racing around Twitter in the guise of truth. Some of those claims may be proved true, but until they are, they remain in the foggy land of rumor and speculation, and the savvy news consumer will withhold judgment.

Learning to withhold judgment until all the critical facts are in is hard. Few of us have mastered such restraint. We're eager to show how smart we are, how informed and instinctive, how concerned we are



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Sue gets a checkup

Field Museum head of geological collections Bill Simpson puts on a cast of the bone that, according to the Field Museum, was removed from Sue the T. rex on Tuesday for Chicago-based researchers to scan for possible injuries or diseases the fossil endured.

Oberweis set to challenge Underwood

By RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

Dairy magnate and investor Jim Oberweis said Monday he is giving up the state Senate seat he has held since 2013 to launch a Republican challenge against first-term Democratic U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood in 2020.

Oberweis, of Sugar Grove, a frequent candidate at the federal level who owns Oberweis Dairy, previously had said he was considering a challenge to Underwood, who defeated four-term Republican Rep. Randy Hultgren, of Plano, in November.

Oberweis acknowledged that papers filed Sunday with the Federal Election Commission showing the establishment of the Jim 2020 Committee mistakenly showed his intent to run for the U.S. Senate seat against Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, who is seeking a fifth term.

Oberweis, a staunch social and fiscal conservative elected to the Illinois Senate in 2012, has had an unsuccessful past in seeking federal and statewide office.

In 2014, as the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate, Oberweis was defeated by Durbin 53.5 percent to 43 percent. A dozen years earlier, he finished second in



Oberweis



Underwood

the GOP primary for the right to challenge Durbin. In 2004, he finished second again in the GOP primary for U.S. Senate to challenge future President Barack Obama.

In 2006, Oberweis lost the Republican primary for governor to the late Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka, who was defeated by now-imprisoned former Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Oberweis followed that up in 2008 with a special and general election loss to Democrat Bill Foster to finish the unexpired term of former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

Controversy has dogged Oberweis in his previous campaigns.

In 2004, he ran afoul of immigration rights activists over a commercial attacking illegal immigration. He also previously pushed for federal laws opposing same-sex marriage, though he more recently has said the issue has been decided by the courts. If Oberweis enters the U.S. House contest, he cannot seek re-election to his Illinois Senate seat, which also is up for election in 2020.

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Pritzker to detail spending plan to lawmakers

1st opportunity to address budget hole, campaign promises

BY DAN PETRELLA
Chicago Tribune

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Wednesday will have his first opportunity to show his plans to make good on campaign promises to increase spending on education and a host of social services while also addressing the state's gaping budget deficit, a mountain of unpaid bills and ballooning pension debt.

A day after scoring a major victory by signing a minimum wage increase into law, the new Democratic governor will deliver his first budget proposal to lawmakers. His administration already has sought to set low expectations for his initial spending plan, pointing out a larger than expected deficit for the budget year that begins July 1 and repeatedly saying it will take several years to set the state on a more sustainable course.

"Tomorrow, I will pre-

sent a budget that begins to stabilize our state finances while starting to rebuild our human services, our universities and (preschool and K-12) education, and our public safety," Pritzker said Tuesday before signing the minimum wage bill into law.

"We make no little plans, so stay tuned," he added.

Here's what to watch for when Pritzker addresses a joint session of the Illinois General Assembly at noon Wednesday.

Blame last guy

The Pritzker administration declined to make anyone available to discuss its budget plan ahead of Wednesday's speech, but it released a report earlier this month that blamed many of the state's financial woes on the previous governor, Republican Bruce Rauner.

The report, dubbed "Digging Out: The Rauner Wreckage Report," noted that Pritzker faces a \$3.2 billion deficit in the roughly \$38 billion budget for next year. That's a \$400 million larger hole than the previous administration predic-

ted before leaving office.

It's routine for new governors to blame their predecessors for the challenges they inherit, but Rauner's long-running budget standoff with the Democratic-controlled legislature did exacerbate the state's already serious money problems. Pritzker is using that history to make the case for taking several years to address those issues.

New spending

While the full scope of Pritzker's spending plan remains unclear, an administration document shows the governor will propose spending an additional \$630 million on education, from preschool through college.

A new statewide formula for funding elementary and secondary education already calls for an increase of \$350 million for public schools compared with the current year, but Pritzker wants to add another \$25 million.

His budget plan also will call for spending increases of \$55.2 million for public universities, \$13.9 million

for community colleges and \$50 million for tuition grants to low-income college students.

He also will call for \$100 million in additional spending on early childhood education.

Pritzker signed a wage increase into law Tuesday, which will boost the statewide minimum rate to \$9.25 per hour on Jan. 1 and to \$15 by 2025. It also will cost the state more money as an employer. The governor has promised his budget will account for the increase but hasn't provided any details.

During the campaign, Pritzker also promised more spending on an array of social services.

New taxes

Exactly how Pritzker proposes to pay for all that new spending in the coming year remains something of a mystery.

His long-term plan is for the state to shift from the flat income tax structure mandated by the Illinois Constitution to a federal-style graduated system, under which higher earners

pay taxes at a higher rate. But that requires a constitutional amendment, which would take almost two years to get on the ballot for voter approval.

In the meantime, Pritzker plans to leave the current income tax rate — 4.95 percent for individuals — unchanged.

Instead of increasing income taxes, he's looking to tap new sources of revenue. Pritzker has long pushed for legalizing and taxing recreational marijuana and sports betting, and on Wednesday he'll propose adding e-cigarettes and vaping products to the list of items the state taxes.

How much the administration expects to generate from these sources in the coming year is yet to be seen.

History, however, has shown new revenue sources often take longer than expected to establish and bring in less money than projected. When the state legalized video gambling a decade ago at bars, restaurants and other establishments, for example, it took more than three years to get

up and running, and the industry has yet to meet the original revenue projections.

Pension plan

One of the state's most vexing financial problems is its roughly \$134 billion in unfunded pension liabilities, which have continued to grow even as the state has pumped more money each year into its five retirement systems.

Deputy Gov. Dan Hynes, a former state comptroller and Pritzker's right-hand man on budget issues, outlined the administration's approach during a speech last week in Chicago. Pritzker likely will reiterate those points in his budget speech.

The plan calls for injecting more cash from a proposed graduated income tax, spreading out pension payments over a longer period, adding \$2 billion in debt and selling state assets that could include the Illinois Tollway.

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Police: No record of FOID card revocation

Warehouse shooter's license was revoked by state police in '14

BY SARAH FREISHTAT
The Beacon-News

Aurora police said Tuesday they had no record of being notified by the state police that the Aurora warehouse shooter's gun license had been revoked.

Police said that doesn't mean they were not notified in 2014, when Gary Martin's firearm owner's identification card was revoked, but they don't have any record of the notification, police Sgt. Bill Rowley said at a news briefing Tuesday.

The statement comes one day after Illinois State Police outlined how the shooter obtained the license and the gun he used to fatally shoot five co-workers and injure five police officers at Aurora's Henry Pratt Co. Friday. One of the police officers remained hospitalized Tuesday, and the others have been sent home, Rowley said.

Weeks after the shooter received his license and gun in 2014, state police realized he should not have a gun when he applied for a concealed carry license. He submitted fingerprints to expedite the application process, which ultimately led state police to a mid-1990s felony conviction in Mississippi.

State police said in the statement Monday it revoked Martin's license in April 2014 and sent a letter notifying him he could no longer have a gun, and he was responsible for surrendering all firearms he had.

State police also said its practice at the time was to notify the local police department — in this case, the Aurora police — through a state police database. Aurora police said Tuesday they had no record of that notification.

"We have no record of receiving notice from the state police back in 2014 that this person's firearm owner's identification card had been revoked," Rowley said. "That doesn't mean that we didn't receive one, we just don't have any record of that."

When his FOID card was revoked, Martin was given 48 hours to transfer the gun to someone with a valid firearm license or to the local law enforcement agency, and would have been required to submit



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People visit a memorial on Tuesday for the people killed at Henry Pratt Co. in Aurora. One of the police officers wounded in the attack remains hospitalized.



An image of the Aurora Strong logo is cast on a screen as Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin speaks to the press at city hall on Tuesday.

paperwork to Aurora police proving he no longer had the gun. Aurora police were then required to mail the paperwork back to the state police. The agency said it has no record of Aurora sending in that paperwork.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said Tuesday his office is investigating what types of notices were sent by the Illinois State Police, what action they took and who they shared information with, along with the actions of the shooter, how he got his gun and when he got it.

Aurora police Chief Kristen Ziman said authorities knew quickly that Friday's incident was traumatic.

"We knew right at the beginning that this was a mass shooting, that thing that we heard about and we see but were always certain that's not going to happen in our community," she said.

She commended the officers for falling back on their training and doing what they were supposed to do, calling them "heroes."

Moving forward will be difficult, she said, but she commended the residents of Aurora. Aurora fire Chief Gary Krienitz and Mayor Richard Irvin, too, highlighted unity in the community, and Irvin highlighted community organizations and businesses that have stepped forward to offer

help and donations.

Ziman also offered condolences to the families of the employees killed.

"I am so very sorry for your loss," she said. "We are feeling an emptiness in this community because they are no longer with us, and their families are now going to be part of our family and we are not going to forget them."

The Red Cross has been working with first responders, emergency officials and the community as well.

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Funeral arrangements set for 4 shooting victims

Funeral arrangements are being set for the five victims in Friday's mass shooting at Henry Pratt Co. warehouse in Aurora.

Visitation and funeral services will be held Wednesday for Trevor Wehner, a 21-year-old Northern Illinois University student who was fatally shot Friday on the first day of his internship at the warehouse.

A visitation is scheduled from 2 to 7 p.m. with a funeral service at 7 p.m. at Gabel-Dunn Funeral Home Ltd., 333 W. Church St., Sheridan. Eric Hayes, pastor of Christian Community Church in Aurora, will officiate.

After the service, visitors are invited to the Sheridan Fire Department, 405 N. Bushnell St., for an event.

Visitation for Vicente Juarez, 54, will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Dunn Family Funeral Home, 1801 S. Douglas Road, Oswego. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Juarez, an Oswego resident, was a stock room attendant and forklift operator for Henry Pratt.

Visitation for Russell Beyer, 47, will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Dieterle Memorial Home, 1120 S. Broadway Ave., Montgomery. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Russell, a Yorkville resident, was a mold operator and union chairman at Henry Pratt.

Visitation for Clayton Parks, 32, will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Willow Funeral Home, 1415 W. Algonquin Road, Algonquin. Parks, an Elgin resident, was a human resources manager hired in November.

Arrangements are still pending for Josh Pinkard, 37, of Oswego, the plant manager who transferred there last spring after a dozen years in Alabama. Pinkard's wife posted on social media that she expects services to be held in Alabama.

— Megan Jones,
The Beacon-News

In city clerk's race, two candidates' ballot legitimacy remains in limbo

Voting underway as both fight petition challenge losses

BY LOLLY BOWEAN
Chicago Tribune

Three candidates appear on the ballot for Chicago city clerk, but with Election Day less than two weeks away and people already casting ballots, a court still could decide two of them aren't eligible to run.

Last month, the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners disqualified both challengers to incumbent City Clerk Anna Valencia after officials found they didn't get enough petition signatures to appear on the ballot.

Elizabeth "Betty" Arias-Ibarra and Patricia Horton appealed the matter in court, though, contending that the resident who challenged their candidacies didn't include his correct voting address in his written documentation. Therefore, they said, his challenge isn't valid. They lost in circuit court, but attorney Frank Avila says they're appealing.

"The objection is actually a fraud," he said.

Their names are still appearing on city ballots while the court challenge plays out, with notice at early voting sites that votes for the two candidates may or may not count.

"The safest course of action was to allow their names on the ballot in case the court reverses the decision," Board of Elections Commissioners spokesman Jim Allen said.

"We can't hold up an entire election for this," he said.

Valencia was appointed city clerk by Mayor Rahm Emanuel more than two years ago.

She was a senior adviser for his 2015 re-election campaign, and runs an office responsible for issuing permits and business licenses, selling parking permits and administering the city's dog registration program.

Under Valencia's watch, the city implemented a municipal ID program that has helped undocumented residents and others obtain a form of government identification. And as the election approached in recent months, she ordered a review committee to determine if Chicago's fines, fees and collection practices should be changed to help struggling residents get out from under debts accrued from unpaid parking tickets and city sticker fines. She also created a four-month city vehicle sticker that costs less than the full-year sticker so residents can have an affordable option to keep their cars legal.

"My office is standing for equity and access in every community," Valencia said. "My intent is serving hard and making sure I'm having an impact by lifting all communities."

If re-elected, Valencia said she wants to start a mobile City Hall program that will provide locations in neighborhoods where residents can buy their parking permits and submit paperwork for licenses. She wants to test a fine forgiveness program so that lower-income residents can address any outstanding city fines.

"For me, I've been running for this office for two years," she said. "We hit the

ground running and haven't stopped."

Arias-Ibarra and Horton did not return several calls seeking comment.

But in a questionnaire they submitted to the Tribune Editorial Board, Arias-Ibarra said she wants to audit, reshape and make the clerk's office more independent. She said she wants to create more payment

plan options and make it easier to pay for services online.

And Horton emphasized that she has lived in communities across the city and is the only candidate in the race who has been elected before. She served on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation Commission. She said she wants to use the position to address violence

and to hold police accountable.

"We must reduce the level of record number settlements of millions of dollars that can be used to address economic development and (the) pension fund crisis," she wrote on her questionnaire.



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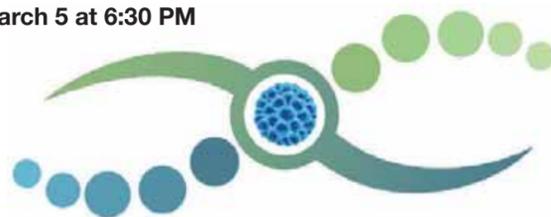
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Judge's ruling a legal blow to OPC backers

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Members of South Side communities near the proposed site who support the center plans also vowed to press on.

"All of these things are delaying our opportunity to celebrate the Obama presidency and usher in a new form of economic development," said Carol Adams, a South Shore resident and former CEO of the DuSable Museum of African American History.

The Cultural Landscape Foundation, which backed the Protect Our Parks suit, said Obama Center planners "created this controversy by insisting on the confiscation of public parkland."

"The Obama Foundation could make this issue go away by using vacant and/or city-owned land on the South Side for the Obama Presidential Center (which is planned to be a private facility rather than a presidential library administered by the National Archives), or, better still, land owned by the University of Chicago, which submitted the winning bid to host the Center," continued the statement from Cultural Landscape Foundation President Charles Birnbaum.

The matter is reminiscent of the court case that killed the \$400 million museum proposed by "Star Wars" creator George Lucas. In that case, Lucas and his team didn't wait for a judgment and decided to move his Museum of Narrative Art to Los Angeles.

In fact, the judge in the Obama Presidential Center case referred to the Lucas museum lawsuit in his decision Tuesday when he wrote that Protect Our Parks has standing to sue under the so-called public trust doctrine. That essentially means Blakey agreed that as taxpayers, the group has the right to challenge how the public parkland is used.

If "the 'public trust' doctrine is to have any meaning or vitality at all, the members of the public, at least taxpayers who are the beneficiaries of that trust, must have the right and standing to enforce it," the judge wrote, referring to a past decision in the Friends of the Parks suit, which itself was quoting from an earlier decision.

Blakey didn't agree with the environmentalists on every point.

In his 21-page decision,

he says the group didn't prove that the project would injure its members, didn't demonstrate that they "use, visit or otherwise enjoy Jackson Park" and didn't adequately outline how transforming the property would affect them. He ruled they didn't have standing to sue "based upon aesthetic or environmental harm." The judge also dismissed parts of the lawsuit that focused on claims of First Amendment violations.

Blakey has emphasized that he doesn't want the proceedings to drag on. He has set another court date for later this month and said he will stick to a strict schedule.

Still, it's difficult to say how much Tuesday's ruling could delay the center's groundbreaking.

Caplan, of Protect Our Parks, said the group would "voluntarily dismiss our lawsuit" if center backers would consider a different location. He said the group has suggested several alternative sites but believes the best is property west of Washington Park, noting it's owned by the University of Chicago and is on a public transit line.

"It fits the needs of the Obama center. It makes so much sense," he said. "It's a location that acknowledges the African-American experience in Chicago. ... It's where Obama worked as a community organizer."

Margaret Schmid, co-founder of Jackson Park Watch, a group that also favors relocating the center, said members are "quite pleased" with the ruling.

"We think there are some very important issues involved in this case," she said. "One of the things we think is important is to resolve the question of whether public parkland can be given to a private entity without judicial review."

The way the city and Park District managed the process of transferring the parkland cut out some voices, Schmid said. The court case allows them to be heard.

"The judge has now said, in effect, 'No, we are going to look at other things.' We think that is very important," she said.

Officials with the Obama Foundation declined to comment Tuesday.

Erin Adams, a South Shore resident who started the group South Side Neighbors for Hope to advocate for the Jackson Park location, took the news hard.



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An aerial view of ball fields in Jackson Park, center, shows the proposed site of the Obama Presidential Center.



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The proposed Obama Presidential Center would take up 19.3 acres of the 500-acre Jackson Park on the South Side.

"We were hoping for a full dismissal, so anything but that is a disappointment for us and the South Side," she said.

"This lawsuit is a delay tactic that seeks to forestall the best investment to the South Side since the World's Fair. But hopefully the foundation won't give up on us and go to Hawaii," Adams said, referring to Obama's birthplace.

An Obama Foundation spokesperson said of Tuesday's ruling: "As we have said before, we believe the lawsuit is without merit. We are confident that our plan for the Obama Presidential Center is consistent with Chicago's rich tradition of locating world-class museums in its parks, and we look forward to developing a lasting cultural institution on the South Side."

The judge made a point to write in his ruling that it doesn't address the legal merits of the case against the city, only that it will allow the suit to continue, with specific legal arguments still to be addressed.

The lawsuit challenging the presidential center was filed in May by the leaders of Protect Our Parks and three other plaintiffs. In their suit, the environmentalists called the presi-

dential center an "institutional bait-and-switch."

The Obama Foundation isn't named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

Instead, the lawsuit targets the city and the Park District, arguing that the presidential center is not the same as a presidential library and should not be granted access to public land.

Through their legal actions, lawyers for the environmentalists have examined how the Jackson Park site was selected, who the decision-makers are and what other site options were evaluated.

The presidential center project has been widely supported by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the City Council on the basis that it could transform struggling neighborhoods by luring tourist dollars and other investors to the South Side. It is the largest private investment of its kind made on the South Side in decades, Emanuel has said.

The proposed center would take up about 19.3 acres of the 500-acre Jackson Park. The center would honor the country's first African-American president and would have three buildings that would contain a museum, meeting

rooms, an athletic center and a public library branch. Supporters of the project say it would create about 2,500 permanent jobs.

The foundation said Jackson Park was selected so that the campus would connect to the Museum of Science and Industry. The state is expected to spend about \$175 million in roadway adjustments and infrastructure improvements to make way for the center.

Since the lawsuit was filed, the City Council approved the construction permits. It also approved a use agreement that outlined that the city would own the property but the foundation would pay for its upkeep and have limited use of the buildings.

But from the time it was proposed, the presidential center project has also revealed deep, sensitive community divisions along racial and class lines.

The main backers of the lawsuit are two white residents — one who lives on the North Side and the other in the northern suburbs. They've indicated their motivation is to protect parkland and green space. They also want to keep a pathway available for migratory birds.

But supporters of the Jackson Park plans expressed dismay again Tuesday that the objection is coming from people outside the area.

"Ridiculous. Once again we have individuals who are not from the neighborhoods we live in and don't have any involvement with the people that would benefit from this, dictating and causing issues for this community," said Torrey Barrett, a longtime stakeholder in Washington Park who serves on the committee of a nonprofit organization charged with helping steer economic opportunities re-

lated to the Obama center.

"It would be different if it was a resident who lived on the South Side who actually had an interest in Jackson Park," Barrett said. "But I'm still optimistic, even though it will cost time and delays. We will prevail. But it really is frustrating. We worked really hard to get Chicago selected and to get the South Side selected. And here we are with this setback."

The environmentalists have said they want the presidential center built on the South Side. But they'd prefer it be placed elsewhere and suggest a piece of vacant property located in a more desolate, lower-income neighborhood near Washington Park.

Meanwhile, a collective of grassroots activists who represent longtime working-class and lower-income African-Americans have pushed for a community benefits agreement essentially promising jobs, property tax breaks and other protections to local residents.

At the same time, some financially stable South Siders celebrated the project, hoping it would bring an unprecedented amenity to a historic African-American community, raise stagnant property values and possibly infuse the neighborhood with visitors who would patronize local businesses.

Besides the lawsuit, the project still has to finish a federal review process that already has been delayed.

The foundation has said it wants to break ground this year, but with the lingering issues, there is no concrete date set. The foundation has not revealed if it has a design prepared for another location.

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As Sterigenics shut, Lake Co. residents left feeling forgotten

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dents about the hazards beyond creating a web page that hasn't been updated since November.

Alarming concentrations of ethylene oxide detected near Sterigenics during two months of testing played a key role in Pritzker's decision to order the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to shut down the Willowbrook sterilization plant, at least temporarily. The results provided residents and elected officials with powerful evidence challenging the company's attempts to downplay potential health risks and make its political problems go away.

"In Lake County, at least, the state and federal government has dropped the ball time and time again," said Tea Tanaka, a Grayslake resident who co-founded a newly formed group called Stop ETO in Lake County, which is attempting to harness the same energy and tenacity the Stop Sterigenics community group in Willowbrook relied on to spur regulators and politicians into action.

Tanaka's husband, Soh, joined members of the Willowbrook group on a Tuesday bus trip to Springfield, where they met with state legislators who are pushing measures that would outlaw leaks of ethylene oxide

from Sterigenics, Vantage, Medline and other facilities in Illinois. Another bill would force a review of state permits that haven't been updated to reflect scientific research showing the chemical is far more dangerous than previously thought, and lawmakers are mulling a statewide ban on ethylene oxide sterilization.

"We deserve to know if the air we are breathing is safe," said state Sen. Melinda Bush, a Grayslake Democrat who chairs the Environment and Conservation Committee and is co-sponsoring bipartisan legislation with Sen. John Curran, R-Downers Grove.

The Chicago Tribune first reported in November that residents living near Medline face long-term cancer risks from toxic air pollution that are similar to U.S. EPA estimates for communities surrounding Sterigenics. In one census tract near the Waukegan facility, the risks are nearly five times higher than the national average.

Vantage could pose even greater risks. Officials blamed a clerical error for their failure to include the facility's ethylene oxide emissions in the latest National Air Toxics Assessment, an occasional report compiled by the EPA to identify high-risk neighborhoods across the country where more thorough investigation is needed.

Agency scientists calculated local cancer risks based on 5,566 pounds of ethylene oxide emitted by Sterigenics and 3,058 pounds released by Medline during 2014. Vantage told another office at the EPA that it released 6,412 pounds of the toxic gas during the same period.

Federal and state regulators have repeatedly declined to answer why they haven't responded as urgently as officials did last year in communities near Sterigenics, despite the fact there are more than twice as many people in Lake County breathing pollution that increases the long-term risks of breast cancer, leukemia and lymphomas at extremely low levels.

Kim Biggs, an Illinois EPA spokeswoman, would not say if the Pritzker administration is preparing to crack down on Vantage or Medline, citing the agency's longtime policy of not commenting on potential legal action. Asked about air quality monitoring, she deferred to federal officials who are collecting samples near Sterigenics.

The U.S. EPA released its own statement, repeating earlier statements from its website while failing to address questions about the lack of air quality monitoring in Lake County.

Since the Tribune's first story on the Lake County emissions, Vantage and

Medline have applied for permits to install additional pollution-control equipment. Vantage — which reported its emissions of ethylene oxide dropped significantly in 2017, the last year for which data are available — has promised to measure concentrations at the edges of its property after the new controls are in place.

Medline, the nation's largest privately held manufacturer and distributor of medical supplies, has joined chemical industry lobbyists who contend ethylene oxide poses few, if any, health risks to ordinary Americans.

Under pressure from politicians and the public, the company hired Jane Teta, a former Union Carbide toxicologist who co-authored several industry-funded studies rejected by the EPA and independent scientific reviewers. Teta, who has worked as a consultant for the American Chemistry Council, the industry's chief trade group, is now a scientist at Exponent, a California-based firm with a long history of questioning the health risks of widely used chemicals.

The company also has called for another analysis of the chemical, part of a concerted effort by makers and users of ethylene oxide to overturn a stringent safety limit established by the EPA in 2016 after a decade-

long evaluation and two rounds of independent review delayed several times by industry opposition.

"Any disruption of EO sterilization facilities would cause a near-immediate public health crisis," the company says on its website, using an abbreviation for the chemical. "The enormous disruption in the supply chain would put catastrophic impact on Illinois' hospital system."

During a hearing Tuesday in Springfield, John Bomher, a lobbyist for the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, said it is unclear if the shutdown of Sterigenics will have any effect on surgeries and other medical procedures. Hospitals tend to keep small inventories of equipment on hand, Bomher said, but are unaware where the products are sterilized before shipment.

Sterigenics is urging a federal judge to block the Pritzker administration from using authority in state law that allows the Illinois EPA to force the closure of any polluter that poses an "imminent and substantial endangerment" to public health. The company's legal arguments echo its filings in a separate, bipartisan legal action by lawyers for Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Robert Berlin, the DuPage County state's attorney.

The company contends it

has done nothing to violate its air pollution permit from the state agency. But critics note it can take years or decades for laws and regulations to address health dangers posed by toxins.

Federal officials still haven't banned asbestos, a well-documented carcinogen that has killed thousands of people who suffered devastating lung diseases. There is no safe level of exposure to brain-damaging lead, though as recently as 1990 federal regulatory agencies wouldn't take action to protect children unless concentrations in their blood exceeded 30 parts per billion.

Likewise, while the Trump administration has promised to introduce new regulations for sterilization plants using ethylene oxide, it appears unlikely industry groups will back down.

"There was so much hope and optimism when this process began six months ago," Curran, the Republican state senator from Downers Grove, said of the intense debate prompted by the latest federal estimates of cancer risks. "Since then it's been nothing but missed deadlines... and repeated failures on the part of the federal EPA. We, as the state of Illinois, have an obligation to protect our residents."

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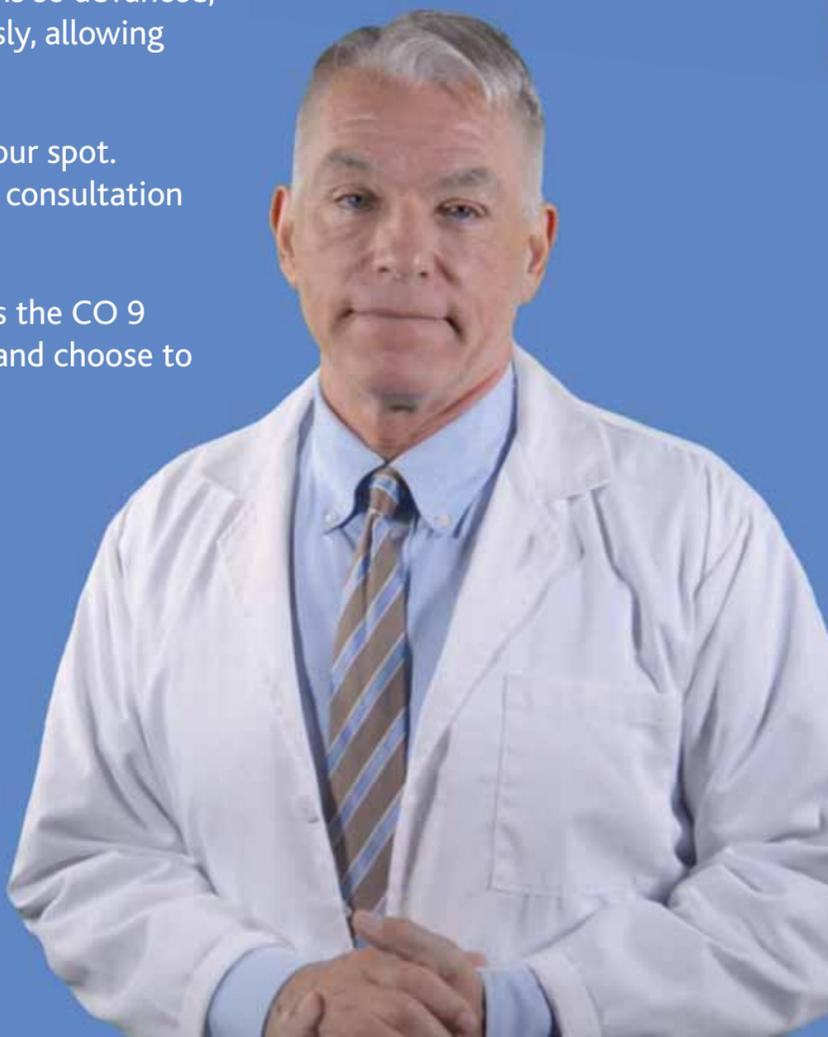
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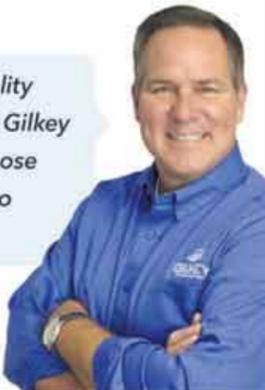
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Mayoral candidates Garry McCarthy, Gery Chico, Amara Enyia, La Shawn Ford and Lori Lightfoot prepare for a live mayoral forum at the Renee Crown Public Media Center.

In final debate, hopefuls stand down on criticisms

Issues range from police reform to hot dog condiment

BY GREGORY PRATT AND BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

Five Chicago mayoral candidates differed on how to address the Fraternal Order of Police and other issues involving city cops but engaged in little criticism of their rivals during the campaign's final televised debate Tuesday night.

Moderator Carol Marin questioned former Chicago Public Schools board President Gery Chico, public policy consultant Amara Enyia, state Rep. La Shawn Ford, former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot and ex-Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy during the hour-long debate on WTTW-Ch. 11.

For a city that's gained national attention over its ongoing struggle with gun crime, reducing street violence is among the top issues facing Chicago's next mayor.

"If we do not get a handle on the violence issue, all these other things we have aspirations for are not gonna matter," Lightfoot said. "People are leaving the city because they do not feel like it's safe."

Lightfoot also indicated she'd take a tougher stance against the police union than Mayor Rahm Emanuel, whom she criticized for not yet having settled a labor contract.

"Frankly, he's given up the negotiations and (is) leaving that with a long stack of to-dos for the next mayor," Lightfoot said.

Enyia agreed and said the process through which police give their accounts following officer-involved shooting incidents needs to be changed.

"Another component that is crucial, especially given the acquittal of the three officers in the Laquan McDonald case ... is that 24-hour time period afterward that for many is a time where they can actually conspire, construct a narrative," she said.

McCarthy said the mayor has to have "brash and difficult" conversations with the union, which he said has to "come into the 21st century."

"You also have to realize they need to have rights and protections just like any other American citizen," McCarthy said.

McCarthy also said the police superintendent is not in charge of the discipline for officers yet is accountable for their actions, a system he wants to change. As part of that, McCarthy said he wants to simplify the disciplinary process.

A Chicago police consent decree — a lengthy document approved last month aimed at overhauling how the department operates — could

limit the FOP's bargaining power, Chico said. The order, which came about in the aftermath of the Laquan McDonald shooting, calls for a number of reforms and mandates changes to police training, supervision and discipline.

"If we scrupulously implement it, it will cut back some of their power," Chico said.

Lightfoot then said the consent decree is not a "panacea" and criticized it for not forbidding chokeholds and shooting into crowds, among other points.

Ford said officers need to be better educated on race relations.

Four of the candidates also criticized police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, saying he should be fired or forced to apply for the job. Emanuel appointed Johnson after he fired McCarthy amid uproar following the release of the McDonald shooting video.

Chico, in particular, criticized the city's "horrible clearance rate" and said Johnson has "failed" at key indicators.

Chicago police have fallen below national averages

"If we do not get a handle on the violence issue, all these other things we have aspirations for are not gonna matter."

— Lori Lightfoot, Chicago mayoral candidate

and other big cities when it comes to clearing shootings and homicides, the Tribune has reported. Last year, the city's rate of clearing homicides, including those that happened in previous years, was 35 percent compared with 60 percent nationally, the Tribune has reported.

Lightfoot criticized the idea of firing Johnson as "pandering" and said it would be wrong for the next mayor, who will take office in May, to destabilize the department leading into the summer months when violence escalates in Chicago.

"I would keep him through the fall and then I'd have a conversation" about retaining him, Lightfoot said.

The candidates also disagreed on their ethics proposals for city government. Ford and Chico agreed that a full ban on outside employment is needed for city aldermen, while Enyia, McCarthy and Lightfoot said outside work is OK if it's documented and doesn't present an ethical conflict.

Marin asked Chico about powerful Ald. Edward Burke, who helped Chico get his start in politics and said he'd be best suited to run the city before federal officials charged him with attempting to extort a Burger King franchise owner.

"I have repudiated" Burke's support, said Chico, a lawyer and former City Hall lobbyist.

Unlike Monday's debate among former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, ex-Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas and businessman Willie Wilson, the candidates did not attack each other except for playful banter near the end.

As the debate neared its conclusion, Marin said voters don't know the candi-

dates as people and asked them a series of reflective questions about themselves.

Asked their favorite school subjects, McCarthy said his was history. Immediately after, Ford said he liked history too. He then turned to McCarthy and said, "I agree with you, finally."

Chico said he loved biology and was pre-med for a time. Enyia said she was a "student of learning" and loved "almost every subject."

"I was a grade geek," Lightfoot said, noting she sang in choir, played the trumpet and was student government president.

Marin asked the candidates where they've failed in life.

"Sometimes I didn't do too well in chemistry in college," Chico said. "I had to face the fact I wasn't studying hard enough."

The lesson, he said, "is pick yourself up the ground, reassess, recommit and get it done."

McCarthy, who was a police official in New York and was at ground zero when the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks occurred, said he "failed to take care of some

of my people on 9/11. I didn't recognize what it was doing to them. I didn't recognize the impact it was having on them emotionally."

"And I failed 'cause I was so busy trying to get through every day and help get that job done that I wasn't sensitive to the needs," McCarthy said, choking up. "That's the worst thing that's ever happened to me."

Enyia took a deep breath, then said she failed to provide enough guidance for an editor who published a controversial cartoon of Islam's Prophet Muhammad in the Daily Illini, where she had been a student journalist.

Ford said he sometimes comes up short being "the best Christian" he can be.

"Just not being the perfect person," he said. "We all strive to be perfect. We all strive to be God-like ... It's nothing criminal."

Lightfoot said she was "very much afraid of failure" when she was younger and said she should have applied to college at Ivy League schools or on the West Coast but didn't "for fear of not getting in" or fitting in.

Marin followed up with Chicago's favorite frivolous culinary question: Ketchup on a hot dog?

Only Ford said yes, prompting Lightfoot to point off camera.

"There's the exit," Lightfoot said. "Never, never, never."

Marin also asked the candidates if they drink Malort, a booze that's popular with some millennials and hipsters. None of the candidates stood up for the liquor.

"Only under duress," Lightfoot said. "That is the worst-tasting alcohol ever."

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker, right, cheered with allies, including Rep. Will Guzzardi, after the House voted to raise the wage last week.

Pritzker increases Ill. minimum wage

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But Pritzker's first legislative victory came without a single Republican vote, highlighting the challenge he'll face making good on his promise to work with the minority party.

An estimated 1.4 million Illinois residents currently make less than \$15 an hour. Under the law, on Jan. 1 the statewide minimum wage increases from \$8.25 to \$9.25 per hour. The minimum wage again will increase to \$10 per hour on July 1, 2020, and will then go up \$1 per hour each year on Jan. 1 until hitting \$15 per hour in 2025.

Since Illinois last raised its minimum wage, Chicago has increased its minimum wage to \$12 per hour, and Cook County's is now \$11. The city and county minimums each will increase by \$1 per hour July 1. The federal minimum wage remains \$7.25 per hour.

"It's been a long, long, long time coming," said Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford, a Maywood Democrat who has sponsored numerous minimum wage bills, including

the one signed Tuesday and another then-Gov. Bruce Rauner vetoed in 2017. "And so many people deserve the opportunity just to feel hope, to feel like they can go to work and come home and have dignity and pride and respect in what they do. This is our first step in giving them that opportunity."

While Democrats and their supporters in organized labor were celebrating the minimum wage victory, Republicans and business interests continued sounding warnings that rising wages will lead employers to cut workers' hours, eliminate jobs, invest in automation or close their doors. GOP lawmakers and business groups called for lower minimum wages in the collar counties outside Chicago and downstate to account for the lower cost of living in those areas.

Businesses already are evaluating how a higher minimum wage will affect the bottom line and beginning to plan accordingly, said Rob Karr, president and CEO of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, which led the push

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—J.B. Pritzker

for a minimum wage that varies by region.

"They have a limited ability to raise prices, so ... everything's going to be on the table," Karr said, including cutting employee benefits and jobs.

In an attempt to ease employers' burden, the law creates a tax credit to help businesses with 50 or fewer employees offset some of the cost of wage increases.

Employers will be able to claim a tax credit for 25 percent of the cost in 2020,

and the credit will scale back annually, then eventually phase out.

The law also preserves the way restaurants and other employers with tipped workers count gratuities toward employees' wages, and it sets a lower minimum wage for workers younger than 18 who work fewer than 650 hours in a year. The minimum wage for younger employees — currently \$7.75 per hour — would increase to \$8 on Jan. 1 and peak at \$13 per hour in 2025.

Like most issues in Springfield, the state's troubled finances entered the minimum wage debate. State agencies and universities employ workers who earn minimum wage, and the state reimburses social service providers who care for the elderly and people with disabilities, among other services. An increase in the minimum wage means higher costs for the state each year it goes up.

Pritzker has promised his budget proposal will account for those costs.

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Lightfoot runs for mayor with complex past

Lightfoot, from Page 1

Lightfoot's rulings cut both ways on controversial shootings by police officers. In one particularly egregious fatal shooting caught on video, Lightfoot stood against the police brass and moved to fire an officer. But in another case, she sided with high-ranking officers over her investigators, who had recommended that a cop be fired for lying repeatedly about a fatal shooting they found unjustified. Lightfoot declared the shooting justified and confirmed a 30-day suspension.

Before the police disciplinary job, Lightfoot was a federal prosecutor. Nearly 20 years ago, she was formally reprimanded for "professional misconduct" by an esteemed federal appeals judge who found that she had misled another judge in a botched extradition case. The reprimand raised questions about whether prosecutors had abused their power.

The situation created enough alarm that then-U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno sent a contrite letter to the judge who'd written the reprimand, calling what happened "unfortunate" and vowing changes. Reno opened an internal investigation that eventually cleared Lightfoot.

The episodes from earlier in her career contrast with the more recent police reform roles that elevated her into the political spotlight. While other mayoral candidates have taken up the mantle of police reform, Lightfoot says her record shows she's the mayoral candidate who can be counted on to curb law enforcement abuses.

"There's been nobody in the city that's been a more vocal, persistent, demanding advocate for police reform and accountability than I have," Lightfoot said in an interview with the Tribune.

A role in reforms

As Emanuel struggled to get in front of the police reform issue in December 2015, he named Lightfoot to lead one of his first major efforts — the Police Accountability Task Force.

The appointment was a double-edged sword. It elevated Lightfoot to a prominent role in the official city response, but it also made her a target for activists who distrusted the mayor and felt he was using the panel to give him political cover to make cosmetic changes. Protesters rushed the stage at a February 2016 public task force hearing and cops escorted Lightfoot from the venue.

The task force moved quickly, taking four months to release a report that called on the police superintendent to acknowledge the department's "history of racial disparity and discrimination" and make dozens of changes to department practices. Emanuel adopted some of the task force recommendations — most notably, abolishing the city's defective police disciplinary agency, the Independent Police Review Authority, and replacing it with the better-funded Civilian Office of Police Accountability.

The task force report eventually was overshadowed by a January 2017 Justice Department report that made many of the same fundamental points in describing a badly broken police department in which poorly trained and supervised officers violated the civil rights of minorities with little fear of repercussions. That built momentum for a consent decree requiring broad changes to police practices that will be overseen by a federal judge.

"There's a straight line" leading from the task force to the Justice Department report and the consent decree, Lightfoot said.

She did double duty for Emanuel, continuing as chair of the Police Board, which handles the most serious disciplinary cases and has the authority to fire cops. While the Police Board is part of a disciplinary system that has long been slow and prone to excusing misconduct, Lightfoot's tenure came as the city faced pressure to root out bad cops.



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Former death row inmate Aaron Patterson in 2004 confronts Lori Lightfoot, who was then head of the Chicago police's Office of Professional Standards.



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Lori Lightfoot submits petitions to get on the ballot as a mayoral candidate on Nov. 26 in November of last year at the Cook County Administration Building in Chicago.

"There's been nobody ... that's been a more vocal, persistent, demanding advocate for police reform and accountability than I have."

—Lori Lightfoot

During the campaign, Lightfoot has touted her rate of firing officers. A Tribune analysis of Police Board data showed the panel fired roughly 75 percent of officers whose cases were decided during her service from 2015 to 2018. From 2011 through 2014, the rate was under 40 percent.

Under Lightfoot, the Police Board also led the nationwide search for a new superintendent after Emanuel fired Garry McCarthy, who's now running for mayor. Emanuel, however, cast aside the board's three finalists in favor of veteran cop Eddie Johnson, who had not applied.

Several mayoral candidates have said they would fire Johnson if they win. Lightfoot said she would wait until after the summer to evaluate the department's leadership, noting that the superintendent soon will be responsible for making plans to deal with summer violence.

"Do you really want a lame duck and a lame duck executive team in charge of putting that plan together and then executing it?" she asked. "I just think that's irresponsible."

Mixed record on shootings

In June 2002, then-Mayor Richard M. Daley appointed Lightfoot as chief administrator of the Office of Professional Standards, a post she held for two years.

The disciplinary organization, which was an arm of the Police Department, would be abolished in 2007 amid scandals and complaints of its ineffectiveness — particularly its inadequate investigations of shootings.

In one high-profile case, Lightfoot broke with that trend.

During a March 2003 scuffle involving several people in the 95th Street Red Line CTA station, Officer Alvin Weems fatally shot an unarmed man in the head. The shooting of Michael Pleasance was caught on security video.

Recalled Lightfoot: "There was a shooting that happened at 95th and the Dan Ryan that I thought was coldblooded murder and I called it that, and made a recommendation that the officer should be fired. And I made a referral and pushed the U.S. attorney's office to bring civil rights charges against the officer. ... There was no provocation for the use of deadly force."

But the agency's finding that the shooting was unjustified ran into staunch opposition from the Police Department. Officials initially argued Weems was defending himself as Pleasance struggled with him and tried to take his gun.

After a judge ordered the video released, then-Police Superintendent Philip Cline said the shooting was accidental and that Weems' mistake was placing his finger on the trigger when he put the gun to Pleasance's head. Rather than fire Weems, the department suspended him for a month and later promoted him to detective.

Eventually, the video was made public and showed that the department's accounts of the shooting were untrue. Pleasance's family sued and won \$12 million from a jury, but the verdict was overturned on appeal and the city eventually settled for \$3 million. Weems had testified in a deposition that even he didn't think the shooting was justified. He

committed suicide in 2011.

Another fatal shooting case that concluded under Lightfoot's oversight went in a different direction.

When Lightfoot took over OPS, she inherited the review of the 2000 police shooting of 17-year-old Robert Washington by Officer Phyllis Clinkscales. The teen was attempting to steal Clinkscales' Cadillac, which she had parked in front of her mother's house in Englewood at 3 a.m. after she returned from a wedding reception at a tavern.

OPS investigators alleged that Clinkscales lied about several details of the shooting. She told OPS investigators that she was standing several feet away when she opened fire on Washington, who had jumped into the driver's seat of her car. She claimed that the teen had turned and pointed a gun, giving her no choice but to shoot.

Evidence, however, indicated that Washington was facing forward trying to start the car when he was shot. The autopsy found powder burns on his head and, in one of the four shots to the back of the head, a "muzzle imprint," meaning Clinkscales had placed the barrel of the gun against his skull when she fired. OPS found the shooting unjustified and recommended firing the officer for filing a false report.

Clinkscales could not reconcile her claims with the forensic evidence, and Lightfoot's predecessor, Callie Baird, found the shooting unjustified and approved seeking to fire the officer. But after objections from then-police Superintendent Terry Hillard and his chief of patrol, Baird downgraded her disciplinary recommendation from firing to a suspension.

The case sat dormant for nearly a year until Lightfoot arrived as the new head of OPS. She went further than Baird, not only confirming the downgrade to a suspension, but also reversing the investigators' finding. Lightfoot ruled the shooting justified.

She declined to discuss her actions with the Tribune in 2007 when the paper highlighted the case in a series investigating oversight of police shootings. In a recent interview, Lightfoot declined to discuss her actions in the case without reviewing case files, which are no longer readily available.

The Tribune series prompted the Cook County's state's attorney to open a new probe into Washington's death. Prosecutors closed the inquiry without charging anyone.

Lightfoot said that while she was at OPS, she had strict rule about officers lying.

"I vigorously enforced Rule 14, colloquially known as the 'You lie, you die' rule," she said. "If officers came to OPS and lied in the course of internal investigation, either by commission or omission, then I would recommend that they be terminated."

When it was pointed out that there was a consensus among OPS investigators that Clinkscales should be fired for lying, Lightfoot said she could not comment about her decision without reviewing files.

Federal judge criticism

Before she worked for Daley on police discipline issues, Lightfoot was an assistant U.S. attorney who prosecuted cases related to drugs, political corruption and bankruptcy fraud.

She also faced a potentially career-threatening disciplinary case, drawing criticism from Richard Posner, a now-retired judge on the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and one of the country's most influential legal thinkers.

The dispute involved Lightfoot's handling of the extradition of Lars Lindstrom, who had been arrested in the U.S. after fleeing Norway to evade a 4½-year sentence for his involvement in a Ponzi scheme, according to court records and news reports.

Posner's rulings lay out how events unfolded one day in August 1999 as a deputy U.S. marshal and two Norwegian police officers took Lindstrom to O'Hare International Airport. About three hours before takeoff, federal appeals Judge Ilana Rovner put the extradition on hold so Lindstrom could continue to fight it.

Lightfoot consulted with a supervisor in Chicago and a Justice Department lawyer in Washington, who advised her that Rovner's order was moot because Lindstrom already had been handed off.

Shortly before 5 p.m., Lightfoot filed a motion asking Rovner to reverse her order. But Posner wrote

that the motion did not clearly communicate a key fact — that federal prosecutors had interpreted the order halting the extradition as moot.

Had Rovner known, she might have made clear that she was barring Lindstrom's removal. The plane took off at 5:45 p.m. and the U.S. legal system lost jurisdiction over Lindstrom.

Following a disciplinary hearing, Posner wrote that Lightfoot misled Rovner into thinking her order would have the intended effect of keeping Lindstrom in the country. Posner, writing on behalf of a three-judge panel, called it "professional misconduct."

Posner also found Lightfoot had filed her motion quickly and gotten bad advice. He noted "glowing testimonials" about her character and competence, and concluded with only a reprimand.

Lightfoot described her role as "a junior lawyer following the advice of people who were much more experienced than me." Asked whether she misled Rovner, Lightfoot said she did not and felt her motion was "fulsome and complete," though she could not recall details of the document, which is not widely available.

Law professors say a reprimand from federal appeals judges is rare and potentially damaging.

"Courts really care deeply about candor to the court, and here is a situation in which her fundamental flaw was not being completely candid to the court," said Scott Cummings, a UCLA law professor who teaches legal ethics. "When that happens, the court gets really, really mad."

The case was significant enough that Attorney General Reno later wrote Posner to say the department's internal affairs office would review the attorneys' conduct, according to a copy of the letter the Tribune obtained from an archive of Posner's papers at the University of Chicago. The letter also said the Justice Department would ensure "the unfortunate situation" would not be repeated.

Lightfoot provided a 2001 Justice Department letter saying she was cleared in the internal inquiry and had not "engaged in professional misconduct or exercised poor judgment."

She cited the letter in saying her public service career has been marked by honesty and a commitment to civil rights.

"I think my record speaks for itself, which is one of principled integrity, fighting hard, being honest and doing my work as best I can," she said.

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House probes Saudi nuclear push

Report cites Flynn's plans to share tech despite objections from security officials

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WASHINGTON — Senior White House officials pushed a project to share nuclear power technology with Saudi Arabia despite the objections of ethics and national security officials, according to a new congressional report citing whistleblowers within the administration.

Lawmakers from both parties have expressed concerns that Saudi Arabia could develop nuclear weapons if the U.S. technology were transferred without proper safeguards.

The Democratic-led House oversight committee opened an investigation Tuesday into the claims by several whistleblowers who said they witnessed "abnormal acts" in the White House regarding the proposal to build dozens of nuclear reactors across the Middle Eastern kingdom.

The report raises concerns about whether some in a White House marked by "chaos, dysfunction and backbiting" sought to circumvent national security procedures to push a Saudi deal that could financially benefit close supporters of the president.

The report comes at a time when lawmakers are increasingly uneasy with the close relationship between the Trump administration and Saudi Arabia, which has raised alarms even among members of the president's party in Congress. Trump has made the kingdom a centerpiece of

his foreign policy in the Middle East as he tries to further isolate Iran.

In the process, he has brushed off criticism over the killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi and the Saudis' role in the war in Yemen.

At the same time, Trump son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner is developing a Middle East peace plan that could include economic proposals for Saudi Arabia.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

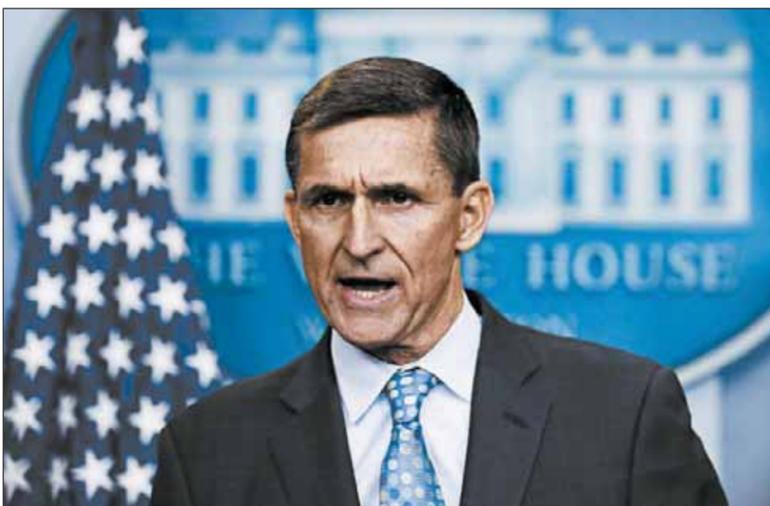
According to the report, the nuclear effort was pushed by former national security adviser Michael Flynn, who was fired in early 2017.

Derek Harvey, a National Security Council official brought in by Flynn, continued work on the proposal, which has remained under consideration by the Trump administration.

Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, chairman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, announced the investigation Tuesday.

Relying on the whistleblower accounts, email communications and other documents, the committee's report details how NSC and ethics officials repeatedly warned that the actions of Flynn and a senior aide could run afoul of federal conflicts of interest law and statutes governing the transfer of nuclear technology to foreign powers.

Flynn is awaiting sen-



CAROLYN KASTER/AP 2017

Former NSA chief Michael Flynn, fired in 2017, is awaiting sentencing in the Russia probe.

tencing for lying to the FBI in the Russia investigation.

On Tuesday, a person close to Flynn's legal team said that Russia special counsel Robert Mueller's team has reviewed the matters raised in the congressional report and no charges related to it have been filed. The person spoke on condition of anonymity.

Congressional investigators are also probing the role of Tom Barrack, a proponent of the nuclear proposal who ran Trump's presidential inaugural committee, which is under separate investigation by federal prosecutors in New York. Rick Gates, a former Barack employee and cooperator in Mueller's investigation, was also involved in advocating for the nuclear proposal.

A spokesman for Barrack said in a statement that he will cooperate with the House probe.

"Mr. Barrack's engagement in investment and business development throughout the Middle East for the purpose of better aligned Middle East and U.S. objectives are well known, as are his more than four decades of respected relationships throughout the region," the statement said.

Harvey did not immediately return a request for comment.

According to the report, the whistleblowers came to the committee because they had concerns "about efforts inside the White House to rush the transfer of highly sensitive U.S. nuclear technology to Saudi Arabia in potential violation of the Atomic Energy Act and without review by Congress as required by law — efforts that may be ongoing to this day."

A 2017 article by the nonprofit news outlet ProP-

ublica detailed some of the concerns raised inside the National Security Council about the nuclear proposal — known as the "Marshall Plan for the Middle East" — advocated by a company called IP3 International.

IP3 is led by a group of retired U.S. military officers and national security officials, including retired Rear Adm. Michael Hewitt, retired Army Gen. Jack Keane and former Reagan national security adviser Bud McFarlane. IP3 and other proponents of nuclear power in the Middle East argue that the U.S. needs to be involved because otherwise it will lose out to Russia, China and others on billions of dollars in business. They also say that U.S. involvement — and the limits on nuclear fuel that come with it — are essential to stem an arms race in the region.

IP3 did not immediately respond to a request for

comment.

Up until the month before he joined the Trump administration, Flynn listed himself on public documents as a consultant to a previous iteration of Hewitt's company advocating a similar nuclear power proposal, though the company told The Washington Post that Flynn was offered a role as an adviser but never formally came aboard.

Still, according to the report, Flynn served as a conduit for IP3 inside the White House.

Just days after Trump's inauguration, the company sent Flynn a draft memo for the president's signature that would have appointed Barrack as a "special representative" in charge of carrying out the nuclear power proposal and called on the director of the CIA and the secretaries of State, Energy, Treasury and Defense to lend him support. The report also quotes former Deputy National Security Adviser K.T. McFarland as saying Trump told Barrack he could lead the plan's implementation.

According to the report, upon entering the White House in January 2017, Harvey saw his mission as getting Trump to adopt the nuclear proposal despite the objections of ethics and national security officials.

Even when H.R. McMaster, who replaced Flynn as national security adviser, and NSC lawyer John Eisenberg directed that work stop on the proposal because of concerns about its legality, Harvey continued pursuing the proposal, according to the report.

Harvey was fired from the NSC in July 2017.

Sen. Sanders taking 2nd run at president

Campaign cycle may be different this time with more diverse field

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Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — Bernie Sanders, the independent Vermont senator who was a runner-up to Hillary Clinton for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination, on Tuesday announced a second White House bid. He said one of his primary motivations is to oust President Donald Trump, who beat Clinton in that election.

"I think the current occupant of the White House is an embarrassment to our country," Sanders told Vermont Public Radio. "I think he is a pathological liar. Every day he is telling one lie or another, and it gives me no pleasure to say that. I also think he is a racist, a sexist, a homophobe, a xenophobe, somebody who is gaining cheap political points by trying to pick on minorities, often undocumented immigrants."

Sanders, 77, upended the party establishment three years ago by siphoning support from Democrats' liberal wing and young people, touching off a leftist move-

ment that ushered progressives like freshman Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., into office in the November midterm elections.

His stronger-than-expected challenges to Clinton arguably weakened her ultimately unsuccessful general election candidacy.

Sanders starts his 2020 campaign with a long list of potential advantages, not the least of which include a massive email list of supporters, a proven track record of small-dollar fundraising and veteran aides who helped chart a path to victory in key states like New Hampshire.

But 2020 will be a different campaign cycle. Many former Sanders supporters and aides are looking at other options in a diverse field of Democrats. Several Democrats already are echoing his economic message at a time when the party is increasingly relying on a voting base made up of women, minorities and young people.

In a year when Democratic voters have signaled an increased desire for racial and gender diversity, Sand-

ers would be only the second straight, white man in the field.

"This is a very different campaign for a lot of reasons. That's certainly one of them," Sanders said, referring to several candidates who have embraced parts of his agenda. "The other reason is last time I ran against one candidate — Secretary Clinton. This time there may be 10, 15, 20 candidates so that makes it a very, very different campaign with a different set of challenges."

Sanders' announcement comes after progressive groups launched an effort to encourage him to run by holding nationwide house parties to demonstrate the strength of his support following his last campaign.

Despite coming up short against Clinton, the Vermont independent won about 13 million votes in Democratic primaries and caucuses on a platform criticizing economic inequality and what he described as the greed of Wall Street, shifting Democrats to the left. Sanders popularized the term "democratic socialist" and made progressive policy dreams



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Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., called President Donald Trump "a pathological liar" Tuesday.

like government-funded universal health care and tuition-free public college more mainstream within the party.

His 2016 campaign also rejected the use of super-PACs — super political action committees — and instead relied on small-dollar donations. After telling supporters during his New Hampshire primary victory speech that the average donation to his campaign was \$27, the amount became rallying cry for his backers.

The question is whether Sanders will be able to recreate that excitement around this campaign, while also broadening his base beyond millennials

and progressives. While his 2016 campaign served as a liberal alternative to Clinton's more centrist platform, several younger candidates have entered the 2020 race championing similar policy goals.

Support for "Medicare-for-all," in particular, has become a litmus test for left-leaning Democratic presidential hopefuls. Sanders' Medicare for All Act of 2017, introduced in the last Congress, had 16 co-sponsors, including Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Jeff Merkley of Oregon, Kamala Harris of California, Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Cory Booker of New Jersey.

Warren, Harris, Booker

and Gillibrand already have begun bids for the nomination, as has Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn. Several other high-profile Democrats are said to be considering entering the race as well.

Former U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro, former Maryland Rep. John Delaney and South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg also have begun campaigns.

Sanders told Vermont residents Tuesday that he will "take the values that all of us in Vermont are proud of — a belief in justice, in community, in grass-roots politics, in town meetings — that's what I'm going to carry all over this country."

Thomas calls for re-examining libel as court rejects Cosby case

By **ROBERT BARNES**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Justice Clarence Thomas on Tuesday called for reconsideration of the Supreme Court's landmark decision making it more difficult for public officials to claim defamation as the court turned down a request from an accuser of Bill Cosby.

The court declined to take the case of Kathrine McKee, who accused Cosby of raping her more than 40 years ago. She sued after

Cosby's attorney leaked a letter that she said distorted her background to "damage her reputation for truthfulness and honesty" and to shame her.

Thomas said he agreed with his colleagues not to accept McKee's "factbound" appeal.

But he launched a detailed critique of the landmark libel ruling, which he said was a "policy-driven" decision "masquerading as



Thomas

constitutional law." No other justice joined his concurrence.

But President Donald Trump has also expressed support for making it easier to sue for defamation, and afterward — he complained about "hit pieces" in The Washington Post and The New York Times.

"I'm going to open up our libel laws so when they write purposely negative

and horrible and false articles, we can sue them and win lots of money," Trump said during the campaign. Over the weekend, he complained about a "Saturday Night Live" skit and wondered about "retribution."

Some media law experts expressed concern over Thomas' declaration.

Jonathan Peters, a professor of media law at the University of Georgia, said New York Times v. Sullivan "is essential to our modern understanding of press freedom."

Peters said the ruling "had the immediate impact of emboldening news organizations to cover the civil rights movement more forcefully — and later the Vietnam War and Watergate."

But Thomas and Justice Antonin Scalia have said the court may have intruded into a space in which it was not needed.

"We should not continue to reflexively apply this policy driven approach to the Constitution," Thomas wrote. "Instead, we should

carefully examine the original meaning of the First and Fourteenth Amendments. If the Constitution does not require public figures to satisfy an actual-malice standard in state-law defamation suits, then neither should we."

The media for decades has depended on New York Times v. Sullivan as a shield for reporting on public figures. But Thomas said Justice Byron White had also expressed concern after he was in the majority in the case.

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McCabe: 'No one objected' to investigation of Trump

BY MATT ZAPOTOSKY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe said Tuesday that officials briefed a bipartisan group of lawmakers after the bureau opened an investigation into President Donald Trump in May 2017, and that no one in the room pushed back.

"That's the important part here, Savannah," McCabe said in an interview with Savannah Guthrie on NBC's "Today" show. "No one objected. Not on legal grounds, not on constitutional grounds and not based on the facts."

The comments seemed designed to rebut criticism that McCabe has faced from Trump and other Republicans for initiating the investigation into Trump and participating in conversations about other, more dramatic steps against the president. McCabe told CBS' "60 Minutes" over the weekend that Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein talked with him about wearing a wire to surreptitiously record the president, or using the 25th Amendment to oust him — prompting a strong, negative reaction from Trump and his GOP allies. Rosenstein has vaguely disputed McCabe's description of those conversations.

"Treason!" Trump wrote Monday night on Twitter, after apparently quoting from a segment on Sean Hannity's television show about McCabe.

The briefing, McCabe said, was with the Gang of Eight — a bipartisan group of lawmakers comprising the Democratic and Republican leaders of the House and Senate, as well as the leaders from both parties of the House and Senate intelligence committees.

McCabe — who is in the middle of a media tour promoting his new book, "The Threat" — told



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Andrew McCabe is on tour promoting "The Threat: How the FBI Protects America in the Age of Terror and Trump."

Guthrie the FBI felt it had good reason to investigate Trump in May 2017 after he fired James Comey as the bureau's director. He said the bureau thought it was "possible" that Trump was working on behalf of Russia, and opening a case signified that the FBI was treating the matter as a national security threat.

"It is saying that we had information that led us to believe that there might be a threat to national security — in this case that the president himself might, in fact, be a threat to the United States' national security," McCabe said.

McCabe, who has long been a target of criticism from Trump, was fired from the FBI in March 2018, after the Justice Department's inspector general alleged he lied repeatedly to investigators exploring a media disclosure. McCabe has said he believes he was fired because he opened the investigation into Trump. He told Guthrie that he plans to sue the Justice Department over his dismissal — although he did not specifically address the evidence that the inspector general detailed against him.

On Tuesday, Trump

again lashed out at McCabe — though he took aim not at McCabe's comments about the Russia investigation, but instead his separate assertion that Trump commented negatively on McCabe's wife's unsuccessful run for a state senate seat in Virginia. Trump has repeatedly noted that Jill McCabe took money from the group of a prominent supporter of Hillary Clinton, and Andrew McCabe alleged in his book that Trump told him his wife's loss "must have been really tough."

"To lose," Trump said, according to McCabe's account. "To be a loser?"

In a tweet Tuesday, Trump wrote, "I never said anything bad about Andrew McCabe's wife other than she (they) should not have taken large amounts of campaign money from a Crooked Hillary source when Clinton was under investigation by the FBI. I never called his wife a loser to him (another McCabe made up lie)!"

Asked on ABC's "The View" about the president's recent tweets about him, McCabe said, "The president has been lying about me and my family for the last two years."

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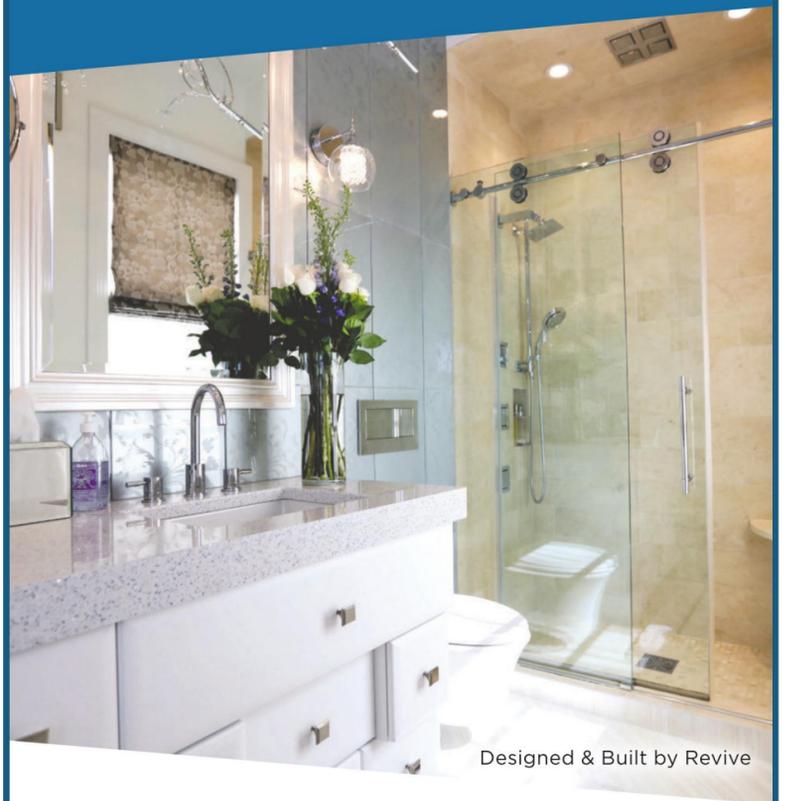
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Protesters voice their opposition to President Trump's emergency declaration Monday in Las Cruces, N.M.

Trump confident he'll prevail in border emergency lawsuit

By JOHN WAGNER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday expressed confidence that he would prevail in a lawsuit filed by 16 states seeking to overturn his declaration of a national emergency at the U.S.-Mexico border, saying the states are led “mostly by Open Border Democrats and the Radical Left.”

Trump insisted to reporters Tuesday that he had an “absolute right” to declare an emergency and said that it is an “open and closed case” that he can use the declaration to circumvent Congress to fund long-sought barriers at the border.

In tweets earlier in the day, Trump incorrectly said the lawsuit was brought by cities, rather than states. He corrected the error about an hour later.

Trump also noted that he had predicted during an event in the Rose Garden

last week that an action would be brought in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, where courts have often ruled against the administration.

“As I predicted, 16 cities, led mostly by Open Border Democrats and the Radical Left, have filed a lawsuit in, of course, the 9th Circuit!” Trump wrote.

Trump is seeking to spend roughly \$8 billion on border barrier construction, only about \$1.4 billion of which has been approved by Congress. He plans to tap money from other funds, including drug-interdiction and military construction projects.

The lawsuit filed Monday argues that the president's decision to declare a national emergency is unconstitutional. It seeks a preliminary injunction that would prevent Trump from acting on his declaration while the case plays out in the courts.

It was brought by 16 states, all of which have

Democratic governors, except for Maryland. Under Maryland law, the state's attorney general can take legal actions without the blessing of the governor. Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh, whose name is in the complaint, is a Democrat who has sued the Trump administration over other policy issues.

In addition to California and Maryland, the states participating in the suit are Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon and Virginia.

The complaint was filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, a San Francisco-based court whose judges have ruled against an array of other Trump administration policies, including on immigration and the environment. The court is part of the 9th Circuit.

The president also delved into foreign policy Tuesday.

He said he wants to see North Korea give up its nuclear weapons program, but added that he's not in any rush because U.S. relations with Pyongyang are good going into next week's summit. “I have no pressing time schedule,” Trump said.

Trump said his second meeting with Kim Jong Un on Feb. 27-28 in Hanoi, Vietnam, would be “very exciting,” but did not disclose details of what he hoped would be achieved.

He said he discussed the upcoming summit during a phone call earlier in the day with South Korea President Moon Jae-in and will speak Wednesday with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Trump noted that North Korea has not tested any rockets or missiles or nuclear weapons in months.

“As long as there's no testing, I'm in no rush. If there's testing, that's another deal.”

Associated Press contributed.

Partisan fights over funding are not new

140 years ago, GOP President Hayes bucked congressional Democrats in a bitter battle

By CHARLES LANE
The Washington Post

For House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, resisting President Donald Trump's demand for border wall funding during the longest partial government shutdown in history was more than a matter of strong disagreement with his immigration policies.

“We cannot have the president, every time he has an objection, to say I'll shut down the government until you come to my way of thinking,” Pelosi, D-Calif., said. “If we hold the (federal) employees hostage now, they're hostage forever.”

Whether she knew it or not, Pelosi was echoing arguments invoked during an even longer and more bitterly partisan funding battle 140 years ago, in which President Rutherford B. Hayes, a Republican, vetoed repeated attempts by Democrats in Congress to attach repeals of Reconstruction-era voting rights protections to government funding bills from April 1879 to June 1880.

Hayes let government funding lapse rather than cave on principle — at a time, to be sure, when the federal government was a comparatively new operation, with only seven Cabinet departments, total spending in the tens of millions of dollars and fewer than 40,000 men in uniform.

To have done otherwise,

he wrote at the time, would have been to acquiesce in “unconstitutional and revolutionary” political methods.

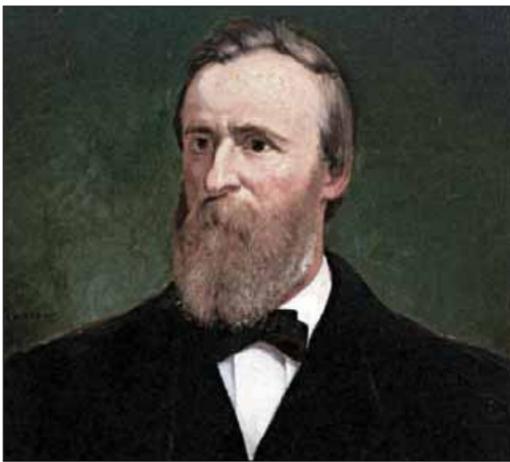
Hayes' ultimate victory in the struggle set precedents that help explain why government shutdowns were relatively rare until a new period of hyperpartisanship began in the 1990s.

An Ohio politician and Civil War general, Rutherford Birchard Hayes became president in March 1877, under a cloud because the results of the 1876 presidential election had been disputed, and he ended up winning only after months of partisan wrangling.

Notwithstanding his support for African-American rights, and his political need to protect what were then the pro-Republican votes of blacks in the South, Hayes was eager to appease Southern Democrats for the sake of national stability after a decade and a half of war and Reconstruction.

So he withdrew U.S. Army troops from strategic positions in Louisiana and South Carolina, and signed an 1878 bill, backed by Southern Democrats, that limited the use of soldiers in state-level political disorders.

In 1879, however, a new Congress took office, dominated by Democratic majorities in both the House and Senate for the first time since the Civil War. Of the 192 Democratic senators and representatives, 129 were former soldiers in the



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Rutherford B. Hayes became president under a cloud because the results of the 1876 election were disputed.

Confederate Army.

Their goal was to recover in Congress some of what they had lost on the battlefield: to repeal the federal government's post-war legal authority to protect African-American voters in the South.

Knowing Hayes would never sign such measures as free-standing legislation, the Democrats attached them to must-pass appropriations bills.

The first of Hayes' vetoes was his April 29, 1879, rejection of a funding bill for the U.S. Army itself, to which the Democrats had attached a rider forbidding the use of troops to guard polling places during federal elections. Without such protection, violent white-supremacist groups could intimidate African Americans with impunity.

In his veto message, Hayes, sounding very much like Pelosi, implied that the Democrats were taking the Army hostage.

“To say that a majority of either or both of the Houses of Congress may insist on the approval of a bill under the penalty of stopping all of the operations of the Government for want of the necessary supplies, is ... a dangerous violation of the

spirit and meaning of the Constitution,” Hayes wrote.

Hayes' stand galvanized Republican partisans; GOP clubs in four Midwestern cities assembled and fired 38-gun salutes in his honor, writes a historian of the episode, Frank P. Vazzano. In Congress, Republican members also rallied to the president, and their votes denied Democrats the two-thirds majority needed to override the veto.

The Democrats' attempt to defund the military to advance their own selfish racial and partisan agenda alienated public opinion. Recognizing that, Democrats allowed the Army appropriations to pass, but then tried to attach similar voting-protection repeals to funding bills for the Justice Department and the U.S. marshals.

Hayes vetoed those, too, eventually forcing the Democrats to admit defeat and, in the election year of 1880, accede to nearly unconditional funding of the federal government.

The political damage to the Democrats from their display of extremism was so extensive that Republicans took back both the House and Senate in the 1880 election.

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President Trump prepares to sign the space directive Tuesday at the White House.

Directive creates Space Force, puts it under Air Force control

BY DAN LAMOTHE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signed a policy directive Tuesday that laid out a framework for the Space Force he has long sought, but fell short of the vision he initially laid out for a new service that is “separate but equal” with the Air Force.

The directive would place the Space Force under the control of the Air Force Department in similar fashion to how the Navy Department oversees the Marine Corps, and marks a partial win for senior Air Force officials. They have argued that creating a separate military department — as Trump stated he wants — would create unnecessary Pentagon bureaucracy.

The plan, which requires congressional approval, would mark the first time that the federal government has established a new military branch since the passage of the National Security Act of 1947 created the Air Force in the wake of World War II. The administration could still press for a full Space Force Department in the future, but

it remains unclear if or when that will happen.

Trump signed the new policy Tuesday afternoon in the Oval Office while flanked by acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan, Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson and other senior officials.

The move appears to mark a rhetorical and political compromise: While the Trump administration will continue to call the new service the Space Force, it will more closely resemble a previous proposal on Capitol Hill for a smaller Space Corps that does not have a new, separate service secretary appointed by the president. Like the Marine Corps, it will be led by a four-star general who takes a new seat among the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Pentagon’s top officers.

Gen. David L. Goldfein, chief of staff of the Air Force, said Tuesday that U.S. officials examined options ranging from the creation of a full space department that would have had its own service secretary to something akin to the Medical Corps, a part of the U.S. Army comprising medical professionals in uniform. “We wanted a robust

debate, as you would imagine, on where was the right place to land that aligns with the president’s direction, and what’s going to roll out today is a service within the Department of the Air Force,” Goldfein said during a public appearance at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

Shanahan was expected to sign a memo directing Wilson to establish a team to finalize details about the Pentagon’s space plan, Defense One reported last week, citing a draft memo. The Pentagon also will create a Space Force undersecretary who reports to Wilson and a four-star vice chief of staff, who reports to the Space Force service chief, the report said.

Trump also will create a new position: chief of U.S. Space Command. The four-star officer’s position was created by the president in an order in December, and will oversee the U.S. military’s operations in space, which are presently focused primarily on communications, surveillance and defending American satellites from threats posed both by the elements and adversaries like Russia and China.

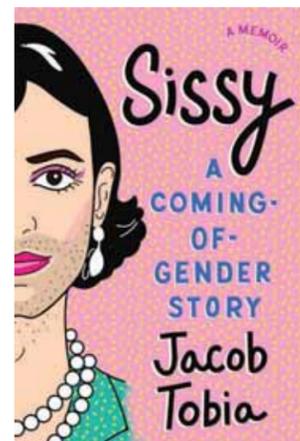
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Teaching how to recycle 1 village at a time

China tackles issue of how to deal with waste reduction

BY ANNA FIFIELD
The Washington Post

XICAI VILLAGE, China — Chen Liwen was encouraging as she pulled out plastic bags thrown in the food scraps bucket with the corn husks and the egg shells.

“You did great,” she said to the store owner, explaining that plastic should go into the yellow container, not the green one. “Next time you can do even better.”

After all, it was only the second day of supervised trash sorting in Xicai Village, a dusty collection of about 480 houses with no indoor plumbing in Hebei province, outside Beijing.

Those residents include Chen's parents. So the zero-waste advocate decided to start her campaign to teach China to recycle in her hometown.

“You need to organize people to start a waste reduction system, and it's hard in the city because there are too many people,” said Chen, who leads the environmental group China Zero Waste Alliance and is trying to teach the nation to recycle, one village at a time.

Up until the 1980s, there was relatively little garbage in China. The country was poor, so people didn't buy much, and they certainly didn't waste much.

Then came the economic boom — and with it came trash. Computer parts, plastic packaging, milk cartons, broken cellphones, polystyrene, cardboard boxes.

Now, with the prevalence of food delivery services — a customer can get a cup of bubble tea or a single soft-serve ice cream delivered for a nominal fee — and online shopping, there are new kinds of trash.

Although the average Chinese person produces about half the solid waste of



Chen Liwen, right, teaches people about the importance of recycling in her hometown of Xicai Village, China, near Beijing. ANNA FIFIELD/WASHINGTON POST

the average American, there are many more people in China. That means China throws out about 60 million takeout food containers daily.

But there is no real recycling system. Instead, there's an informal network of “trash pickers” — usually migrants from rural areas who come to the city to scour through urban garbage — who extract anything of value from refuse bins and take it to huge sorting centers outside the city.

It's not unusual to see motorized tricycles chugging along with a truck-sized load of polystyrene containers or carefully flattened boxes piled on the back.

This means recycling only happens when it's profitable. Plastic bottles are not worth recycling when oil prices are low — old bottles lose their cost advantage over virgin plastic when oil prices fall — and the price of paper fluctuates.

Buried under waste, the Chinese government is trying to change this.

For starters, it has started banning imports of solid waste, a practice that began in the 1980s. By the time the ban took effect last year, China was importing about 8 million tons of plastic waste alone each year.

It banned household waste plastics, unsorted waste paper and waste textiles at the beginning of last year, and this month added scrap metal, ship parts and auto parts to the list. The government plans phase out imports of all waste by the end of 2019, except for material China cannot substitute.

But this won't have much impact unless China also improves the way it deals with domestically produced waste.

“The government has all these policies and slogans, but if you go around the city you see all the waste is still mixed. There has been no change,” said Eric Lau, a campaigner at Greenpeace

in Beijing. “We need a system, and a system that runs smoothly.”

Even when residential complexes have separate containers for waste, residents seldom sort their garbage, knowing that scavengers will take care of that.

But in Beijing, which churns out more than 22,000 tons of rubbish every day, the big recycling centers have been shut down or moved further out of the city as the government has tried to control the capital's population and land usage. It has also introduced restrictions on incineration to try to tackle the air pollution problems.

The central government announced in 2017 that it would make trash separation compulsory for city dwellers by the end of 2020 — and those who didn't sort their waste would be charged fees for sorting. It wants one-third of the waste produced by large cities to be recycled by the end of next year.

But changing entrenched

behavior will take a long time, said Frank Chen, director of recycling at the China Plastics Processing Industry Association. “Maybe it will take until the next century.”

Yes, the industry at the heart of the problem isn't convinced China can learn to recycle.

“We've told the people many times to recycle and teach them the importance of recycling, but no one listens to us. No one cares,” he said. “Chinese people understand only one thing: money.”

But Chen Liwen, who became an environmentalist in college and started her nongovernmental organization in 2009, is going to try. She took matters into her own hands, starting in villages near where she grew up.

Chen's father, Chen Lianxiang, is proud of the impact his daughter has had on the village, even if he laments the fact that she deals with trash all day long. “There was garbage every-

where in the past,” he said.

Chen and her team had allocated two buckets to each household in the village, a yellow one for trash and a green one for organic waste. The latter is composted in a field on the outskirts of the village. Bottles, glass and plastics were already being recycled for money.

Every day at 2 p.m., a local man drives a specially converted trash collection tricycle through the town, with Chen on her bullhorn telling the locals to bring out their containers. Then she and her fellow volunteers talk them through the recycling process, offering gentle guidance to those who are still mixing their trash.

Chen stayed for two months in the first village to help teach people how to separate their trash and then to make sure they did it. But she can't be everywhere, so she has enlisted locals who now find themselves with time on their hands: the heads of the local women's associations, a part of the Communist Party apparatus.

“They used to be in charge of birth control, but now they don't have to do this anymore,” said Chen, referring to the government's decision to drop its decades-old one-child policy.

Chen's efforts are a novelty in her home village, where many of the elderly residents idle away their days playing a kind of Chinese chess on the sidewalk or sitting on stools solving the problems of the world.

The villagers said they were keen to give it a try.

But others do not put recycling high on their priority list. “We understand the garbage sorting,” said Duan Hongquan, “but in these villages we don't even have sewerage systems. Why should we care about trash?”

The next problem is one of scale. Xicai has 1,600 residents. That's one-millionth of China's population.

Ex-general signals change in Israel

Gantz seen as tolerable alternative to long-serving Netanyahu

BY JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Former military chief Benny Gantz has burst onto Israel's political scene as the great hope of the country's shrinking “peace camp” with a message that is anything but dovish.

The retired general, who wants to topple Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in April 9 elections, boasts of killing Palestinian militants and aligns himself with political hard-liners. He fires back at Netanyahu's criticism with scathing counterattacks.

In today's Israel, Gantz's ready-to-rumble rhetoric appears to be the only way to bring down the long-serving Netanyahu. That's turning him into an unlikely source of hope for Israelis who view ending their country's rule over the Palestinians, now in its 51st year, as a priority.

Yossi Beilin, an architect of the 1993 interim peace accords with the Palestinians, said fear of another Netanyahu term is driving much of the support for Gantz. He called Gantz a “black dove” — an imper-

fect but tolerable alternative to Netanyahu.

“Not that I agree with everything he says, but many of the things he is saying are OK from my point of view,” Beilin said.

Opinion polls forecast victory for Netanyahu's Likud Party. But since Gantz's recent maiden political speech, his new “Israel Resilience” party has emerged as No. 2.

The race could swing in the challenger's favor. Netanyahu faces possible indictment in a series of corruption investigations, perhaps before the elections. Meanwhile, Gantz is reportedly exploring mergers with other centrist parties.

Gantz appears to be modeling himself after Ehud Barak and the late Yitzhak Rabin — former military chiefs-turned-prime ministers. Both used military credentials to lead Israel to peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

Wary of being branded a “leftist,” considered a put-down by many Israelis, Gantz has said little about his vision of peace with the Palestinians. He dresses his rhetoric in security terms as

he tries to win support from Netanyahu's nationalist base.

In his January speech, Gantz bragged about assassinating Ahmed Jabari, a former Hamas military commander whose death in an Israeli airstrike in the Gaza Strip sparked an eight-day war in 2012.

“The heads of the terrorist organizations need to know that Ahmed Jabari was not the first, nor may he be the last,” Gantz warned.

Without giving details, he vowed to “strive for peace” and — if that is impossible — to shape a “new reality.” He said he'd strengthen West Bank settlement blocs and retain control of the Jordan Valley, a strategic section of the occupied West Bank the Palestinians seek as the heartland of a future state.

A TV ad for Gantz's party shows aerial footage of the airstrike on Jabari's vehicle. A second ad shows images of Hamas funerals and boasts of killing 1,364 “terrorists” in the 2014 Israel-Hamas war.

Another video — later deleted from YouTube — featured drone footage of a devastated Gaza neighbor-



Retired Gen. Benny Gantz will try to topple Benjamin Netanyahu in Israeli elections. ODED BALILTY/AP

hood flattened in the same campaign. The ads ran with the slogan: “Only the strong win.”

The United Nations has said about two-thirds of more than 2,100 Palestinians killed in the 2014 war were civilians. Among the dead were many civilians killed in airstrikes on homes where Israel suspected militants to be hiding.

A U.N. report has said Israel's actions may have amounted to war crimes. Gantz and Israel's then-air force chief are being sued by a Palestinian family in a Dutch court.

In Israel, the 2014 Gaza

war is generally seen as having dealt a blow to Hamas, and Gantz's military record an electoral asset. Driving home the point, he appointed Moshe Yaalon, another former military chief with hard-line political views, as his deputy.

Opinion polls show Gantz even with Netanyahu when it comes to fitness for prime minister and handling security. About one quarter of Gantz's supporters formerly backed Likud or the allied Kulanu party.

Political scientist Reuven Hazan said Gantz's tactics cater to widely held views among Israelis that interna-

tionally recognized Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is too weak to deliver results and that Gaza's Hamas is a terrorist group.

Israel's electorate is mostly divided between the right wing that wants to preserve the status quo, a smaller “extreme right” that wants to annex occupied lands, and the center, which wants to find some sort of way to change the situation, Hazan said.

“Those who clearly stand up and say ‘two-state solution, we have to uproot settlements,’ they're not winning elections in Israel these days,” he added.

Are fish self-aware? Mirror test doesn't provide definitive answer

BY MALCOLM RITTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Scientists report that a fish can pass a standard test of recognizing itself in a mirror — and they raise a question about what that means.

Does this decades-old test, designed to show self-awareness in animals, really do that?

Since the mirror test was introduced in 1970, scientists have found relatively few animals can pass it. Most humans can by age 18

to 24 months, and so can chimpanzees and orangutans, says the test's inventor, evolutionary psychologist Gordon Gallup of Albany College in New York.

Outside of ape species, researchers say there's also evidence for passing the test in bottlenose dolphins, Asian elephants and European magpies.

The test exposes animals to a mirror and looks for reactions that indicate some recognition of themselves. For example, do the animals do unusual things to see if

the image copies them? Do they appear to use the mirror to explore their own bodies? And if researchers mark an animal in a place the creature can observe only in the mirror, does the animal try to remove it?

Passing the test suggests an animal can “become the object of its own attention,” and if it does, it should be able to use its own experience to infer what others know, want or intend to do, said Gallup, who did not participate in the fish study. The new paper released

last week by PLOS Biology subjected up to 10 fish to various parts of the test.

Alex Jordan, who's at the Max Planck Institute for Ornithology in Germany, and colleagues observed a reef-dwelling species called the cleaner wrasse doing odd behaviors such as swimming upside-down by the mirror. When four fish were injected with a tag that left a visible brown mark under their throats, three scraped that part of their bodies against a rock or the sandy bottom of the tank, as

if trying to remove it.

In all, the researchers concluded that the fish had passed the test. But Jordan says his fish could have succeeded without possessing true self-awareness.

They may have matched the reflection to parts of their own bodies, but he said that less-sophisticated mental talent doesn't require self-awareness, which includes talents such as distinguishing their own bodies from those of other fish or recognizing their own territory or pos-

sessions. Nor does it imply self-consciousness, which means thinking about oneself and one's own behavior in relation to how others act, he said in an email.

Gallup said he believes the experimental procedure was flawed, so the fish can't really be said to have passed the test.

Frans de Waal, an expert on ape and monkey behavior at Emory University's Yerkes National Primate Research Center in Atlanta, said he found the fish results inconclusive.

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EU, U.K. to have more Brexit talks but key difference intact

BRUSSELS — The European Union on Tuesday warned British Prime Minister Theresa May that her trip to EU headquarters to seek an elusive breakthrough in Brexit negotiations stands no chance of success when it comes to her central demand for the divorce deal to be reopened.

U.K. lawmakers' objections center on a provision for the border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and Ireland.

May wants to change the deal's phrasing to make sure that a provision to ensure an open Irish border after Brexit would only apply temporarily.

But the EU refuses to budge and says the 585-page legally binding Brexit agreement is a take-it-or-leave-it document and can't be altered. It is willing to discuss other ways to find a compromise, but has challenged London to come up with concrete proposals.

Judge warns she may jail Stone for crosshairs post about her

NEW YORK — A federal judge warned Tuesday she may revoke Roger Stone's release on bond and send him to jail pending trial over a negative Instagram post he made about her in possible violation of a gag order she imposed.

Judge Amy Berman Jackson ordered the embattled confidant of President Donald Trump to appear in her Washington courtroom Thursday and

"show cause" for how a since-deleted photo he put up of her didn't violate a gag order she has issued in his criminal case.

If Stone fails to give a decent explanation, Jackson warned his "conditions of release" could be "modified or revoked."

Stone is currently free on \$250,000 bond.

Stone declined to comment other than to say he would "be present for the hearing as ordered."

Religious orders apologize for sex abuse inaction, cover-ups

VATICAN CITY — Catholic religious orders from around the world apologized for having failed to respond when their priests raped children, acknowledging that their family-like communities blinded them to sexual abuse and led to misplaced loyalties, denial and cover-ups.

The two umbrella organizations representing the world's religious orders issued a joint state-

ment Tuesday.

With a few exceptions, religious orders have largely flown under the radar in the decades-long scandal, since the focus has been on how diocesan bishops protected their priests and moved them from parish to parish.

Yet congregations such as the Jesuits, Salesians and Christian Brothers have some of the worst records, since they too moved abusers around.



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People take photos and video of a lion dance performance Tuesday during the Lantern Festival in Hubei province, China. After dancing in homes to pray for residents, the costumed performers climb a 30-foot tower in a ritual that dates back nearly 300 years.

Lawyer: Britain plans to strip IS teen of her citizenship

LONDON — Shamima Begum, a London teenager who left Britain four years ago to join the Islamic State group, is to be stripped of her U.K. citizenship by the government, her family's lawyer said Tuesday.

Attorney Tasnime Akunjee tweeted that the family is "very disappointed with the Home Office's intention to have an order made depriving Shamima of her citizenship."

He said the family is "considering all legal avenues to challenge this decision."

ITV News reported that the family had received a

letter from the Home Office, which oversees immigration, saying that the order revoking Begum's British citizenship had been made, but that she could appeal the decision.

Begum left London with two friends in 2015, when she was 15, and traveled to Syria. Now 19 and living in a refugee camp, she says she has given birth to a baby and wants to come home.

The teenager said she had married an IS fighter, had lost two children through malnutrition and disease, and wanted her newly born baby boy to grow up in Britain.

In a series of interviews with British media, she criticized some aspects of the Islamic State group and its self-proclaimed caliphate, but said she does not regret going there.

She said she had been "OK with" beheadings carried out by Islamic State adherents because she believed it was allowed under Islamic law.

"I think a lot of people should have sympathy towards me for everything I've been through," she told Sky News. "I just was hoping that maybe ... for the sake of me and my child, they let me come back."

Editor calls for KKK return; schools pull honors

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A small-town newspaper has called for a resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan, prompting two universities to withdraw the awards it had given its editor.

Auburn University and the University of Southern Mississippi decided Tuesday to rescind previous

honors for Goodloe Sutton, editor and publisher of The Democrat-Reporter of Linden.

An editorial published last week began: "Time for the Ku Klux Klan to night ride again." The editorial says Democrats and "Democrats in the Republican Party" are plotting to

raise taxes in Alabama, so the Klan should raid "gated communities" where they live.

Sutton told the Montgomery Advertiser he stands by his Feb. 14 editorial. During an interview, Sutton suggested lynchings as a way to clean up Washington.

Trump picks next deputy attorney general

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday nominated Jeffrey Rosen to be the next deputy attorney general.

Rosen is currently the deputy transportation secretary and oversees the department's day-to-day operations.

He also served as general counsel and a senior policy adviser at the White House Office of Management and Budget from 2006 to 2009.

Rosen previously worked as a senior partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

The current deputy attorney general, Rod Rosenstein, is expected to leave in March. His departure had been expected after William Barr was confirmed last week.

Rosenstein had overseen special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation after then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions recused himself.

In Washington: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was back on the Supreme Court bench on Tuesday, eight weeks after surgery for lung cancer.

Ginsburg had returned to the Supreme Court building on Friday for the first time since her surgery in December, but that was for the justices' private conference.

In Jerusalem: Israeli police say they have arrested 19 Palestinians as clashes broke out Tuesday at a contested holy site revered by Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and Jews as the Temple Mount. Police say dozens of Palestinians tried to breach a part of the compound that has been closed by Israeli court order for years.

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EDITORIALS

Jussie Smollett and the next hate crime reported in Chicago

The first burst of headlines from Chicago about television actor Jussie Smollett stunned the city, and the nation. He reported that he'd been the victim of a hate crime, attacked in Streeterville at 2 a.m. on Jan. 29 by two men who hung a noose around his neck and shouted "This is MAGA country!" Smollett, of the locally filmed Fox show "Empire," said he'd been targeted for being black and gay.

That certainly was possible. No city in America can consider itself immune from hate and bigotry. The Chicago Police Department knows that violent crime rooted in cruel bias does occur here. But each case is different, and most investigations — certainly those involving unknown assailants — require time and resources to resolve.

When the Smollett case erupted, though, there seemed to be no time to

waste in the national conversation about race and tolerance. The symbolism of the crime as advertised was so awful that some observers showed little interest in verifying initial details of Smollett's claim. Opinions filled the void. Social media was abuzz, with both outrage and skepticism. Presidential candidates weighed in with their thoughts. Smollett appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America" to describe his victimhood. And a CNN newsreader punctuated a Smollett story with the freighted "This is America in 2019."

And in Chicago? The police diligently went about their business of seeking witnesses and studying surveillance camera footage and other evidence that might corroborate his story. Most local journalists, including those at the Tribune, followed the case carefully, reporting devel-

opments while refraining from speculation.

Now a lot more is known about what may have happened on Jan. 29, but it raises only more questions. The situation is a mess, with stories shifting and physical evidence confounding the initial allegation. Two brothers were questioned by police before being released without charges. One of the brothers was identified as Smollett's personal trainer.

As of Tuesday, the Tribune was reporting that authorities aren't officially calling Smollett a suspect in staging his own attack, but they want to question him some more. A law enforcement source told the Tribune the brothers suggested Smollett may have paid them to be involved.

And so there are more twists and turns ahead, along with a certainty: This

case represents an outlier, a high-profile investigation that captured national attention well before all the facts were known. Some news events fit a recognizable pattern. But not this one, which makes it unsuitable for holding up as a symbol of other hate crimes.

Also true, alas: This won't be the last time Chicagoans hear about a bigoted attack. Through the years, most such reports have been genuine. The victims can be black or white, young or old, female or male, gay or straight.

All such allegations have to be treated with concern and investigated carefully — despite the heated demands for instant resolution by social media, some in the news media and the court of public opinion. However the Smollett case plays out, it says nothing about future reports of hate crimes. They do occur.

The Sterigenics clampdown: As U.S. EPA fiddles, Illinois EPA acts

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's mission statement opens nobly: "The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment." To which exasperated residents of Chicago's western suburbs would add, "If and when we at the agency get around to it."

That's because the greater the public's alarm about emissions from the Sterigenics plant in Willowbrook, the more the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has piddled and fiddled. Left in the lurch: the 19,200 people who live within a mile of the facility.

Sterigenics uses ethylene oxide, a chemical on the federal government's list of carcinogens, to sterilize medical instruments. But as the U.S. EPA's growing pile of air quality measurements and other evidence have documented emissions issues at the facility, the feds haven't brought themselves to do much of anything. Hence the testy headline on a Tribune editorial last Friday: "Time's up, EPA. Solve the Sterigenics problem."

That very day, the EPA did act — although it wasn't the U.S. EPA, the agency we had hoped to roust from slumber. No, Friday's action came from Gov. J.B. Prizker's Illinois EPA. As the Tribune's Michael Hawthorne summarized: Invoking rarely used authority in state law, Illinois EPA Director John Kim prohibited Sterigenics from pumping ethylene oxide gas into massive chambers used to sterilize medical equipment, pharmaceutical drugs, spices and food. Kim's order cited a federal study that said the chemical is so toxic that even tiny concentrations routinely leaking from the company's two buildings pose a significant health risk.

The state's move doesn't resolve the essential question here: To what actual



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People protest Sterigenics at its headquarters in Oak Brook. The company releases ethylene oxide from its Willowbrook facility.

extent does the Sterigenics facility endanger its neighbors? A faster-moving U.S. EPA might by now have provided the answer. Those neighbors are understandably anxious and impatient.

The state's action Friday likely has three effects:

■ People who live or work near Sterigenics have at least a temporary reprieve from emissions. Those residents are still reeling from a recent disclosure: Air tests done in November and December detected spikes in ethylene oxide even higher than levels detected before Sterigenics installed pollution-control equipment last summer to take care of the problem.

■ Sterigenics will fight Friday's order in court. "The Illinois EPA's actions to suspend operations at the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility are indefensible," the com-

pany said in a statement. "Unilaterally preventing a business that is operating in compliance with all state permits and regulations from carrying out its vital function sets a dangerous precedent."

■ Public and political pressure will intensify on the U.S. EPA to do more than continually plead for time. Are current emissions standards adequate? Why are ethylene oxide levels near Sterigenics what they are? And that essential question: To what extent does the Sterigenics facility endanger its neighbors?

Earlier this month the U.S. EPA's top air quality official, William Wehrum, said samples analyzed so far suggest that on some days air monitors in the vicinity of Sterigenics are registering other, unknown sources of ethylene oxide. He said his agency needs, yes, more time to assess the dangers, determine Sterigenics' responsi-

bility for the emissions and figure out how to limit them.

To Mr. Wehrum and his colleagues: Nobody wants the U.S. EPA to act rashly based on scientific supposition or political outcry rather than evidence. But your agency has known for a long time that Sterigenics had ethylene oxide issues. Be methodical, but "methodical" isn't a synonym for "sluggish." Would your pace be this lackadaisical if you and yours lived within a mile of Sterigenics?

We applaud the Illinois EPA for making a provocative move that forces others to respond. Because as we wrote in frustration Friday: What's troubling about the U.S. EPA's handling of the Sterigenics case is that the agency's only action up until now — apart from testing — has been to put off deciding what to do.

As the Feb. 26 Chicago election approaches, you'll find the mayoral and aldermanic candidates' answers to our surveys, and our endorsements, at chicagotribune.com/candidates. To find more information about the mayoral candidates, go to chicagotribune.com/mayorsrace.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Congratulations, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez! You just killed 25,000 jobs for urban Democrats in one of the most racially and ethnically diverse areas in the entire world!

Congresswoman AOC, the thought leader of the Democratic Party, was the loudest and feistiest political opponent when Amazon announced it would build (half of) its second headquarters in Long Island City, Queens, promising to create 25,000 jobs and generate some \$27.5 billion in tax revenue over the next 25 years. Amazon employs a range of people from unskilled workers to tech geniuses and would have pumped large amounts of money into the city economy. It estimated the average salary of its New York City workforce would have been \$150,000. ...

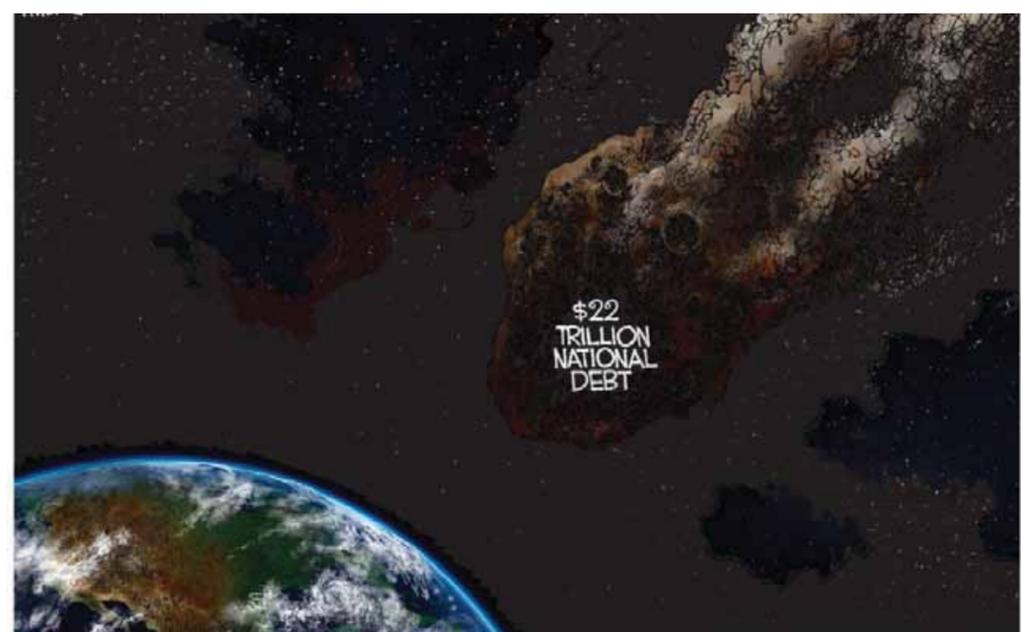
But after Amazon walked away in an anti-Valentine to the city on Feb. 14, AOC bragged on Twitter that "everyday New Yorkers & their neighbors defeated Amazon's corporate greed, its worker exploitation, and the power of the richest man in the world."

Huh? A Siena poll last week showed that New York City residents approved of the deal by 56 to 33 percent. Fellow Democrats Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio were pushing hard for the deal. Oh, and it need hardly be stated that Amazon is a company staffed by Democrats. Some 87 percent of its employee donations went to the Dems in the latest elections. ...

AOC is pretending to stand with the people while actually destroying opportunity for Democrats.

Kyle Smith, New York Post

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Mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot spars with state Rep. Robert Martwick on Monday over his bill to make the Cook County assessor an appointed position.

Lightfoot delivers a heavy kick to Preckwinkle ally



ERIC ZORN

Lori Lightfoot's sarcasm was un-called for.

"Thanks, thanks for showing," she said in parting Monday to state Rep. Robert Martwick, a Chicago Democrat who had crashed a morning news conference in her campaign for mayor and called her names during a testy spat. "Love it. Wonderful."

The moment called for sincerity. Maybe a fruit basket and a grateful hug.

Martwick's boorishness and condescension instantly elevated a routine media event into a hot story, one that showed off Lightfoot's mettle and highlighted a weakness of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, one of her key opponents.

The resulting news videos amounted to free campaign commercials. They showed Lightfoot sharply parrying Martwick's oafish and absurd accusations that she is "Trumpian" as he loomed over her. They showed her

standing her ground against the "broken and corrupt political system" whose role Martwick was wittlessly playing.

Lightfoot had called the news conference to call attention to Illinois House Bill 3605, a measure Martwick introduced Friday to make the Cook County assessor's office an appointed rather than elected position.

It's tone-deaf legislation — less than a year ago Democratic primary voters rejected by nearly 12 percentage points Assessor Joseph Berrios, the consummate insider whose office had been heavily criticized for unfairness in investigative reports by the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois.

Given this background, the idea of taking from voters the right to reject a controversial assessor is demented.

Making it doubly demented is that Martwick's bill would give appointment power to the president of the Cook County Board, now Preckwinkle. Last year, she was a staunch and loyal ally of Berrios and helped lead the celebration in October when the Cook County Regular Democratic Organization gave Berrios a lifetime achievement award.

Lightfoot summoned the media to the Union League Club to try to link Martwick to Preckwinkle, whom he

actively supports, and thus to remind undecided voters of Preckwinkle's enthusiasm for Berrios.

This kind of political bank shot in front of just a handful of reporters would probably have missed the target and barely merited a sentence or two in the news had Martwick not swaggered into the room to confront Lightfoot and demand an impromptu debate.

He accused her of practicing "Trump-style" politics "where you're trying to draw attention to yourself without assessing the facts, (which) shows exactly why you're wholly unprepared to be mayor of the city of Chicago."

Lightfoot parried, pointing out that Martwick works as a property tax attorney and is a friend and ally of both Berrios and Preckwinkle.

My favorite part of the exchange was when Martwick patronizingly demanded, "Do you know anything about the bill? OK, when does it go into effect, Lori?"

She knew. She knew instantly. If passed, it would take effect after the first term of current assessor and self-styled reformer Fritz Kaegi.

Lightfoot went on to say to reporters, "This is Rob Martwick, Exhibit A of the broken and corrupt political

system."

In the heat of the moment Lightfoot neglected to point out that, last May, Martwick voted in favor of Senate Bill 2544 to make the Lake County assessor an *elected* position, but she did take the opportunity at one point to laugh at him when he said his bill was "designed to provide reform."

The whole event was as dramatic a political own goal as you're ever going to see.

Martwick not only helped Lightfoot underscore a major liability of Preckwinkle's — her coziness with insiders such as Berrios and Martwick that gives many liberals pause — but he also helped Lightfoot show that she is, in fact, tough and quick-witted enough to be mayor.

One can only imagine the forehead-slapping at Preckwinkle headquarters that preceded the hasty release of a statement on social media disavowing Martwick's bill and saying that "the Cook County assessor is, and should continue to be, an elected position so that it remains directly accountable to the residents of the County."

"Wonderful," Lightfoot quipped to Martwick.

I'll say.

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Jussie Smollett and the rush to judgment



CLARENCE PAGE

Some readers are so eager to react to what I write that they don't always bother to wait for me to write it.

"You should write about the Smollett hoax," said one reader's email earlier this week. "But you won't."

Au contraire, my friend. I accept that challenge.

"When do I get to see a column about the 'Empire' star's scam that nobody questioned?" another wrote. "I guess he lives in the no-touch territory?"

Hardly. These readers, as you may have guessed, are referring to "Empire" singer and actor Jussie Smollett, who made headlines recently as an alleged victim of a hate crime in Chicago, only to see his story challenged.

Stories change when real facts come in, but some people suspect that a partisan bias drives everything in media, especially when the news involves a liberal.

This saga began Jan. 29 in the wee hours of a very cold night in the Streeterville neighborhood in downtown Chicago, when Smollett told police that he had been beaten, doused with a liquid that appeared to be bleach and left



STEPHEN GREEN/ABC

Jussie Smollett talks with Robin Roberts during an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America," saying he was attacked in a hate crime.

with a noose around his neck by two men wearing ski masks.

The men shouted anti-black and anti-gay slurs, said Smollett, an openly gay African-American who also plays one on "Empire." He said the two men also shouted "this is MAGA country," referencing the acronym for President Donald Trump's campaign slogan, "Make America Great Again."

Well, faster than you can say "intersectionality," voices of outrage and sympathy erupted from Hollywood to Capitol Hill.

"The racist, homophobic attack on @JussieSmollett is an affront to our humanity," Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, a California Democrat, tweeted — and then

later deleted.

California Sen. Kamala Harris and New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, both Democratic presidential hopefuls, called the attack "an attempted modern-day lynching."

New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, a Democrat considering a run for president, tweeted: "This is a sickening and outrageous attack and horribly, it's the latest of too many hate crimes against LGBTQ people and people of color."

Freshman New York Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez tweeted that it was "a racist and homophobic attack" and "It is no one's job to water down or sugar-coat the rise of

hate crimes."

Maybe not but, as any reputable police reporter will tell you, it pays to be cautious and make frequent use of qualifiers like "allegedly" and "reportedly" and "according to police" when passing on raw crime reports.

The reason for that became obvious this past weekend when unnamed law enforcement sources told the Chicago Tribune and other media that police are now investigating whether Smollett paid two Nigerian brothers who reportedly worked with him on "Empire" — one of whom also was Smollett's personal trainer — to stage the attack on him. Smollett has denied that charge but has continued putting off speaking further with police, who have said they have more questions for him.

Conservatives, like those who emailed me, have had a jolly good time mocking liberals who, as this story first broke, seemed eager to accept Smollett's alleged victimization, despite a shortage of corroborating evidence.

"Hey Hollywood and media types," tweeted Donald Trump Jr., the president's eldest son and, following daddy's footsteps, proud Twitter troll. "I've noticed a lot of you deleted your #JusticeForJussie tweets ... what's the matter, don't you want justice for him anymore??? #frauds."

Well, considering his role as a person of great interest to special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of alleged Russian interfer-

ence in our 2016 elections, Don Jr. probably should not be too cocky.

Yet, like his dad, he couldn't keep his thumbs off Twitter. The Advocate counted "no less than 35 tweets, retweets and references to Smollett on Trump Jr.'s Twitter in 48 hours" before the weekend.

There's no question that a lot of people have rushed to judgment about this story. Some even forgot those valuable little "allegedly" and "reportedly" disclaimers. Yet I find it amusing to see how often the same people who accused us media workers of rushing to judgment when Smollett was viewed as a victim suddenly began rushing to judgment themselves about his possible guilt, once the tables started to turn.

In the pursuit of justice, after all, it is important to remember that, throughout the weekend's flurry of news and gossip about the story, Smollett had not been charged officially with any wrongdoing.

Like anyone else in this country, he has the right to be presumed innocent until found guilty, even if it does turn out he committed a hate crime against himself.

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PERSPECTIVE

Pritzker's pension fix is more smoke and mirrors



KRISTEN MCQUEARY

Gov. J.B. Pritzker will unveil his first state budget Wednesday and there's a lot riding on it. Illinois finances are a mess, and Pritzker promised to introduce a truly balanced budget with no gimmicks. He won the November election largely based on former Gov. Bruce Rauner's inability to resolve the state's financial issues. Voters are paying attention.

His noon speech from the House floor will include some Rauner shaming and applause lines. But if Pritzker is serious about the budget, there's only one target he has to hit: pensions. So far, he's missing it.

Pritzker's plan to address a \$134 billion and rising unfunded pension liability in the state's five funds includes new revenue from a yet-to-be-instituted graduated income tax, extending by seven years the pension payment schedule, selling state assets, borrowing money by selling pension bonds and expanding a pension buy-out program for employees.

Been there, done that.

The plan so far from Pritzker and his team, including Dan Hynes, a former state comptroller, is kick-the-can "lite." More taxes, repurposed ideas to sell state assets, borrow money — again — and cross fingers and toes that investment returns in the funds exceed expectations.

Notice what's missing from Pritzker's plan? Any talk of amending the pension clause of the Illinois Constitution that generally would swap out the language that pensions cannot be "diminished or impaired" with language that would allow the legislature to change benefits going forward.

An amendment could guarantee that benefits earned so far would be protected; benefits going forward would be subject to change. Mostly, lawmakers have signaled they would like to slow the growth of pensions by limiting the costly 3 percent compounding raises given annually to most public retirees.

The fact that, for now at least, Pritzker won't entertain the possibility of amending that clause indicates how very unserious he is about the problem.

Meanwhile, he wants voters to unlock the flat state income tax rate enshrined in the Illinois Constitution so he can charge different tax rates to different people. But he won't allow voters to decide whether to unlock the pension clause, which is basically a suicide pact with taxpayers.

You'll certainly hear during Pritzker's budget speech the need to protect pensions and honor those promises made to employees. Behind Pritzker at the dais will be Senate President John Cullerton and House Speaker Michael Madigan, nodding in agreement. From a Democrat-majority House and Senate gathered in the chamber, you'll hear whoops and hollers.



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker will give his first state budget speech Wednesday at the Illinois Capitol.

They won't remind you that in 2013 Cullerton, Madigan and some 90 lawmakers — many of them still in office today — already voted to bend those promises. They voted for a pension reform bill that wisely would have extended retirement ages, slowed those 3 percent compounded cost-of-living adjustments and capped salaries for some workers. In exchange, employees would have paid 1 percentage point less into the funds. Madigan sponsored the bill, saying the changes were needed because Illinois pensions "are just too rich" for taxpayers to afford. "Something's got to be done," he told his colleagues during debate on the House floor, describing the pension system as in "crisis."

"My view is that this bill will be approved by the Illinois Supreme Court," he said back then.

Madigan, also the chairman of the state Democratic Party, was confident the court would recognize the need to save the pension systems by reforming them. Other Democrats who agreed and voted for that pension reform bill: Reps. Fran Hurley, Sara Feigenholtz, Ann Williams and Kelly Cassidy of Chicago; Sam Yingling of Grayslake; Michelle Mussman of Schaumburg; Marty Moylan of Des Plaines; and many other Democrats still serving in Springfield. Senators who voted for pension reform included Democrats Steve Stadelman of Rockford, Don Harmon of Oak Park and Bill Cunningham of Chicago, among others.

They knew pensions were unsustainable then. They should favor a constitutional amendment now.

In fact, when the Supreme Court even-

tually struck down the pension reform law in 2015, lawmakers should have started working immediately on changing the constitution or enrolling new employees into a third, less-expensive tier or a 401(k)-style plan. They could have floated Cullerton's long-debated "consideration" model back up to the court; that model would have allowed employees to keep those generous COLAs but with a consequence — a smaller pensionable salary at the end of their careers.

Instead lawmakers did next to nothing. The liabilities in the funds grew by another \$34 billion.

And so here we are, recycling bad ideas instead of making hard choices, entertaining the idea of risky pension bonds that would put the state in an even more vulnerable position — especially if the economy turns.

The pension system in this state is unsustainable. Taxpayers know it. Mayors across the state know it. Finance managers know it. Politicians know it. Union leaders know it. Those union leaders are simply buying time until they can cash out, leaving insolvency for the next guy.

So lawmakers will applaud and grandstand during Pritzker's budget address. But most of them know, and actually voted a few years ago, that the system is unsustainable.

That time, they did the right thing. Not anymore. New day. New leadership. Same old smoke and mirrors.

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How Amazon uses search to bigfoot small business

BY NOAH SMITH

Small businesses are a pillar of capitalism and of a healthy economy. They provide a path into the middle and upper-middle class for people who don't have elite connections or a fancy college degree. And they distribute capital income broadly, so that the gains from business ownership aren't concentrated among a few wealthy shareholders.

Retail is a big component of small business. In recent decades, big chains have pushed out mom-and-pop stores. But there has been hope that e-commerce would provide a lifeline for small retailers.

There's just one problem. E-commerce in the U.S. is increasingly dominated by a single platform — Amazon.com Inc. As of 2018, the e-commerce giant had grabbed about half of the online retail market.

That wouldn't necessarily be a problem for small retailers if Amazon simply provided a venue that allowed small businesses to connect with customers.

But increasingly, Amazon makes its own private-label products that compete with the offerings of independent merchants on its platform. A recent paper by economists Feng Zhu and Qihong Liu observed Amazon's behavior over time, and found that it tends to introduce proprietary products in niches that smaller merchants did the work of discovering by finding out what consumers like. Amazon then piggybacks on their efforts.

(Disclosure: I own a very small stake — less than 1 percent — in a very small company that Amazon so far has ignored.)

This is a classic tactic used by supermarkets — observe which products sell well, then introduce private-label brands to try to grab some of those markets. But technology has given online platforms superior tools to out-compete their suppliers.

One of these tools is search. Customers look for products using Amazon's internal search function. Independent sellers can try to take sales from rivals by buying placements in the search results for a

rival's brand-name product — for example, when a customer searches for Purina dog food, she might see a promoted result for Kibbles 'n Bits. But Amazon doesn't allow other sellers to compete with its private-label products this way — if you search for an Amazon product, you're going to see an Amazon product first and nothing else. But if you search for the other company's product, you might see an Amazon product promoted at the top of the list. Amazon now is experimenting with a feature that automatically includes Amazon products in every search. And search isn't the only advantage a platform has in the digital age; Amazon also collects potentially crucial sales and marketing data that it can choose not to share with third-party merchants.

Of course, any online retailer could do the same. But the world of e-commerce is subject to stronger network effects. When you buy something from a bricks-and-mortar retailer, you tend to go to one that's conveniently located, whether it's a Walmart, a Target, a Best Buy or a local convenience store. But online, unless you're searching for a specialized product, there's often no reason to go anywhere but Amazon. This naturally tends to push the platform market toward winner-take-all. And it's exacerbated by Amazon's practice of requiring merchants not to offer their products more cheaply on any other platform — a type of agreement known as a most-favored nation provision or MFN. This means that merchants who want to sell their products online have no choice but to be on Amazon, the biggest platform, and play by its rules.

Some, such as business professor Andre Hagiu, argue that Amazon would be foolish to out-compete its merchants, because that would deter them from offering their products on Amazon in the future. But researchers have long known that this logic doesn't necessarily apply in the presence of dominant market power; back in 2000, economists Joseph Farrell and Michael Katz showed that a monopoly can have incentives to confiscate the profits from the innovation of companies that produce

complementary products, thus stifling innovation. Tech publisher Tim O'Reilly argues that even if eating the third-party ecosystem isn't a good long-term decision, a platform may be tempted to do it anyway just for the short-term profits.

So if Amazon is chewing up the small-business world — and the e-commerce world in general — what's to be done? One approach is to identify and ban Amazon's specific anti-competitive practices, as European authorities are trying to do in the case of data-sharing. Another approach is to try to introduce competition into the e-commerce platform space by banning MFNs and other anti-competitive practices. But these efforts may be inadequate, since the former involves a continuous cat-and-mouse game between regulators and Amazon, and the latter probably won't be enough to overcome the strong network effect driving the concentration of online retail.

Another alternative, of course, is simply to break up Amazon. But before such a drastic step is taken, economist Hal Singer argues, antitrust authorities should consider a gentler alternative — a nondiscrimination regime. This would basically allow any third-party merchant to lodge a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission or another independent tribunal. Although only larger merchants would have the resources to lodge such complaints, any victories they won would benefit smaller businesses as well, by curbing Amazon's anti-competitive stratagems.

As e-commerce becomes a more important part of the U.S. retail landscape, questions like this will inevitably become more pressing. If small businesses are to survive in the digital age, the online economy can't be allowed to be winner-take-all.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Shooting shows human frailty

Whether it is at a movie theater in Aurora, Colo., or at a manufacturing firm in Aurora, a suburb of Chicago, gun violence continues almost unimpeded.

It shows that in spite of all of our technological advances, the human psyche remains about the same, where revenge and anger are paramount. Gary Martin went on a shooting rampage because he discovered he was about to be fired after 15 years on the job, so he took out his rage on innocent people, killing five of his co-workers and injuring five police officers.

The 45-year-old Martin had been arrested six times over the years, including for domestic-related issues, so he apparently was a time bomb waiting to explode.

— Kenneth L. Zimmerman, Huntington Beach, Calif.

Gun lobby's fix? More guns

The gun lobby has only one tool in its toolbox. Its solution to every mass shooting is more guns. Imagine the gun lobby arming every adult in America with a gun; when that doesn't solve the problem, its solution will be to arm every American with two guns — and so on.

Every school and business shouldn't have to divert resources from their core purpose to pay for armed security guards and practice active shooter drills in order to perpetuate this madness.

— Tom O'Brien, Lincolnwood

Overhaul gun ownership

I hope Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the next Chicago mayor lead the charge to make it very, very difficult to buy a gun in Illinois, carry a gun in Illinois (please get rid of the concealed carry law) or transport guns from out of state to Chicago and Illinois. There are too many guns out there and too many people who have no business owning them.

— Jeff Ferenc, Lombard

Our children are dying

I was working at my computer alone in my classroom during my planning period when I heard a loud crack and a scream in the hallway. I lunged toward the door, my mind racing: Should I slam the door shut and lock myself in or grab something to throw and storm the hall? In those fractions of a second, I firmly believed the school was being shot up.

Then I heard laughter. I cautiously peered around the corner of my doorway and saw a student standing over a pile of textbooks that had tumbled out of her locker. I sucked in a shaky breath and tried to control the adrenaline enough to return to lesson planning, but I couldn't settle my racing heart or mind. It was Valentine's Day, a year after the mass shooting at Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., and my conclusion upon hearing a loud noise in the hallway was that the school was under fire.

The next day, President Donald Trump declared a state of national emergency to fund a southern border wall. He then proceeded to talk about children killed by people who entered the U.S. illegally. What about the children gunned down by their peers in the hallways of their own schools? In the year since Parkland and the 20 years since Columbine, no single substantial action, executive or legislative, has been taken to make our children safer against gun violence.

What does this suggest about our priorities? Twenty 6- and 7-year-old children were slaughtered huddled against the walls of their classrooms at Sandy Hook in 2012, and we did nothing nationally in response. We are so polarized by politicians and special interests that we continue to do nothing as we wait for the next school to be shot up. We do have a state of national emergency, but it's not at the border. It's in our very American souls.

— Kristine Stariha, New Era, Mich.

Wall 'emergency' is senseless

Just one day after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi chided Trump for declaring a national emergency to fund his border wall and instead urged him to declare gun violence a national emergency, our nation suffered another mass shooting, in Aurora. Trump's border wall emergency is obviously as senseless as this recent shooting.

— JoAnn Lee Frank, Clearwater, Fla.

Make gun ownership harder

The shooting in Aurora is another reason to ban guns and confiscate these weapons. People should have to justify the need for owning weapons. There are many examples of nations that don't have a mass murder problem, and the common denominator of these nations is their regulatory practices of guns. Most of these nations will allow people to own guns, but the people have to justify why they need the guns. The fact that we allow weapons to be purchased by practically anyone shows that we live in a country that is insane.

— Daniel Beck, Glenview

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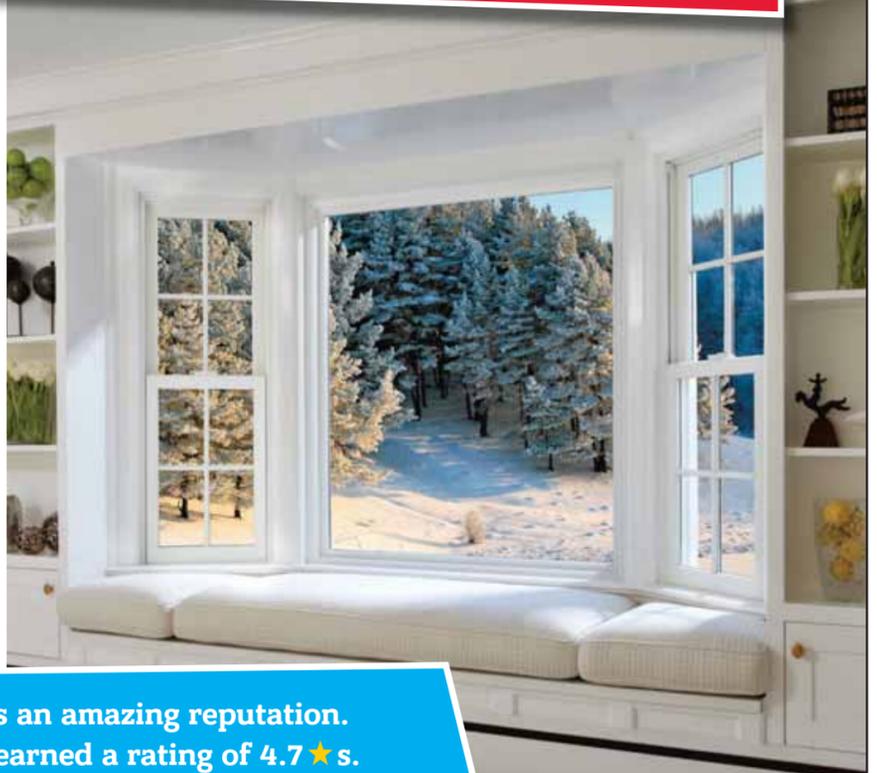
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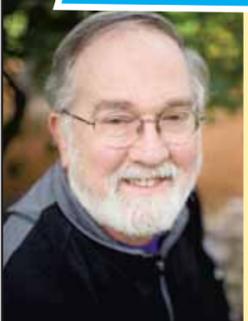
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Law change aids Westlake Hospital plan

The state can't stop the new owners from closing Melrose Park hospital. That wasn't always the case.

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Despite community outrage over plans to close Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park, there's little the state can do to stop it, because of a change in the law several years ago. The mayor of Melrose Park and area lawmakers revealed Friday

night that the new owner of Westlake planned to close the hospital. Los Angeles-based Pipeline Health, which bought Westlake late last month, confirmed those plans Saturday, saying it intends to shutter the 230-bed hospital in the second quarter of this year. Pipeline bought Westlake along

with Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago and West Suburban Medical Center in Oak Park for \$70 million in late January, pledging, at the time, to turn around the financially struggling facilities.

But this weekend, Dr. Eric Whitaker, a prominent Chicagoan and part-owner of Pipeline, said the for-profit company decided to close Westlake after its financial losses exceeded projections. He said the closure is necessary to

help keep Weiss and West Suburban sustainable.

"To the extent that we would have to pour a lot of capital into Westlake, it really would have endangered the other two hospitals we had as part of the purchase," Whitaker told the Tribune on Saturday.

The sudden change of direction, however, has left community leaders scrambling to see if there's anything that can be done to keep the hospital open, which they say

is vital to the Melrose Park community.

Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch, D-Westchester, has said community members don't intend to make it "easy" for Pipeline, which serves a large minority community, to close Westlake's doors.

"This is completely contrary to everything they said during the (state approval) process," Welch said.

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"I was in a store in New York and two customers said they just don't have enough high-speed internet." — Scott Westberg, a regional director for Family Video



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Shoppers browse at Family Video in Warren, Pa. One reason for the DVD rental chain's success is slow internet connections in rural America.

RENTING DVDS IN THE AGE OF NETFLIX

Glenview-based Family Video carves out strategy in rural America

BY JASON NARK
The Philadelphia Inquirer

WARREN, PA. — On the edge of a vast national forest, in one of Pennsylvania's most rural counties, Joe Carlton was browsing for laughs on a Friday night. The smell of buttered popcorn and candy lingered in the aisles while he scanned through movie titles. Carlton, 35, picked up "Space-

balls," "Animal House," "Step Brothers" and the cult classic "Office Space," then walked to the counter of Family Video on Pennsylvania Avenue here and rented the DVDs, something many Americans haven't done in nearly a decade.

"There is something about physically touching the movies, about flipping it over and reading the back," Carlton said. "You're in

a movie store for a reason. You came for movies."

When the digital age, specifically Netflix, came for the brick-and-mortar movie rental business, the decline was rapid. Blockbuster Video, the rental giant with nearly 9,000 locations, declared bankruptcy in 2010. A single Blockbuster location remains open, in Oregon.

That's why the Family Video of

Warren County, home to 41,815 in Northwest Pennsylvania, feels so nostalgic, at least for someone who lives east of Altoona. For the western third of the state, however, from the New York border south to West Virginia, picking out new releases in Family Video just feels like a Friday night.

"We know all our customers by

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Report: Fentanyl rules not followed

FDA, drug firms, doctors mishandled opioid 50% of time

LENNY BERNSTEIN
The Washington Post

The Food and Drug Administration, drug companies and doctors mishandled distribution of a powerful fentanyl painkiller, allowing widespread prescribing to ineligible patients despite special measures designed to safeguard its use, according to a report released Tuesday.

The unusual paper in the medical journal JAMA relies on nearly 5,000 pages of documents that researchers obtained from the government via the Freedom of Information Act, rather than a more typical controlled scientific study.

After reviewing the data, the researchers concluded that prescribers, pharmacists, drug companies and the FDA — all of whom had agreed to special rules and monitoring for use of the powerful opioid — had allowed it to fall into the hands of thousands of inappropriate patients. Over time, the FDA and drug companies became aware this was happening but took no action, the researchers found.

Using five years of insurance claims data, the researchers found that 34.6 percent to 55.4 percent of patients shouldn't have received the drugs.

"The whole purpose of this distribution system was to prevent exactly what we found," said Caleb Alexander, co-director of the Center for Drug Safety and Effectiveness at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, one of the leaders of the study. "It should never happen. It's a never event. And yet we found it was happening in 50 percent" of the cases.

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FAA questions Southwest's baggage weights

Associated Press

Federal officials have told Southwest Airlines to fix the way it calculates the weight of luggage loaded on flights after finding frequent mistakes during a yearlong investigation.

Southwest said Tuesday that it has made improvements in its methods for calculating the weight and balance of loads, and that it isn't facing enforcement action.

The airline said that it voluntarily reported the issue to the Federal Aviation Administration last year.

The FAA investigation was first reported by The Wall Street Journal.

The newspaper said internal FAA documents showed that the airline made frequent mistakes in calculations and luggage-loading practices that could cause errors when pilots compute their plane's takeoff weight.

Southwest crews count bags they load and use an average weight to calculate the load. The FAA found cases in which the bag load was more than 1,000 pounds



TED S. WARREN/AP

FAA says Southwest's baggage weight methods could lead pilots to miscalculate the plane's takeoff weight.

heavier than paperwork indicated, the newspaper reported. FAA inspectors believed pilots might respond incorrectly to an engine emergency if they had inaccurate information about the distribution of weight between front and rear cargo bays.

An FAA spokesman told The Associated Press that the agency opened an investigation in February 2018. Since then, he said, the FAA directed the airline to develop a comprehensive fix to

the methods it uses.

Southwest, based in Dallas, asked the agency to close the investigation. The FAA said the agency won't do so until regulators are satisfied that Southwest's corrections are being applied consistently.

Southwest sought to downplay the investigation, saying that a so-called open letter of investigation is a common way for the FAA to discuss safety issues with an airline.

Payless to close all stores in U.S. after bankruptcy

BY FINBARR FLYNN
Bloomberg News

Payless and its North American subsidiaries filed for bankruptcy protection, with the discount shoe retailer saying it plans to close its 2,500 stores in North America by the end of May.

The company, which is taking its second trip to bankruptcy court in two years, said retail operations outside North America, including company-owned stores in Latin America, aren't included in the Chapter 11 filing and will continue business as usual. The company, which sought relief in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, said last week it would begin liquidation sales and shut down its online operations. Payless' website lists 16 locations in Chicago and more than 50 in the metro area.

"The challenges facing retailers today are well documented, and unfortunately Payless emerged from its prior reorganization ill-equipped to survive in today's retail environment," Stephen Marotta, appointed in January to serve as chief restruc-

turing officer, said in a statement Monday. "The prior proceedings left the company with too much remaining debt, too large a store footprint."

The Topeka, Kan.-based retailer joins heavily indebted store chains that have been going under for two years, claiming once-iconic names like Toys R Us. Retailers including Shopko, FullBeauty Brands, Charlotte Russe, Things Remembered and Gymboree have filed for bankruptcy this year.

Payless was founded in 1956 with the goal of selling affordable shoes in a self-service setting and says it's the largest specialty footwear chain in the Western Hemisphere. Payless has estimated liabilities of \$500 million to \$1 billion, according to a separate court filing.

Certain Payless Canadian subsidiaries will also seek creditor protection, according to the company. In addition to its Latin America stores, about 370 international franchisee stores in 16 countries across the Middle East, India, Indonesia, Indochina, Philippines and Africa, will continue to operate as usual.

ANALYSIS

Steel tariff is often paper tiger

U.S. talks tough, but frequently waives penalty

BY RICHARD LARDNER AND LARRY FENN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite President Donald Trump's tough talk on trade, his administration has granted hundreds of companies permission to import millions of tons of steel made in China, Japan and other countries without paying the hefty tariff he put in place to protect U.S. manufacturers and jobs.

The waivers from the import tax show how pliable his protectionist policies can be. Trump has positioned himself as an "America First" trade warrior, using tariffs as a club against countries he has accused of playing unfairly. Although China has been the principal target of Trump's ire, he also has criticized Japan and American allies in Europe.

"I love tariffs, but I also love them to negotiate," Trump said during a recent news conference.

Behind the scenes, however, his Commerce Department approved tariff exemption requests from 370 companies for up to 4.1 million tons of foreign steel, with roughly 8 percent of the total coming from China and close to 30 percent from Japan, according to an Associated Press review of thousands of applications for relief from the import tax on steel. Many recipients of the waivers are subsidiaries of foreign-owned businesses.

Although Trump has sought to rebuild America's steel industry by curbing imports, tariffs are fraught with economic risk — a message that came through loud and clear in many of the waiver applications.



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The Trump administration exempts hundreds of companies from paying a hefty tariff on the steel they import.

Companies that use steel in their products warned the Commerce Department that the 25 percent tariff could do serious damage to their businesses.

The numbers also provide a window into a steel tariff exemption program that has vexed many applicants as well as lawmakers who've questioned the pace, transparency and fairness of the process. The flood of applications overwhelmed the system the department set up nearly a year ago to review them, and more than 38,000 requests still await rulings.

The Commerce Department has received waiver applications from 45 states and Puerto Rico, evidence of the geographic range of companies angling for exemptions.

Tioga Pipe in Philadelphia, which supplies a variety of industrial customers with pipe, fittings and

flanges, received approval to import as much as 86,500 tons of Chinese steel duty free; that was the most of any company with approved waivers. Tioga did not return calls and emails seeking comment, but its applications indicate the material isn't available from domestic suppliers in the sizes and shapes it needs.

DS Containers, a subsidiary of Japan's Daiwa Can, makes aerosol and liquid pour cans at factories in Illinois using laminated tin-free steel that U.S. suppliers have shown no interest in manufacturing, CEO Bill Smith told the Commerce Department. Smith received the go-ahead to import up to 390,000 tons of the material from Japan, the Netherlands and United Kingdom. If the waivers had not been granted, Smith warned, DS Containers might have been forced to shut down production lines

or lay off employees.

A 25 percent tariff "is a very heavy burden on any company," Smith said.

The department declined interview requests. A spokesman said in an emailed statement that exemptions can be approved if the department determines the metal "is not produced in the United States in a sufficient and reasonably available amount or of a satisfactory quality or should be excluded based upon specific national security considerations."

Overall, the department has so far approved nearly 14,000 requests for exemption from the steel duty, with 59 percent of the total going to firms with a foreign corporate parent. Most of the waivers last for a year. More than 4,400 applications were denied.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, who this month declared herself a

Democratic candidate for president in 2020, told Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross in late October that giving exemptions to foreign-owned businesses "appears to be massive loophole." The purpose of tariffs, she said, is to benefit U.S. manufacturing, not undermine it.

Warren said in a statement to AP that Trump "claims to be implementing trade policies that put America first, but here's what the data show: this administration is handing out special tariff exemptions to foreign-owned companies at the expense of American companies."

Two subsidiaries of Japanese companies, both in the suburbs of Indianapolis, had vastly different experiences as each tried to avoid the steel tariff.

Nachi America, in Greenwood, Ind., received close to 530 waivers for metal that

included a heat-treated steel bar made in Japan with a "precision straightness" that U.S. suppliers can't match, according to one of the company's applications. Nachi America declined to comment.

Indiana Automotive Fasteners in Greenfield, about 40 miles away, made a similar argument: only Japanese-made steel meets the exacting requirements for the bolts, nuts and screws it produces for the country's largest automakers. Yet only 43 of its requests were approved while more than 100 were rejected on the grounds they weren't completed properly.

The denials perplexed Mark Vance, vice president for sales at Indiana Automotive Fasteners. Although the company is permitted to refile the rejected requests, Vance said Commerce Department officials couldn't tell him what should be modified the second time around, leaving him to conclude the denials were due to the "subjectivity on the part of the person reviewing" the applications.

To put the tariffs into effect, Trump employed a rarely used 1962 law that empowers him to put a levy on a particular product if the Commerce Department determines it threatens national security. The department posts the requests online to allow third parties to file objections — even from competitors who have an interest in seeing a rival's bid rejected.

The two most prolific protesters are also two of the country's largest steel producers and beneficiaries of the tariff. Nucor and U.S. Steel have filed more than 5,800 objections between them, according to the office of Rep. Jackie Walorski, an Indiana Republican opposed to the steel tariff. Her data also shows requests that trigger objections are rarely approved.

Brexit leads to sleepless nights for sheep farmers

BY AINE QUINN AND MEGAN DURISIN
Bloomberg News

For the sheep on Alan Hutton's farm outside Basingstoke, the outcome of Brexit will mean life or death.

Hutton, who farms about 1,000 acres on grassy, rolling hills in southern England, specializes in raising ewes for other farmers to breed. Like many farmers and business owners, he's grappling with the risk that Britain leaves the European Union without a trade deal, potentially throwing his livelihood into chaos.

Hutton says he'll send about half his 150-animal flock to the meat market if there's no agreement.

"We'd sell the white-faced ones for meat because there would be no demand for them to be sold as potential mums for next year," he said in an interview on his farm,

pointing to ewes munching on a field of turnips. "The sheep industry will probably contract massively."

Sheep have been a part of Britain's blustery landscape since ancient times. The wool industry was prospering by the time the Romans invaded in 55 B.C. and lamb is still a staple of British fare, be it in a traditional Sunday roast or lamb chops served with mint sauce. But, perhaps more than any other type of farming, sheep could be the hardest hit by a no-deal Brexit.

U.K. farmers export about a third of the lamb they produce, and almost all of that heads to the EU, particularly France and Germany. Without a trade deal, those key buyers would quickly turn elsewhere because of tariffs increasing costs as much as 48 percent, according to a study by the Agriculture and Horticulture



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The uncertainty over Brexit is leading to anxious times for British sheep farmers.

Development Board.

As a consequence, the U.K. would end up with too much meat, sending prices lower. The AHDB has estimated prices would plunge 30 percent by 2025.

Still, with some time before the exit date of March 29, it's anyone's guess what could happen. Some farmers may have difficulty continuing operations without government support, said Dylan Bradley, a senior analyst at Informa Agribusiness Intelligence in London. The U.K.'s Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is working with sheep farmers to help them

adjust and maintain trade continuity, according to a spokesperson.

Over time, farmers might also find new export destinations, such as China where mutton is popular in hot pots, according to Blake Holgate, an animal-protein analyst at Rabobank in New Zealand.

For some British sheep farmers, there are few alternatives. Unlike row-crop growers, which can shift their acreage mix each year, many sheep are raised on poor soil. More than half of U.K. farmland is only suitable for sheep and cattle grazing, according to the National Sheep Association.

A board's power was limited in 2015 after bill was passed

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The application to the state's Health Facilities and Services Review Board for Pipeline to purchase Westlake said, "Following the Transaction, Westlake will continue to operate for the benefit of the residents of Chicago and the greater Chicago area, including serving poor and underserved individuals through Westlake's charitable activities."

Yet the state can't do much to stop Pipeline from closing the hospital, experts say.

Requests to close hospitals must go through the Health Facilities and Services Review Board. Legally, the board must sign off on such applications as long as they meet certain criteria, said Courtney Avery, the board's administrator.

That wasn't always the case.

In the past, the board could deny applications to close hospitals. The board exercised that power in 2011, voting down a plan to allow Cook County to close Oak Forest Hospital and turn it into an outpatient center. Patient advocates and union leaders complained that doing so would hurt health care in the area. The board ultimately relented, allowing Cook County to close the hospital but only after Cook County agreed to operate a 24-hour immediate care center, as a concession.

The law that allowed the board to deny applications seeking to close hospitals changed in 2015, after Gov. Bruce Rauner signed a bill that was passed unanimously by lawmakers and backed the Illinois Health and Hospital Association.

Now, the board must grant their applications to close as long as owners

meet certain criteria, Avery said.

"We believe that the certificate of need law needed to be streamlined to remove unnecessary requirements that could delay the repurposing and reorganization of health-care facilities and services," said Danny Chun, a spokesman for the hospital association. "As the pace of change in health care accelerates, we believe the regulatory process should allow facilities to respond quickly to the demands that are out there in the marketplaces."

The state board must, however, hold a public hearing over a potential hospital closure, if requested, under current law.

Welch said community members and leaders will request such a hearing — even if the board can't act on the results. He also believes Pipeline still has options other than closing the hospital, such as scaling down operations or selling it.

Whitaker, however, told the Tribune on Saturday that the company wouldn't likely sell Westlake because it would lose too much money operating the hospital in the time it would take to close a deal. A spokeswoman for Pipeline said Tuesday that Pipeline has not received any serious offers and that the hospital continues to lose more than \$1 million a month.

Welch said community leaders and advocates may also consider taking legal action. The state board may defer applications for hospital closures when the application is the subject of litigation.

"They broke their promises to the community, and we're not going to take it lightly," Welch said.

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Honda to shutter Civic plant in Brexit-shaken Britain

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LONDON — Japanese carmaker Honda plans to close its car factory in western England in 2021, a fresh blow to the British economy as it struggles with the uncertainty associated with leaving the European Union next month.

The company announced the decision, which will imperil 3,500 jobs and possibly many more, at a news conference in Tokyo.

Honda's president and CEO, Takahiro Hachigo, said the decision was not related to Brexit, but was based on what made most sense for its global competitiveness in light of the need to accelerate its production of electric vehicles.

Still, experts say the uncertainty surrounding

Brexit will likely have been a contributing factor in a decision like Honda's. There is no clarity on what leaving the EU will mean. In a worst case, it could lead to heavy tariffs and border checks, raising costs and slowing deliveries.

That comes at a time when the industry is already in serious flux, with manufacturers shifting to cleaner cars, coping with more tariffs and a slowing global economy.

"We still don't know what sort of changes Brexit will bring at this point," said Hachigo. "We have to wait until we have a better idea about the situation."

Honda Motor Co. makes its popular Civic model at the factory, 70 miles west of London, with an output of 150,000 cars per year. Its restructuring is aimed at adjusting its operations to

reflect stronger demand in Asia and North America, Hachigo said.

The next model of Civic to be sold in Britain will be exported from Japan.

Hachigo said the company would begin discussions with affected workers at the factory in Swindon right away.

"I very much regret this," he said, adding that "this was the best choice under the circumstances."

British businesses are issuing increasingly urgent warnings about the damage being done by the uncertainty surrounding Britain's divorce from the EU. The U.K. has yet to seal a deal laying out the terms and establishing what trade rules will apply after Brexit.

Many businesses fear economic chaos if there isn't an agreement on the rules and conditions that will

replace the 45 years of frictionless trade that came with being an EU member.

The uncertainty has already led many firms to shift some operations abroad, stockpile goods or defer investment.

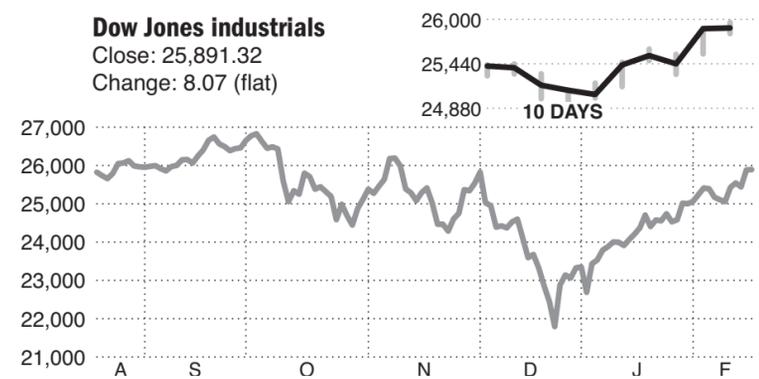
Earlier this month, Japan's Nissan announced that it would not build a new SUV at its plant in Sunderland, England, as previously planned.

L. Alan Winters, director of the U.K. Trade Policy Observatory at the University of Sussex, said that the backdrop of Brexit means that the U.K. is less able to respond to challenges in the industry.

"Honda, like all other car manufacturers, has a major problem to solve, and having a chaotic government that does not seem to care about industry makes it less inclined to try to solve them here," he said.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,961.44 Low: 25,820.01 Previous: 25,883.25



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+14.36 (+.19%)	+4.16 (+.15%)	+5.22 (+.33%)
Close: 7,486.77	Close: 2,779.76	Close: 1,574.47
High: 7,507.79	High: 2,787.33	High: 1,578.23
Low: 7,450.27	Low: 2,767.29	Low: 1,564.85
Previous: 7,472.41	Previous: 2,775.60	Previous: 1,569.25

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.02 to 2.64%	+22.00 to \$1,340.10	+0.06 to 110.66/\$1	-0.0021 to .8819/\$1	+0.50 to \$56.09

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.83	NASD +.97	S&P +1.28	DOW +6.09	NASD +6.64	S&P +5.58	DOW +3.71	NASD +3.49	S&P +2.34

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	502.50	505.25	488.50	489.75	-14.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	374.25	376.25	369	369.75	-5.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	907.25	911.25	894.75	900.75	-7.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	29.96	30.25	29.71	29.74	-.21
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	310.20	311.00	306.60	309.50	-1.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Mar 19	55.78	56.33	55.29	56.09	+0.50
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 19	2.621	2.673	2.600	2.662	+0.037
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 19	1.5728	1.5862	1.5532	1.5638	-0.0091

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Slow streaming helps rental chain

Movies, from Page 1

name," manager Debbie Brown said from behind the counter.

The Glenview, Ill.-based company has 22 locations in Pennsylvania and a surprising 700 total elsewhere in the United States and Canada. The majority are in the Midwest and the Great Lakes region, with a handful in Texas and Oklahoma. Few Family Video locations are in major cities. Michigan, for example, has 109 locations, according to the Family Video website, including some far into the Upper Peninsula, but none are in Detroit proper.

A 2017 Forbes story about Family Video estimated that Highland Ventures, its parent company, brought in \$450 million in revenue.

One reason for Family Video's success is one of rural America's biggest headaches: slow internet connections. Broadband speeds have confounded rural communities for decades now, and the debate continues over whether federal and state government should treat the problem as an infrastructure issue, like electricity, or whether private providers should be offered incentives to venture farther out into rural communities.

For Family Video customers, streaming Netflix or any other online service might not be as easy for those in cities and suburbs.

"I was in a store in New York and two customers said they just don't have enough high-speed internet," said Scott Westberg, a regional director for Family Video.

A recent study by Penn State found that Warren County, home to the Allegheny National Forest, had some of the slowest internet in the state, falling below the FCC minimum

for "broadband upload speed" of 3 to 5 mbps.

"There's people still using dial-up here," Todd Lake, Warren County's public safety director, told the Inquirer in November.

In the Warren Family Video, some customers said internet speeds weren't bad in town, but they varied wildly just a few miles outside of it. Some just said it's nice to go out and look for movies.

"We can stream Netflix, but it will occasionally have to buffer," said Chuck Gern, who was browsing new releases in the store with his son, Tyler, 14. "Some of these old movies, though, you can't find on Netflix or anywhere else."

Internet speeds don't explain everything about Family Video's success, or at least its ability to last longer than the rest. Most of the success, Westberg said, comes down to "smart, simple business decisions."

Highland Ventures' origins date to 1946, when the Midstates Appliance & Supply Co. was formed in Springfield, Ill. In 1977, with an excess of VHS tapes from a distributor, then-owner Charlie Hoogland opened the Springfield Movie Club. Rentals started at \$5.

In Warren today, a new release DVD is \$2.99 for one night, but Family Video still charges late fees. Blockbuster dropped late fees in its final years to compete with Netflix and revenues fell even further.

"It was a crazy idea," Brown said.

Highland Ventures owns all but a few of its locations, both the building and land. Blockbuster rented, mostly in cities and suburban areas.

"Often, Blockbuster took the single best piece of real estate in that area, the best location. The flip side was that, when the margins

grew thinner, they had the most expensive real estate in the market," said Douglas Green, of MSC Retail, a real estate firm in Philadelphia.

Ownership gives Highland Ventures the ability to shrink the footprint of Family Video stores if the market slows. In Warren, a quarter of the Family Video store was recently walled off and re-purposed into a Domino's Pizza. Highland Ventures also owns a handful of other retail pizza and fitness chains. Green said the company can simply ride DVD rentals out, fill empty space with other chains, or become landlords.

"Family Video is essentially a real estate company," he said. "It's pretty brilliant."

Barbara Kahn, a professor of marketing at Penn's Wharton School, said as long as the physical location is more of a convenience than e-commerce in rural parts of America, Family Video could hang on.

"But once you catch that e-commerce bug, it eventually takes over," Kahn said.

In Warren, the Family Video still feels very much like a movie store, a small-town one in particular. The store sells popcorn and candy, hands out free rentals for good grades, and holds bake sales and other fundraisers for local charities. It has up to 40,000 titles, though the adult film section was phased out to make space for Domino's Pizza.

Kids' movies are free and many of the DVD covers have faded over time.

"It's a nostalgia thing for some people who come in here," said Jonathan Campbell, 34, an assistant manager at the Warren store. "But I have two little girls now, and they love coming in here and going to the kids' section and that's what they know."

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	75.00	-.25	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	109.07	+0.09
AbbVie Inc	N	80.52	-.33	Equity Residential	N	73.53	+0.32
Allstate Corp	N	94.62	+.24	Exelon Corp	N	48.15	+0.25
Aptargroup Inc	N	101.55	-.39	First Indl RT	N	34.17	+0.26
Arch Dan Mid	N	41.85	-.13	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	80.37	+0.55
Baxter Int'l	N	73.47	+.04	Gallagher AJ	N	80.37	+0.55
Boeing Co	N	416.26	-.71	Grainger WW	N	314.65	-1.97
Brunswick Corp	N	51.90	+.47	GrubHub Inc	N	83.54	+0.33
CBOE Global Markets	N	94.16	+.62	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	104.18	-.43
CDK Global Inc	O	58.30	+.11	IDEX Corp	N	142.54	-1.58
CDW Corp	O	94.68	-.16	ITW	N	143.25	-.96
CF Industries	N	42.01	+.24	Ingredion Inc	N	93.08	-.69
CME Group	O	174.30	-1.10	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	164.86	-1.10
CNA Financial	N	45.27	+.74	Kemper Corp	N	81.59	+0.13
Caterpillar Inc	N	135.80	-.40	Kraft Heinz Co	O	47.77	+0.15
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	24.01	-.49	LKQ Corporation	O	27.00	-0.15
Deere Co	N	157.26	-1.73	Littelfuse Inc	O	186.55	-.62
Discover Fin Svcs	N	71.59	+.30	MB Financial	O	45.35	+0.45
Dover Corp	N	91.42	+.22	McDonalds Corp	N	179.25	-.72
Equity Commonwealth	N	32.80	+.13	Middleby Corp	O	117.50	-8.77
				Mondelez Intl	O	48.10	-.06
				Morningstar Inc	O	125.37	-1.02
				Motorola Solutions	N	138.91	+0.28
				NiSource Inc	O	26.94	-0.14
				Nthn Rstrnt Cp	O	93.00	-0.09
				Old Republic	N	21.08	+0.16
				Packaging Corp Am	N	98.44	-0.03
				Paylocity Hldg	O	86.65	+2.29
				Stericycle Inc	O	45.20	-0.36
				Teleph Data	N	36.59	+0.29
				TransUnion	N	62.79	-0.34
				Tribune Media Co A	N	46.34	-0.09
				US Foods Holding	N	35.29	-0.02
				USG Corp	N	43.19	+0.01
				Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	304.65	-1.71
				United Contl Hldgs	O	89.24	+0.93
				Ventas Inc	N	64.73	-0.48
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	74.43	+1.00
				Waltrust Financial	O	74.41	+0.12
				Zebra Tech	O	199.32	-0.43

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	10.13	+0.04
Bank of America	29.13	+0.02
Ford Motor	8.83	+0.03
Weatherford Intl Ltd	8.33	-0.03
Freepport McMoran	13.09	+0.81
EnCana Corp	6.81	+0.09
Chesapeake Energy	2.68	+0.06
PG&E Corp	17.74	+2.26
Vale SA	12.19	-1.14
Kinross Gold	3.77	+0.28
CocaCola Co	44.83	-.41
AT&T Inc	30.63	+0.16
Pfizer Inc	42.60	+0.20
Snap Inc A	9.28	+0.16
Barrick Gold	13.55	+0.60
Nokia Corp	6.17	-0.15
Yamana Gold Inc	2.79	+0.15
WalMart Strs	102.20	+2.21
CenturyLink Inc	14.10	+0.36
Ambev S.A.	4.88	-0.07
Kinder Morgan Inc	19.15	+0.35
Energy Transfer L.P.	15.62	+0.57
Transocean Ltd	8.73	-0.20
Aurora Cannabis Inc	6.93	-1.12

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	170.18	+4.03
Alphabet Inc C	1118.56	+4.91
Alphabet Inc A	1126.51	+6.88
Amazon.com Inc	1627.58	+19.63
Apple Inc	170.93	+0.51
Bank of America	29.13	+0.02
Berkshire Hath B	205.69	+0.40
Exxon Mobil Corp	78.23	+0.52
Facebook Inc	162.29	-0.21
JPMorgan Chase	105.18	-0.37
Johnson & Johnson	135.69	-0.69
Microsoft Corp	108.17	-0.05
Pfizer Inc	42.60	+0.20
Procter & Gamble	99.99	+1.51
Royal Dutch Shell B	64.35	+0.52
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.15	+0.59
Unitedhealth Group	270.41	-0.72
Visa Inc	144.44	-0.47
WalMart Strs	102.20	+2.21

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	30.94	-0.01	+3.5
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	26.51	+0.01	+3.2
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	46.65	+0.02	+5.3
American Funds CdtlncBlldrA m	59.50	+0.15	-1.4
American Funds FdmTlnvsA m	57.86	+0.01	+6.0
American Funds GrfAmrca m	47.78	+0.03	+3.0
American Funds IncAmrca m	21.87	+0.03	+6.0
American Funds InvCmrrca m	36.78	+0.03	+1.6
American Funds NwPrspctvaA m	41.68	+0.02	-4.4
American Funds WAMtlnvsA m	44.78	...	+3.9
DFA EMktCorEq	22.58	+0.05	-12.5
DFA IntlCorEqIn	12.82	+0.09	-10.5
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.51	+0.02	+2.7
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	40.39	+0.24	+12.2
Dodge & Cox Stk	192.71	+0.25	+1.0
DoubleLine TRtRetBd	10.46	+0.02	+3.7
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	96.85	+0.16	+3.8
Fidelity Contrafund	12.19	+0.01	+2.9
Fidelity ContrafundK	12.20	+0.01	+3.0
Fidelity TlMktIdxInPrm	79.15	+0.14	+3.9
Fidelity USBdlIdxInPrm	11.38	+0.02	+3.4
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.28	...	+2.7
Metropolitan West TRtRetBd	10.50	+0.02	+3.7
PIMCO IncInstl	11.93	...	+3.3
PIMCO TRtRetIns	10.03	+0.02	+2.9
Schwab SP500Idx	42.59	+0.07	+3.7
T. Rowe Price BCGR	109.13	+0.21	+7.7
T. Rowe Price GrStk	64.73	+0.09	+5.6
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	257.33	+0.40	+3.7
Vanguard DivGrIn	26.79	+0.01	+8.5
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	72.68	+0.10	+3.0
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	77.88	+0.07	+4.8
Vanguard HCAdmrl	88.12	-0.18	+8.6
Vanguard INTRInGAdm	9.53	+0.01	+3.6
Vanguard INTRTEAdmrl	14.02	...	+3.9
Vanguard InsdIdxIn	253.01	+0.39	+3.7
Vanguard InsdIdxInPlus	60.65	+0.10	+4.0
Vanguard InstTSMInPls	196.63	+0.50	+2.8
Vanguard MDCpldxAdmrl	134.55	+0.13	+5.6
Vanguard PmCpAdmrl	10.51	...	+2.7
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	74.02	+0.12	+5.7
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	30.38	+0.06	+1.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	18.21	+0.04	+8.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	33.21	+0.08	+4.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	20.41	+0.05	+1.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	10.54	+0.01	+3.4
Vanguard TtBIdxAdmrl	10.54	+0.01	+3.4
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	21.98	+0.02	+5.0
Vanguard TtInBIdxIn	32.98	+0.02	+5.6
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	27.56	+0.13	-8.6
Vanguard TtInSdxIn	110.23	+0.54	-8.6
Vanguard TtInSdxInPlus	110.25	+0.53	-8.6
Vanguard TtInSdxInv	16.48	+0.08	-8.7
Vanguard TtISMIdxAdmrl	69.61	+0.12	+4.0
Vanguard TtISMIdxIn	69.62	+0.11	+4.0
Vanguard TtISMIdxInv	69.58	+0.12	+3.9
Vanguard WngtNAdmrl	68.49	+0.09	+3.2
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	61.95	+0.09	+3.8
Vanguard WndsrAdmrl	61.34	+0.10	+4.4

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.395	2.37
6-month disc	2.455	2.43
2-year	2.48	2.50
10-year	2.64	2.66
30-year	2.99	3.00

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1340.10	\$1318.10
Silver	\$15.947	\$15.723
Platinum	\$821.00	\$806.90

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50

OBITUARIES

STEWART ADAMS 1923-2019

British pharmacist helped create ibuprofen

By PHIL DAVISON
Special to The Washington Post

The morning British pharmacist Stewart Adams was scheduled to address a pharmacology conference in Moscow in 1971, he was still feeling a bit hung over. His Soviet hosts had toasted him with multiple shots of vodka at a reception the night before. He was more used to warm English ale. So that morning he took 600mg of a new drug he had co-patented called Brufen, a pain-reliever he had created for rheumatoid arthritis sufferers. It eased his headache.

The drug became known as the painkiller ibuprofen, later branded as Nurofen, Advil and Motrin, and now is one of the world's most popular painkillers with billions of dollars of annual sales. On average, it is estimated that one packet of the painkiller is bought in the United States every three seconds.

"It's funny now," Dr. Adams told Britain's Telegraph newspaper in 2007. "But over the years so many people have told me that ibuprofen really works for them, and did I know it was so good for hangovers? Of course, I had to admit I did." Referring to that Moscow morning, he went on: "That was testing the drug in anger, if you like. But I hoped it really could work magic."

Adams, who developed the drug for Boots the Chemists, Britain's biggest chain of pharmacists, and worked for them his entire 54-year career, never made a penny from the drug he developed and co-patented with organic chemist John Nicholson in 1962.

In fact, he used to joke that, apart from ibuprofen users, he was probably the only person to have lost money from the drug because Boots never paid him the promised £1 patent fee. He lived in a modest home outside the English city of Nottingham until his death

on Jan. 30, at age 95, and whenever he got a headache, he went to the nearest Boots or corner shop and paid for his ibuprofen like a regular customer.

His son Chris Adams confirmed the death, at a Nottingham hospital, but did not provide a cause.

Boots, a household name in the United Kingdom for 170 years and now with 2,485 U.K. stores, is now part of the American holding company Walgreens Boots Alliance, which last year reported sales of \$131.5 billion.

Stewart Sanders Adams was born April 16, 1923, in Byfield, near Northampton in the East Midlands. He grew up in a rural farming area until his family moved to Doncaster, in Yorkshire, when he was 10. His father was train driver for British Railways.

Leaving school at 16, he started a three-year apprenticeship as a pharmacist at Boots. The company paid for him to receive a bachelor's degree at University College Nottingham (now the University of Nottingham). He later received a doctorate in pharmacology from the University of Leeds.

When war broke out in 1939, he was poised to fulfill his compulsory national military service. But Boots insisted his training in pharmacology would be better served in helping the wounded who returned home. After Boots' research department at University College Nottingham was bombed by the Luftwaffe on the night of May 8-9, 1941 - killing 45 people in the college alone and more than 150 more in the city - Adams' research team moved to a small house outside the city, where their kitchen became their lab. It was there he and Nicholson began the research that would ultimately result in ibuprofen.

First, though, his priority was producing penicillin, vital in treating the wounded. He recalled culti-

vating millions of doses of penicillin - at the time still considered a new "wonder drug" - which he put in quart milk bottles for hospitals around Britain.

When he and Nicholson began trying to create a new nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) for rheumatoid arthritis sufferers, they went through years of trial and error. Four compounds failed clinical trials because of negative side effects. They patented their fifth compound, Brufen, in 1962. It passed clinical trials at the Northern General Hospital in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1966, and three years later was available in Britain as a prescription treatment for rheumatic diseases.

After Adams' Moscow hangover test, Boots marketed the drug as a general painkiller. It became an over-the-counter medication in Britain in 1983 and in the United States one year later. "Getting the drug approved by the two countries with the toughest regulatory authorities - the U.K. and the U.S. - was a goal I wanted to achieve," Adams told the Telegraph. "For me, that was the most exciting time of all."

Adams formally retired from Boots in 1983 but stayed on as a consultant for another 10 years. Queen Elizabeth II made him an Officer of the British Empire (OBE) in 1987 for his services to science.

In 1950 he married Mary Harvey, a fellow Boots scientist who later worked as a geography teacher. She died in 2010. Survivors include two sons, Chris Adams, a lawyer, and David Adams, dean of the medical school at the University of Birmingham.

While proud of his achievements, Adams was one of the first to warn painkillers should be used in moderation and that, used in excess, they could become counterproductive, causing the very headaches they were created to relieve.

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Death Notices

Black, Steven M.

Steven Morris Black, age 60, of Glencoe, IL. Born December 21, 1958 in Pordenone, Italy. Devoted son of the late Thomas C. and Elisabetta Black nee Trivelli. Beloved husband of Jennifer Black nee Hosbein. Loving father of Eleanor and Bridget Black. Dear brother of Caroline Black. Kind son-in-law of Roger and Ann Hosbein. Fond brother-in-law of Mark (Stephanie) Hosbein, Laura (Allen) Leverett, and Greg (Andrea) Hosbein. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, February 22, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Saturday, February 23, 2019, 11:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Church in Divine Mercy Parish, 1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to World Wildlife Fund, 1250 Twenty-Fourth Street, N.W. P.O. Box 97180, Washington, DC 20090 or Cancer Wellness Center, 215 Revere Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Boots, Alfred Henry

Alfred Henry Boots, 87, passed away peacefully at his home on February 16, 2019, with his wife Joanne by his side. He graduated from Lane Tech High School, served as a 2nd Lt. in the USAF, earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at U of I, Alfred married Joanne in 1959, and had two sons, John and Steven. After a long career as a Project Engineer for Keebler Cookies and Campbell Soup, he retired in 1995. Alfred and Joanne shared their love of world-wide travel with their family. He was an adored Papa to his grandchildren, all of whom he showered with love and affection. He held two U.S. Patents and was a master raconteur. He was preceded in death by his son John (Jayne) and his parents, John and Christine. In addition to Joanne and Steven (Penni), he is survived by his grandchildren, Sarah, Kevin, Kelly, Katie, and Colin; his brothers Ronald (Barbara) and Raymond (Sande); brother-in-law Kenneth (Damien) Mlynski; sister-in-law Phyllis (the late Albert) Marrazzo; and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of his rich, long life will be held at Dreschler Brown Williams Funeral Home, 203 S Marion St, Oak Park, on Saturday February 23rd beginning at 11:00 am, with a short service at 2:00 pm and a luncheon following at 3:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital. For info: dreschlerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191

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Brown, Penny



Penny Brown, nee Cohen, age 97. Beloved wife of the late Daniel C. Brown. Loving mother of Randy (Cynthia) Brown. Proud grandmother of Sarah (Shimon) Birnbaum and Jason Brown. Cherished great grandmother of Davida Darwick Birnbaum. Service Friday 1PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 North Buffalo Grove Rd (one block North of Lake Cook Rd.), Buffalo Grove. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to JUF, 30 S. Wells Street, Chicago, IL 60606, www.juf.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Budzik, Frances G.

Frances G. Budzik, nee Guziar, age 87, beloved wife of Robert K. Budzik; loving mother of Cynthia (Kevin) Campbell, Teri (Michael) Panoch, Robert J. (Cassandra), Kenneth, and the late Linda Budzik; dear grandmother of Kyle, Brady, Kelsie (Hunter), Stephanie (Ryan), Jessica (fiance Darren) Walter, Ellis, and Emil; cherished great-grandmother of

Sydney and Nolan; Frances was the youngest of seven siblings and a fond aunt of many; she was a member of the St. Catherine Laboure Anne's Guild and the Niles Women's Club. Visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles on Friday from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Funeral Saturday 12:15 pm to St. Catherine Laboure Church Mass 1:00 pm. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the charity of your choice appreciated. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Byfield, Robert "Bob" Alexander

Robert "Bob" Alexander Byfield, 88, U.S. Army veteran; Cherished husband of Ann Marie nee Cozzone; Beloved son of the late Janice nee Weil and the late Robert S. Byfield; Dear brother of the late Betty Ann Byfield; Loving son-in-law of the late Philomena and the late Anthony Cozzone; Loving brother-in-law of Joseph (Marylou) Cozzone; Retired Vice President of the Ambassador Hotel Group in Chicago. Visitation Thursday Feb. 21st from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral service begins Friday at 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home proceeding to Queen of All Saints Basilica for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Entombment to follow at All Saints Cemetery.



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ON FEBRUARY 20 ...

In 1792 President George Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

In 1809 the Supreme Court ruled that the power of the federal government is greater than that of any one state.

In 1839 Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.

In 1907 President Theodore Roosevelt signed an immigration act which excluded "idiots, imbeciles, feeble-minded persons, epileptics, insane persons" from being admitted to the United States.

In 1933 the U.S. House completed congressional action on an amendment to repeal Prohibition.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers began raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became known as "Big Week."

In 1962 astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth,

circling the globe three times inside the Friendship 7 Mercury capsule.

In 1965 the Ranger 8 spacecraft crashed on the Moon after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface.

In 1974 Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee voted to test President Richard Nixon's willingness to cooperate with its impeachment inquiry, asking the White House for specific items of Watergate evidence.

In 1978 Cyprus agreed to free Egyptian commandos who survived an airport fight with Cypriot troops while trying to free hostages on an airliner in Lanarca, Cyprus.

In 1980 the U.S. announced it would boycott the Summer Olympics in Moscow to protest the Soviet presence in Afghanistan.

In 1981 the space shuttle Columbia cleared the final major hurdle to its maiden launch as the spacecraft fired its three engines in a

20-second test.

In 1996 gangsta rapper Snoop Dogg and his former bodyguard were acquitted of murder in the 1993 shooting death of an alleged gang member.

In 1999 Chicago Tribune movie columnist Gene Siskel died in Evanston of brain cancer; he was 53.

In 2002 in Egypt's worst railroad disaster, a fire killed 360 passengers aboard a train traveling from Cairo to Luxor.

In 2003 fire erupted at a West Warwick, R.I., nightclub during a pyrotechnic display at a concert by the rock band Great White, killing 100 people and injuring more than 200 others.

In 2005 Israel's Cabinet gave final approval to the government's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements.

In 2013 former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. pleaded guilty to conspiring with his then-Chicago alderman wife, Sandi, to siphon \$750,000 in campaign funds for personal use. She pleaded guilty for failing to report income on the couple's tax returns. (He later was sentenced to 30 months in prison; she was sentenced to 12 months.)

In 2016 gunman Jason Dalton opened fire outside an apartment complex, a car dealership and a restaurant in the Kalamazoo, Mich., area, killing six people in a rampage that lasted nearly seven hours, police said. The 45-year-old Uber driver, who had been picking up riders in the hours before he began shooting, seemed to choose his victims at random.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Feb. 19	
Mega Millions	17 24 34 56 65 / 3
Mega Millions jackpot: \$206M	
Pick 3 midday	590 / 8
Pick 4 midday	2671 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto midday	08 09 30 31 40
Pick 3 evening	707 / 3
Pick 4 evening	5008 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto evening	07 17 19 24 43
Feb. 20 Powerball: \$282M	
Feb. 21 Lotto: \$10.5M	
WISCONSIN	
Feb. 19	
Pick 3	964
Pick 4	6279
Badger 5	05 22 23 28 29
SuperCash	04 07 21 23 31 35

INDIANA	
Feb. 19	
Daily 3 midday	647 / 4
Daily 4 midday	2806 / 4
Daily 3 evening	421 / 1
Daily 4 evening	7059 / 1
Cash 5	14 17 30 32 45
MICHIGAN	
Feb. 19	
Daily 3 midday	897
Daily 4 midday	9776
Daily 3 evening	755
Daily 4 evening	1806
Fantasy 5	09 17 21 31 35
Keno	08 09 11 16 17
	21 24 25 27 32 33 39 40 45
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Evans, Mary Virginia

Mary Virginia Evans, nee McLaughlin, 81, passed away in peace and comfort on February 18, 2019 after a well fought medical battle. She is preceded in death by her husband Daniel Thomas Evans. Beloved daughter of John and Eleanor McLaughlin. Beloved mother of Daniel Patrick, Michael John (Colleen) and Kathleen Mary; adoring grandmother to Sarah Kate, Andrea Raine, Samantha Christine, Matthew John and Ryan Michael. Cherished sister to Gerald (Beverly) McLaughlin and the late John (Anna) McLaughlin, and sister in law to James (Joyce) Evans. Beloved Aunt to Patricia Komperda (Butch), Mary Beth (Tim) Menzer, Susan, Megan McLaughlin, John McLaughlin and the late Lisa McLaughlin, great aunt to Brian (Valerie) Menzer, Nicole (Ryan) Wall, Lauren Menzer, Christian McLaughlin and Eliana McLaughlin. Her memory will be held dearly by her many, many family and friends. She was a devoted wife, amazing mother, real estate agent, marketer and loving friend. Visitation will be held Friday, February 22, 2019 from 4-9pm at Drake and Son Funeral Home, 5303 N Western Avenue. Final prayers will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 10am. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Matthias Catholic Church at 11am. Final disposition private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, Chicago Baseball Cancer Charities, or the American Heart Association. For more information call 773-561-6874.

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Giancola, Rose Marie
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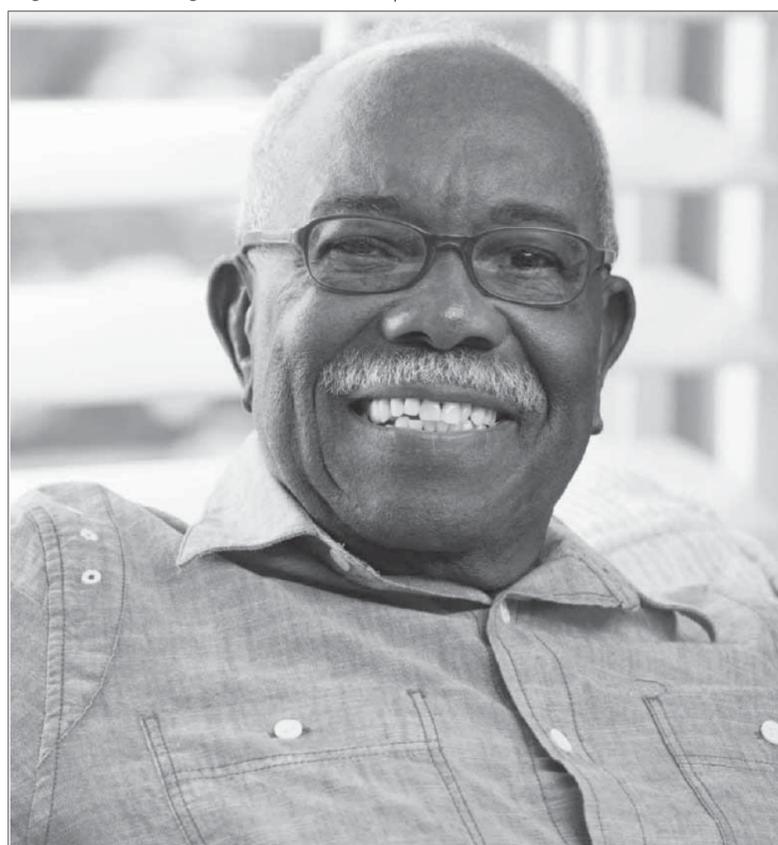
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Glass, Antoinette K
Antoinette K. Glass (nee Kilikevics), beloved wife of the late Clifford A. Glass; loving mother of Mary Ellen (Richard) Cauble, Michael, Annette (Alain) Frequelin, Gary, and the late Robert Glass; dearest grandmother of Robert (Lizz) Glass, Sheryl (Jared) Edwards, David (Shelly) Glass, Cassie and Eleonore Frequelin, and Steve Jackson; devoted great-grandmother of Jared R., Eliana, Gage, Trinity, Gavin, Blake, Jackson, Griffin; cherished sister of the late Tony (Cassie) Kilik; fond aunt of Deanna, Howard (Darya) Glass; dear cousin and friend to many. Visitation Friday 3 to 9 P.M. Funeral Saturday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank, IL 60459 to Nativity of The BVM Catholic Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. Funeral info 708-636-2320

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HERRON, JR., ORLEY R.

age 85 formerly of Lake Forest. At Peace in Christ Feb. 14, 2019. Beloved husband of Donna, Loving father of Jill (Scott) Carter, Morgan (Magda) and Mark (Sonya). Fond grandfather of Chase, Grant and Glenna Carter and Breanna Herron. Dear brother of Jo Herron and Niles (Rusty) Herron. A celebration of life service will be on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019 2:00 pm at Christ Church Lake Forest, 100 N. Waukegan Rd., Lake Forest. In lieu of flowers memorials to Awakening To God Ministries, P.O. Box 2514, Malibu, CA 90265 www.awakeningtogod.org For info: SEGUIN & SYMONDS FUNERAL HOME 847-432-3878

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Hester, Bernard John

Bernard John Hester of Oak Park, former longtime resident of Hinsdale passed away on February 15, 2019. Beloved son of Bernard F. (Mary Therese, nee Meehan) Hester and the late Joanne, nee Tobin Hester. Fond brother of Mary Jo (Robert) Norell, Elizabeth, Diane, Colleen (Tim) Wracker, Teresa (Robert) Olson, Nancy (the late Brent) Biermacher-King and the late Terence. Fond uncle of Joanne, Amanda, and Robert Norell, John and Thomas Olson, and Christopher and Nicholas Wracker. A funeral mass will be held at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Hinsdale. Date and time pending. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Good Shephard Manor; www.good-shepherdmanor.org For information, visit www.powellfuneraldirectors.com. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**; 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com.

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Ignoffo, Salvatore 'Sonny'

Beloved husband of Lorraine nee Senese, devoted father of Michael, LuAnn (Peter) Oriole, Fred (Marion), Lynn Ignoffo and Gina Ignoffo. Cherished grandfather of Stacy (Jeff) Ryan, Laurie Oriole, Terri Ignoffo, Jaelyn (Bill) Meyer, Christine (John) Maltese, Christopher Venturini, Nicholas Demos, Alexandra Demos, Sara Ignoffo and Lucy Ignoffo. Great grandfather of 6, loving son of the late Joseph and the late Sarah. Dear brother of Joseph (JoAnn) and the late Marilyn), Richard (Sharon), the late Vincent (the late Margaret), fond uncle and friend to many. Owner of Iggy's Custom Muffler Shop established in 1965. Known far and wide in Chicagoland. Visitation Thursday February 21 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Friday 9:00 A.M. from the funeral home to St. Eugene Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Entombment Crucifixion Garden Mausoleum, With Military Honors, St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to American Heart Association would be appreciated. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com

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Illian, Marie R.

Marie R. Illian nee Jarolimek, age 92 of Stickney. Beloved wife of the late Edward, loving mother of Edward (Diana) and the late Sandra Lee Shoemaker, cherished grandmother of 5, great grandmother of 8 and great-great grandmother of 3, dear sister of June Franson and Virginia Keidel. Funeral Saturday, February 23, 10:00 am prayers at **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home** 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside to St. Mary of Celle Church, Berwyn, Mass 10:30 am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Visitation Friday 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.kuratkonosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500.

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Joan, Kozicki

Joan Marie Kozicki, age 63, beloved daughter of Therese A. nee Karpinski and the late Casimir J. Kozicki, Jr.; fond sister of John, Hon. Steven (Patricia), Catherine (Richard) Seagle, and Linda (Richard) O'Dwyer; cherished aunt of many. Visitation Friday, February 22, 2019 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL. Funeral Mass Saturday, February 23, 2019 10:00 a.m. at Saint Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 8025 W. Addison Street, Chicago, IL 60634. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 8033 W. Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60634. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Johnson, Dolores Marie

Age 90, a resident of Peotone, formerly of Orland Park, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 with her family by her side. Loving wife of the late Robert Johnson (2009), beloved mother of Victor (Debbie) Johnson, Alice (Jeff) Miller, Robert (Amy) Johnson, Kenneth Johnson, late Bruce Johnson and late Darlene Johnson; dearest grandmother of Kelsey (Cody) DePalma, Traci Johnson, Katrina (Chris) Schultz, Megan (Eric) Boldin, Steve Klien, Brian (Rebecca) Johnson, Wendy (Johnathon) Kozlarski, Sandi (Gary) VanWitzenberg, Dana Johnson; cherished great grandmother of Isabella, Layla, Benjiman, Delilah, Maxwell, Samuel, Alice and Eli; dear sister of the late Conrad Johnson and Ruth Closs. A visitation will be held at Fedde-Helfrich - Cross Funeral Home, 112 W. Main St. Peotone IL, 60468 on Friday, February 22, 2019 from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM with a funeral service in the funeral home chapel at 11:00 AM. Officiating Deacon Jim Kelly, interment will follow to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip IL. For information www.feddehelfrichcrossfh.com or (708) 258-6737

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Kosary, Walter E.

Walter E. Kosary age 93; loving husband of Linda K. nee Rodgers - DeBartolo; cherished father of Elizabeth Kosary (David) Graca, Christopher (Jodi), the late Kenneth, late Debra and the late Edward Kosary; proud grandfather of Mark (Sarah) and John Martinovich; fond brother of Dwight, the late Alois (Juanita), late Ronald (late Lois) and the late Julius (late Janella) Kosary; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews; also survived by many relatives and friends. Walter was a licensed funeral director, embalmer and business owner since 1948; WW II Navy Veteran. Visitation Thursday and Friday February 21 & 22, 2019; 3 pm to 8 pm at Kosary Funeral Home 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park where Funeral Service will be held Saturday February 23rd at 10:30 am Interment Bethania Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or www.kosaryfuneralhome.com

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Kupka, Joan Laura

Joan L. Kupka, 84, formerly of the Chicago area died on February 13th, 2019. Born Joan Laura Lapinski to the late Jon and Ella (Conran) Lapinski on May 24, 1935 in Chicago Illinois. On November 2, 1957 Joan was united into marriage to Thomas J Kupka in Chicago, Illinois. 2 children survive Joan: Karen (John) Anderson of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and Joseph (Janet) Kupka of Chicago Illinois. For further information please visit www.derrickfuneralhome.com

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Morf, Henry C.

Henry C. Morf, beloved husband of the late Grace A. Morf (nee Anderson); loving father of Charles (Mary) Morf, Richard Morf, Gregory (Kelly) Morf, and Deborah (Michael) Geraghty; dear grandfather "Papa" of Jeffrey (Michelle), Justin, Michael (fiancé Samantha), Kevin, Casey, Coulson and Trevor; dearest great-grandfather "Papa" of six. Visitation Friday 3 to 9 P.M. Funeral service Saturday 12 Noon at **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank, IL 60459. Interment Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery. Funeral info 708-636-2320

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Morrison, Claudia L.

Claudia L. Morrison, 96, of Chicago, passed away Feb. 13, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Lawrence Morrison; mother of Andrew Morrison; dear aunt of Ted (Rita) Wecker; Miranda (Jim) Wecker, Bruce (Phyllis) Wecker, Barbara, Lorenzo, and Elena Cavallo, Pier Francesco and Paola De Marco. Her family meant everything to her. Claudia was born in Verona, Italy and met the love of her life, Larry, during World War II. She was immensely proud to become an American citizen, but never lost her love of opera, her connection with her Italian family and with her heritage. She traveled the world with Larry, and made many good lasting friendships. She was kind, warm, and decent. Interment Fri, Feb. 22, 2019 11am at Oakridge Cemetery 4301 Roosevelt Rd, Hillside, IL 60162. Info: www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com (773) 472-6300.

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Murray, James Joseph

James Joseph Murray Sr. 90, of New Lenox, passed away Monday, February 18, 2019 at his home. Jim was born in Chicago to the late John and Grace (nee Williamson) Murray. Beloved husband of the late Marianne (nee O'Meara); loving father of Mary (the late Mike) McHugh, Therese Dyer, Maureen (Pat) Murphy, James J. Jr (Christine), Virginia (Dave) Krueger, Eileen (Terry) Glynn; cherished grandfather of 15 and great grandfather of five; dear brother of the late Joann (the late Roy) Anderson; brother-in-law of the late Bill (the late Helen) O'Meara and the late Bob (the late Bernie) O'Meara; loved uncle of numerous nieces and nephews. Jim was a retired Pipefitter, Local #597. The family will receive friends at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 102 E. Francis Rd., New Lenox, IL 60451 on Thursday, February 21, 2019 from 3-8 PM. Funeral service Friday, February 22, 2019 with prayers at 9:30am to St. Jude Catholic Church for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am. Interment with full military honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-485-3700 for info.

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O'Connor, Cornelius 'Neil'

Cornelius J. O'Connor, 95, formerly of Bensenville, IL passed away Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019. Beloved husband of 56 years to the late Grace (nee Devoe); loving father to Neil (Patty), Dick (Cathy), Joe (Beadie), Ann (Bob) Trausch, Ginny (Al) Chiappetta, Mike and Patricia; devoted grandfather of eighteen and great grandfather of thirteen; cherished brother of Bryan

and Margaret (Phil) Smith. Neil was preceded in death by his parents Timothy and Hannah (nee Daly) O'Connor of Castleisland, Ireland and siblings David, Thomas, Catherine Barry and Mary Marshall. Neil, born in Chicago IL, graduated from St. Mel's High School and attended DePaul University before joining the US Army Air Corps in 1943. He served as a pilot from 1943-1946 and was assigned to the 5th Combat Cargo Squadron, 2nd Combat Cargo Group, flying C-46 cargo aircraft in the Pacific Theater. Neil flew in the New Guinea, Western Pacific, Philippine Liberation, and Occupation of Japan campaigns, earning six bronze battle stars, the Victory Medal, and the Air Medal. He was discharged in January 1946 as a First Lieutenant. He was quietly proud of his role in flying repatriated American POWs out of Japan to hospitals in the Philippines. Neil was a Life Member of VFW Post 2149. Following his service, Neil attended the pre-engineering program at St. Mary's University of Minnesota before receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Marquette University in 1949, Master of Electrical Engineering from Notre Dame in 1951 and Juris Doctor from Loyola University in 1958, practicing patent law in the Chicago area until his retirement in 1987. Neil was known for his unquestioned integrity, gracious demeanor, dry wit, compassionate heart, and deep humility. A wake will be held on Friday, Mar. 8 from 3:00 - 9:00 pm at Davenport Funeral Home, 941 S Old Rand Rd, Lake Zurich, IL 60047. A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Mar. 9 at 11:00 am at St. Francis de Sales Church, 135 S. Buesching Rd. Lake Zurich, IL 60047. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Christian Brothers of the Midwest (www.cbmidwest.org) or the Silverado Lake Zurich LZ Foundation (555 America Court, Lake Zurich, IL 60047) to support assisted living staff continuing education are greatly appreciated.

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Paramski, Edward M.

Edward M. Paramski, 90, of Libertyville, IL passed away peacefully at home on February 12, 2019. He is survived by his loving wife Thelma M. Paramski; his daughter Terri (Richard) Garrett of Antioch, IL; his 5 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and many, many nieces & nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Anthony & Petronella Paramski; his siblings Annie, Tony, John, Rose, Violet, Christine (Minnie), Walter, and Frank; his daughter Kay Gormley; and his granddaughter Lindsay Garrett. A memorial service will be held Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Greenbelt Cultural Center (Lake County Forest Preserve), 1215 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL. Visitation from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

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Piotrowski, Roman E. "Pete"

Roman E. "Pete" Piotrowski. Age 87. Captain US Navy-Retired, Korean War. Beloved Husband of Mary Teresa nee Kelly. Loving Father of Marc, Luke, and Dorothy (John) Bolton. Cherished Grandfather of Andrew Piotrowski, Timothy (Rebecca) Piotrowski, and William Dan. Visitation Thursday 4PM until 9PM at **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 North Milwaukee Ave. Niles, IL. Funeral Friday 9AM to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for a 10AM Mass. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Member of the Chicago Society PNA and many Polish and Military organizations. Funeral info. 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com.

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Rammelt, Charles Gardner 'Charlie'

Charles ("Charlie") Gardner Rammelt passed away peacefully in his sleep from natural causes on February 14, 2019, holding the hand of his beloved wife of 58 years, Susan. In a love affair that began on a blind date in 1961, and endured until his passing, fittingly on Valentine's Day 2019, Charlie's devotion to his wife was typified when just days before his passing

he replied, after being asked whether he wanted a cookie, "no, a kiss from Susie."

Charlie was born on January 9, 1935, in Evanston, Illinois to Albert and Edith Rammelt. After attending Evanston Township High School and graduating from The Hill School (Potsdam, NY) in 1953, Charlie received his B.A. from Hamilton College (Clinton, NY) in 1957.

Following graduation, Charlie attended the Navy's Officer Training School and graduated a Lieutenant in the United States Navy where he served from 1957 to 1960, serving as an intelligence officer in the Pacific aboard the U.S.S. Bon Homme Richard.

After receiving an M.B.A. in Finance from the Northwestern University School of Business in 1961, Charlie married Susan Ransom Elliott of Highland Park on May 5, 1962. Charlie and Susie moved to Winnetka and raised two children, David and Anne, in the same ranch house on Lincoln Avenue for 38 years.

Charlie began his career as a C.F.A. at Scudder Stevens & Clark in Chicago. He spent his entire professional career as an investment counselor in Chicago, retiring in 1994 as Vice President and Head of the Personal Investment Group at The Chicago Title & Trust Company.

Charlie was active in civic organizations, serving on the Board of Directors of the University Club of Chicago, as a Commissioner of the Winnetka Park District, and as a director on the Skokie Country Club Board of Directors.

He relished attending and coaching youth sports, coaching his son in hockey and daughter in softball. An avid golfer, painter and reader, Charlie was passionate about his beloved Chicago Cubs – a season ticket holder since 1982 – and ecstatic to see a World Series championship in his lifetime. But his true passions were his wife, his children, his six grandchildren, his life-long pals from Evanston, and dear friends from Winnetka, the Boulders in Arizona, and Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Charles is survived by his wife, Susan, son David Albert Rammelt (Susan), daughter Anne Elliott Johnson (Matthew), grandsons Taylor and Carson Rammelt and Hunter and Gardner Johnson, his granddaughters Charlotte Rammelt and Emma Johnson, and his niece Elizabeth White Osterhues (Greg) and grandnieces Nelly, Annie and Louise. Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 23, 2019, at Kenilworth Union Church, 211 Kenilworth Ave, Kenilworth, IL 60043. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that friends consider a donation in Charlie's memory to the Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, Illinois 60093.

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Scanlon, Kathleen

Kathleen Scanlon, nee McAndrew, Native of Bonniclonon, County Mayo, Ireland; Devoted wife of the late Patrick; Loving mother of Tom, Maureen (Tom) Hunt, Patrick (Beth), and the late Katherine; Proud grandmother of 10, and great-grandmother of six; Preceded in death by her eight brothers and sisters; Visitation Thursday, 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Friday 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge to Sacred Heart Church, 8245 W. 111th Street, Palos Hills; Mass 10:00 a.m.; Interment St. Mary Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations to Sacred Heart Church would be appreciated; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Shock, Christine

Christine T. Shock Age 40 of Villa Park, IL. Peacefully passed away on Wednesday February 13, 2019 with her family by her side.

Cherished Daughter of Frank W. Shock Jr. and Tina (Richard) Johnson Nee Hubalik. Loving sister to Frank W. Shock III (Adina). Fond Aunt of Michael, Daniel, Elliana. Devoted granddaughter of Carla Shock. Fond Niece of numerous Aunts and Uncles, Christine will be missed by her many Cousins. Christine was preceded in death by her Grandparents Frank W. Shock Sr. and Michael and Antoinette Hubalik.

Visitation will be held at Marquette Manor Baptist Church 333 75th St. Downers Grove IL 60516 On Thursday February 21, 2019 from 9AM to time of service at 11AM.

For further information please contact Hayes Funeral & Cremation Service at 630-536-9507

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Sivits, Jay A.

Jay A. Sivits, 66, slipped peacefully away from us and into the loving arms of Jesus at 7:29 am on Sunday, February 3, 2019. She passed painlessly and peacefully with her family holding her hands. Jay was born July 3rd, 1952 to the late Doris and Bill Sivits. She grew up in Fort Wayne, graduating from R. Nelson Snider High School in 1970. She then went on

to graduate from Ball State University in 1974, with her RN and Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. After graduation she moved to Chicago and worked as a nurse for several years at the Rehab Institute of Chicago until she was called to ministry. Jay began her service as a Nurses Christian Fellowship (NCF) Campus Staff Minister in 1976, with responsibilities increasing until she became NCF Campus Staff Director in 1994. She completed a Master's Degree in Christian Studies from New College in Berkley, CA. In 1996, she began working with Graduate Student Ministries through InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF), including time as a Regional Director. Ten years ago, she became the National Co-Director of Spiritual Formation and Prayer. In 2016 she moved from Chicago to Massachusetts and joined NE IVCF Team, focusing on spiritual formation and prayer. She is survived by sister, Ina (Sylvan) Luhning of Lincoln, NE, cousins Sam Stinson Mishawaka, IN, Philip (Judy) Stinson of Fort Wayne, IN, and Bonnie (John) Hess of Clearwater Florida, her adopted Boston family, Wanda (Richard) Carey and their son R.J. Carey, goddaughter Jennifer (Joe) Frappier, and 3 god-grandchildren. Memorial Service will be 2 pm, Saturday February 23, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston 1427 Chicago Avenue Evanston, IL 60201. Memorials may be made to InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Entombment in Greenlawn Memorial Park Fort Wayne, IN.

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Supella, Diane

Diane Supella, nee Pendzimaz, age 69, passed away February 11, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Mitchell; Loving sister of Mary Ann (Ron) Hurlbut, Tom (Lori) Pendzimaz and Jo Ann (Tim) Smith; Dear in-laws of Janice Schroeder, Joyce and Jimmy Daniek, Donna and Mike Foley and many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation Friday, February 22, from 9 a.m. to the Time of Service 11:00 a.m. at **Nelson Funeral Home** 820 W. Talcott Rd., Park Ridge. Inurnment St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles. For info. 847-823-5122 or www.nelsonfunerals.com.



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Tomasik, Gerryann V.



It's only fitting that passionate Gerryann, 80, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her devoted family, on the day the world celebrated love, Thursday February 14, 2019.

From the time she was born in Chicago on May 29, 1938, Gerryann loved all aspects of the Windy City - the diverse cuisine, the magnificent theaters, the penthouse views of Lake Michigan -- but most of all she loved it because it's where, at the age of three, she met a boy who later became the love of her life.

Gerryann married Dr. Francis George Tomasik and moved with him to Joliet, Illinois, where they raised five dynamic children: Brigid Arcadia, Coleen Mary, Timothy Simon, Nolan Francis and Megan Maureen. The inspirational couple recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

A tenacious and generous woman, Gerryann was a force of nature, always trying to improve the world. She studied social work at Mundelein College; started "Time Bank," an organization that provided meals to the homebound; and marched for civil rights.

Proud of her strong Irish heritage, Gerryann traveled to Ireland annually for nearly 50 years. Her adventures did not stop there; and she went on expeditions around the world, often with her children and grandchildren in tow.

When at home, Gerryann loved nothing more than throwing an exquisite party for her friends and family or spending hours enjoying the wildlife that visited her yard. She had an unparalleled fondness for all living creatures, and she often adopted or found loving homes for stray dogs and cats.

Gerryann leaves behind a larger-than-life legacy. She was the beloved wife of Dr. Francis G. Tomasik; a devoted mother to her children and their spouses; Brigid and husband Mark Walsh, Coleen and husband Jimmy Lombardi, Timothy and wife Jennifer, Nolan and wife Nicole, and the late Megan Tomasik; a cherished grandmother to Deirdre and Ryan Walsh and Silvia, Aislin, McKenzie and Maeva Tomasik; and an adored great-grandmother to Grace and Ryan Walsh.

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Vitkovic, Dinka

Dinka Vitkovic, nee Rogovic, Age 91, passed away on February 15, 2019.

Beloved wife of the late John Vitkovic. Loving mother of John (Jeanette) Vitkovic and Laura (Jim) Annerino. Dear grandmother of Tammy (Kevin) Bristol, Corie (Steve) Kitts, Lisa (the late Remi) Benkowski (Daniel Mueller) and James Annerino (Lindsay Ohde). Dearest Noni of Noah, Asher, Gabriella, Marisa, Finnegan, Maverick and Sofie. Fond sister of Frank (Stefica) Rogovic, Maria Rogovic and Joseph (Rose) Rogovic. Also survived by nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Visitation, Thursday, February 21, 2019, 3:00PM to 9:00PM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. Funeral, Friday, February 22, 2019, 9:00AM prayers to begin from the funeral home to Saint James at Sag Bridge Church, 10600 S. Archer Avenue, Lemont, Illinois for 10:00AM Mass. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery Garden Mausoleum, Justice, Illinois. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com

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Wiser, Paul A.

Paul A. Wiser, age 77, late of Oak Forest, IL. US Coast Guard Veteran. Beloved husband of Sandra nee Guzak. Dear brother of Charles (late Mary), Richard (Donna), Robert, Larry (Connie), and Marilyn Wiser. Caring uncle of several nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday February 23, 2019, 10:45 AM at the **Vandenberg Funeral Home** 17248 Harlem Avenue Tinley Park, IL. to St. Damian Church, Mass 11:30 AM. Interment in St. Benedict Cemetery. Visitation Saturday 9:00-10:45 AM. For information on services 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com.

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Zlotkowski, Ray

Ray Zlotkowski, 77, an avid golfer of Arlington Heights, loving husband for over fifty years of Chris Zlotkowski (nee Jablonski); dear father of Dina (Jeff) Nelson and Kevin (Lyn) Michaels Zlotkowski; devoted grandfather of Tyler Nelson, Teagan Nelson, Troy Nelson, Matthew Michaels and Joshua Michaels; fond brother of Sandy (Larry) Glinski; cherished uncle of Gary (Celeste), Randy, Keith (Debbie) and Karen (Scott). Visitation Friday, February 22, 2019 from 3pm until 8pm, with a Celebration of Life Service at 6:30pm at the **Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 1520 North Arlington Heights Road (four blocks south of Palatine Rd.), Arlington Heights, IL 60004. In lieu of flowers contributions to Ronald McDonald Charities 1301 W. 22nd Street Suite 905, Oak Brook, IL, 60523 <http://rmhccni.org> appreciated. Funeral Information and condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Zuczek CSFN, S. M. Pancratia

Joan, was called home to God on February 19, 2019 at the age 88. Member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for the past 67 years. Beloved daughter of the late John and the late Helen nee Wadas. Dearest sister of the late Victoria (late Frank) Chytila and Bernadette (Andrew) Kruger. Loving nieces, nephews. Sister Pancratia ministered as a Medical Technician in New Mexico, Texas and at Holy Family. Hospital in Des Plaines, where she also served as a Chaplain in Pastoral Care for many years before retiring to Nazarethville Nursing Home Funeral Mass Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Provincialate 310 N. River Rd. Des Plaines. Visitation Thursday 3:00 p.m. until time of Mass, with a prayer service at 5:15 p.m. Interment All Saints. Memorials to the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the **Cruz-Sojka Funeral Home** (312) 666-2673. Visit www.cruz-sojkafh.com for electronic register and condolences.

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INVITATION TO BID

TO

THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

FOR

PUBLIC TENDER OF BIDS A 39-YEAR LEASE ON 19.373± ACRES OF DISTRICT REAL ESTATE LOCATED EAST OF PULASKI ROAD AND NORTH OF THE CAL-SAG CHANNEL IN ALSIP, ILLINOIS; CAL-SAG CHANNEL PARCEL 13.04 (WESTERN PORTION)

LEASE NUMBER: 19-362-11

PROPOSALS ARE DUE: FEBRUARY 26, 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 February 26, 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 19.373± acres of District real estate located east of Pulaski Road and north of the Cal-Sag Channel in Alsip, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 13.04 (western portion). Access to the site is obtained through Pulaski Road. The District reserves the right to traverse the parcel in order to gain access to District lands east of the subject parcel. Such reservation of right extends to the District's agents, tenants, grantees, licensees and invitees. The lease is subject to existing easements, including, but not limited to, existing pipeline and utility easements, as well as an easement granted to Alsip MiniMill, LLC ("Alsip") for operation of a pump station with intake conduit along the Cal-Sag Channel near Pulaski Road and a sewer with a connection manhole. Alsip's easement expires June 30, 2040. These easements may be renewed subject to the approval of the District's Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago has established the fair market value of the property at \$500,000.00 and the minimum initial annual rental bid at \$50,000.00.

The lease shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder in accordance with bid procedures set forth by state law 70 ILCS 2605/8c et seq, and subject to the acceptance and approval of the bid by the Board of Commissioners of the District. The highest bidder will be required to provide financial statements and/or other information to establish its financial responsibility.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement & Materials Management, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday - Friday, between 8:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Documents will be mailed in response to a fax request (#312/751-3042). Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may also be downloaded online from the District's website, www.mwrdd.org.

The District assumes no responsibility for documents sent through the mail. Further, the District assumes no liability or responsibility for the failure or inability of any Bidder to successfully download any and all contract documents, including, but not limited to, specifications, proposal forms and/or plans, as a result of any type of technological computer and/or software system failure or breakdown that restricts, prohibits or prevents successful downloading of any and all District contract documents by the Bidder, whether caused by the District or other parties, directly or indirectly.

Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms. Proposal forms are to be placed in the special envelope furnished by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. If proposal forms are downloaded online, the Bidder is responsible to submit the complete set of contract documents. This volume is to remain intact. The Bidder shall place the complete set of contract documents in a sealed envelope clearly marked as follows:

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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 acknowledgment receipt of any addenda, if the District issued any addenda to this contract. Failure to do so may be cause for the rejection of any bid. If bidding documents are available online, any addenda issued for this contract will be available online at the District's website, www.mwrdd.org. Addenda will also be mailed, delivered, or faxed to each person receiving a set of such contract documents and to such other prospective bidders as shall have requested that they be furnished with a copy of the addenda.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of cash (U.S. currency only), cashier's check, or certified check payable to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the initial annual rental based on bidder's Proposal. Such checks will be acceptable only if drawn on a bank or savings and loan association. If the check is not stamped as a "certified" or "cashier's check" on its face, such check must be accompanied by a letter on letterhead of the financial institution and signed by an officer of the financial institution stating that the check is a guaranteed obligation of the financial institution. Any proposal submitted without being accompanied by such bid deposit will not be considered and will not be read after it is publicly opened. Any portion of the bid deposit not applied to the rent will be applied to the security deposit.

The required bid deposit will be forfeited in the event the successful bidder fails to execute a lease agreement within 13 days of its tender. All other deposits will be returned to the respective depositors. The form of the lease currently used for this transaction is available for inspection at the District office identified below.

The successful bidder, if other than the initial applicant, will pay to the District the cost for obtaining the applicant's two (2) appraisal reports, the cost of which will be documented upon execution of the lease. In order for the initial applicant to be reimbursed for its costs in obtaining 2 appraisal reports, said initial applicant must submit a qualifying bid in this matter. In addition, the successful bidder will obtain at his cost a plat of survey and legal description of the subject premises and submit same to the District within 21 days of the award.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

The District offers all prospective tenants that are awarded leases through competitive bidding the opportunity to participate in the District's Green Infrastructure Program. Participation is voluntary for all private non-governmental entities. Under the program, private entities can receive a credit equal to \$0.50 on the \$1.00, up to 10% of the annual rent owed to the District, capped at the first 10 years of the lease, for expenditures related to pre-approved green infrastructure. If interested, see the Green Infrastructure Program Information Sheet included with this Bid Package.

Any potential bidder with questions regarding the meaning of any part of the specifications or other bidding documents should submit such inquiries online at the District's website, www.mwrdd.org, under the "Contracts and Proposals" section of the website. The District will provide an online response to such inquiries, as the District deems appropriate. Strings of appropriate questions and answers regarding the bidding documents will be available online on the District's website until the bid opening date of the bidding documents. No questions will be accepted by telephone, fax, email, mail or any other such form of delivery.

The District does not guarantee the timeliness of responses provided online, nor does the District guarantee that such responses will be provided in adequate time to affect the submission of bids. The District shall provide responses online ONLY if the responses do not interpret or otherwise change the bidding documents.

The District's responses online are NOT official responses and, therefore, are not binding to the bidding documents. Any official interpretation or change to the bidding documents will be made only by addenda duly issued to all plan holders on record by the Director of Procurement & Materials Management.

The District will only respond to questions received online up to ONE WEEK prior to the bid opening date of the bidding documents. The District will not respond to questions received after this date.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals.

The contact person for this contract is Christopher Murray. 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

(Newspapers and dates of advertisement)

Chicago Tribune: February 6, 2019, February 13, and February 20, 2019

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Electrical Instrument & Testing Mechanic (Original)

Application Filing Period: February 15, 2019 through March 1, 2019. **Examination Date:** March 30, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of electrical instrument & testing mechanic practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, performs skilled work in the repair, testing and maintenance of various equipment at District facilities including, plant process control equipment, power distribution systems, voice and data communication networks, including telemetry. **Pay:** \$51.90 per hour

Laboratory Technician II (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: February 15, 2019 through March 15, 2019. **Examination Date:** April 6, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Laboratory Technician II practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs all required analyses of sludge, sewage, soils, plant tissue, microbial populations, radiological materials, industrial wastes, and other materials as part of the research or quality control functions of the laboratory; is responsible for specific laboratory apparatus, may act as leader of a work group, or may monitor assigned research projects. **Pay:** \$52,263.64 per year

Senior Laboratory Technician (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: February 15, 2019 through March 15, 2019. **Examination Date:** April 6, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of senior laboratory technician practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, makes routine chemical, biological or microbiological analyses of sewage sludge, industrial waste, water, fertilizer, and other materials produced, used or disposed of by the District or related to the District's treatment processes. Assists in carrying out chemical and research problems in bacteriology and in determining new or improved methods of analysis. **Pay:** \$67,032.16 per year

Senior Structural Engineer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: February 8, 2019 through March 8, 2019. **Examination Date:** March 29, 2019 at MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 East Erie Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of senior structural engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Performs supervisory professional structural engineering work in connection with the design, layout, preparation of plans and estimates and erection or alteration of structural steel, timber, concrete and reinforced concrete structures. **Pay:** \$97,995.04 per year

Treatment Plant Operator I (Original)

Application Filing Period: February 22, 2019 through March 22, 2019. **Examination Date:** April 13, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Treatment Plant Operator I practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, controls and coordinates the routine sewage treatment process operation on an assigned shift in a sewage treatment plant. **Pay:** \$59,237.62 per year

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IN THE INTEREST OF

Diyavia Carswell

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Melissa Shannon (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01160

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NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Desmone Carswell (Father) Any, All Unknown Fathers Any, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 11, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/13/2019 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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 of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 20, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE

Oak Park & River Forest High School District 200 is soliciting Statements of Qualifications to provide a Brand Identity Package and Graphic Design Services. This RFP is not an Invitation to Bid. There will be no public opening and reading of responses. Submissions are due on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 12:00 PM CST to Karin Sullivan, Exec. Dir. of Communications & Community Relations, OPRHS, 201 N. Scoville Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302. Interested firms may access the RFQ documents on the district's website located at www.oprfs.org "About Us - Services - Business Office - Bids and RFPs"

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COUNTY OF COOK TOM PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

Raffi Sarrafian
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer

ADVERTISEMENT DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

DESCRIPTION: Invitation for Bids for Pipe Covering Supplies

CONTRACT NO.: 1945-17778

MBE/WBE GOALS: None of the overall estimated expenditures for this procurement

BID DOCUMENTS: Solicitation Document is available for download at: <http://legacy.cookcounty.gov.com/purchasing/bids/bidsAllBids.php>

BID DUE DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.(CST)

CONTACT: Daniel Gizzi, Specification Engineer III (312) 603-6825 (office) or dan.gizzi@cookcountyil.gov (email)

Local MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit bids. The County has set contract specific goals based on the requested service. The MBE/WBE goals are listed above and in the Contract document. Inquiries regarding MBE/WBE participation should be directed to the Office of Contract Compliance at (312) 603-5502.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLAN COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST

Notice is given hereby that the Plan Commission of the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 7, 2019 in the first floor Community Room at the Village of River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois 60305 to consider and make a recommendation to the Village President and Board of Trustees on a comprehensive update to the Village of River Forest's Comprehensive Plan.

The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to guide present and future development, redevelopment and growth of the Village, in addition to establishing a long-range vision for the entire Village. The Village President and Board of Trustees forwarded this matter to the Plan Commission for findings of fact and a recommendation. The updates were prepared by Housel Lavigne Associates, the Village Planner.

During the public hearing, the Plan Commission will hear testimony from, and consider any evidence presented by, persons interested to speak on this matter. Any person who wishes to appear as an objector or supporter with the right to present evidence and/or cross-examine witnesses at the hearing must file an appearance with the Village at the hearing, or before the date of the hearing, to the Deputy Village Clerk, Village of River Forest, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois 60305.

The proposed updated Comprehensive Plan is on file with the Village Clerk and may be reviewed by writing to the Deputy Village Clerk at the address above, by examining a copy available at the Village Hall, or by viewing it on the Village's website at www.vrf.us/comprehensive-plan.

The draft updated Comprehensive Plan may be added to, revised, altered or eliminated as a result of the public hearing and prior to final action by the Corporate Authorities of the Village of River Forest. The public hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice.

Dated at River Forest, Illinois, this 20th day of February, 2019:
Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF

Nikeia Johnson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Latrice Harris (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00075

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on January 29, 2019, 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 03/13/2019 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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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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 of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 20, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF

Tela Boston AKA Te'la Anne Boston

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Shantel Ellis (Mother) Shantel Alice

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01206

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Shantel Ellis (Mother) AKA Shantel Alice, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 21, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/13/2019 at 10:30 AM in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE

FORECLOSURES

NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, (38245) ATTORNEYS 105 W. Adams, Chicago, Illinois 60603 STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK, SS - In the Circuit Court of Cook County, County Department - Chancery Division, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-B, Plaintiff, vs. CARY ROSenthal as Special representative of DORIS GODFREY a/k/a LU DORIS WARE GODFREY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DORIS GODFREY a/k/a LU DORIS WARE GODFREY, LARRY GODFREY, CITY OF CHICAGO, JANICE MARIE WARE, ERNESTINE WARE, JOLENE WARE, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TEENANTS, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2017-11-7592. The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you JANICE MARIE WARE, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DORIS GODFREY a/k/a LU DORIS WARE GODFREY and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of COOK COUNTY, County Department - Chancery Division, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 9 AND 10 IN BLOCK 9 IN CONSTANCE, A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN: 20-36-315-028-0000. Commonly known as: 8420 S. Jeffrey Blvd, Chicago, IL, 60617, and which said Mortgage was made by LARRY GODFREY, DORIS GODFREY a/k/a LU DORIS WARE GODFREY, as Mortgage(s) to Mortgage Express, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 0010112391, and the present owner(s) of the property being LARRY GODFREY and DORIS GODFREY a/k/a LU DORIS WARE GODFREY, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of COOK COUNTY, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60602 located at 50 West Washington, Chicago, IL 60602, on or before MARCH 15, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. Dated: Chicago, Illinois, February 4, 2019. Dorothy Brown, Clerk. This IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Pub: 2/13, 20, 27/2019 6137351

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WILLINGMONT SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, FOR THE CSMC 2015-RPL4 TRUST, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2015-RPL4, Plaintiff, v. KATIE SIMMONS, AKA KATIE SIMMONS, ROSIE SIMMONS, AD, ROSIE L. SIMMONS, STANLEY SIMMONS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH08411 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Katie Simmons, AKA Katie M. Simmons, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before MARCH 15, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court, Shanna L. Bacher (6302793) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-sibacher@manleydeas.com Chicago, Illinois, February 18, 2019. One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/13, 20, 27/2019 6137342

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE FOR CASCO MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, 2005-WF, Plaintiff, v. IRVIN PLATER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; CHATHAM GROVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH15616 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Irvin Plater, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Parcel 1: Unit Number 749-3W in Chatham Grove 1 Condominium as delineated on a survey of the following described real estate: Part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Township 38 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, which survey is attached as exhibit "A" to the declaration of condominium recorded as document number 24958715 together with its undivided percentage interest in the common elements. Parcel 2: Easement for ingress and egress for the benefit of Parcel 1 as set forth in the declaration of easements recorded as document number 24958714, in Cook County, Illinois, 749 East 84th Place Unit 3W, Chicago, IL 60619 20-34-413-053-1032 Now, therefore, unless you, Irvin Plater, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before MARCH 8, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court, Michael A. Phelps (6297416) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-mapheles@manleydeas.com file number: 18-03030 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/13, 20, 27/2019 6137304

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FORECLOSURES

WWR #10148376 STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1 Plaintiff, vs JAVIER TREJO, ROSARIO CERVANTES, JOAD, INCORPORATED, CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AMERICAN GENERAL INVESTMENT COMPANY, INCORPORATED, INC. K/N/A ONEMAN FINANCIAL OF ILLINOIS, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. CASE NO. 2019CH00567 Calendar: 60 Property Address: 4338-46 W Barry Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60641. This notice is hereby given to you, ROSARIO CERVANTES, UNKNOWN OWNERS and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Chancery Department, Cook County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 1 in Edward Holzman's Resubdivision of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 4 in Cushings Subdivision of the West 50 Acres of the North 120 Acres of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 40 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. Commonly known as 4338-46 West Barry Avenue, Chicago, IL 60641. Parcel Number: 13-27-200-023-0000 and which said Mortgage was made by Javier Trejo, Mortgagee, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for the Cook County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois as Instrument Number 0717048005; And for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the said Chancery Department, Cook County, Illinois, against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant, file an answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, at the Courthouse, in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on or before the MARCH 15, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. Clerk of the Circuit Court Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 180 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, IL, 60601 Telephone: 312-782-9676 Facsimile: 312-782-4201. ChicagoRDE@weltman.com AROC No. 629784 Cook Atty. ID No. 31495 Pub: 2/13, 20, 27/2019 6137558

TAKE NOTICES

TO: Whispering Pines Condominium Association; Tina M. Scropas; Aaron Corraze; Occupant Gozzola; Eunice Satorre; Shobha Kanadaya; Eric Walden; Occupant, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. EAST NICHOLS ROAD, UNIT 88, PALATINE, IL, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008316. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold 6/2/2016. Certificate No. 14-0003052. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1184 NICHOLS ROAD, UNIT 88 A/K/A 1184 EAST NICHOLS ROAD, UNIT 88, PALATINE, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 02-21-101-003-1014. 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 6/5/2019. 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 6/5/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 6/5/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142310

TO: Raymond Tolentino; San Tropi Condominium No. 1 Association; Fresh Start Home Improvement Inc.; Devin A. Hagan; Charlene J. Wiley; Mariyappa-Naranyan Bhat; Damayanti F. Chaturvedi; City of Chicago, Inc. 1243 BALDWIN LANE, UNIT 102, PALATINE, IL, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008345. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0003099. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1243 BALDWIN LANE, UNIT 102, PALATINE, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 02-21-200-021-1010. 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 6/5/2019. 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 6/5/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 6/5/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142325

TO: OCCUPANT; JUNE HANSEN; PETER HANSEN; JONATHAN ROBINSON; ANDREW HANSEN; LAURA HANSEN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008290. FILED: 12/13/2018 TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold 06/06/2016. Certificate No. 14-0003137. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 529 S BURNS DR., PALATINE, ILLINOIS 60067 Legal Description or Property Index No. 02-21-004-030-0000. 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/19/2019 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 06/03/2019 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 6th day of February, 2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6146937

TAKE NOTICES

TO: Target Credit Union as Successor to Baxter Credit Union; Nancy A. Sliwicki; Judi Niernet; Baxter Credit Union; Paul T. Sliwicki; City of Chicago, Illinois, County of Cook, Department, 286 EAST NORMAN LANE, WHEELING, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008356. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005948. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 286 EAST NORMAN LANE, WHEELING, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 03-10-108-037-0000. 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 6/5/2019. 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 6/5/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 6/5/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142460

TO: Guidance Realty Homes, LLC; Subica Rauf, G C Waters; William Mount; Jessie Taylor; Occupant, 2930 DUNDEE ROAD, NORTHBROOK, IL, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008342. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016. Certificate No. 14-0002789. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 2930 DUNDEE ROAD, NORTHBROOK, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 04-05-015-024-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142310

TO: Parkway Bank and Trust, as Trustee u/a/a dated 12/14/2014 and known as Steve No. 15409; Soula Faraday; Karin Veit; Teveta Fanady; Sophia Fanady; Anthony Fanady; Ursula Ziegler; Rudi Ziegler; Henrietta Schmitchden; Anthony Demas; Occupant, 4360 LINDENWOOD LANE, NORTHBROOK, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008345. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016. Certificate No. 14-0002792. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 4360 LINDENWOOD LANE, NORTHBROOK, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 04-06-110-002-0000. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142315

TO: ARIELLA REINVESTMENT TRUST, A CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST DATED FEBRUARY 1999; DANIEL CHEIFFETZ; RAVENHILL SAMUEL JOHNSON OF SARAJEVO WEST UNIT; OCCUPANT, EAST UNIT; CHURCH STREET BARBER SHOP; City of Evanston; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008283. FILED: 12/13/2018 TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0001764 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at THE WEST 25 FEET OF REAL ESTATE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1905 CHURCH STREET, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60121 Legal Description or Property Index No. 10-13-108-037-0000. 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/19/2019 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 06/03/2019 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 6th day of February, 2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6132938

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TO: Kristi Anderson; Edens Point Condominium Association; Pearl Shapiro; Rosen Management Services; Occupant, 5510 LINCOLN AVENUE, UNIT 8509, MORTON GROVE, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008341. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold 6/2/2016. Certificate No. 14-0002109. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 5510 LINCOLN AVENUE, UNIT 8509, MORTON GROVE, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 10-21-119-112-1116. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142304

TO: Ronald Plasser; Ingrid Baack; Kelvin Land Property Owners Association; Kristina Park Condominium Association; U.S. Bank N.A.; Helga Price; Josef Hozsbör; Occupant, 9455 KELVIN LANE, UNIT 2774, SCHILLER PARK, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-10-314-023-1015. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142266

TO: BCE Real Estate LLC; Bennie Warren; Christine Warren; BCE Industrial, LLC; Edme Consulting Engineers, Inc.; BCE-USA, LLC; Pollution Control Systems; BCE Industrial Turnkey Steel Fabrication; Occupant, 3500 MARTENS STREET, FRANKLIN PARK, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008383. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016. Certificate No. 14-0002024. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 3500 MARTENS STREET, FRANKLIN PARK, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-22-323-013-0000. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142274

TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF ANTHONY SMITH; ANTHONY SMITH; CORONA INVESTMENTS, L.L.C.; STEPHANIE SMITH; CAMILLE SMITH; LATRICE STRONG; MONIQUE STRONG; ANTONETTE SMITH; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008424. FILED: 12/13/2018 TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009483 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1650 N. MAJOR AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60619 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-22-415-017-0000. 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/19/2019 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 06/03/2019 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 6th day of February, 2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6134818

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TO: Michael Vigue as Trustee of the Halsted E. Oakes Revocable Trust u/a/a dated 6/21/2000; Barbara Lee Oakes; Carol Vigue, Trust u/a/a dated 03/15/1996 A/K/A TRUST NO. 1120023; ROSE LECH; SCOTT BAERMANN; JENNY BAERMANN; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF ROSE LECH; TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE; ULTRA VILLAGE DRIVE, NORTHLAKE, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008338. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold 6/2/2016. Certificate No. 14-0002109. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 111 VILLAGE DRIVE, NORTHLAKE, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-32-117-005-0000. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142282

TO: TCF National Bank; Marilyn Wingerter; Kenneth Barrett; Lisa D. Wingerter; CitMortgage, Inc.; Occupant, 5544 WEST CATALPA AVENUE, WESTCHESTER, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008359. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold 6/7/2016. Certificate No. 14-0009028. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 5544 WEST CATALPA AVENUE, CHICAGO, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-09-100-044-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/5/2019. 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 6/5/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 6/5/2019 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:

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TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3; OCCUPANT, UNIT 4. CHANNON TURNER, A.K.A. C.C. BERNER DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED 12/19/2009; CHANNON TURNER, City of Chicago; TO: BILL, INC.; FUSION POINT OUTDOOR LLC.; YOLONDA BAKER; ANNE BROOKS; ANNETTE CUNLIFE; LATOYA HARRIS; KLEASIA JAY; LATOYA O. TURNBOSINI; KIERNA TRIPLETT; RIS TURNER; LEVI KHAN; EMILY KNIGHT; VICTOR TURNER; PAUL TURNER; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008427 FILED: 12/14/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0014937 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3903 W. HARRISON ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-301-007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 06/03/2019. 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/19/2019 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 06/03/2019 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 6th day of February, 2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6135058

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TO: Russell W. Streuly, as Trustee of The Russell Streuly Trust, 1420 59th Court, Cicero, IL 60804, as Trustee u/r/a dated 5/10/1999; Russell Streuly; Katrina Martinez; Gerardo Gallardo; Esperanza Hizzo; Elizabeth E. DeGracia; Jean M. Guerrero; The Russell Streuly Trust; 1420 59th Court, Cicero, IL 60804 as Trustee u/r/a dated 10/27/1999; Russell Streuly, Jr.; Glenn Streuly; Occupant, 1402 SOUTH 60TH COURT, CICERO, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008331. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016 Certificate No. 14-0001411. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1402 SOUTH 60TH COURT, CICERO, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-20-121-020-0000. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142123

TO: Regina A. Scannicchio; Olivia Arevalo; Alysha Matsura; Harold Sean Brown; Russell R. Scannicchio; Dennis Castro; Rafael Romero; Ernesto Morales; Miguel Romero; Thomas Johnson; Soledad Romo; Anastas Arvan; Regina Scannicchio; Edward Scannicchio; Octavio Montes; Kendra S Allen; Susan C Hawke; Matthew Caro Nfor; Majim A Tade Mellor; Occupant, 1828 SOUTH 59TH AVENUE, 1ST FL & 2ND FL, CICERO, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008428. FILED: 12/14/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0014958 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1828 SOUTH 59TH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-318-019-0000 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/19/2019 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 06/03/2019 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 6th day of February, 2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6135062

TO: Frank Diaz; Bank NY Mellon; Yesenia Anderson; Bertha Diaz; City of Berwyn; Occupant, 107 AVENUE BERWYN, BERWYN, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008317. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016 Certificate No. 14-0000339. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1330 SCOVILLE AVENUE, BERWYN, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-19-212-036-0000. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142004

TO: Popular Bank; Los Angeles Beauty Salon; Antonio Corcos; Virginia Corcos; Ted Smith; Tom Vaughn - Trustee; Patrick S. Layng; Antonio G. Corcos; Cynthia Garcia; Xochilt Corcos; Robert Lugo; Occupant, 6241 WEST ROOSEVELT ROAD, BERWYN, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008318. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016 Certificate No. 14-0000668. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 6241 WEST ROOSEVELT ROAD, BERWYN, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-20-102-003-0000. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142016

TO: PNC Bank, N.A.; Chicago Title Land Trust Company as Successor Trustee to Pinnacle Bank as Trustee u/r/a dated 5/10/1999 and known as Trust No. 111 111 Kathleen P. Lewandowski; Jacob Pagan; Gamaliel Pagan; Olivia C Pagan; Dennis Pagan; Darlene Raker; Miguel Hernandez; Sade Roca; Iguel Hernandez; Esther C. Moya-Perez; Daniel Perez; Ricardo Luna; Samantha Dorel; Trianna Maria Flores; Teddy Rouse; Joaquina V. Cole; Nicole M Perez; Occupant, 2111 SOUTH 51ST AVENUE, UNIT 1 & UNIT 2, CICERO, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008330. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016 Certificate No. 14-0015562. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 2111 SOUTH 51ST AVENUE, CICERO, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-21-426-005-0000. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142247

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; FRANCISCO GONZALEZ; EMILIA GONZALEZ, Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; CRUZ GONZALEZ; SANDIA GONZALEZ; JORGE MOLINA; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008429. FILED: 12/14/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0001454 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2639 W. 24TH PL., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60608 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-25-218-012-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 06/03/2019. 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/19/2019 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 5/31/2019 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 6th day of February, 2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6135064

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Successor Trustee to Amalgamated Bank of Chicago (N/A Amalgamated Bank) and known as Bank as Trustee u/r/a dated 7/22/1988 and known as Trust No. 5383; Town of Cicero; Los Metates Corporation; Paul S. Shapiro as Payee; Memo Ochoa; Julio Villalba Jr; David Villalba; Reuben Villalba; Unknown Heirs & Legatees for the Estate of Frank Villalba; Unknown Heirs & Legatees for the Estate of Liska F. Miles; Unknown Heirs & Legatees for the Estate of Mies Liska; Occupant, 3026 SOUTH LARAMIE AVENUE, CICERO, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008335. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016 Certificate No. 14-0001541. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 3026 SOUTH LARAMIE AVENUE, CICERO, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-28-312-031-0000. 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 5/31/2019. 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 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 5/31/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142253

TO: OCCUPANT; ANDRES PEREZ; Town of Cicero; MARIA PEREZ; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008332. FILED: 12/13/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0001607 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5503 W. 31ST ST. CICERO, ILLINOIS 60804 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-33-101-018-0000 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/19/2019 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 06/03/2019 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 6th day of February, 2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6132933

TO: MSSW Capital, LLC; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; Capital One Bank (USA) N.A.; Luis Daniel Garcia; Heriberto Garcia; Gloria M. Hernandez; Occupant, 1748 PARKIE ON KING DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008431. FILED: 12/14/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0015930 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1529 W. 19TH ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60608 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-20-317-036-1003 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/19/2019 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 06/03/2019 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 6th day of February, 2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6135068

TO: Lancaster Condominium Association; Michael Sabzali; Mortgage Electronic Registration System; Fort Lauderdale, FL; Cooper d/b/a Nationstar Mortgage, LLC; Nationstar Mortgage, LLC; Lancaster Development Group; Sharon R. Shinderman; Lancaster Development Gr; Sudler and Company; Occupant, 201 NORTH WESTSHORE DRIVE, CHICAGO, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008367. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 6/8/2016 Certificate No. 14-0013789. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number CITY OF CHICAGO. Warrant No. 0062457 & 0624562. Inst. No. 1. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 201 NORTH WESTSHORE DRIVE, UNIT 704, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-10-400-031-1029. 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 6/5/2019. 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 6/5/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 6/5/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142613

TO: Qi Wang; Eva Yifeng Wang; Yifeng Wang; Jonathan Wang; Scott Wang; County Specialist; The Transportation Building Condominium Association; Occupant, 600 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET, UNIT 1706, CHICAGO, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008387. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 6/8/2016 Certificate No. 14-0013879. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 600 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET, UNIT 1706, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-16-170-010-0000. 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 6/5/2019. 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 6/5/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 6/5/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142594

TO: Bank of America, N.A.; Madeline Mancini; Pat Mancini; The Chicago Trust Company, N.A., as Successor to Wayne Hummer Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee u/r/a dated 9/15/2007 and known as Trust No. Bev-2390; Paula Mancini; Mary Mancini William Mancini; Michael Mancini; Thomas Marchese; Peter Simmons; Frederick Mancini; City of Chicago; City of Chicago Dept of Water; Linda Prowski; Occupant, 1048 WEST TAYLOR STREET, 1st Fl, 1st Fl Side, 1st Fl Rear, 2nd Fl, 2nd Fl Rear, CHICAGO, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008371. FILED: 12/13/2018. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 6/8/2016 Certificate No. 14-0015754. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1048 WEST TAYLOR STREET, CHICAGO, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-17-420-053-0000. 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 6/5/2019. 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 6/5/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/17/2019. 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 6/5/2019 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6142621

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TO: OCCUPANT; TAYF MUKHDOMI; JUNAID MUKHDOMI; TAXPAYER IF: 1529 WEST 19TH STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; KATHY ALBERT; Occupant, PARKIE ON KING DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008431. FILED: 12/14/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0015930 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1529 W. 19TH ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60608 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-20-317-036-1003 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/03/2019. 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 06/19/2019 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 06/03/2019 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 6th day of February, 2019. Pub: 2/18, 19, 20/2019 6135068

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"I can't do it alone," says Javier Baez after carrying the Cubs in 2018 but falling short of the ultimate goal. **Page 3**

MANNY MACHADO
CHOOSES SAN DIEGO AND
PADRES' 10-YEAR, \$300M DEAL
OVER WHITE SOX

OUT IN THE COLD

Sox in disbelief after being spurned by prized free agent

By **TEDDY GREENSTEIN**
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — In the end, the White Sox got the entourage but not the star.

They traded for Yonder Alonso, Manny Machado's brother-in-law.

They signed Jon Jay, Machado's close friend.

But Machado took a pass. He rode off to San Diego, perhaps with the top down, for a reported \$300 million over 10 years.

The Athletic's Ken Rosenthal reported that the Sox offered \$250 million over eight years with incentives and options that could have driven the value to \$350 million.

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Snub feels worse than a polar vortex

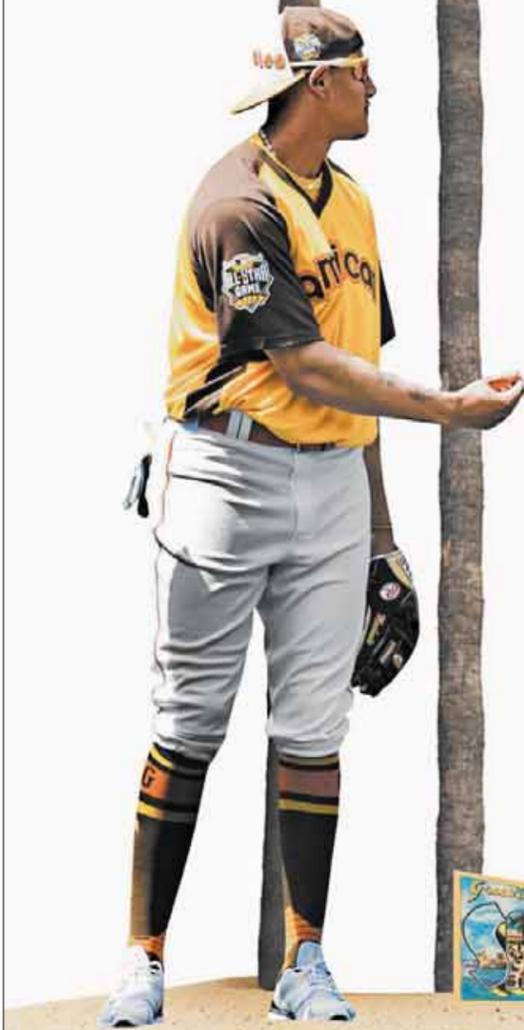
By **PAUL SULLIVAN**
On the White Sox

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Let's blame this Manny Machado swing and miss by the White Sox on the polar vortex.

When SoxFest was going on last month with a wind chill below zero, the Padres were just beginning to court Machado, who already had been to Chicago to meet with Sox brass.

The difference in temperature between the frozen tundra of Chicago and the world's most pleasant climate in San Diego was hard to overlook. As I wrote at the time: "Do the Sox Math."

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More to watch down stretch than just draft position



K.C. JOHNSON
On the Bulls

It's going to be hard for the Bulls to finish with anything but the league's fourth-worst record. ■ Let's get that out of the way first as the Bulls prepare to reconvene Wednesday for practice, their first after the All-Star break. ■ With 24 games to play, the Bulls are five games clear of the Hawks, who own the fifth-worst record. And while they're just two games behind the Cavaliers for the third-worst mark, the Bulls' remaining schedule is easier than the Cavaliers'. Plus, Otto Porter Jr. makes the Bulls better at both ends, and Lauri Markkanen and Zach LaVine entered the break on a roll. ■ So instead of rooting for losses — the three worst teams own a 14 percent chance at landing Zion Williamson, er, the No. 1 pick, while the fourth has a 12.5 percent chance — let's look at four other things to watch down the stretch. Turn to **Johnson, Page 2**



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PHIL ROSENTHAL

AAF catches a \$250M pass

The Alliance of American Football's efforts to speed up the game apparently are not limited to the field.

The Alliance, it seems, came perilously close to running out of money heading into Week 2 of its debut season, which, while perhaps not a record, is very fast work nevertheless.

All that saved the AAF last week was a \$250 million investment from Tom Dundon, owner of the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes, according to the Athletic.

If not for Dundon, the Alliance would have been Dunfor.

An agent representing several AAF players reportedly told Pro Football Talk on Friday that some paychecks weren't received. PFT said the AAF blamed the delay on "an administrative glitch."

Like not having enough money in the checking account, perhaps? Who doesn't hate that kind of glitch?

Dundon now becomes chairman of the fledgling AAF as well as its biggest investor, holding a very expensive lottery ticket.

Dundon is betting on a league that aspires to compete with the NFL but complement it. That avoids an expensive miscalculation that doomed earlier startups, such as the United States Football League and the World Football League.

Few fledgling leagues get absorbed by their more established rivals on a more or less equal basis. Among the fortunate few have been the AFL merging with NFL, the ABA merging with the NBA and the WHL merging with the NHL.

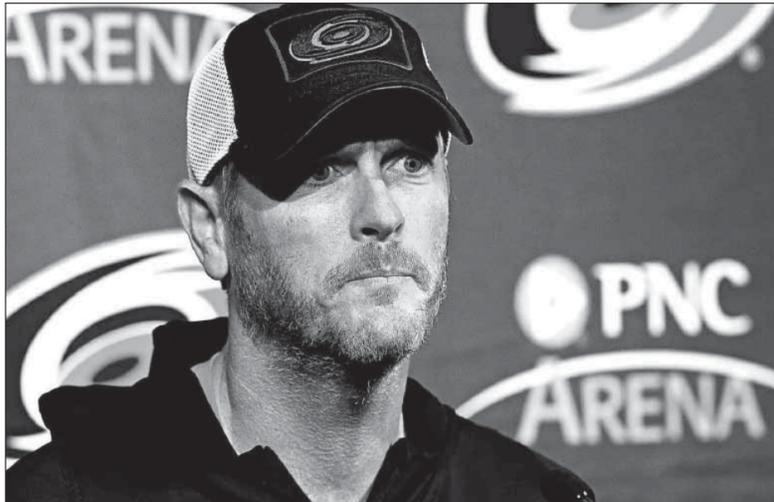
But it requires the Alliance to thread a slender needle for Dundon to see a return on his outside investment.

"We could be the training ground for the NFL," co-founder Bill Polian said on the Alliance's opening night.

If the AAF, which owns all eight of its teams, can sell itself as place for would-be NFL players to be schooled on fundamentals and tested by game situations, perhaps it can sell itself to the NFL and become its official developmental league.

Failing that, the AAF may continue to struggle financially a year from now, when it must compete head-to-head with a new iteration of the failed XFL from pro wrestling entrepreneur Vince McMahon.

The closest parallel to the AAF's early financial stumble may be the Professional Spring Football League. The PSFL folded



GERRY BROOME/AP

Tom Dundon, owner of the Carolina Hurricanes, is investing \$250 million in the new AFA.

during its inaugural training camp in 1992, 10 days before the season opener.

It usually takes a new league months, sometimes years, to reach the brink of insolvency and fail to make payroll.

Here, this brainchild of Polian, the Hall of Fame NFL executive, and TV sports industry scion Charlie Ebersol was poised to do it after its first weekend.

Well played, sirs. Well played.

The AAF's stadiums seem to have had a lot of empty seats, but Ebersol and company couldn't possibly have been foolish enough to count on opening-weekend gate receipts to make or break the operation.

It will be interesting to see how this colors what had seemed an auspicious start for the AAF. The league's Feb. 9 debut on CBS — two prime-time games airing simultaneously to various parts of the country — attracted 3.25 million viewers, outdrawing an NBA telecast opposite it on ABC featuring a Thunder come-from-behind victory over the Rockets.

Not everyone loved what they saw, but the AAF got generally good reviews.

So did league innovations, including eliminating kickoffs and point-after-touchdown kicks, a shorter play clock than the NFL, the absence of TV timeouts and SkyJudge, an official in the press box who

can intervene on badly mistaken rulings.

What Alliance players tend to lack in name recognition is offset by coaches such as former Bears great Mike Singletary, Mike Martz, Steve Spurrier, Dennis Erickson and Rick Neuheisel. League leadership includes Troy Polamalu, Hines Ward, Mike Pereira and Dean Blandino.

Who knows the cost of bringing them together? Who among them was smart enough to get paid up front?

Had the AAF perished, it would not have been for lack of exposure. Besides CBS and CBS Sports Network, TV and streaming media partners include NFL Network, Turner Sports and Bleacher Report.

Investors include Shaquille O'Neal, MGM Resorts International and the Chernin Group, which has stakes in such ventures as Barstool Sports, the Athletic and the Action Network.

Each presumably now owes Dundon undying gratitude and a Hallmark "Thank you for saving my investment from going belly up" card.

Week 2 is awfully early for a new football league to be throwing a Hail Mary under the threat of everyone being sacked.

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ASK THE REPORTER BRAD BIGGS

Don't count on any quick kicker solution



If Robbie Gould gets the franchise tag, what is the most likely route the Bears use to solve the kicking position?

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The Bears likely will look at multiple kickers throughout the offseason and potentially during the summer. They're not going to simply hand the job to Redford Jones, whom they signed last month. The Jaguars eliminated a potential option when they signed Josh Lambo to a four-year contract last week. The Patriots' Stephen Gostkowski is coming out of contract, and it remains to be seen if the Patriots will use the franchise tag on him. They have tagged him once before and they twice used the franchise tag on Adam Vinatieri. The Bears will be paying Cody Parkey this season if he's not on the roster, and they need to be careful about sinking big money into the position again for a player who might not be worth it. The draft is one avenue for more competition. I'd say sit back because chances are the Bears won't have a clear replacement anytime soon.

With previous red flags and now an ACL tear, would you be in favor of the Bears taking advantage of the stock slide of Mississippi State's Jeffery Simmons? He played defensive tackle there, but I feel like he's very similar to Akiem Hicks, who is a defensive end. When healthy, move him to the opposite side and the D-line would be deadly.

@zberg034

Simmons' draft stock took a hit when he suffered a torn ACL last week, and it's possible he does not play in 2019 while rehabilitating. He possesses immense talent but carries major baggage, having been captured on video punching a woman on the ground in 2016. Whichever team drafts Simmons will do so knowing he might not play until 2020. The Bears are in a win-now mode, so they'll be looking for a player who can help them right away with their third-round pick. It's also entirely possible Simmons is off the board in the first two rounds, based strictly on his talent.

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What to watch for down the stretch for the Bulls

Johnson, from Page 1

Behold Porter's poise.

Even if he doesn't keep connecting at the ridiculous 62.1 percent he shot in his first four games since the Bulls acquired him from the Wizards, he affects the offense because of his length and reputation as a marksman. Porter spaces the floor, creating more lanes for LaVine and more opportunities for Markkanen.

On defense, his ability to guard multiple positions also is beneficial. It's hard to focus on player development when you're getting blown out, which happened far too frequently this season.

The Bulls are 2-2 since Porter's arrival, with the losses coming by an average of 11 points. That might seem bad, but compare it with the 10-game skid in late December/early January in which the Bulls meekly fell by an average of 17.2 points.

It's a shame Wendell Carter Jr. is out for the season after left thumb surgery. The rookie center's promising defensive instincts — at 19 — would have an even greater impact alongside a player of Porter's intelligence and versatility.

Porter represents the exact type of player — a low-maintenance, versatile veteran — the Bulls will target in free agency with their roughly \$20 million of salary-cap space.

Keep Markkanen rolling.

Jim Boylen has cited Markkanen's commitment to rebounding and the shift in offensive philosophy to using multiple ballhandlers in the open court to explain the second-year big man's surge.

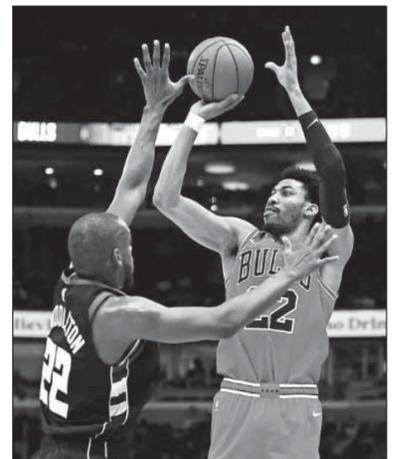
Whatever the case, Markkanen entered the break with five straight double-doubles and eight in nine games. He missed by one rebound while scoring 30 points in a Feb. 2 road loss to the Hornets or it would've been nine straight double-doubles.

Markkanen has attempted an average of 6.8 3-pointers in his six-game surge, right around his season average of 6.6 attempts per game. But he's also attacking the rim more and making plays in transition.

Monitor the relationship between LaVine and Boylen.

LaVine initially bristled the most when Boylen replaced Fred Hoiberg, under whom LaVine had plenty of freedom. Boylen more forcefully has challenged LaVine to become a complete player, adding defense and playmaking to his prodigious scoring ability.

LaVine entered the break with a career-best streak of five games with at least five assists. Perhaps more important, the palpable postgame frustration that colored most of his January media sessions seemed to dissipate.



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The Bulls will have a chance to watch the development of forward Otto Porter Jr. and how he fits into the team's future plans.

"You definitely see how much he cares," LaVine said of Boylen in an interview on the eve of the break. "He's very passionate. He's a very competitive coach. I've got to give him that. He puts the work in. He's here late. When I come in and shoot, he's here doing his film work. So he definitely does care for his players."

LaVine is posting career highs in scoring (23 points), assists (4.4), rebounds (4.5), free-throw shooting (85.9 percent) and field-goal shooting (46.2 percent). Continuing to find common ground with Boylen would make LaVine's season even more successful.

Push Kris Dunn.

The point guard is at his best when he's challenged, when he's seemingly backed into a corner. Would it be outlandish to experiment with starting Ryan Arcidiacono and see how Dunn plays with the second unit?

It's probably too early for that, even if Arcidiacono is tied for third in the league in assist-to-turnover ratio and fits well with scoring-minded players such as LaVine and Markkanen.

Statistically, Dunn's averages aren't that far off from last season, when he created some buzz with his play. But his 3-point and free-throw attempts are down, two crucial needs for a point guard playing alongside LaVine and Markkanen.

Their net rating together in 539 minutes is minus-10. In the 210 shared minutes between Arcidiacono, LaVine and Markkanen, it's only minus-3.8.

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BLACKHAWKS



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Memorable for wrong reasons

Delia ready to move past debacle in net after crazy 8-7 victory

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

A buzz remained in the air the morning after the Blackhawks' 8-7 victory over the Senators.

Alex DeBrincat's five-point Monday and fourth career hat trick Monday was still being celebrated. Patrick Kane's 18-game point streak was still being marveled at. And with the Hawks a point out of a playoff spot, their unlikely run at the postseason seemed more real than ever.

Then there was Collin Delia. The rookie goalie, who gave up three goals in less than eight minutes before getting pulled for the first time in his NHL career, was on the ice Tuesday doing his best to put the debacle behind him.

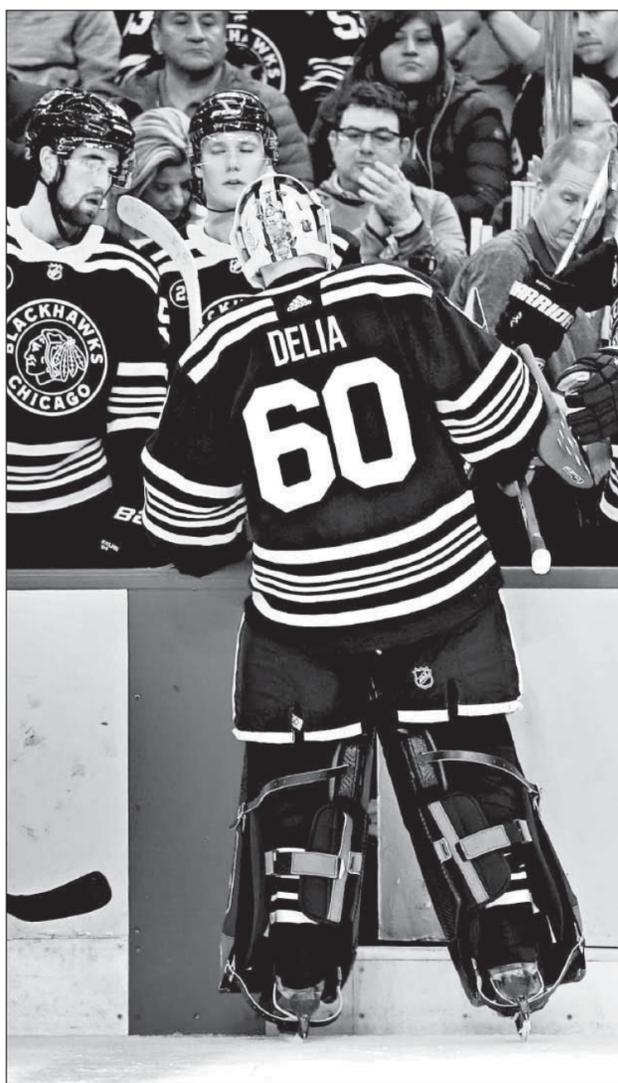
"Anytime you feel bad like that, you just want to stay at the rink and take as many shots (as you can) or get in the gym," Delia said. "Do something constructive, do something positive to keep your mind off that. We all fail at times. It's just a matter of how you respond. Are you going to get back to work or are you going to sulk?"

"I thought about it until about 10 minutes before I went to bed and then went to sleep and came back out here today and looked to get some work in, have a better showing next time out."

It was a strange night of hockey, not least because Delia was unprepared to play. He has allowed nine goals over his last two starts covering less than four periods. He still has a healthy .912 save percentage, but his goals-against average has ballooned to a not-so-healthy 3.43.

"It's easy to be positive when everything's going good for you," Delia said. "But you really test your character when things are tough. Definitely was tested last night. A lapse in preparation for me. Just felt a little bit nonchalant out there, and that's not the case. You have to be on every night and you have to be sharp. I'll be better next time."

When that next time will be isn't clear. Coach Jeremy Colliton hasn't announced a starting goalie for Wednesday night's game against



JEFF HAYNES/AP

Blackhawks goaltender Collin Delia was pulled during the first period after allowing three goals against the Senators on Monday night.

the Red Wings, and Corey Crawford could return this weekend.

Colliton doesn't have any doubt Delia will be able to shrug off Monday's bad start and be ready the next time he's called upon.

"If you don't do it, then you're going to have a tough time staying in the league," Colliton said. "He has it in him. He's got that maturity and mental toughness, and there's going to be bumps in the road here. But we believe in him."

Crawford, a two-time Stanley

Cup winner who has been pulled from his share of games, echoed what Colliton said.

"Every goalie's going to have that game every once in a while," Crawford said. "It wasn't the first one I'm sure, and it won't be the last one. He's fast in the net, he's got good hands, sees the puck well. I wouldn't be worried about that at all."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Crawford still needs medical clearance

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

Despite practicing with the team and saying he feels good, Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford has yet to be cleared by team doctors to return to game action.

Before Crawford can play, he must pass what coach Jeremy Colliton called a "return-to-play protocol."

Crawford, who suffered a concussion in December, said Tuesday he hopes to take the final tests he must pass "around the end of this week."

"It's something where you have to feel good or else probably you're not going to pass it, right?" Crawford said. "I mean, there's no

point in taking it if you don't feel good. I think once you're in shape and ready to go, you're fine to do that."

After he's cleared, Crawford will leave it to the coaching staff to decide when he gets his first start.

"I'm just trying to get better every day," Crawford said. "When you first come back, it's kind of like you're stopping pucks on accident almost. It's funny to say that, but the game's so fast, it's hard to be on right away. And then maybe you go back to sucking for a little bit and then the timing comes back. It's just going through stages of little things."

"But right now I (am) seeing the puck pretty good. Just work out every practice and I'll be ready."

Off the hook: When Hawks defenseman Slater Koekkoek was called for hooking with 1 minute, 40 seconds left Monday, it gave the Senators a final chance to try to send the game to overtime.

The Hawks were able to kill the penalty, hang on for an 8-7 victory and bail out Koekkoek.

"I felt like I had 22,000 just looking right at me," Koekkoek said. "But I had confidence in our penalty kill."

One-timers: Brent Seabrook didn't make the trip to Detroit and will miss his second consecutive game with an abdominal strain. ... Dominik Kahun committed his first penalty of the season against the Senators.

CUBS

Seeking urgency after sour ending

Baez hoping team failures spark better results in 2019

By MARK GONZALES
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MESA, Ariz. — After an exhausted Javier Baez fell short of carrying his Cubs teammates deep into the playoffs last year, he'll try to strike a balance of leading by performance and example.

"I can't do it alone," said Baez, who finished second in National League Most Valuable Player voting after producing 34 home runs, 111 RBIs and a .290 batting average. "I'm sure there are a few guys here with leadership (skills), so we'll just try to stay together and try to get the team to play more together."

Baez believes the Cubs need to play with a sense of urgency in 2019 after their run of three consecutive appearances in the NL Championship Game abruptly ended last year. He said the team didn't react quickly enough as their five-game lead in the NL Central with 28 games remaining disappeared.

"After the season was over, after the last game, we started saying what we were missing, and it kind of bothered me," Baez said Tuesday. "That's what the game is for, to make adjustments and get better. We waited until the season was over to look at it and try to make adjustments when there was no tomorrow."

"This offseason we had a lot of time to think about it and to see how we're going to react this year."

Baez, 26, who occasionally watches the trajectory of his home runs at home plate, also put himself on notice and said players should hold each other accountable.

"Last year, I didn't run full speed to first base and I would get back to the dugout and no one would say anything," Baez said. "This year, if I don't do it, someone will hopefully say something. It's not to show you up. It's to make our team better."

For example, when reliever Pedro Strop told Baez to quit going through the motions during a rain delay in Kansas City on Aug. 6, that motivated Baez to hit a tiebreaking home run and an RBI double in his next two at-bats.

When it comes to improving at the plate, Baez said he is committed to being more patient.

"I'm just trying to get more walks," Baez said. "People are talking about my walks and strikeouts, and it's only going to make me better if I walk more and if I see the ball better."

Baez had the National League's highest first-pitch swing rate at 46.5 percent, and he had 422 swings and misses



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Cubs infielder Javier Baez is hoping for a better sense of urgency after the team lost early in the postseason last season.

(third in the majors).

Baez drew 29 walks in 645 plate appearances in 2018 — one fewer than in 2017 despite 137 more plate appearances.

"He's arrived at this juncture on his own," manager Joe Maddon said. "Because when a player brings it up and it's going to be his idea, there's a much better chance of it being fulfilled."

Baez's biceps look noticeably bigger, but he noted that he put added emphasis on conditioning work in the offseason after playing in 160 games last season, including starting 21 of the final 22.

Baez batted only .256 with one home run in his final 12 regular-season games. He finished with 21 steals and did not steal a base after Aug. 23.

"I kind of did get a little tired," he said. "A lot had to do with running the bases and (trying to) get 30 (stolen bases). After the first half, all the teams started to worry about me on the bases, so I was working more and had a lot of pressure on me. I was trying to do too much in the last month. I'll try to make the adjustment on that and try to control myself when I can."

Baez was proud to finish in the top three in NL MVP voting, behind the Brewers' Christian Yelich and ahead of the Rockies' Nolan Arenado.

"I just hope and think they should (consider) more defense into it," Baez said. "There's a lot of comments about it. But it's something I can't control. Yelich had a great year, just like me and Arenado. So hopefully I'll be in the top three (in 2019)."

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CUBS NOTES

Maddon optimistic about Darvish rebound

By MARK GONZALES
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MESA, Ariz. — There will be greater challenges for Cubs pitcher Yu Darvish as he returns from right elbow surgery, but his first bullpen session of spring training Tuesday fueled optimism that he can return to form.

"He threw the ball very well," manager Joe Maddon said after observing the latter part of Darvish's session. "He was really free and let it go. His ball had a good finish at the end."

"When I saw him good for so many years, I really thought he had great low carry/finish off the end. And off that comes the breaking stuff. So he looked good, and I'm very happy."

Spat's that: Javier Baez knows the atmosphere at Cubs Conventions, and he's a friend of Cardinals All-Star catcher and fellow Puerto Rican Yadier Molina.

So Baez provided an interesting observation of the fallout from Kris Bryant saying St. Louis is "boring" during Ryan Dempster's comedy show at the convention last month and Molina's reply that only "stupid players and losers" make fun of other cities.

"I was not surprised," Baez said. "I know Yadi, and he wants to defend his team and his town. KB wasn't trying to show anyone up. It was a funny show, and (Dempster) is trying to get our fans going."

Still sidelined: Left-hander Mike Montgomery has yet to throw off a mound because of left shoulder stiffness.

"I might have accelerated (my throwing) a little too quick," Montgomery said. "I took a step back. I should be throwing off a mound by the end of the week."

Maddon had no update on infielder Ben Zobrist, who missed his second consecutive workout.

Russell grateful: Addison Russell admitted Friday's news conference, in which he admitted he inflicted "hurt" and "pain" on his ex-wife, was "pretty tough," but the shortstop was grateful for the support from his teammates and Chairman Tom Ricketts.

"Second chances don't come too often, and it's special any time I come in this clubhouse," Russell said. "It's special any time I step on the field. As human beings, we're going to make mistakes, but you've got to get better at the end of the day."

Russell was placed on administrative leave Sept. 21 and didn't play the rest of the season. He was coping with a swollen left middle finger, and the time off allowed his finger and right shoulder to rest and get stronger.

"I definitely need to show (the shoulder) more attention, and I feel really strong right now," Russell said. "I feel I'm in great shape. I started working out early in the offseason, and I'm feeling great."

WHITE SOX & CUBS

Manfred steps up, sprays to all fields

Commissioner reflects on Machado, pitch clock, expansion, racist emails

BY PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Five takeaways from Commissioner Rob Manfred's Cactus League news conference Tuesday:

1. Manny Machado's signing is welcome news.

Manfred welcomed the Padres' signing of Manny Machado to a 10-year, \$300 million deal, though he noted it wasn't official.

"(If) what's being reported is accurate, I think that's a great thing," he said. "The Padres were active last year in the free-agent market, obviously a big signing with Eric Hosmer. This would be another one, if in fact, that's what happened."

"I think it's good in baseball to have big stars present in some of our smaller markets and see those markets really being out there willing to compete for the best talent."

Some have proposed a signing

deadline in the winter to avoid having so many free agents available at the start of spring training.

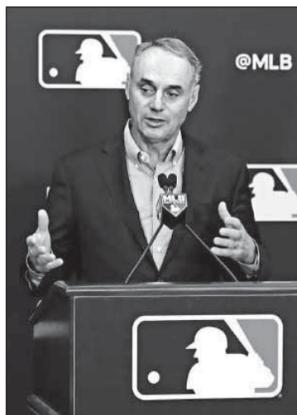
"The difficulty with artificial deadlines is what do you do when you go past the deadline?" he said. "In other words, we make a deal with players association that every free agent has to sign by Jan. 10, so it's all over early. The problem is what do you do if someone isn't signed?"

Manfred said the group of "really good players" remaining is down to nine, though he didn't reveal whom he considers "really good."

"They're going to sign," he said. "We still have a little time, and in some ways I feel like it's a little much ado about nothing. If in fact those players all sign, the season is going to go on, we're going to have the right players out there playing on the field, and it's kind of no harm, no foul."

As for the possibility of a strike down the road, Manfred said there is no need to be concerned and things will be resolved through collective bargaining when the process begins.

"The issues I think are a little overblown," he said.



JOHN RAOUX/AP

Baseball commissioner Rob Manfred addressed the Manny Machado signing and other issues during a news conference.

Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright said he's 100 percent certain of a future strike.

"I do think it would be helpful if we tried not to sensationalize the back and forth on the individual issues," Manfred said, suggesting players stop making "negative" comments.

2. The pitch clock is coming.

Manfred reiterated MLB will begin using a 20-second pitch clock in spring training games to speed up play and will likely continue it in the regular season.

"We're going to make preparations to put us in a position to use the pitch clock if in fact we can get a deal or we decide to go ahead, as is our contractual right," he said.

"We bargained for the right to do this and we're going to start those preparations to give people an opportunity to get used to what the pitch clock looks like and were going to play out the process with the players association at the same time."

3. Defensive shifts aren't going away anytime soon.

Manfred said there is "substantial sentiment within the game for the idea that eliminating the shift, or limiting the amount of shifting that can be done, might be a positive for the game."

But he then added others believe the game will "self-adjust" as teams and players make adjustments to combat the shift, and that "we're better off leaving it alone."

In other words, nothing appears imminent.

4. Expansion is on the horizon.

Manfred wants to see progress on the stadium issues in Tampa Bay and Oakland but added he sees MLB having 32 teams in the future.

That means baseball would expand by two teams and have two 16-team leagues.

"I think 32 opens up the opportunity for a substantial rethinking of our (schedule) format and postseason format, meaning realignment as well as reconstruction of divisions," he said. "Maybe even geographical realignment."

5. Case closed on Joe Ricketts' emails.

Manfred said he's not going to look any further into the situation regarding the racist and Islamophobic emails connected to Ricketts' family patriarch Joe Ricketts.

"We have talked extensively with the Cubs about this topic," he said. "We're fully aware of the situation."

Manfred said Ricketts has "no day-to-day role" in the Cubs or any control over decision-making, so "it is a bit of a reach for baseball to be involved, given that set of facts."

Sox left out in the cold

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Now the slow-motion pursuit of Machado finally is over, and not surprisingly the 26-year-old superstar choose palm trees and fish tacos over frostbite and deep-dish pizza.

Of course the \$300 million over 10 years might have been a factor. The Sox never said they would outbid everyone, although executive vice president Ken Williams said Tuesday they made a "better" offer, albeit with a lower base salary, than the reported deal with the Padres.

The Athletic's Ken Rosenthal reported the Sox offered \$250 million over eight years with \$100 million in incentives that were not guaranteed.

"Do we have no limits? No," general manager Rick Hahn said at SoxFest when a fan asked if they were willing to go to whatever it takes to reel in Machado.

"Everyone has a limit on how far you're willing to go on something. ... We've prepared for this, from the economic standpoint. We expect at the very least to go down swinging if we don't convert."

So the Sox struck out and they went down swinging, ending the longest and duller free-agent pursuit in team history.

Life goes on, and Sox fans will get over it. No one in the clubhouse was counting on Machado coming even with his brother-in-law (Yonder Alonso) and close friend (Jon Jay) in the house.

"We're going to think the same thing in this locker room regardless (of whether Machado signs with the Sox)," Daniel Palka said last week. "The guys we have in here are ready to win. If someone of that caliber gets added, even better. Players like that make everyone around them better. At the same time, we're not going to get our hopes up. Who knows how realistic it is with all the media (speculation)."

"I'd love for a dude like that to be here. He's my age, but I feel like I've been watching him for 10 years. But who we have in our locker room is what we're focused on."

Nicky Delmonico added: "One week you hear we're going to get



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White Sox executive vice president Ken Williams checks his phone shortly after news broke that Manny Machado signed with the Padres.

him, and the next day you hear another name. We'd love to have him, but until you do, you just go about your business."

Move along, guys. Nothing to see here.

The last time the Sox went all-in on one of the most coveted free agents also resulted in a swing and a miss. They went to the winter meetings in Dallas in 2000 with the idea of signing 25-year-old free-agent shortstop Alex Rodriguez, and reports had the Sox offering as much as \$195 million.

But A-Rod chose the Rangers, who blew the Sox away with a record-breaking 10-year, \$252 million deal.

Like now, the Sox were a young team in 2000, though they were coming off a surprising division title with high hopes for 2001. Undeterred by the A-Rod snub, incoming general manager Ken Williams made a bold trade in January for 37-year-old Blue Jays ace David Wells, who immediately jumped to the top of the rotation and got everyone's attention.

Williams said the Sox needed not only a No. 1 pitcher, but also a gate attraction.

"We needed an ace, and the price for an ace is high," Williams said. "This is a bit of a gamble, but I'm aggressive by nature. It's my hope that if there are any fans of ours sitting on the fence, now they'll come out to the ballpark."

The 2001 season turned into a disaster, and Wells was a big part of the problem, dividing the clubhouse with public criticism

of injured slugger Frank Thomas.

"If you don't have the guts to be out there, you know what, you don't need to be here," Wells said. "You need to be somewhere else and learn to play the game with guts and glory."

It was a marriage doomed from the start, but the Sox probably lucked out by not committing 10 years to Rodriguez, who later admitted to using performance-enhancing drugs in Texas and was dealt to the Yankees.

Maybe someday they will count their blessings they didn't get Machado.

"This isn't the last time we're going to be pursuing premium talent, and we're not going to convert on all of them," Hahn said Tuesday. "We learned that lesson harshly today. But we aren't going to shy away from continuing to try to make this team better."

The Sox saved quite a bit of money they can now spend, but Hahn said they won't use it to lure another high-priced free agent this year. In other words, no Bryce Harper. But he said they will be just as aggressive next winter, so maybe they can bring back Chris Sale, one of the more popular Sox players of the last few decades.

Whatever happens, at least we can put an end to the Machado watch.

No hard feelings, Manny. Enjoy the weather.

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WHITE SOX TAKEAWAYS

Fans can't always get what they want

Machado's decision stuns Williams, Hahn; Basabe's hand broken

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GLENDALE, Ariz. — White Sox fans who wanted Manny Machado will have to settle for left-hander Manny Banuelos and his one career victory.

Here are five takeaways from Machado's decision to reject the Sox in favor of the Padres.

1. Sox brass was stunned.

Executives Ken Williams and Rick Hahn left camp Monday afternoon to join Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf in presenting an enhanced offer to Machado's agent, Dan Lozano.

"We stepped up to where this morning I honestly believed we had the best offer on the table," Williams said Tuesday.

Hahn said he went to bed feeling confident. At about 2 a.m., he began feeling restless and checked his phone. Whatever he saw practically gave him nightmares. After a morning jog, he got word from Lozano.

"That cynicism," Hahn said, "proved to be foresight."

The Athletic's Ken Rosenthal reported that the Sox offered \$250 million over eight years with incentives and options that could have added an extra \$100 million. Illinois also has a far lower state income tax on mega-salaries than California.

But in the end, Machado wanted \$300 million guaranteed. The Padres didn't trade for Yonder Alonso, Machado's brother-in-law, or sign Jon Jay, Machado's buddy. They guaranteed him \$300 million and got the deal done.

2. The Sox deserve no credit for coming in second.

There's no silver medal. This is not losing the Super Bowl or reaching the Final Four. You either land the player or you don't.

The Sox acquired Alonso and Jay. Players around baseball noticed, and some might have giggled. "Half his family is over there," Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner cracked, "so I imagine he'd fit right in."

Hahn straddled the line on whether the organization deserves credit, saying, "There are certain elements of this pursuit that as an organization we should be proud of;" namely the creative offer.

He also said, "Trying really hard and failing is not sufficient."

Hahn wouldn't say if the Sox will make a play for free-agent outfielder Bryce Harper, who likely will command more than \$300 million.

"We said from the start that the rebuild would not be about one guy, one star, one acquisition," he said. "This isn't the last time we're going to be pursuing premium talent, and we're not going to convert on all of them. We learned that lesson harshly. But I know right now the trajectory remains good with or without any individual addition."

"We're going to be better opening day than we were at the end of last season. We will be better at the end of this season than we will be on opening day."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox general manager Rick Hahn talks about free-agent Manny Machado's decision to sign with the Padres on Tuesday.

3. The infield shuffle rolls on.

With Machado off the radar, the Sox will look to swap Yoan Moncada and Yolmer Sanchez. If Moncada can handle the hot corner, Sanchez will keep second base warm until Nick Madrigal arrives.

Madrigal, whom the Sox took fourth in the 2018 draft after he starred at Oregon State, is respected for his bat control and potential Gold Glove.

Omar Vizquel, who won 11 Gold Gloves at shortstop and will manage Double-A Birmingham this season, said of Madrigal: "He's awesome. He can go and get balls to his right and left as good as anybody. We compare him to maybe (Dustin) Pedroia. He's all over the field every play."

It's no surprise the upbeat Sanchez is fine with his pending move to second: "I can play third, I can play second, I can play short. Wherever the team needs, I'm going to try to do my best."

Which position is the most fun?

"I make it fun," he said. "It's not about the position, it's about me."

4. As Bill Belichick said, "We're on to Cincinnati!"

And the Sox want to move on from Machado. Desperately.

"We wish him the best," manager Rick Renteria said, "but everybody in that (locker) room is preparing to move forward."

Alonso declined to address the media through a team representative. Jay took questions and said: "I'm happy for him as a friend. Selfishly I wanted him here, but now we can turn the page. We have our team here. Additions can still be made, but I'm happy with where our roster is right now. Guys are here in camp, guys are competing and this is what the Chicago White Sox are going to be."

5. When it rains, it pours — and bones break.

Outfielder Luis Basabe broke the hamate bone in his left hand Monday during batting practice. He likely won't play for about 12 weeks.

Basabe, the organization's ninth-ranked prospect, hit a combined .258 with 15 homers last season for Class A Winston-Salem and Birmingham.

Machado gives Sox cold shoulder

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Had Machado accepted the deal, it would have dwarfed the club's previous high of \$68 million over six years to Jose Abreu.

Instead, the rebuild continues, and the Sox remain a long shot for the playoffs coming off a 100-loss season in 2018.

Executive vice president Ken Williams said he was "very surprised" Machado spurned the Sox offer.

"There are a few other words you could put on that," he said. "I'm still in a bit of disbelief. (Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf) really, really stepped up. If the acceptance of the offer that I'm seeing is true, then actually our offer had the opportunity for Manny to surpass that. But in the end we went after the guy and we didn't get him."

"We're disappointed, but hey, the reason we were going after him in the first place is because we feel we are positioned to do some good things here going forward. We wanted to accelerate that to a large degree, and that's why we made the overture we did. We will keep the train rolling."

Williams would not get into specifics about the Sox offer, saying it was "a lower base, but we stepped up to where this morning I honestly believed that we had the best offer on the table. ... We felt like we could potentially close a deal (Tuesday)."

Of the Padres, Williams said: "You've got to give it to them. They are in a similar trajectory as we are. And for the same reasons we were after him, they were after him. Their ownership group did a great job in trumping everyone else."

Machado's decision leaves the Sox with a starting infield of Abreu, Yolmer Sanchez, Tim Anderson and Yoan Moncada, who is slated to move from second to third base.

It also leaves the Sox with a payroll of around \$80 million, ranking 25th in baseball. The Cubs, by comparison, will shell out about \$209 million, according to spotrac.com.

The Sox hoped to supercharge their rebuild in Year 3. Whiffing on Machado certainly won't help home attendance, which has declined almost every year since 2006, or their poor TV ratings.

"I'm wearing my shades so that you guys don't see the shock in my eyes," Williams said, seated in a golf cart by a practice field. "It is disappointing."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Howard knows how to stay busy

High-scoring Marquette guard doing good things on and off the court

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MILWAUKEE — Markus Howard's morning had been full: a sports marketing class, an interview with a reporter and a conference call as a student member of the NCAA oversight committee for Division I men's basketball.

"I like to stay busy," Howard said. "These are all things I can take on and can handle. I have a full plate, but they're all things I enjoy doing."

Howard, a junior guard for No. 11 Marquette (21-4, 10-2 Big East), is the king of maximizing his time to improve himself on and off the court.

He ranks fourth in the nation in scoring, averaging 25.6 points in 33.3 minutes per game entering the Golden Eagles' home game Wednesday night against Butler. That includes 45-point games in victories against then-No. 12 Kansas State and then-No. 14 Buffalo (40 in the second half) and a school- and conference-record 53 in an overtime win over Creighton.

Including a 52-point game last season against Providence, he's the first player in 20 years to score at least 50 points twice in his career, according to ESPN Stats & Info.

"I guess we shouldn't be surprised anymore," Marquette coach Steve Wojciechowski said after the Creighton game. "He's done it enough where on certain nights, he's capable of being magical. Every night he's really, really good."

But it's not just how much Howard scores. It's also how many ways he scores.

Generously listed at 5-foot-11, Howard slithers between opponents to the hoop. When defenders smother him, he creates shots out of nothing. He launches 3-pointers from all over the court.

"He's a very tricky cover," DePaul coach Dave Leitao said last week after Howard scored 36 on 12-of-21 shooting in Marquette's 92-73 victory at Wintrust Arena. "One, because of his high skill set. He shoots the ball as well as anyone in America."

"He has an ability to keep you off balance. He's good enough with the dribble to catch and shoot. He's good enough to inside-out and step back and keep you off balance to foul him. He's good enough to get to the basket and make something happen."

Howard is shooting 44.6 percent, including 43.8 percent on 3-pointers, and making 91 percent of his free throws while getting to the line 7.1 times per game. He also averages 4.2 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 1.1 steals.

He often refers to his favorite book, "The Jordan Rules," to learn about how Michael Jordan polished his game. The last time he skimmed through it, he focused on how Jordan became more than a scoring machine by developing other areas.

"It's something I'm dealing with, trying to be an all-around player and help the team win," Howard said. "This year I took a step in all areas, in my scoring, my distributing, my defense."

Howard gained his competitive fire growing up in an Arizona household with two older brothers. His dad, Chuck, was a running back at Indiana in the early 1980s. His mom, Noemi, knew luring the boys from their backyard hoop was impossible, so she often would bring dinner outside to them.

Jordan Howard, who plays for Raptors 905 in the G League, was the 2018 Southland Conference player of the year at Central Arkansas and ranked third nationally with 25.8 points per game. The oldest brother, Desmond, runs a basketball training company and works out his brothers every summer.

"The way we train is not normal," Markus said. "It's unorthodox. The shots are tough shots. There are not many times in a game where I get an easy shot. I practice that."

He enjoys overcoming tough scenarios. When Howard was 5, he played on his brother's basketball team with 9-year-olds. "I never played on teams with people my own age," he said. He graduated from high school early and enrolled at Marquette at 17.

He has always worked to prove his height wouldn't be a barrier to success. His favorite story is David versus Goliath.

"Always being a smaller guard anyway, I had a chip on my shoulder," he said. "Knowing nothing was going to be given to me. I still approach it that way. I don't look at it like a negative with my size. I look at it as something I overcome."

When defenders began zeroing in on Howard last season, he knew he had to adjust.

"I just continued to maintain being aggressive," he said. "That's my biggest asset. I continue to push on. My teammates do a great job of putting me in the right position."

He also had to absorb more attention off the court. He said he receives hundreds of text messages after a high-scoring game. Everyone on the 8,300-student campus seems to know him.

To deal with the stress of being a high-profile college athlete, Howard began seeing a therapist once a week. He decided to speak publicly about it to dispel stigmas about mental health.

"It's been really helpful," Howard said. "Having another outlet to talk about what



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"There will be a time you'll stop playing. You can impact your campus and others' lives the best you can now."

— Marquette guard Markus Howard

you're feeling and what you're going through. Not many people are open to that, but you can find out things about yourself you might not have. It's important to be public about it and give other people the power to speak on it."

He also founded a Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter at Marquette this season with about 20 athletes meeting every Sunday. In the offseason, he traveled to Costa Rica to help build a basketball court through the nonprofit charity Courts for Kids.

"Basketball is something that's been in my whole life as long as I can remember," Howard said. "In college, I can decide to be the man I want to be. (My parents have) been on me about (how) there will be a time you'll stop playing. You can impact your campus and others' lives the best you can now."

At Marquette, Howard is making the most of his time.

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ROBERT FRANKLIN/AP

Notre Dame's John Mooney controls the ball as he is hounded by Wake Forest's Jaylen Hoard (10) and Olivier Sarr.

WAKE FOREST 75, NOTRE DAME 68

Struggling Irish drop home game

By JOHN FINERAN | Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Brandon Childress scored 20 points as Wake Forest pulled away from Notre Dame late for a 75-68 victory Tuesday night.

T.J. Gibbs scored a game-high 23 points on 8-of-12 shooting but had only six after halftime for Notre Dame, which lost its second straight. John Mooney had 16 points and nine rebounds and Prentiss Hubb added 11 for the Irish.

Childress scored 15 of the points on 5-of-7 shooting from beyond the 3-point line as the Demon Deacons (10-15, 3-10 ACC) used a 9-2 run in the final minutes to pull away from the Irish (13-13, 3-10).

Olivier Sarr had 14 points on 6-of-8 shooting and Jaylen Hoard scored 10, including a layup with 2:41 left that broke a 66-66 tie. The victory was the Deacons' second in their last nine games.

Both teams had hot shooting hands at the start of the first half that ended with Notre Dame up 36-35, and no one was hotter than Gibbs, who hit his first three shots, three of them beyond the arc, for 17 points. He finished the half 6-of-7 from the field, including 3-of-4 from beyond the 3-point line.

The Irish built their biggest lead, 36-29, on Mooney's 3-pointer with 3:39 but Notre Dame went cold, missing its final five shots. The Demon Deacons finished on a 6-0 run as Childress had nine and Brown eight.

The Deacons shot 53.8 percent (14 of 26) in the first half after starting 8 of 12. At one point, the teams were a combined 68 percent (15 of 22) from the floor. Childress and Sarr were a combined 6-for-6 shooting, including 4-of-4 from beyond the arc, for 16 points, and the Deacons had 12 assists (four by Childress) on their 14 first-half field goals.

UNC eager to face Zion, Duke

Associated Press

North Carolina coach Roy Williams set his sights on landing Zion Williamson out of high school, only to see him end up down the road at the Tar Heels' biggest rival.

Williams and the rest of the eight-ranked Tar Heels will get an up-close look at top-ranked Duke's rim-wrecking freshman Wednesday in what's sure to be a foundation-shaking atmosphere at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

"Zion's a different bird, there's no question," Williams said Monday. "We tried to recruit him very hard. He's got a combination of skill set that I've never seen and there is a lot of attention, but he deserves it. He's backed it up."

Williamson arrived at Duke with plenty of hype, a 6-foot-8, 285-pound force who created a massive following with his head-above-the-rim dunks.

He's exceeded even those lofty expectations by doing the same things he did to high schoolers against college players. Williamson is right behind fellow freshman R.J. Barrett with 22.4 points per game, grabs 9.2 rebounds and often has more highlights in one game than most players have all season.

He's also helped lead the Blue Devils (23-2, 13-1 ACC) to No. 1 in the AP Top 25 for the third time this season.

Since losing to Syracuse on Jan. 14, Duke has reeled off nine straight wins, including a 23-point comeback victory over No. 18 Louisville. The Blue Devils moved up a spot to No. 1 this week after Tennessee lost to No. 4 Kentucky.

"It's hard to kind of miss the hype they get, because it's all over the place, but we try not to pay attention to it," North Carolina senior guard Cameron Johnson said. "We go about our own business and we're really confident in the group that we have. But it'll definitely be a big opportunity for us."

The Tar Heels (20-5, 10-2) had a seven-game winning streak ended by No. 3 Virginia on Feb. 11, but bounced back with a rout of Wake Forest on Saturday.

North Carolina won two of three against their biggest rival a year ago, including the semifinals of the ACC tournament.

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PGA Tour contemplating new cut of top 65 and ties

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — The PGA Tour again is taking a close look at changing the size of its cuts, and this time the idea appears to have some legs.

One topic at the first Player Advisory Council meeting last Tuesday at Riviera was to change the 36-hole cut from top 70 and ties to top 65 and ties, which is what the European Tour and the Web.com Tour do.

“There’s some traction for it,” said Jordan Spieth, in his first year on the policy board. “The argument is the MDFs don’t look good and twosomes on the weekend are better for everybody, including the viewership.”

The MDF was the tour’s first crack at avoiding bloated fields for the final round. It stands for “Made the cut, did not finish,” and it was passed unanimously at the end of 2007. Whenever more than 78 players make the cut, a 54-hole cut is in play to narrow the field to top 70 and ties.

This would be another step, though it’s in the early stages.

In the 10 tournaments this season, a cut to the top 65 and ties would have happened just once. At the Safeway Open, 86 players made the 36-hole cut. If the cut had been top 65 and ties, 67 players would have advanced to the weekend, sending home another 19 players on Friday. Of those 19, Tom Hoge had a 69-70 weekend and tied for 17th, which was worth 44 FedEx Cup points.

That’s what concerns Matt Kuchar, who is on the PAC.

“The MDF is a great addition,” Kuchar said. “Guys who have a bad Saturday (and missed the 54-hole cut), they’re not competitive in the tournament anymore. The T-65 you just have a handful of stories of a guy who would have missed the cut that has won or has a top 5. It happens every now and then.”

The best example was Jose Maria Olazabal, who made the cut on the number at Torrey Pines in 2002 (tie for 69th) and was among 89 players who advanced to the weekend. Olazabal shot 67-65 on the weekend and won by one shot.

“I’m kind of on the fence,” Kuchar said. “It works in Europe. It works in a lot of places.”

Even with a cut to top 65 and ties, there still could be occasions when more than 78 players make the cut, and the 54-hole cut would remain.

Spieth said he hasn’t detected too many players opposed to the idea, except for those who seem to constantly be around the cut line and want every chance. Much like Kuchar, however, he doesn’t have a strong opinion either way.

“I don’t mind how it is now. I don’t mind if it switches,” Spieth said. “But there is some traction.”

Shorts games

Branden Grace showed up on the putting green at Chapultepec Golf Club wearing pants, just like always.

He got the memo too late.

The PGA Tour, taking a page from the European Tour, has decided to let its players wear shorts during practice rounds and pro-ams. The announcement was posted in the locker room at the Puerto Rico Open and at the Mexico Championship on Monday.

Players still must have shorts that are knee length, tailored and “neat in appearance.”

Grace was in Los Angeles last week and didn’t put any such shorts in his suitcase. And maybe that’s a good thing. He raised his pants to show a pair of very white legs.

“I need a week in Florida to get some sun on these out-of-bounds stakes,” Grace said.

Europe began allowing shorts in practice rounds three years ago, while the PGA Championship allowed them in 2017 at Quail Hollow. Players still must wear pants during competition rounds.

Thomas recovery

Justin Thomas says he’s already over the fact he lost a four-shot lead at Riviera in the Genesis Open.

Just don’t get the idea he will forget about it.



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Matt Kuchar, above, says he’s “kind of on the fence” of trimming the PGA Tour cut to the top 65 and ties. Justin Rose, left, didn’t play in Dubai last year late in the European Tour season.

only two players, Francesco Molinari and Tommy Fleetwood. Molinari finished in a tie for 26th to hold off Fleetwood for the season-long title.

“With the revised prize money breakdown and the extra Race to Dubai points in place for 2019, this provides a tremendous incentive for our players,” Pelley said.

Divots

Mexico is the 22nd country where Tiger Woods has competed as a pro. Michelle Wie makes her first LPGA Tour appearance since last October because of a hand injury. She is part of the field at the Honda LPGA Thailand. The 3M Open in Minnesota, one of two new tournaments on the PGA Tour this year, now has commitments from Bryson DeChambeau, Jason Day and Patrick Reed.

The developmental circuit for the LPGA of Japan, known as the “Step Up Tour,” has been approved to allot world ranking points. PGA of America president Suzy Whaley will be captain of the U.S. team in the inaugural Women’s PGA Cup in October in Austin, Texas, a team competition among PGA members from around the world.

Stat of the week

In the last year, Jordan Spieth has only had three tournaments where he has started the final round within five shots of the lead or better.

Final word

“Nobody can really brag about how far they hit it this week.” — Justin Thomas, on playing at 7,800 feet elevation in the Mexico Championship.

“It will bother me the rest of my life — 100 percent it will,” he said. “There are tournaments I didn’t win my rookie year that still bother me and that was a lot worse than that, so I’m sure that will bother me. But in terms of being over it, it’s done with.”

Thomas closed with a 75 and finished one shot behind J.B. Holmes. It was only his third runner-up finish, the others at the Mexico Championship last year in a playoff to Phil Mickelson, and at the 2017 Tour Championship behind Xander Schauffele.

Asked if he spends more time thinking about his wins or losses, Thomas replied, “I hate to lose more than I like to win, if that answers the question.”

European riches

Justin Rose skipped the DP World Tour Championship in Dubai late last year, in part because he had no chance of winning the Race to Dubai.

That scenario likely won’t exist this year with a big boost in prize money and points.

And the European Tour will find out just how much money is as an incentive.

For starters, first place in Dubai will worth \$3 million, the biggest tournament check in golf. The first-place share for the two events leading up to Dubai will also get large increases — to \$2 million for the winner in the Turkish Airlines Open and \$2.5

million for the winner of the Nedbank Challenge in South Africa.

The total purse at all three events remain the same, meaning the rest of the field will play for a \$5 million purse. That also leads to slightly smaller fields — 70 players for Turkey, 60 for South Africa and 50 for Dubai.

European Tour chief executive Keith Pelley said the additional Race to Dubai points will increase the number of players with a chance to win.

A tour analysis shows if this new points model had been in place the last five years, five to 16 players on average would have had a chance to win the Race to Dubai. Last year, it came down to

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

Muslim girls hoops team courts greater acceptance

By MARK GUARINO
Special to The Washington Post

MILWAUKEE — With the state regional playoffs opening this week, the team from Salam School doesn't quite fit the profile of a girls' basketball powerhouse — but perhaps the Stars are redefining it.

Fresh popcorn crackles by the front door of the gym, but the concession table also sells namoura, an Arabic sweet cake. Coaches still shout strategy and advice to players on the court, but during a second-quarter break, a man sings in Arabic over the public address system, extending an invitation to evening prayer at the adjoining mosque. All 12 players on the varsity girls' team play while wearing hijabs.

At 14-4, the Stars entered this week's sectionals as underdogs, but they have shown that being Muslim and crushing it on the court is as normal as apple pie. As the only Muslim team in the league, and sometimes the first Muslims some people outside Milwaukee see when the team plays road games, the Stars are tasked with responsibilities that go beyond playing solid defense or taking care of the ball. Jeers from the bleachers and whispered slurs on the court are common.

"To be honest, I did not expect it," team captain Safiya Schaub, 17, said.

So that means they must be good enough to win but also disciplined enough to not disrespect their religion in the public eye.

"We just have to keep a level head," Schaub said. "Because of what we are wearing, we represent more than our school. We represent the Muslim community in Milwaukee, maybe in the U.S. We have that level of responsibility on our shoulders."

The Muslim community in Milwaukee is relatively small — about 8,000 people, according to Salam Principal Wanis Shalaby — but the school itself is one of the largest Muslim schools in the U.S., with total enrollment of 835 students from kindergarten to 12th grade. When the high school opened 12 years ago, the two main ethnic backgrounds among its students were Arabic and Indo-Pacific. Today, the majority of students are from India or Pakistan, with growing populations from Somalia, Burma, Indonesia, Turkey and Serbia.

That diversity is evident when you walk through the school's halls: About eight languages are spoken by students. Shalaby said the school is in the midst of a \$2 million campaign to build a new gym about a half-mile away on an 11-acre piece of land where it plans to break ground this year for a new high school.

Salam School's athletic department has no locker room, shower facilities or pool. The school's basement gym accommodates nine teams, from fifth grade to high school.

That means scheduling practices and games requires the supremely flexible skills of Athletic Director Dave Petrick, who notes that when he started at Salam in 2002, athletics were in an even more primitive state. Back then, the gym had a concrete floor, basketball nets were not installed, and there weren't any definable teams. Worst of all: no equipment.

Hired as the school's first physical education teacher, Petrick, 55, had to build the department from scratch.

Years earlier, he worked in sports management, but after he started a family, he sidelined that career and became a corporate recruiter. Then came the dot-com crash and the 9/11 attacks, events that made him realize he missed the classroom. The job at Salam offered him a chance to refresh his life.

"I jumped at it," he said. "I could care less if the students were green or brown. Kids are kids."

He was also one of the first non-Muslim teachers at the school, which was an adjustment not only for him, but for his students. At a time when FBI profiling of Muslim communities dominated the headlines, he remembered a third-grader stopping him in the hallway and jokingly tell him that "everyone



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Coach Kassidi Macak talks her players on the Salam High School girls basketball team during a timeout.

thinks you're a spy."

The athletic programs Petrick started at the grade school and high school levels were popular among students, but he quickly realized he needed to grow support among parents who didn't grow up in a "Friday Night Lights" culture of youth sports. Instead, parents were dropping off and picking up their kids on game nights and not staying to watch the games.

When Petrick proposed a girls' basketball team for the high school, according to Shalaby, parents were concerned about the revealing attire worn by visiting teams and the potential dangers their children might face as the only Muslim school in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Wajdi Ismail, whose daughter Jenin plays forward, admitted he was fearful when his daughter announced she wanted to play, not just because of the taunting he thought she might receive from other schools but because he worried the fashion of basketball — shorts, loose hair, tight tops — was not Islamic. Then he learned Petrick annually petitions the WIAA to allow the team to play in hijabs and sweatpants, and every year the request is granted.

"I went with it, and thank God I went with it. It changed my life," he said. "I'm happy she found what she wants."

With parents now in attendance, home games "boost our confidence," said Schaub, who helped steer a committee to convince the school to allow the girls to play at home. "It's nice to have people watch us and cheer us on."

Schaub said female athletes automatically earned more respect among their peers, especially from the boys.

"Before, the girls' basketball team was made fun of," she said. "But when we finally had the home games, we got to show that we can play."

Shalaby said the school's elders have come to understand how athleticism is a way for the students to express their identity, which goes beyond their religion.

"These kids are Americans. This country is their country," Shalaby said. "We are enabling them to accentuate their American identity."

Like any Christian school, a Muslim school doesn't compartmentalize disciplines from the theology. Students are graded on whether or not they adhere to Islamic tenets, and prayer is integrated into the daily schedule. Shalaby says he is aware of the many distortions of Islam that non-Muslims see through the media. The school's role is not to correct those distortions through lecturing, but instead he says athletics present the perfect opportunity for "people to see us in action."

"In sports, if you are on the floor playing and your adrenaline



Salam's Safiya Schaub goes up for a rebound during a recent game.

is pumping, you can mask only so many things," he said. "The real you comes through."

Esraa Salim, a 15-year-old sophomore who plays guard on the Stars, said true character on the court means not taking the bait when another player ridicules her for her hijab.

"I can't say anything because I don't want to represent something I don't really believe in. I don't believe Islam is hateful. We don't exclude people, we treat them kindly," she said. "So I play defense straight up on her. That's how we get over it."

Salim said being the underdog in sports also has an upside.

"It's motivating," she said. "When you hear those comments, you think, 'Let's beat them on the court and show them we know how to play, and we're not those names that they're calling us.'"

Nadira Ali, whose parents are from Somalia, plays three sports, and when the Stars play an away game in nearby Kenosha, she feels all eyes on her from the stands.

"They look at us and don't think 'basketball players,' they don't think 'teenagers,' they think 'Muslims,'" she said. "And the first thing they think of is the stereotype on the news."

"So we have to be on top of our stuff. It's more of a responsibility (than a burden). We represent our faith. I'm all for that."

Attitudes such as Ali's reflect a growing visibility of Muslim women playing sports on their own terms. Fourteen Muslim women received medals during the 2016 Rio Olympics; among

dancing," Gamar said. "We sing songs."

Before Kassidi Macak became head coach she was working the desk at a local rental car company. "I was so bored," she says. Even though she grew up five minutes from Salam School, she didn't know any Muslims. Becoming head coach at Salam "gave me a new path in life," she says.

When she took over, the program "was more like a club," said Macak, who played on the 2012 Wisconsin Collegiate Conference championship team at the University of Wisconsin in Waukesha. She implemented daily practices, which because of the over-scheduled gym sometimes started as late as 9 p.m. She explained to girls and their parents the importance of commitment to the team. The court, she explained to her players, was where they could release all of their emotions, especially aggression.

Gamar credits the team's winning season directly to "Coach Kass."

"She brought a lot of new ideas," she says. "At first everyone was frustrated, but then we realized she's teaching to better you."

Macak, 26, was frank with her players that she knew nothing about their religion. So she asked them permission to ask "dumb questions." Those conversations led to both sides earning the respect of the other. She began to see the girls for their strength, on and off the court.

Petrick says Macak has built the team through her natural ability to be direct but also honest.

"She has really found a niche in how to communicate with this particular group," he says. "Quite frankly, she's a peer to them."

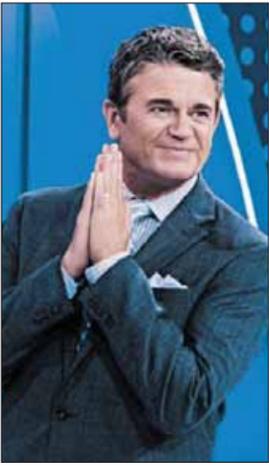
Schaub said she was "extremely nervous" when she started playing as a sophomore, primarily because she knew that her height — she is the second-tallest player on the team — demanded more from her. Today she runs drills in practice, her voice echoing off the gym walls.

At the start of the season Macak brought the girls into a classroom and told them to define a vision for the team. Before practice was up, they had one: "Playing to our potential each day through unity and commitment to achieve greatness."

Then she asked them to create five core values that they would commit to throughout the season. Playing hard and supporting each other on the court made the list. But the fifth value — "It's More Than the Score" — is one that comes directly from knowing they are seen by the outside world as more than just athletes.

"It's not just a basketball game for you guys; this is real life," Macak told them. "You're doing something super important. I don't think you realize you're changing the opinions of people who have never seen a Muslim person before. That's a big deal."

"We turn up the music and start



GAME SHOW NETWORK

John Michael Higgins hosts the game show "America Says."

MY WORST MOMENT

Veteran actor, rookie mistake

John Michael Higgins and making failure 'productive'

BY NINA METZ
 Chicago Tribune

A longtime actor, John Michael Higgins has branched out into something new as game show host of "America Says," airing five days a week on the Game Show Network.

A mashup of "Family Feud" and "Match Game," it works like this: "We put out a survey question, we get answers back and the contestants try to fill in the blanks to complete the top answers of a survey," said Higgins. "It's two teams, not so much families but people with similar interests, like a bowling team or a book club or something like that."

In addition to keeping the game organized, "I spend my time trying to both calm down eight people and to turn each one of them into an interesting character that the audience might have fun with or recognize themselves in somehow. It's actually quite fun. I like talking to people — and we do a bunch of these a day so I meet a lot of people! I haven't done a whole lot in the non-scripted world, but I sort of took to it a bit like a fish to water and I'm really getting my groove on."

As an actor, Higgins' credits span a wide cross-section of TV and film — from the NBC sitcom "Great News" to the comedies of Christopher Guest including "A Mighty Wind" and "Best in Show" to his role as the in-booth commentator alongside Elizabeth Banks in the "Pitch Perfect" franchise. All have been career high points. When asked to share a low point, Higgins said: "I'm going to preambule a little bit:

"I've been a professional actor for 40 years and the sheer volume of embarrassing and horrible moments is uncountable, because for every credit on a resume there are six failures surrounding it. And my feeling is, an actor who wants to stay in the business and make a living in the business and have success in the business is an actor who has a very productive relationship with failure. That you and failure have a real *understanding*. That you feed each other. That you are necessary for each other. That somehow (*laughs*) it's a good relationship because you spend a lot of time together so you've got to get along. "These embarrassments or failures or missteps are really just part of an actor's life. That's the gig. And there's nothing wrong it."

My worst moment ... "It's hard to surprise me just because I've been doing this for so long, but this experience surprised me. And it wasn't massively embarrassing or a great indignity, but it was just a

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FADEOUT MEDIA PHOTO

Toya Turner and Jose Nateras star in "Fulfillment Center" at A Red Orchid.

IN PERFORMANCE: 'Fulfillment Center' ★★★ 1/2

Modern portrait of a young manager

Dehumanizing industry takes toll on working class characters' relationships

BY CHRIS JONES | Chicago Tribune

The word Amazon is never mentioned in Abe Koogler's play "Fulfillment Center" — I suspect Koogler is well aware of the giant retailer's capacity for litigation — but this wry, poignant, plaintive new work nonetheless feels part of the great debate roiling America about whether or not an online retailer with giant regional warehouses, famously arduous work demands and a devastating impact on local Main Streets is worthy of taxpayer subsidies.

Koogler, a Texas-trained playwright and the author of the similarly impressive "Kill Floor," a play about meat-packers, is emerging as one of the best chroniclers of lower-middle-class life in America, especially in the workplace. Thus he is a fine

fit in the Chicago theater.

In the case of "Fulfillment Center," which I caught up with on Sunday at A Red Orchid Theater, the central character is an ambitious young New Yorker named Alex (Jose Nateras) who has moved to a remote corner of

New Mexico with the hopes of impressing his bosses through the performance of his "team" and thus being allowed to move to some more desirable locale. Like, say, Seattle. Alex has his issues and so does his girlfriend Madeleine (Toya Turner), who has relocated to be close to her boyfriend only to find that warehouses tend not to be built in the most exciting (nor in the most diverse) places on God's green earth.

Madeleine, in fact, soon finds herself in a bar with a man named John (Steve Schine, in a blisteringly painful performance). John, whom Madeleine deliciously describes as "ugly-hot," is not all he seems; Koogler has penned a vivid version of a wound-tight older dude whom many of us feel we know. He's

likable to a point but also, we rapidly deduce, wholly ill-equipped to thrive in the modern landscape of dating and love. Schine dives deep into that crevice between hope and despair. The last member of Koogler's sad quartet is Suzan (Natalie West), a former folk singer but now one of Alex's older workers and a person who wrongly thinks that this exurban portion of corporate America might care about her as a person, or value her social skills.

It does not. It wants only her productivity.

West is, to some extent, the comic relief. But if you know her work, you'll be aware her comedy is almost always rooted in some kind of pain. She's built a moving portrait here of the struggling

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Colby Burnett



Pam Mueller



Seth Wilson



Julia Collins



Alex Jacob

Game on for 5 Chicago-area contestants competing in 'Jeopardy' all-stars tourney

BY TRACY SWARTZ
 Chicago Tribune

Eighteen elite "Jeopardy" players compete in the "Jeopardy All-Star Games" team tournament, which is scheduled to begin airing Wednesday.

Three of these contestants — Colby Burnett, Julia Collins and Seth Wilson — live in the Chicago area. Two of the competitors — Alex Jacob and Pam Mueller — lived in Chicago when they won their respective tournaments.

They face off against other "Jeopardy" veterans, including Ken Jennings, who holds the record for the longest "Jeopardy" win streak; and Brad Rutter, the highest-earning contestant in show history.

The team format is new for "Jeopardy." Six captains — including Burnett and Collins — each picked two players during a draft in September to round out their teams.

Each contestant plays one

round of "Jeopardy" — "Jeopardy," "Double Jeopardy" or "Final Jeopardy" — per game. The team that comes out on top after multiple matches is slated to receive \$1 million.

Here's a look at the contestants with ties to the Chicago area — what they've been up to since making their "Jeopardy" mark and how they've prepared for the all-stars tournament. The tournament has already been taped, and the final episode is scheduled to air March 5. "Jeopardy" airs at 3:30 p.m. weekdays on WLS-Ch. 7.

Colby Burnett

"Jeopardy" resume: Burnett, who grew up in the Austin neighborhood and attended Northwestern and Dominican universities, is the only "Jeopardy" contestant to win a Teachers Tournament (2012) and a Tournament of Champions (2013). He was a semifinalist in the 2014

Battle of the Decades tournament.

Burnett taught world history at Fenwick High School in Oak Park when he competed in the Teachers Tournament, and now he's a college counselor at Speer Academy in the Belmont Cragin community on the Northwest Side.

2020 plan: Burnett earned \$375,000 on "Jeopardy" and purchased homes for his mother and himself. "I have used some of that money to travel the world, maybe not to places too terribly exotic, but since I've been on 'Jeopardy,' I've been on or planned three European vacations. I've been to Bermuda and am trying to make my way to the opening ceremonies of the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo." **Tough picks:** Burnett, 35, is a team captain. He got to pick fifth and eighth during the "Jeopardy" player draft, and chose Chicago native Pam Mueller and Alan Lin, respectively.

"I believed that the top four

were pretty much set in stone, and then after that, it would get murky. And I believed that the fifth and sixth positions were the worst, and I wound up picking fifth. And of course the first four went in, not necessarily the order that I would have chosen, but the first four went exactly how I imagined," Burnett said.

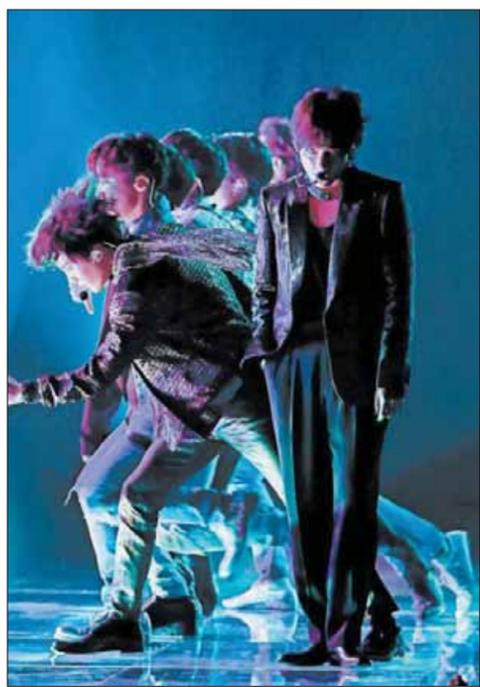
"I'm very confident in my team. Given what we had and given how we were going to play, I thought I picked particularly well, given the circumstances, because I think the fifth spot was indeed the most difficult to pick."

"Unnerving experience": "The other individuals who do not see half of the competition. So three teams are playing each other, the other three teams, their entire performance is completely unbeknownst to you, so it's an unnerving experience, I will give you that," he said.

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K-pop band BTS, shown at the 2018 Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas, has announced a stadium tour.

BTS announces stadium tour dates

BTS has announced eight stadium dates for its global "Love Yourself: Speak Yourself" tour. The tour kicks off May 4 at the Rose Bowl Stadium in Los Angeles before traveling through Chicago at Soldier Field, New Jersey at MetLife Stadium, Brazil, London and France. It is scheduled to hit two stadiums in Japan the following July. The group also has dates in Japan and Thailand scheduled for this and next month. The K-pop (Korean pop) superstar band was recently the first Korean act to present at the Grammy Awards. During the Grammys red carpet, the K-pop sensations told Variety reporter Marc Malkin that they hope to work with a number of this year's nominees, including Camila Cabello, Travis Scott and Lady Gaga. The boy band also named H.E.R. and Post Malone as potential collaborators. As for award show excitement, BTS member RM spoke for all of his bandmates, saying: "We're finer than fine; we're superfine." "It's our first time ever presenting an award, and also the Grammys so ... yeah I stayed up all night," he added. Tickets for the American shows go on sale March 1.

— Variety



GABRIEL GRAMS/GETTY

Imagine Dragons to headline NFL concert: Imagine Dragons will perform at the Pro Football Hall of Fame to help kick off the NFL's 100th season. The Hall announced Tuesday that the alternative-rock band will headline the Concert for Legends on Aug. 4. Previous featured acts for the concert include Aerosmith, Tim McGraw, Toby Keith and Maroon 5. Imagine Dragons performed last month at the BCS national title game.

Netflix cancels 'College': Netflix has canceled its comedy series "Friends From College" after two seasons. "Friends From College" will not return for a third season," a spokesperson said Monday. "We're grateful to creators Nick Stoller and Francesca Delbanco for creating a wise, funny and relatable show." The series starred Keegan-Michael Key, Fred Savage and Billy Eichner as Harvard classmates whose lives remain intertwined two decades after graduation.

Close and Carter honored by Costume Designers Guild: Oscar nominees Glenn Close and "Black Panther" costume designer Ruth E. Carter were set to be honored Tuesday night at the 21st annual Costume Designers Guild Awards. Close was to receive the spotlight award at the ceremony Tuesday night at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. The guild was set to pay homage to Carter's illustrious designs with a career achievement award.

Feb. 20 birthdays: Model Cindy Crawford is 53. Actor Jay Hernandez is 41. Comedian Trevor Noah is 35. Actor Miles Teller is 32. Singer Rihanna is 31.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Leave adopted child out of photo?

Dear Readers: I've stepped away from the Ask Amy column for two weeks to work on a new writing project. I hope you enjoy these edited "best of" columns in my absence. The questions and answers were first published 10 years ago. Today's topic is: Petty is as petty does.

Dear Amy: I had a child before I met my husband. When we got married, he adopted my daughter, who was a year old at the time. We then had three more children together. Now they're all grown and have children of their own. My mother-in-law wants to have a "generation picture" done. She plans to include only the children my husband and I have biologically together. He considers my daughter to be "our" daughter.

Is it rude of his mother to ask for pictures with our other children and exclude her? If my mother-in-law won't include our daughter in the shot, I feel no pictures should be taken.

— Confused and Hurt

Dear Confused: Your mother-in-law's distinction between biological and adopted children is offensive. Adoptive parents are "real" parents in every way.

It is somewhat surprising that all of your children are now adults and yet your mother-in-law persists in differentiating among them. You and your husband should have set her straight on this years ago. If you didn't, or if she has forgotten what makes a family, now is the perfect time to educate her. I agree with your conditions re-

garding this family photo. (April 2009)

Dear Amy: I work at a community college. It recently installed two lactation rooms.

We have a staff member who had a baby nine months ago. She leaves her desk to pump three times a day for 20 minutes each. I had no problem with this — until she told people that her son stopped breast-feeding two months ago but she wasn't ready to give up her "mommy time." She continues to pump because it's good birth control and to continue to lose the baby weight.

None of us would be allowed to leave our desk an hour a day to exercise, so why should she be allowed to pump to lose weight?

— Fairness for All

Dear Fairness: I applaud your college's commitment to supporting the needs of mothers who want to work and/or further their educations while continuing to feed their babies naturally.

But let's clear up a few things: Your co-worker's baby might have stopped breast-feeding but could still be consuming breast milk through a bottle, necessitating her pumping.

Lactation does not provide consistent birth control. If your co-worker believes this misconception (excuse the pun), it could lead to an unexpected pregnancy — not to mention your further resentment regarding her lactation breaks. Also, breast-feeding does not necessarily hasten weight loss after a baby's birth.

If your co-worker's pumping schedule is inter-

fering with her work to the extent that it impinges on your (or her) ability to do it, or disrupts the functioning of the office, then you should bring this up with your supervisor. Otherwise, stick to your own knitting. (May 2009)

Dear Amy: My parents divorced when I was young. I lived most of the time with my mother. My room at my father's house was sometimes used for guests when I was not visiting, and I had no objection to this.

Several years ago, I was visiting for Thanksgiving, and so was my step-mother's sister. The room choices were my room or a guest/craft room. My room was larger, and my step-mother's sister arrived first and was put there! When I arrived several days later, they told me that the first guest to arrive is usually given the larger room — so I stayed in the craft room. Shouldn't they have saved my room for me?

— Displaced in VA

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So much more than her Oscar fairy tale

'Roma' star proud to give voice to indigenous people

By CAROLINA A. MIRANDA
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It's a story that reads like a fairy tale: Yalitza Aparicio, a young teaching college student, attends a casting call in her hometown of Tlaxiaco, Mexico, at the urging of her older sister. Somehow she gets the role — which is not just any role, but the lead in the critically acclaimed "Roma," directed by Mexican filmmaker Alfonso Cuarón. The story doesn't end there. Aparicio not only lands an Oscar nomination for leading actress, she becomes only the second Mexican actress and the first indigenous woman ever to do so.

On a cloudy Friday afternoon early this month, Aparicio, 25, sits resplendent in a geometric print dress, her black hair smooth and gleaming as she sips a glass of pineapple juice in a tony West Hollywood hotel. To say that she never imagined where that casting call would lead is a vast understatement. Aparicio says she had figured that after she completed post-production work on "Roma," she'd go back to Tlaxiaco and never see Cuarón or the rest of the movie team again.

"But he told me that he would keep seeing me," she says in Spanish with a wry smile. "I thought he was joking and I even laughed. But the casting director, Luis Rosales, used to also tell me all the time: 'Just wait, there is more to come. You will see.'"

That also was an understatement.

For her turn as the timid Cleo, a housekeeper contending with heartbreak and personal loss as she tends to the needs of a fractured middle-class family in 1970s Mexico City, Aparicio has been nominated for more than two dozen awards. Her Academy Award nomination is one of 10 potential Oscars for the film, including best picture, director for Cuarón and a supporting actress nomination for Marina de Tavira, who plays Cleo's boss, Señora Sofia.

Since the announcement, Aparicio has been on a whirlwind of red carpets and press appearances in both Mexico and the U.S. "This was something," she says, still looking as if she's absorbing the news, "I just never expected."

The narrative that has largely come to define the actress in this avalanche of media coverage has been that of small-town innocent who is plucked from obscurity to the great acclaim of Hollywood. Some have even assumed that her character on the screen is more an extension of her personality than an actor inhabiting a role. It's a narrative that vastly overlooks her own determination and acuity.



Yalitza Aparicio attends The Hollywood Reporter's 2019 Oscar Nominees Night at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel on Feb. 4 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

"She's super sharp," says Cuarón, who makes the point that to confuse Aparicio with the docile household worker she plays on screen would be a mistake. "She's completely different than the character she creates with Cleo."

On the afternoon I meet her in West Hollywood, she is indeed sharp — and warm and witty — despite the fact that she's been doing photo shoots and interviews for almost seven hours by the time we connect. While the attention that has been heaped upon her has been unexpected, she is keenly aware of the ways in which she has become a symbol for Mexico's indigenous people.

"Perhaps I haven't fully absorbed the Oscar nomination," she says, "but I know that everything that I am doing — if I do something wrong, they might think we are all that way. So I have to take good care of that image, our image."

'They take you to other worlds'

Aparicio's story begins in Tlaxiaco, a small agricultural community in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca that is rich in cultural traditions such as music and dance — but has no movie theater. There, she was born to parents of mixed indigenous heritage: Her father is Mixtec; her mother is Triqui, an ethnicity from the western part of the state. They work as a street vendor and domestic worker, respectively — a family of very modest means.

The chances that Aparicio would become a performer of any kind was always unlikely, but not just for reasons having to do with where she is from. As a girl, she was never filled with the desire to sing in a

choir or try out for the school play. "I participated very little in those types of things," she says.

In fact, she was so retiring that when her teachers approached her about becoming an escolta, the class prefect who carries the flag at assemblies, she was reticent.

"When my mother asked me, 'Do you want to be an escolta?' I was, 'No. I don't want to parade in front of the entire school,'" she recalls. Though she ultimately did it. "The teachers told me that all children had to learn how to participate."

Her decision to become a teacher herself was rooted in a number of concerns. There was a desire to help support her family economically, as well as her love of young children. "They take you to other worlds," she says. "You always learn something from them."

In August 2016 she received her pedagogical degree from an area teacher's college, Escuela Normal Experimental Presidente Lázaro Cárdenas in Putla, about an hour's drive from Tlaxiaco — just one month before Cuarón invited her to appear in the film.

The fact that Aparicio trained to become a school teacher — a normalista, as they refer to pedagogical students in Mexico — is highly symbolic. It was 43 normalistas from a teacher's college in Ayotzinapa who were taken into custody by local police and ultimately disappeared in 2014, an act that unleashed waves of protest against the government of then-President Enrique Peña Nieto. Normalistas were likewise involved in El Halconazo, the Corpus Christi Massacre of 1971, in which student demonstrators were attacked and killed by an elite military unit in Mexico City

— an event that Cuarón depicts to brutal effect in "Roma."

Aparicio says that part of being a teacher is to set an example for students — and that example extends to human dignity. At the Escuela Normal she attended, the expectation that teachers would fight for their rights was part of the program.

Looking for an indigenous face

When Cuarón's casting apparatus rolled into Tlaxiaco in spring 2016, Aparicio was an unlikely candidate for the role not only because she was wary of anything that smacked of public performance, but because she simply wasn't all that into television or film.

As a kid, she would occasionally catch a bit of an action movie with her father — he was into Arnold Schwarzenegger and ninja flicks — or bits of telenovelas with her mom. But she often preferred to draw or read.

She says she simply wasn't all that enamored of an industry that rarely depicted indigenous life in a meaningful way. "One of the reasons I'm not a big fan of cinema is that one," she says. "I never found a representation that seemed similar to me or that touched on the ways I was raised."

The Mexican film and television industries still feature largely white or fair-skinned casts, with indigenous people often cast as extras and often depicted in ways both cartoonish or ignorant. Hollywood doesn't fare much better. Indigenous people are often invisible in mainstream films; when they do appear, it is often in sidekick roles and generally in historical epics.

In fact, in the nearly

90-year history of the Academy Awards, only two indigenous actors have been nominated for acting awards, both as supporting actors: Chief Dan George (of Tseil-Waututh heritage), who played the kindly Old Lodge Skins in the 1970 Dustin Hoffman farce "Little Big Man," and Graham Greene (Oneida), who portrayed Kicking Bird, a curious 19th-century Lakota holy man, in Kevin Costner's 1990 drama "Dances With Wolves."

The only known indigenous person to win an Academy Award is singer Buffy Sainte-Marie (Cree), who won for original song in 1983, for co-writing "Up Where We Belong," the theme from "An Officer and a Gentleman."

But cinema's lousy history of indigenous representation didn't have much on Aparicio's older sister, who prodded Yalitza to see what the casting was all about. Less than six months later, Aparicio was in Mexico City, meeting with Cuarón on the day he offered her and costar De Tavira their parts.

"So many things were going through my head," she recalls of that moment. "I didn't have work, I had just graduated, I had to pay back the loans I took to get my degree. I thought, my mother will be proud and I can use this to pay for my expenses."

She took the role with a line that, as Cuarón reported it to other outlets, has become part of the fairy tale: "I have nothing better to do."

Aparicio not only had no acting experience when she took the role, she hadn't watched a single one of Cuarón's films. At the initial castings, she had no idea who he was or his significance. Cuarón, she says, preferred it this way.

"He said, 'I don't want you to watch my movies, I don't want you to contaminate your brain,'" says Aparicio.

The principal thing she did to prepare for the role was to meet Liboria Rodriguez, the woman who had served as Cuarón's nanny when he was a child, and whose personal tale serves as the inspiration for Cleo in "Roma." She also mulled over her own mother's experiences as a domestic worker in Tlaxiaco.

Aparicio says Cuarón would offer guidance, but it was up to her to conjure Cleo's emotional responses.

In one scene late in the film — spoiler alert — Cleo sits quietly in her room in the wake of giving birth to a stillborn baby. It is a scene in which Aparicio speaks not with words, but with devastation written all over her face.

"[Alfonso] told me, 'Remember that this is when Cleo has lost her baby and it is a moment in which so many things are going through her mind,'" Aparicio recalls of Cuarón's direction. "He touched my shoulder and said, 'You know.'"

And she did. In that moment she channeled all the womanly pain Cleo could have felt in that moment.

"I don't have children," says Aparicio, "but you try to have an understanding of that pain."

A future in Hollywood?

At the moment, Aparicio is still knee-deep in promoting "Roma," which was released in December. No film offers have been forthcoming, but she says she is thinking of making a go of a career in the movies.

"A movie can make so many people think," she says. "So I'm hopeful that I can find another role that can provoke discussion about this or other issues."

"But if it doesn't happen," she adds, "it's been a great experience that will help a lot of people. If I return to teaching, I have other ideas, other things I can share with my students to support them."

In the meantime, she has made history — with a role that has had a ripple effect throughout Mexican society and beyond. "Roma" has launched discussions about the treatment of domestic workers and indigenous representation. Aparicio has appeared in high-fashion shoots for glossies such as Vogue Mexico, publications where the standard of beauty still leans hard to the white.

"I want to believe that in the future, they will continue to include more and more people like me," she says, "so that someone else can look at it and say, 'Hey, I look like her.'"

The Hollywood fairy tale is nice. For this young woman, social change is even better.

Wnдр museum going from pop-up to permanent

By STEVE JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Wnдр museum, the Instagram-friendly West Loop interactive art experience, may be short on vowels and capitals, but it has not been short of visitors.

That popularity is at the core of the decision, announced by organizers Tuesday, to convert the 5-month-old museum from a "pop-up" to a permanent part of the cultural landscape.

"Chicago will tell you if they want you to stay," said Molly Vaile, the museum's executive director. And while selling 95 percent of available tickets, she said, Wnдр has welcomed 150,000 visitors already, or 30 percent more than projected.

That's a pace of about 360,000 visitors in a year, or just shy of the 371,000 the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago reported in 2017, a record attendance year for that institution. (The Art Institute in 2017 had 1.6 million visitors.)

The goal is "becoming a

cultural fixture here in the West Loop," Vaile said. "We think we've found an area in the art world that hasn't been truly explored."

Wnдр, 1130 W. Monroe St., has billed itself as an art and science experience, and its initial set of 19 immersive, walk-through exhibits followed the theme of The Finite to the Infinite, with art pieces treating atoms and outer space.

Part of the plan for sticking around is that the museum will periodically refresh itself. Organizers are currently deciding which new pieces will make up the next iteration, coming in spring and exploring The Tangible and the Intangible.

The museum will close for the makeover April 1, Vaile said, hoping to be ready to reopen within a month. (And tickets, which the museum releases in four-week blocks, are expected to remain at \$32 for the approximately one-hour experience, said the director.)

It won't be completely



Museum staffers pose during wnдр museum's opening week in the infinity mirror room, "Let's Survive Forever," an installation by artist Yayoi Kusama.

new when it reemerges, she noted. Some crowd favorites will remain, including Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama's "Let's Survive Forever," an "infinity mirror room" featuring scores of mirror balls in a mirrored room. It is the best-

known piece in the museum, very popular during a 2017 gallery run in New York City, and it is now at wnдр to stay, officials said.

In recent years such photo-friendly pop-up museums have been popular across the country, with

names like the Museum of Ice Cream, Dream Machine and, last summer in Chicago, Happy Place. A progenitor of sorts was the 2015-16 exhibition "Wonder" at the old-line Renwick Gallery in Washington, D.C., that "shattered

attendance records" at that art museum, the Washington Post reported.

The apparent success of wnдр follows some opening glitches. Originally set to debut in mid-August, with tickets already sold, the venture abruptly postponed its opening by more than a month immediately after a VIP preview party.

Organizers blamed the delay on a roof leak but later acknowledged that Brad Keywell, the Chicago tech entrepreneur backing the project, had been unhappy with the state of the exhibits. Keywell severed ties with his founding co-creative director, Toronto food scientist Irwin Adam Eydlnant, and before the new, Sept. 21 opening, parts of the museum were reimagined.

The question at opening, Vaile said, "was really, How is Chicago going to respond to us?" The answer, it seems, is with both open wallets and open camera apps.

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Jose Nateras and Natalie West in A Red Orchid's "Fulfillment Center."

Center

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older American in the changing economy, trying to be upbeat in an exhausting situation, frantically attempting to broker some measure of due respect. It is, frankly, a performance that will remain in your head.

"Fulfillment Center," which was seen at the Manhattan Theatre Club in 2017, brings up a topic

often in the news — the designation of "managers" in blue-collar worlds, positions that force one low-paid worker to lord it over another, all in service of some vague promise of advancement. More and more, it is a tactic used to divide a workforce, and possibly avoid unionization. In other words, this is very much a workplace play about dehumanization. It's an important work, I think, not least because so many jobs are moving so rapidly to these

settings.

A Red Orchid's taut, 105-minute staging is very richly directed by Jess McLeod, currently on staff at "Hamilton," where she maintains the Chicago production. I imagine this assignment was a welcome contrast — a chance to work in a small space with four fine actors and create a piece about how inhumanly hard it can be to find emotional sustenance when you're traversing aisles, hours after hour, frantically trying to fulfill

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someone else's prime obligation.

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lesson that I had forgotten and it goes like this: It was last year some time and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., wanted me to do a staged reading of the 1961 musical 'How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.'

"Initially I said no, can't do it, I'm working, can't make the first week of rehearsal in New York — there were only two weeks of rehearsal. But they said, 'That's OK, come in during the second week of rehearsal,' so I said, 'Look, great, I'll do it.'

"And it's an easy gig! What I'm envisioning is me in front of a music stand on the Kennedy Center stage wearing reading glasses and — even though I'd be very familiar with the part — I'd be reading it off the page and the orchestra would be behind me.

"It's just five performances and it's great people cast in this thing. Top, top Broadway people. And my friend Skylar Astin is in it as well — Skylar was in the first two 'Pitch Perfect' movies with me, wonderful guy. So, I texted Skylar and asked how it was going.

"And there was this odd pause where you see the see three ellipses on your screen, and he then he says: 'Learn your lines.' And I write back: 'Hahaha, LOL.' And he's like: 'No. Learn your lines. All of them.' (*Laughs*) And I'm like, huh?

"And then he lays it on me as I'm about to step on a plane to New York for my one week of rehearsal: What we're doing is basically a full-on production. Costumes, makeup, full orchestra, intense choreography, full lights, two-and-a-half hours long. It was 100 percent game on.

"So I get to New York and I'm shaking like a leaf. I'm like: *Man*, I just don't get myself into these problems anymore. And I realize that of course it hadn't been mis-sold to me — I'd heard what I wanted to hear. It's a classic mistake that a young person would make, not someone with all the quote-unquote 'wisdom' that I have. But there you go.

"It was a great director, Marc Bruni, and a great choreographer, Denis Jones. And I step into the middle of this cast of Broadway people who are the real deal. These are the most talented people on earth, every single one of them. They're all a better



John Michael Higgins, left, and Adam Campbell on the short-lived but critically acclaimed NBC comedy "Great News."

actor, singer and dancer than I am. And I'm like: These kids are going to crush it — what am I doing here?

"So we're given these complex dance moves and I kept saying to the director: 'You know what? Take me out of the number. Denis has dreams too, you know!' And they said, 'Oh, you'll be fine.'

"It was a very strange case for me. I was getting through the rehearsals, but I was uncharacteristically lagging and at a loss the whole time. I felt misplaced and that I hadn't earned this. And the other people in the cast are coming to me like, 'I've admired you and I've seen you in this or that,' or whatever it is that people say to older actors. And of course I'm thinking: *I do not merit this.*

"When you're at the theater before a performance, there's a sound over the loudspeaker (in the dressing rooms) of the audience filling the house and that's such a powerful sound for an actor. And for this show it was the sound of: They are relying on me to do something for them — and I don't think I can deliver. I think they're going to be disappointed and the evening will be a bust and I will be to blame (*Laughs*)!

"It was not the right headspace to give a performance, and frankly my performance was riddled with silly errors that I would never have allowed to happen normally. Part of the longevity of my career is that I really do get it right — it's important to me. But this one, I just didn't have enough time to prepare and I wasn't quite talented enough to do what was required (*laughs*), it was just a real eye-opener.

"I kept making mistakes. But of course as the performances go on you just keep getting better and

better, because that's live theater. The audience constantly tells you where to shape up and where to relax — it's a conversation with the audience every night, they'll tell you exactly what you need to be doing for tomorrow night.

"And in the end the show was a success, people loved it, the audience went bonkers. But I was disappointed in myself — it knocked me out of my saddle a little and in a way that was instructive and edifying for me."

The production ran for a total of five performances — that's a huge undertaking for just five performances.

"And this is not an easy musical. It has this incredible rat-a-tat vaudeville-inspired dialogue which, if you hesitate, you don't get the laugh. It's hardcore stuff and it requires an unbearable amount of rehearsal to get it to sing.

"The problem is, people are getting so good at these staged readings that aren't really staged readings anymore. We all made this joke in the cast: Whoever the (jerk) was who first put his script down in a staged reading in the Encores! series in New York, he should be thrown out of the industry! Because once that bar got raised, everybody had to put their scripts down, right? And that's what happened to us.

"So, cut to me every night in my hotel, wearing one of those bathrobes they give you, and trying to rehearse the steps. Just going over and over it and putting another Keurig cup in the coffee thing and saying, 'OK (*pant, pant*), how do you do this?' And the rest of the cast was downstairs in the bar having a grand old time enjoying D.C. (*laughs*), and I'm upstairs, like, grinding away and trying not to look in the mirror because I'll get too discouraged."

Would he do another staged reading again?

"That is such a good question that I'm almost going to hang up on you! Now you're infuriating me!

"I think I would do it. I would say, 'I need more rehearsal,' or 'Can we cut back on something, do I have to be in the big dance?' But you know what? That would be the wrong thing to say because I *did* get through it and it all worked, which is supposed to be a lesson to me, which is: Accept the next one. Take the chance."

The takeaway ... "It was super good to have an experience that reminded me what it's about. It really did confront me with something that maybe I had forgotten, which is: My duty is not to nurse my fears and anxieties and it's not self-improvement. My duty is to tell the audience a story — and anything other than the immediate task on stage as it relates to the story in that moment is off-subject.

"And a long career like mine, you do get lulled into certain complacencies because you tend to do the same types of jobs over and over because that's what people want to see you do. But that's not making me a stronger actor — it's me imitating myself, to an extent. And boy, when actors start doing self-imitation — particularly famous ones — it's the beginning of the end.

"You have to constantly move forward and reinvent, or you fail to fill yourself up with life, which is really what the audience wants you to do. That's the service you're providing and that's why they paid the money. They want to live through you. They want see life and feel life from you, on stage and on the screen."

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Jeopardy

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Julia Collins

"Jeopardy" resume:

The Wilmette resident, who grew up in north suburban Kenilworth, has the second-longest "Jeopardy" win streak. She won 20 consecutive games in 2014 and placed third in the 2014 Tournament of Champions.

French escape: She used some of her \$479,100 "Jeopardy" earnings to go to Paris for a month. "Who wouldn't want to go to Paris? That was my biggest special thing that I did with the prize money," she said. "I live in the same place, I drive the same car as I did before I went on the show. I didn't make really major purchases, but it's given me the gift of being able to say yes to a lot of smaller things ... without doing a lot of budget calculations."

Career change: Collins, who graduated from Wellesley College and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, worked in supply chain management before she competed on "Jeopardy." She has since started GirlsLikeYouAndMe.com. "I talk to women about what they were like growing up, what their interests were, how those interests may or may not have translated into things they do professionally," she said. "I thought I would see what else might be out there for me, and I haven't gone back to (supply chain management) yet."

Team strategy: Collins, 36, is the only female team captain. She chose Ben Ingram and Chicagoan Seth Wilson. "Ben, I knew pretty well. Ben and I were in our Tournament of Champions together ... and stayed in close touch," she said. "Seth, I just met in September. Seth also lives here in Chicago, so I had the chance to get to know him a little bit better in the months between when we chose teams and now. And that was a nice thing for team-building. He's a cool guy, and it's nice to have a new friend in Chicago."

Alex Jacob

"Jeopardy" resume:

The former Chicago currency trader, who now lives in North Carolina, won the 2015 Tournament of Champions.

Career shift: Jacob, a 34-year-old Yale University graduate, became a freelance trivia writer for apps and bar trivia companies after earning \$401,802 on "Jeopardy." "My wife and I took the last year and traveled, which was really amazing, probably the best year of my life," he said, adding that they visited Australia, South America, New Zealand, Hawaii, Costa Rica and other spots.

All-stars preparation: Jacob was the first player drafted, by Buzzy Cohen. Jennifer Giles is also on their team. "We prepared very heavily. First of all, I made over 25,000 flashcards for myself and the team," he said, comparing himself to a "caged animal just feeding on these facts." "We did manage one meetup together in Denver. Jennifer lives in Colorado, and Buzzy is in L.A. We had a 'Jeopardy' bootcamp type thing, where we actually hired somebody to host games for us. We played a little over 50 games of 'Jeopardy' that weekend together."

Team confidence: "I feel like we want this bad, and we have studied hard. We prepared well, and I think we're going to surprise some people," he said. "I mean, I'll just say it — Brad (Rutter) and Ken (Jennings) everyone considers the top dogs, and for good reason, rightly so, but we're not here to try to get third place behind Ken and Brad. We're here to win."

Pam Mueller

"Jeopardy" resume:

The Rogers Park native won the 2000 College Championship as a student at Loyola University Chicago. She was a semifinalist in the 2001 Tournament of Champions, 2005 Ultimate Tournament of Champions and 2014 Battle of the Decades tournament.

Memorable purchase: Mueller earned \$182,201

and a Volvo on "Jeopardy." "Out of that first set of winnings, the weirdest thing I bought was... They were auctioning off the 'Jeopardy' set the year after I was on. I didn't realize I would keep getting invited back so I was like, this is clearly a once-in-a-lifetime memory, opportunity, so I'm just going to buy one of the podiums that they're auctioning off. So I still have that. It's actually at my mom's" in the Edgewater Beach neighborhood.

Mueller said she also used her winnings to pay for school. She graduated from Harvard Law School and Princeton University, where she got her PhD in social psychology. Now 37, she lives in California and works as a policy researcher at the Rand Corporation.

Game show experience: Mueller also earned \$25,000 on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" in 2012, and she competed on the short-lived ABC game show "500 Questions," but didn't win anything.

Tournament preparation by the numbers: Mueller is on a team with Chicagoan Colby Burnett and Alan Lin. "We did a lot of individual preparation because we weren't all in the same area. Although, I did come home for Christmas so I saw Colby over the holidays. (We were) brushing up on the things that we knew were sort of our weaker areas, like Alan and I needed to work on sports for sure. Colby, we tried to get him into some more theater," she said. "We went online, on Skype, and had somebody ask us 50 'Final Jeopardys' to see whose percentages were better or worse in 'Final Jeopardy' to see who we should slot into that."

Seth Wilson

"Jeopardy" resume:

Wilson, a Tennessee native who lives in the Ravenswood neighborhood, went on a 12-game win streak in 2016. The alumnus of Vanderbilt University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Georgia was a quarterfinalist in the 2017 Tournament of Champions.

Research money: Wilson said he used some of the \$272,002 he earned on the show to fund a research trip to London for his doctoral dissertation on 17th and 18th century British actresses, the first generation of women who were allowed to perform in public plays in London, and the non-English characters they played. "I paid for my wedding this past summer and then recently paid for a honeymoon vacation that we took to Beijing, and then a lot of it I just sort of put away for future investments," he said.

Return to Chicago: The 34-year-old lived in Chicago for about six months, which coincided with his first stint on "Jeopardy." He and his wife moved back here in May 2018 and married here in July. "We both moved and changed jobs and got married all in the span of about three months last summer, so that was pretty hectic, but we're really happy to be back here in Chicago," he said.

Tournament prep: He is on a team with Wilmette's Julia Collins and Ben Ingram. "I used the website Sporcle a lot — that's also the company that I work for, Sporcle Live — it has millions of short quizzes, so I used that to brush up on geography, quick-hit things like presidents, vice presidents, kings of England, countries of the world, world capitals, Oscar best pictures, Tony winners, anything that could be compiled in list form," said Wilson, who also hosts a weekly game of trivia at the Currugh restaurant/bar in the Edison Park neighborhood.

"Then I bought a couple of resources, a book called 'An Incomplete Education,' which is a really fantastic, very readable reference book that has essays on topics ranging from science to history to art. And then I got another book called 'Game Show Trivia.' It's a bunch of formatted lists, and I would walk around our apartment and my wife would quiz me on various subjects."

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Kelley Wentworth

"Survivor" (7 p.m., CBS): The granddaddy of reality competition shows opens its 38th season with a decidedly sinister subtitle — "Edge of Extinction" — and a promise by producers that this latest round contains a new layer to the game designed to push the contestants further than ever before. Details are being kept secret for now, but fans will recognize some of this season's cast from past editions: Kelley Wentworth, Joe Anglim and David Wright.

"grown-ish" (7 p.m., FREE): While Zoey (Yara Shahidi) is checking out Luca's (Luka Sabbat) exhibit at the arts fair, she can't help noticing it prominently features one of his ex-girlfriends. Her insecurities fully triggered, she becomes obsessed with knowing more about Luca's past. Elsewhere, Nomi (Emily Arlook) considers some advice from Professor Hewson (guest star Katherine Moennig) and tries to learn more about the LGBTQ community on campus in the new episode "Body Count."

"Modern Family" (8 p.m., ABC): In real life, Super Bowl LIII in Atlanta happened more than two weeks ago, but the big game nevertheless is a central part of a new episode called "SuperShowerBabyBowl." Jay (Ed O'Neill) is playing host for a Super Bowl party at his home, and he's expecting several sports fans who, like him, aren't inclined to tolerate distractions during the broadcast. Alas, his daughter Claire (Julie Bowen) is hosting a baby shower for daughter Haley (Sarah Hyland) — same time, same location. Nathan Lane guest stars.

"American Beauty Star" (9:03 p.m., 1:04 a.m., Lifetime): Using the third movie in the hit Disney Channel movie franchise "Descendants" for inspiration, the artists work in pairs to create looks on both sides of the good/evil spectrum that are magnificent in their own right, yet also cohesive. This new episode — entitled "Heroes vs. Villain Face Off" — culminates in a fiery elimination that has the artists on edge. Ashley Graham is the host.

"Documentary Now!" (10 p.m., IFC): This zany faux documentary series from former "Saturday Night Live" players Fred Armisen, Bill Hader and Seth Meyers returns for "Season 52" (it's really Season 3) of clever parodies. The one-hour series opener is "Batsh*t Valley: Part 1 / Part 2," with guest star Owen Wilson as Father Ra-shawbard, a self-appointed spiritual guru who starts a commune in rural Oregon with the help of worshipful assistant Ra-Sharir (guest star Necar Zadegan). Eventually, exasperated FBI Agent Bill Doss (guest star Michael Keaton) dedicates himself to exposing this charlatan. Helen Mirren is host.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Comic Tig Notaro.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): TV hosts Savannah Guthrie and Hoda Kotb; actor Daveed Diggs; comic Mo Amer.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Singer-songwriter Reba McEntire; TV host Margaret Brennan; comic Colin Quinn.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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IN PERFORMANCE: 'Ma Rainey's Black Bottom' ★★★

Musicians grab what power they can in absence of fairness, equity

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

August Wilson believed strongly in leverage — the idea that, in a capitalist economy, we have to be cognizant of our value in the marketplace, understanding that our clout can and will go down the moment the buyer gets what he wants elsewhere and no longer has any need to be nice. Then, we find ourselves out with the trash.

It's a cynical point of view, you might think, but the African-American experience in American history generally has proved Wilson right. Take, for example, the music business, which is the subject of Wilson's "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," which you can see at Writers Theatre in Glencoe under the solid direction of Ron OJ Parson, currently the protagonist of a one-man, multi-theater, multi-Wilson revival in the Chicago area.

Penned in 1982, "Ma Rainey" is the only Wilson play to be set in Chicago; the location makes sense, given that events take place in the 1920s when the likes of Brunswick and Chess Records were going strong in the city. For the most part, the companies recording the Chicago blues and its signature artists were mostly white-owned operations that had figured out the fortunes to be made from what they liked to call "race music." In case after case, the black artists were exploited, ripped off and otherwise badly treated. But when they were in the recording booth, it behooved these producers to play nice, given the necessity of getting the licks down on disc. You could see that, I suppose, as a brief oasis of power for the artists; or you can imagine that the thinly veiled disdain lurking under the



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Felicia P. Fields and Alfred Wilson in Writers Theatre's production of "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom."

politeness made the sycophantic stuff only the more obnoxious.

The central character of Wilson's imagining is, of course, Ma Rainey, one of the great pragmatists in the Wilson canon. She long ago figured out that her power lasted only until her last note and, as a consequence, milks her moment for as long as she can, demanding decent treatment, pushing her protegee forward. And thanks to a rich and complex performance here by no less than Felicia P. Fields, a Tony nominee for "The Color Purple," you understand what Wilson was trying to say. In the absence of equity or fairness, you have to grab what you can.

I didn't find Parson's "Ma Rainey" staging the equal of his extraordinary work at Court Theatre earlier this year with "Radio Golf." In the case of the latter — generally viewed as a weaker play — Parson made a formidable new argument for the strength of the work. This time, though, you tend to see the pitfalls of the much earlier piece, which include an ending of an intensity that only works when the wild-fire Levee (played more quietly here by Kelvin Roston Jr.) really shows us

how the energy of hope can curdle into the bitter milk of disappointment. On Saturday night, at least, I didn't really feel like I saw that happen, although Roston, an actor of great heart, is most assuredly credible as a musician.

The first part of the play is tricky too — there is a lot of banter between band members awaiting Ma's arrival and it's not easy to get the right balance between driving the plot forward and setting the scene. Todd Rosenthal's Writers Theatre set is a grand, multi-story affair, often keeping Sturdyvant (Thomas J. Cox) and Irvin (Peter Moore) far away in their booth, but I'm not sure the trifecta of acting spaces really serves the work. I don't doubt the veracity of the work but so much physical scenery, and so much space, also chops things up and dampens the requisite raw theatricality.

That said, the pleasures of seeing Fields in this role are considerable, as is the chance to experience the work of truly great Chicago actors like A.C. Smith (who plays Slow Drag) and Alfred H. Wilson (who plays Cutler), both men who knew Wilson well and have developed an ability to exist inside his plays with a

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 20

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Survivor: "It Smells Like Success." (Season Premiere) (N) ©	The World's Best (N) ©		Chicago P.D.: "Good Men." (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	NBC 5	Chicago Med: "We Hold These Truths." (N) ©	Chicago Fire: "What I Saw." (N) ©	Chicago P.D.: "Good Men." (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦		News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Match Game (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	WGN 9	blackish ©	blackish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.	
	This TV 9.3	City of Industry (R,'97) ***	Harvey Keitel. ©		Red Eye (PG-13,'05) *** ©			
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Nature: "Living Volcanoes." (N) ©		NOVA: "The Next Pompeii." (N) ©	Secrets of Dead (N) ♦		
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦	
	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Mr. Church (PG-13,'16) **	Eddie Murphy, Britt Robertson.			
	FOX 32	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell (N)	The Masked Singer (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family	
Ion 38	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods: "Cursed."		Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood ♦			
Telem 44	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)	Betty en NY (N) ©	El barón (N) ©		Chicago (N)			
CW 50	Riverdale ©	All American ©		Dateline: "Good & Evil."		Chicago ♦		
UniMas 60	Tres Milagros	Atrapada		Rosario Tijeras		Tiro de ♦		
WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach's Cor.	Paid Prog.	Monument		
Univ 66	Jesus	Mi marido tiene familia		Amar a muerte		Noticias (N)		
CABLE	AE	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage (N)	Storage ♦	
	AMC	I, Robot (PG-13,'04) **	Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan. ©	(9:35) Die Hard (R) *** ♦				
	ANIM	North Woods Law: Uncuffed: "Shooting Season." (N)	North Woods Law ©		North-Law ♦			
	BBCA	Planet Earth: The Hunt	Planet Earth: Dynasties ©		Planet Earth: The Hunt			
	BET	The New Edition Story: "Part Two." (Part 2 of 3)		The New Edition Story: "Part Three." ♦				
	BIGTEN	♦ Basketball	College Basketball: Northwestern at Ohio State. (N) ©	Postgame	BIG Show			
	BRAVO	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ (N)	Housewives/NJ	Watch (N)			
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics	
	CNBC	Deal or No Deal ©	Deal or No Deal (N) ©	Deal or No Deal ©	Deal or No Deal ©	Deal or No Deal ♦		
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	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily (N) ♦	
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	DISN	Sydney-Max	Coop	Raven	Raven	Sydney-Max	Coop	Andi Mack
	E!	Botched ©	Botched (N) ©		Dating	Dating (N)	Busy (N)	
	ESPN	♦ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: North Carolina at Duke. (N) (Live)		SportCtr (N)			
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	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery ♦	
	FREE	grown-ish	(7:31) The Incredibles (PG,'04) ***		Voices of Craig T. Nelson. ©		700 Club ♦	
	FX	The Equalizer (R,'14) **	Denzel Washington, Marton Csokas. ©		Lucky in Love (NR,'14) Jessica Szohr. ♦			
	HALL	Love by Chance (NR,'16) Ben Ayers. ©	Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N) Property ♦		Forged in Fire (N)		Forged ♦	
	HGTV	Property Brothers ©	Property Brothers (N) ©		Forged in Fire (N)		Forged ♦	
	HIST	Forged in Fire (N)	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		Forged ♦	
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	IFC	♦ Walking Tall (7:45) The Hangover Part III (R,'13) **	Bradley Cooper. ©		Doc. Now			
	LIFE	Project Runway (N)	Project Runway (N)		American Beauty Star (N)		All Stars ♦	
MSNBC	All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour ♦		
MTV	Ridic. (N)	Ridic. (N)	The Challenge (N) ©	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. ♦		
NBCSCH	♦ College Basketball (N)	Heartland Poker Tour		Postgame	Poker Night	G League ♦		
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office		
OVATION	♦ National-European	Vegas Vacation (PG,'97) ♦		Chevy Chase. ©		Nat. Lamp ♦		
OWN	If Loving You Is Wrong	If Loving You Is Wrong		If Loving You Is Wrong		Loving ♦		
OXY	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA ♦		
PARMT	Bruce Almighty (PG-13,'03) **	Jim Carrey. ©		(9:15) Bruce Almighty '03) ** ♦				
SYFY	♦ (5:29) Blade II '02) **	The Magicians (N) ©		Deadly Class (N) ©		Futurama		
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	Conan ©		
TCM	The Private Life of Henry VIII (NR,'33) ***	©		A Man for All Seasons (G,'66) **** ♦				
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Maja's Story." (N)	Family by the Ton (N)		My 600-Lb ♦				
TLN	Camp Meeting	Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ♦		
TNT	Red (PG-13,'10) **	Bruce Willis. ©		Drop/Mic (N)	Jokers (N)	Focus *** ♦		
TOON	Adventure	Adventure	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum (N)	Deadly 1906 Earth. (N)		Paranormal Ca. (N)		Mysteries ♦		
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King		
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Suits: "Stalking Horse." (N)		Law-SVU ♦		
VH1	Black Ink Crew: Chicago	Black Ink: Chicago (N)		Black Ink Crew: Chicago		Cartel Crew		
WE	♦ (6:15) Crazy, Stupid, Love. ('11) ***	(8:45) Sex and the City (NR,'08) ** ♦						
WGN America	♦ (6:30) XXX (PG-13,'02) **	Vin Diesel. ©		Pure: "Communion." (N)		XXX *** ♦		
PREMIUM	HBO	Hulk (PG-13,'03) **	Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly. ©		(9:20) True Detective			
	HBO2	Crashing	2 Dope Queens ©		True Detective ©		Tag (R,'18) ** ♦	
	MAX	Truth or Dare (PG-13,'18) ♦	Lucy Hale. ©		(8:40) It (R,'17) ***		Jaeden Lieberher. © ♦	
	SHO	♦ (6:30) Scary Movie ***	Scary Movie 2 (R,'01) ♦		Shawn Wayans. SMILF ©		Blair Witch ♦	
	STARZ	♦ (6:23) Brave ('12) ***	When in Rome (PG-13,'10) ♦		©		Scotty & Secret ♦	
STZNC	♦ (6:06) Scream ('96) ***	What Women Want (PG-13,'00) **		Mel Gibson.		Fantastic ♦		

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 20): Professional opportunities abound this year. Disciplined practice refines your teamwork. Surprising headlines recur. Fall in love again this summer, before supporting a friend through a change. Winter team victories lead to a challenge with family or your sweetheart. Prioritize passion at work and home.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Slow the pace. Communication and physical breakdowns would delay. Take time to get it right the first time. Practice your moves.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Romantic dreams could seem distant. Consider how you would like things to be in the future. Pursue a creative or indulgent passion. Follow rules.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Family matters have your attention. Someone's dream could seem dashed. Take a big picture view. Listen, and find a long-term solution in dialogue.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Communication or transportation may not flow freely. Stoppages and delays could shift your schedule. Focus on practical priorities. Get the homework done with extra time.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Develop frugal habits to reduce waste and save resources and money. Practice makes perfect. Find simple solutions. A balanced account is only part of the story.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Shift toward a new possibility. The road you were on is currently blocked. Grow in another direction. Take time to reflect on what you really want.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 6. Rest and consider. Enjoy peaceful contemplation. Make plans, and imagine how you'd like things to go. Lay low and take it easy.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Share milestones and memories with friends and teammates. These changes turn out for the best in the long run. Support each other.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Take a creative tack with your career. Practice skills you want to develop. Follow your heart. Focus energies toward activities that light you up.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. What do you want to learn? Teach another what you're discovering, to get the material at a deeper level. Consider your research from another direction.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Reassess your assets and shared finances. Recent changes may require adaptation. Avoid disagreements over priorities by focusing on facts and data. Consider all possibilities.

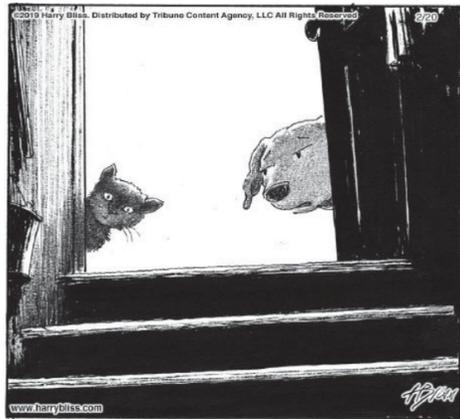
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Parting is such sweet sorrow. Dear people come and go. Remind them of their gifts to you. Share thanks and appreciations. Focus on new directions.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, East deals

North		East	
♠ K 10 8 6	♥ K J 6 4	♠ A 4	♥ Q 10 8 5
♦ K 8 2	♣ 6 4	♦ A 9 7	♣ Q 8 5 3
South		West	
♠ Q J 5 3 2	♥ A 3 2	♠ 9 7	♥ Q 10
♦ Q 5 4	♣ A K	♦ J 10 6 3	♥ 9 7
		♠ J 10 9 7 2	♦ 10

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♣	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	4♣

All pass
Opening lead: Jack of ♣

low heart was passed to West's seven, and West continued with the nine of hearts to declarer's ace. A low spade to the king and a low diamond to the queen was followed by the jack of spades, leaving this position:

North		East	
♠ Void	♥ K J	♠ Void	♥ Q 10
♦ K 8	♣ Void	♦ A 9	♣ Void
South		West	
♠ 5	♥ 3	♠ Void	♥ Q 10
♦ 5 4	♣ Void	♦ J 10 6	♥ 9 7
		♠ 10	♦ 10

South cashed his last trump, shedding the eight of diamonds from dummy, as East discarded the nine of diamonds. Had East bared the queen of hearts or the ace of diamonds? South asked West what the partnership opened with 4-4 in the minors and was told "one diamond". That settled it. South played a diamond to East's ace and enjoyed the last two tricks.

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

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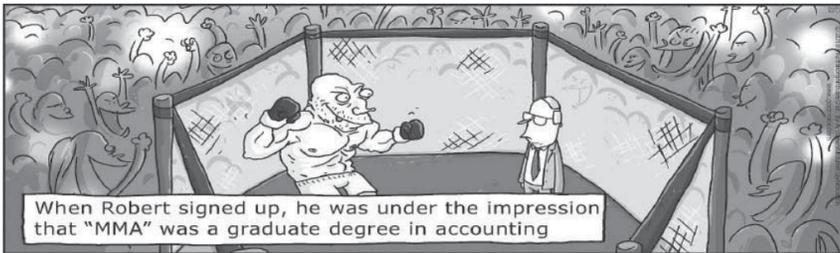
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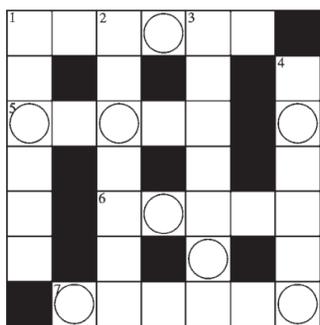
Trivia Bits

Which of these was not one of the three Powerpuff Girls from the animated TV series?

A) Begonia
B) Blossom
C) Bubbles
D) Buttercup

Tuesday's answer: Tommy Lee is the drummer for Motley Crue.

Jumble Crossword



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CLUE: This show aired for three seasons before being canceled.

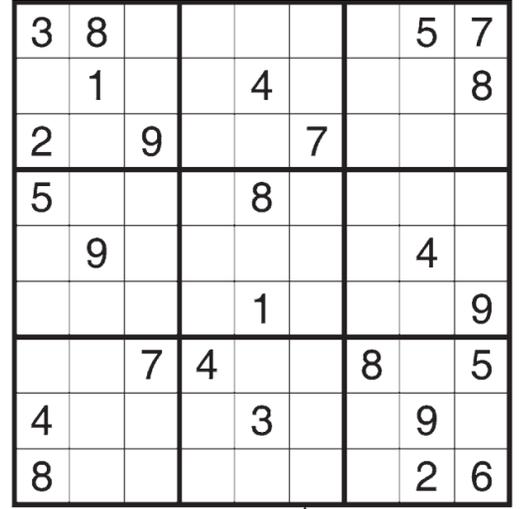
BONUS

- ACROSS**
- CLUE ANSWER
1. Novice OEOKIR
5. Movie LIETT
6. coffee SIHR
7. Spiritualist's meeting CAEESN
- DOWN**
- CLUE ANSWER
1. Disconcert TRELAT
2. External SDEVOIT
3. Peninsula RNIIBA
4. Hitcom Bunker CAEIRH

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

2/20



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7	5	6	2	1	4	8	3	9
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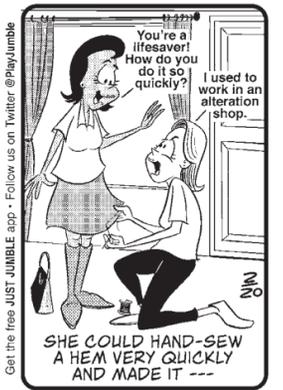
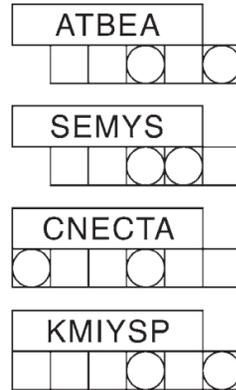
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Tuesday's solutions

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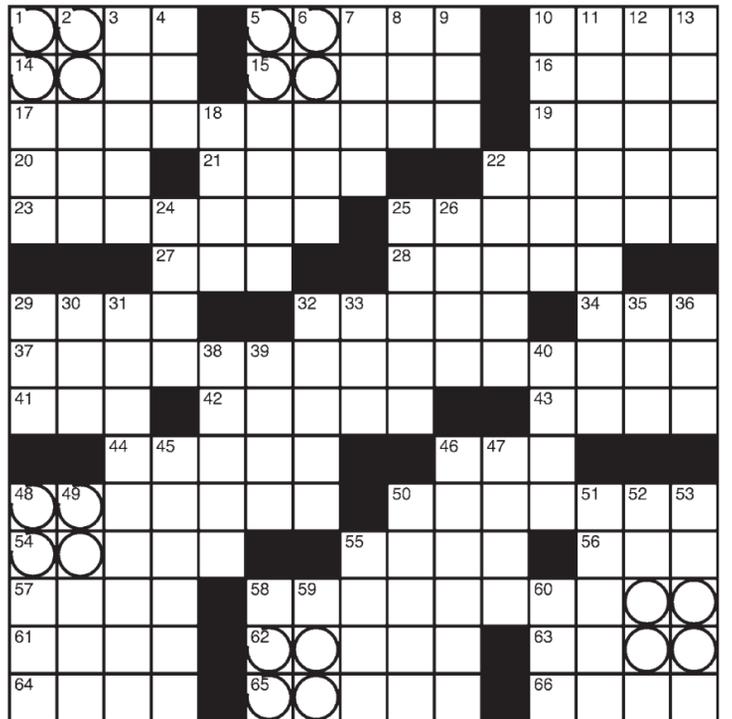
Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: VISOR TRACT WIGGLE FEWEST
Answer: Many people saw "Star Wars" multiple times and gave it — GREAT "RE-VIEWS"

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Crossword

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- Across**
- 1 Gaping mouths
5 "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" composer
10 States in an outdated atlas: Abbr.
14 Nobelist Wiesel
16 Analogous (to)
17 One way to ride a horse
19 Stereotypical pooch
20 DC's Pennsylvania, e.g.
21 Named, briefly
22 Shop talk
23 One in a hundred?
25 Cafeteria worker's cover
27 Affleck of "Gone Girl"
28 "Downton ___": PBS show
29 Dramatic opening?
32 Many an emailer
34 '50s political monogram
- Down**
- 12 First Homeland Security secretary
13 Condensing one
18 Place
22 First sign of fall
24 Rose's Broadway beau
25 Sainly glows
26 Drive the getaway car, say
29 Partner of 30-Down
30 Partner of 29-Down
31 Remote choice
32 Ouzo flavoring
33 MDW: Midway :: ___ : O'Hare
35 Anonymous Jane
36 Peyton Manning's four?
38 Educator Montessori
39 Adapter letters
40 Delicate handling
45 Firstborn
46 Parlor piece
47 Let up
48 Just above average
49 One side of Hispaniola
50 Talk oneself up
51 School uniform part, perhaps
52 Foul up
53 Thoroughly enjoy
55 Early smartphone
58 Rank above cpl.
59 Coffee break time
60 Mercury astronaut
Grissom

Tuesday's solution



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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20 NORMAL HIGH: 37° NORMAL LOW: 22° RECORD HIGH: 70° (2017) RECORD LOW: -9° (1896)

Expect another round of snowfall, freezing rain

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 38 LOW 24

■ Winter Weather Advisory for accumulating snow and freezing rain – in effect into early afternoon.

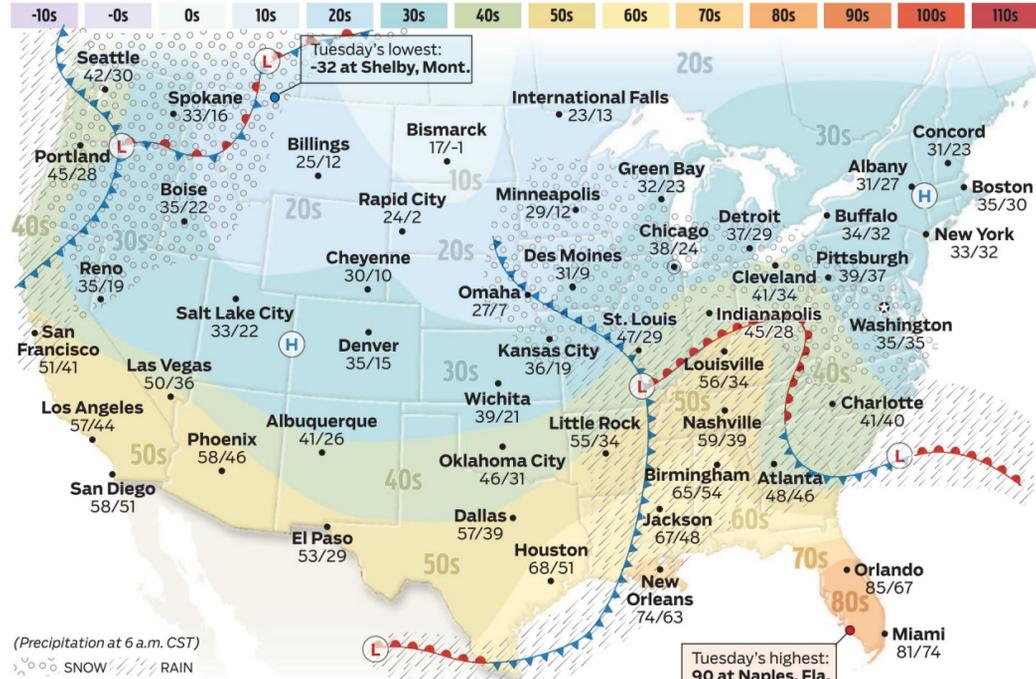
■ Low pressure system moving northeast through our area with strong southerly winds over-running warm front to our south.

■ Snow, at daybreak, changes over to sleet/freezing rain from south to north, eventually changing to rain most of the area by late morning/early p.m.

■ Snow accumulations less than 1 inch south to 4 inches far north.

■ Precipitation ends later afternoon/evening.

NATIONAL FORECAST



As low pressure approaches from the south, winter weather advisories for accumulating snow and freezing rain are up across the Chicago area as we start the day Wednesday.

The morning commute and outdoor activities look to be hazardous, with snow-covered/slick highways, side streets and parking lots.

Snow is expected to change over to freezing rain, and then as surface temperatures rise above 32 degrees, the precipitation should become rain or drizzle over most of the area by late morning/early afternoon.

Most snowfall totals will likely fall in the 1- to 3-inch range. As the low pressure tracks overhead and moves off to the northeast, precipitation should end from the west late in the afternoon/evening.

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

HIGH 36 LOW 17

High pressure builds across the Mississippi Valley bringing ample sunshine and diminishing west to northwest winds. Temps peak in the mid 30s. Mostly clear skies overnight with lows in the teens.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

HIGH 39 LOW 35

Clouds mix with sunshine – readings climbing to near the 40-degree mark. Light southerly winds. Clouds thicken and lower at night with rain likely by Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

HIGH 41 LOW 34

Clouds and rain – even some thunder possible later in the day. Temperatures rise to the lower 40s. Rain overnight. Gusty southeast winds.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

HIGH 38 LOW 24

Rain early changing to snow showers before precipitation ends from the west during the day. Highs in the upper 30s in the morning – falling temps in the afternoon. Winds shift NW 20 to 35 mph. Partly cloudy overnight.

MONDAY, FEB. 25

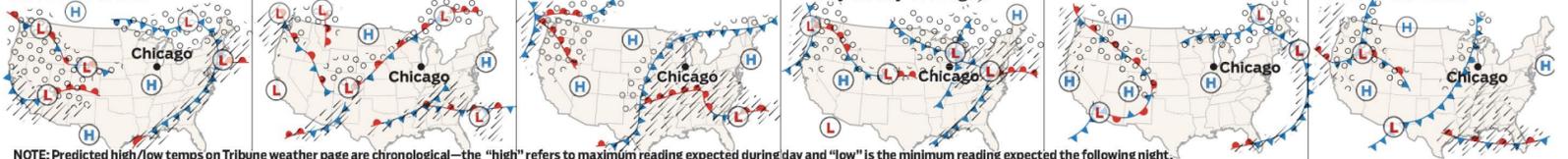
HIGH 31 LOW 27

Clouds mixed with sun – a little cooler with highs in the low 30s. Increasing clouds at night. Southwest winds.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

HIGH 35 LOW 25

Cloudy with snow likely spreading over the area from the west. High temperatures in the middle 30s. Chance of snow showers, especially near the lake overnight. Gusty winds shift to the north.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the “high” refers to maximum reading expected during day and “low” is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What times are used in keeping track of daily weather data? Is it mid-night to midnight, or some other time frame?
— Mona Nicholas

Dear Mona,
Meteorologists worldwide use a midnight-to-midnight (local standard time) reference in keeping track of daily weather data.

High and low temperatures are recorded on a midnight-to-midnight (local standard time) basis. This implies that temperatures from one day to the next cannot skip any values.

The midnight temperature at the end of day one is always the first temperature of the following day.

However, on occasion, high temperatures listed on this weather page will appear to skip values because our high temperature forecast is for the 12-hour period beginning at 6 a.m.

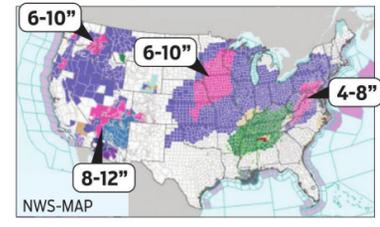
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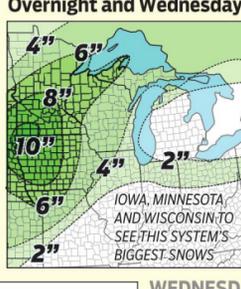
Winter Advisory here typical of over half the U.S.

TUESDAY EVENING'S WEATHER PICTURE

- Winter Storm Warning (Heavy snow, blowing snow)
- Winter Weather Advisories (Snow, freezing rain)
- Flood Warnings



ESTIMATED SNOWFALL Overnight and Wednesday



THURSDAY'S UPPER-LEVEL (20,000 FT.) FLOW PATTERN

Triggers for Chicago snow systems

Wind pattern indicates "triggers" (low pressure troughs) for surface storms—Wednesday's (to our east), Saturday's (moving out of the southwest) and Next Tuesday's (shifting south out of Alaska)



WEDNESDAY MORNING SET-UP



WEDNESDAY FORECAST



MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	52	29	sh	45	36
Carbondale	sh	40	26	cl	39	24
Champaign	sh	40	26	cl	39	24
Amarillo	su	53	27	pc	61	32
Decatur	sh	40	26	cl	41	25
Moline	ss	37	17	pc	33	14
Peoria	fr	37	22	sh	38	21
Quincy	rs	39	24	sh	43	28
Rockford	rs	34	17	pc	30	9
Springfield	sh	40	25	cl	42	26
Stirling	rs	35	17	pc	28	10
Indiana	rn	48	29	cl	42	29
Bloomington	rn	51	30	sh	46	36
Evansville	rs	41	29	cl	39	23
Fort Wayne	rn	45	28	cl	40	28
Indianapolis	sh	39	27	cl	38	23
Lafayette	sh	39	27	cl	38	23
South Bend	rs	38	25	pc	34	19
Wisconsin	sn	32	23	pc	30	13
Green Bay	sn	32	23	pc	30	13
Kenosha	rs	37	21	pc	33	13
La Crosse	sn	31	15	su	29	12
Madison	sn	34	17	pc	31	10
Milwaukee	sn	36	21	su	33	14
Wausau	sn	27	17	pc	25	9
Michigan	rs	37	29	sh	40	21
Detroit	rs	37	29	sh	40	21
Grand Rapids	rs	37	27	pc	31	14
Marquette	sn	26	22	cl	31	17
St. Ste. Marie	sn	26	23	su	30	22
Traverse City	sn	31	28	su	31	20
Iowa	rs	55	30	su	74	25
Ames	rs	55	30	su	74	25
Cedar Rapids	sn	32	11	pc	25	10
Des Moines	ss	31	9	su	27	19
Dubuque	sn	32	15	su	31	11

OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	pc	60	40	sh	60	44
Albany	sh	31	27	pc	45	29
Albuquerque	su	41	26	pc	47	34
Amarillo	su	53	27	pc	61	32
Anchorage	sn	24	21	ss	29	13
Asheville	sh	47	45	rs	62	47
Aspen	cl	21	10	ss	28	19
Atlanta	sh	48	46	sh	63	55
Atlantic City	rs	37	36	pc	53	33
Austin	pc	67	43	sh	58	48
Baltimore	rs	35	34	pc	33	9
Billings	cl	25	12	ss	16	-8
Birmingham	ts	65	54	ts	61	55
Bismarck	ss	17	-1	pc	13	-8
Boise	sn	35	22	pc	36	14
Boston	sh	35	30	pc	50	32
Brownsville	ts	64	58	sh	72	63
Buffalo	ss	34	32	sh	36	23
Burlington	cl	28	24	pc	41	25
Charlotte	rn	41	40	rn	61	47
Charlottesville	rs	63	59	sh	74	60
Charlottesville WV	rs	52	42	pc	53	36
Chattanooga	sh	50	49	sh	58	48
Cheyenne	pc	30	10	cl	26	11
Cincinnati	rn	48	33	cl	46	31
Cleveland	rs	41	34	cl	40	25
Colo. Spgs	pc	35	13	pc	37	18
Columbia MO	sh	38	26	sh	46	30
Columbia SC	rs	51	47	sh	71	56
Columbus	rn	43	33	cl	41	27
Colorado	cl	31	23	pc	43	26
Corpus Christi	pc	70	55	ts	63	58
Dallas	cl	57	39	sh	55	46
Daytona Bch.	sh	81	64	pc	82	66
Denver	su	35	15	pc	34	20
Des Moines	sn	24	15	su	28	9
El Paso	pc	53	29	pc	63	37
Fairbanks	cl	15	5	sh	11	-5
Fargo	ss	20	6	pc	18	-4
Flagstaff	pc	28	19	sn	24	17
Fort Myers	pc	85	66	pc	85	66
Fort Smith	sh	51	32	sh	53	40
Fresno	sh	51	37	ts	59	34
Grand Junc.	cl	22	ss	37	26	
Great Falls	ss	20	6	pc	9	-9
Harrisburg	rs	32	32	pc	48	31
Hartford	sh	33	28	pc	52	29
Helena	ss	20	8	pc	13	-9
Honolulu	pc	81	65	pc	82	66
Houston	pc	68	51	ts	57	55
Int'l Falls	sn	23	13	sh	27	0
Jackson	ts	67	48	ts	56	50
Jacksonville	sh	80	68	pc	84	65
Janeau	pc	35	25	sn	35	27
Kansas City	pc	36	19	pc	45	30
Las Vegas	sh	50	36	cl	42	32
Lexington	ts	56	36	cl	50	37
Lincoln	pc	28	6	pc	32	24
Little Rock	pc	55	34	sh	50	43
Los Angeles	pc	57	44	pc	56	40
Louisville	rn	56	34	pc	49	37
Macon	sh	56	54	ts	73	62
Memphis	ts	57	37	sh	53	46
Miami	pc	81	74	pc	81	73
Minneapolis	sn	29	12	pc	24	13
Mobile	ts	73	66	ts	75	66
Montgomery	ts	72	62	ts	75	64
Nashville	ts	59	38	sh	55	45
New Orleans	ts	74	63	ts	78	68
New York	sn	33	22	pc	54	35
Norfolk	rn	50	48	pc	63	42
Oklahoma City	pc	46	31	pc	53	37
Oklahoma	ss	27	7	pc	30	25
Orlando	sh	85	67	pc	86	68
Palm Beach	sh	81	72	pc	83	71
Palm Springs	pc	58	44	pc	55	38
Philadelphia	rs	33	33	pc	54	33
Phoenix	pc	58	46	pc	51	43
Pittsburgh	rs	39	37	sh	53	40
Portland, ME	cl	30	25	rs	43	26
Portland, OR	rn	45	28	pc	46	29
Providence	sh	34	28	pc	53	30
Raleigh	rn	42	41	sh	63	46
Rapid City	su	24	2	cl	20	5
Reno	sn	35	19	cl	32	14
Richmond	rs	38	35	pc	65	39
Rochester	sh	35	31	pc	40	27
Sacramento	pc	54	36	pc	57	34
Salem, Ore.	ts	45	29	su	48	30
Salt Lake City	sh	33	22	sh	34	19
San Antonio	pc	71	46	sh	62	52
San Diego	sh	58	51	sh	55	43
San Francisco	pc	51	41	pc	55	41
San Juan	pc	80	74	pc	83	75
Santa Fe	su	31	18	sh	38	27
Savannah	sh	68	63	pc	80	61
Seattle	sh	42	30	su	46	33
Shreveport	pc	59	37	rn	53	48
Shrewsbury	ss	22	2	cl	23	19
Sioux Falls	cl	33	16	su	33	14
Spokane	cl	33	16	su	33	14
St. Louis	sh	47	29	sh	45	31
Tucson	su	56	39	pc	52	40
Tallahassee	sh	75	65	pc	78	64
Tampa	pc	87	68	pc	86	68
Topeka	pc	35	18	pc	45	30
Turkey	su	56	39	pc	52	40
Tulsa	pc	43	28	sh	55	37
Washington	rs	35	35	pc	56	38
Wichita	cl	39	21	pc	48	31
Wilkes Barre	sn	24	24	pc	45	26
Yuma	pc	64	48	sh	57	41

WORLD CITIES

WEDNESDAY	FC	HI	LO	WEDNESDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	su	81	69	Kingston	pc	86	74
Algiers	su	66	43	Lima	cl	84	73
Amsterdam	pc	52	41	Lisbon	pc	62	48
Ankara	su	55	31	London	pc	54	44
Athens	su	63	42	Madrid	su	61	32
Auckland	pc	74	69	Manila	su	90	72
Baghdad	su	67	44	Mexico City	su	79	48
Bangkok	su	94	79	Monterrey	pc	68	48
Barbados	pc	83	76	Montreal	cl	22	19
Barcelona	pc	57	41	Moscow	sh	37	28
Buenos Aires	pc	99	72	Munich	sh	50	36
Beirut	pc	61	53	Nairobi	pc	83	62
Berlin	sh	51	43	Nassau	pc	80	73
Bermuda	cl	61	58	New Delhi	sh	70	59
Bogota	pc	68	48	Oslo	cl	35	27

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HEALTH & FAMILY



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Supplemental advice

Answers to your questions about taking multivitamins and other supplements

BY CHRISTY BRISSETTE
The Washington Post

Whether multivitamins and other dietary supplements are necessary for the general population is a source of debate.

Supplements remain recommended for certain populations with specific conditions — such as pregnant women who should take folic acid to reduce the risk of neural tube defects, or children in developing countries whose diets do not provide enough vitamin A and iron. But recent studies have found there is insufficient evidence to recommend multivitamin supplements to the average healthy American, and that in fact, taking too much of certain vitamins can cause harm.

These studies seem to have little effect on the global supplement industry, which is worth an estimated \$128 billion, according to 2017 data from the Nutrition Business Journal, or on the American public. Fifty-two percent of respondents to the 2011-12 U.S. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey reported using dietary supplements — unchanged from the 1999-2000 survey.

As a registered dietitian, I believe a nutritious diet is the best way to achieve a healthy foundation. Supplements (as the name suggests) can be used as a complement to help a person with certain deficiencies meet their nutrient needs. If you're taking a supplement because of such a deficiency, you should try to take it in a way that could promote optimal absorption. Supplement timing can seem complicated, so let's simplify when to take some of the most common dietary supplements and why.

When to take supplements

There is debate about whether taking your vitamins in the morning or at



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Fifty-two percent of respondents to the 2011-12 U.S. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey reported using dietary supplements — unchanged from the 1999-2000 survey.

night is best. The theory goes that because you're getting nutrients throughout the day from food, having your nutrition supplements at night helps your body get some nutrition as you sleep.

But Jeffrey Blumberg, a professor of nutrition science and policy at Tufts University in Boston, says, "Digestion slows down during sleep, so taking your nutrient supplement late at night would not be associated with an efficient absorption."

Neil Levin, a clinical nutritionist at NOW Foods, agrees that morning is best for multivitamins and any B vitamins. "Multivitamins tend to do best when taken earlier in the day, as the B vitamins in them might stimulate metabolism and brain function too much for a relaxing evening or before bed," Levin says.

Although morning is probably ideal, the best

time of day is the time you'll remember. Put the supplement bottles on your kitchen counter next to your coffee maker, so they jog your memory when you reach for your morning cup. Or keep them in your lunch bag or briefcase so you'll remember them.

With food or without?

Most supplements should be taken with food to reduce the chances they'll upset your stomach and to stimulate digestion and improve absorption. For a select few, it really doesn't matter if you take them on an empty stomach. So which ones should you pay attention to?

Iron, magnesium and fish oil supplements are the most common culprits for digestive upset when taken on an empty stomach, so take extra care to have these with a meal or snack.

Fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E and K are better absorbed when you have them with a meal or snack that contains at least a teaspoon of fat, about 5 grams. The same goes for your multivitamin, which contains these vitamins. For example, if you're taking your multivitamin with your breakfast, make sure you're having some almond butter with your oatmeal or avocado with your eggs and toast.

For probiotics, preliminary research suggests taking them with a meal or 30 minutes before a meal could be better than taking them after eating.

Hydration is also important, Blumberg says. "Fluid intake is especially important for the disintegration of the supplement tablet or capsule and for dissolution of water-soluble nutrients such as vitamin C and B vitamins," he says. So be sure to wash down all sup-

plements with a tall glass of water.

The main exception to the "take with food" rule for dietary supplements is with certain types of minerals. Only chelated mineral supplements can be taken without food, Levin says. Chelation occurs when a mineral has been bound to an acid, so it doesn't rely on your stomach acid to break it down. Calcium citrate and magnesium glycinate are the main examples. (If this level of detail is overwhelming, take your supplements with food to cover your bases.)

Better together

Some nutrient dynamic duos include vitamin D to boost calcium absorption and vitamin C to boost iron absorption. That's why taking in these nutrients simultaneously via supplements or boosting with food sources is ideal. A

classic example is having your iron supplements with a glass of orange juice to get the absorption-boosting effects of the vitamin C.

Better apart

Calcium can affect your body's absorption of iron, zinc and magnesium. I recommend taking any calcium supplements at a different meal than any iron supplements or your multivitamin. Also, your body absorbs calcium more effectively when you take 600 milligrams or less at a time. If you're taking more than that per day, you'll want to split up the dosage into morning and evening doses.

Fiber is another nutrient you'll want to take apart from other supplements and medications because it interferes with absorption. I recommend doing so before bed if you aren't taking anything else at that time.

Here's a sample schedule for optimal absorption of the supplements named:

With breakfast: multivitamin or prenatal multivitamin/folic acid, B vitamins, omega-3s, probiotics

With lunch: calcium, vitamin D

With dinner: iron, vitamin C

Before bed: fiber supplement (with a large glass of water)

If it isn't practical for you to remember to take supplements at lunch or other points during the day, don't worry. Have your multivitamin and any fat-soluble vitamins (A, D, E and K) with food that contains some fat, keep your calcium and iron separate, and you'll be fine.

You'll be even better off if you focus on eating nutritious whole foods, because science suggests that this, rather than supplements, is the optimal way to get your nutrients.

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The American Heart Association said in January that more than 121 million adults have heart or blood vessel disease.

48% of U.S. adults have cardiovascular disease

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
Associated Press

A new report estimates that nearly half of all U.S. adults have some form of heart or blood vessel disease, a medical milestone that's mostly due to recent guidelines that expanded how many people have high blood pressure.

The American Heart Association said in late January that more than 121 million adults — 48 percent — had cardiovascular dis-

ease in 2016. Taking out those with only high blood pressure leaves 24 million, or 9 percent of adults, who have other forms of disease such as heart failure or clogged arteries. Measuring the burden of diseases shows areas that need to improve, said the heart association's chief science and medical officer, Dr. Mariell Jessup.

High blood pressure, which had long been defined as a top reading of at least 140 or a bottom one of 90, dropped to 130 over 80

under guidelines adopted in 2017. It raises the risk for heart attacks, strokes and other problems, and only about half with the condition have it under control.

Being diagnosed with high blood pressure doesn't mean you need medication right away; the first step is aiming for a healthier lifestyle. Poor diet, lack of exercise and other bad habits cause 90 percent of high blood pressure.

Other highlights:
■ Heart and blood vessel disease is linked to 1 of

every 3 deaths in the U.S. and kills more Americans than all forms of cancer and respiratory diseases combined.

■ Certain groups have higher rates than others; 57 percent of black women and 60 percent of black males.

■ Coronary heart disease, or clogged or hardened arteries, caused 43 percent of cardiovascular deaths in the U.S., followed by stroke (17 percent), high blood pressure (10 percent) and heart failure (9 percent).

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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Reducing nighttime nasal congestion can be tricky

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: I have tried everything for nasal congestion. Although some remedies work for a while, nothing has worked consistently over the years better than nose spray. The problem: It is addictive. My congestion is always at night, so I either use the spray or can't sleep. I have tried oral decongestants. They clear up my nasal passages, but the ingredients keep me awake. I also have tried nasal strips with little success. I wish there was a remedy that would help with my severe nighttime nasal congestion while letting me sleep through the night.

A: You are caught in a classic double bind. Many people find that oral decongestants keep them awake. If an antihistamine also has a "D" in the name, it probably contains a decongestant. Perhaps an allergist could identify what is causing your congestion and recommend nonstimulant options. Avoiding the triggers that are causing the congestion would be the best solution.

Q: A reader wrote to you about a recent flare-up of atopic dermatitis. I'd like to suggest that this person consider allergy testing to identify what may have caused it. I have had eczema all my life. A couple of years ago, I had a severe breakout that lasted months. I went to a naturopathic physician who did a simple blood test to identify the allergen. The test determined that I was "off the charts" allergic to eggs. While I had been eating eggs sporadically all my life, I had never



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eaten them every day until then. The doctor suggested I stop eating eggs to see if it would clear up my eczema. After six weeks, it did! I can now eat eggs sporadically, but not daily!

A: Allergic reactions to eggs are frequently seen among babies and young children with eczema. This appears to be less common for adults. Nonetheless, both kids and adults with hard-to-treat eczema (atopic dermatitis) may have multiple allergic sensitivities (Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, September 2018). As you note, avoiding an allergic trigger when possible may be the best treatment.

Q: My 60-year-old husband had his colonoscopy two years ago. All was normal. Shortly thereafter, he started experiencing many bouts of constipation and occasional loose stools. He rarely has a normal evacuation. The gastroenterologist performed another colonoscopy this year and found nothing abnormal. My husband has had a breath test to rule out an infection with *H. pylori*. It was normal. He's been checked for

allergies and has lost weight. Crohn's and celiac disease also have been ruled out. We believe his gut flora has been compromised and are at a loss as to what can be done to remedy his situation. Can you suggest a course of action for a 6-foot-tall, 175-pound man who takes no medication and is otherwise healthy?

A: Colonoscopy is very important to detect the earliest stages of colon cancer. The preparation for colonoscopy involves cleansing the colon. There is some evidence to suggest that this cleansing process can disrupt the balance of intestinal microbes (European Journal of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, May 2016). Your husband's physician may wish to order a stool analysis to detect whether there is microbial imbalance. Organizations such as uBiome.com and Verisana.com do this type of analysis. If there is alteration of the microbial ecology, probiotics may help restore the natural balance (Advanced Biomedical Research, June 25, 2018).

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

With hope in our hearts, we explore art of cooking



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

Bought something new at the grocery store the other day: orange chicken, heat and serve. It tasted like compromise and defeat. I quickly dubbed it "Agent Orange chicken," for it was redolent of the darkest days of chemical warfare.

To complicate matters, I suddenly can't drink red wine (acid reflux). For me, losing red wine is a little like Bradley Cooper losing his teeth.

I'd come, after nearly 30 years in California, corrupted and brainwashed by the local citizenry, to really enjoy an occasional glass of the grape. Besides, red wine is supposed to be good for you, in the way various foods are good for you in modest quantities yet deadly when enjoyed to their fullest.

Everything in moderation? Such a dreary life.

Well, with Agent Orange chicken, it turns out moderation is just fine.

We gagged and coughed over the Agent Orange chicken, the boy and I, like gators trying to swallow a child's bike. I paused to tell him how we needed to carve out a more healthful menu as soon as possible, assuming we survived the swampy goo of Agent Orange chicken.

Note that he washed his food down with almond milk; I washed mine down with tap water. My late wife, Posh, used to scold me for drinking tap water, and now that she's gone, I flaunt my newfound freedom by guzzling tap water almost nonstop. So my flirtation with moderation is in jeopardy again.

My son's almond milk puzzles me a little as well. As is the fashion today, Posh convinced the little guy that he was lactose-intolerant.

Yet every evening I would find him eating great gobs of regular ice cream on the couch, with a spoon the size of a snow shovel.

I just let the matter drop, because as every father knows, there are just some wars you can never win. Besides, calcium isn't an issue. His spine is straight and true, like piano keys, though he sometimes slouches in the batter's box.

But back to food.

We went to a lot of trouble to convince the Chardonnay Moms in our town that we couldn't cook when we knew we probably could. Then it turned out we couldn't. As with characters in a "Seinfeld" episode, our disingenuous impulses quickly paid off.

Good food flooded in. One mom dropped off stuffed shells so silky with cheese, so pregnant with spinach, that the little guy did a small happy dance.

"I remember now," I shouted. "This is what food tastes like!"

The next night, we ate the pan it came in.

So now, in search of a more moral life, we are trying to replicate comfort food ourselves.

Off to the store we go, eager for the pleasures of a home-cooked meal, heightened by the pleasure of preparing it together.

The little guy is good in the store. You tear off a portion of the grocery list, and off he darts. He's sort of a grocery savant. Meanwhile, I wait in the deli section for 45 minutes to order a pound of lunchmeat.

They seem to conspire against me in the deli section, disappearing into the back for poker games, or

slipping off to the restroom for two hours, where they do the crossword or pen illicit notes to secret lovers.

That leaves me back at the deli section, tapping the glass gently, dreaming of lunchmeat.

"Have you been helped?" someone eventually asks.

"Not yet."

"What can I get you?" And suddenly I have to choose from among 17 choices of turkey, when really any of them would be fine.

Next up: The veggie section, where I recently spent two days looking for fresh sage, which grows wild all over Southern California — in the gutters, in the hills — yet cannot be found in grocery stores.

Is it any wonder I have trouble getting out of bed in the morning?

The thought that I'll soon have to pull my taxes together, and not long after that wash and fluff the 300-pound beagle, could be paralyzing.

But it's February now, and the little guy and I will keep working on our cooking skills and figure out how to prepare a glorious Valentine's dinner, him and me.

Meanwhile, a buddy recently reminded me of a terrific quote, either by Tasso, the poet, or by Robert Louis Stevenson. (Take your pick. I choose Stevenson. So it's probably really Tasso.)

"Better to travel hopefully than to arrive," one of them once said.

Hope is sustenance, hope is rocket fuel. So that's how the kid and I roll these days, hopefully — with tap water and almond milk, toasting all the yummy things that we cherish.

Including the best cook ever, his lovely mom.

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Boot camp after 60: Get motivated

10 steps from experts to help you adopt a healthier lifestyle

BY BRUCE HOROVITZ
Kaiser Health

It takes moxie to flip an unhealthy lifestyle to a healthy one — particularly for folks 60 and older.

Most baby boomers approach retirement age unwilling to follow basic healthy lifestyle goals established by the American Heart Association, said Dr. Dana King, professor and chairman of the department of family medicine at West Virginia University, referencing his university's 2017 study comparing the healthy lifestyle rates of retired late-middle-aged adults with rates among those still working.

Kaiser Health News interviewed three other prominent experts on aging and health about how seniors can find the will to adopt healthier habits.

"People do financial planning for retirement, but what about retirement health planning?" King said.

Motivated seniors can begin by following KHN's 10-step program:

1. Buy great sneakers. Purchase a pair of top-quality sneakers specifically designed for walking, said Carolyn Rosenblatt, founder of AgingParents.com, who started participating in triathlons at age 63 and continues to do them at age 70. Start by walking around the block. Expand that to 30-minute walks at least three times weekly — or set a goal to increase your walking distance 10 percent each week. And leave your

sneakers by the front door.

2. Practice your balance. The best way to avoid falls is to retain a good sense of balance, said Rosenblatt. Practice standing on one leg with your eyes closed for at least 30 seconds.

3. Improve your breakfast. Stop eating the sweet roll with coffee. Consider substituting a home-blended smoothie with a banana, seasonal fruits, almond milk and protein powder or a protein patty without sugar. And cut out excess sugar in all your meals, said Rosenblatt. Replace soda with seltzer water.

4. De-stress wisely. Find ways to manage your stress that don't involve food, alcohol or smoking. There are lots of meditation programs you can download on your phone and listen to for even 10 minutes, said Rosenblatt.

5. Practice resistance training. To keep your muscle mass from disappearing, do resistance training by lifting dumbbells or barbells or using weight machines, said Kay Van Norman, owner of Brilliant Aging, a consulting firm for healthier aging. "Your muscles are amazing, but if you don't use them, you lose them," she said.

6. Hit the floor. Aging adults need to regularly practice getting down on the floor and standing back up again. "If you don't get down on the floor and back up, you won't be able to do



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While it might not seem as if folks over 60 need to worry about exercise that involves speed and intensity, experts say they do. That's why sports like tennis can be terrific as you age.

it after a while," said Van Norman.

7. Challenge your speed. While it might not seem as if folks over 60 need to worry about exercise that involves speed and intensity, they do, said Van Norman. "Most people don't even think about speed in order to stay healthy. But tennis players are doing that all the time. You need to do something to challenge your speed, not just your power." That's why

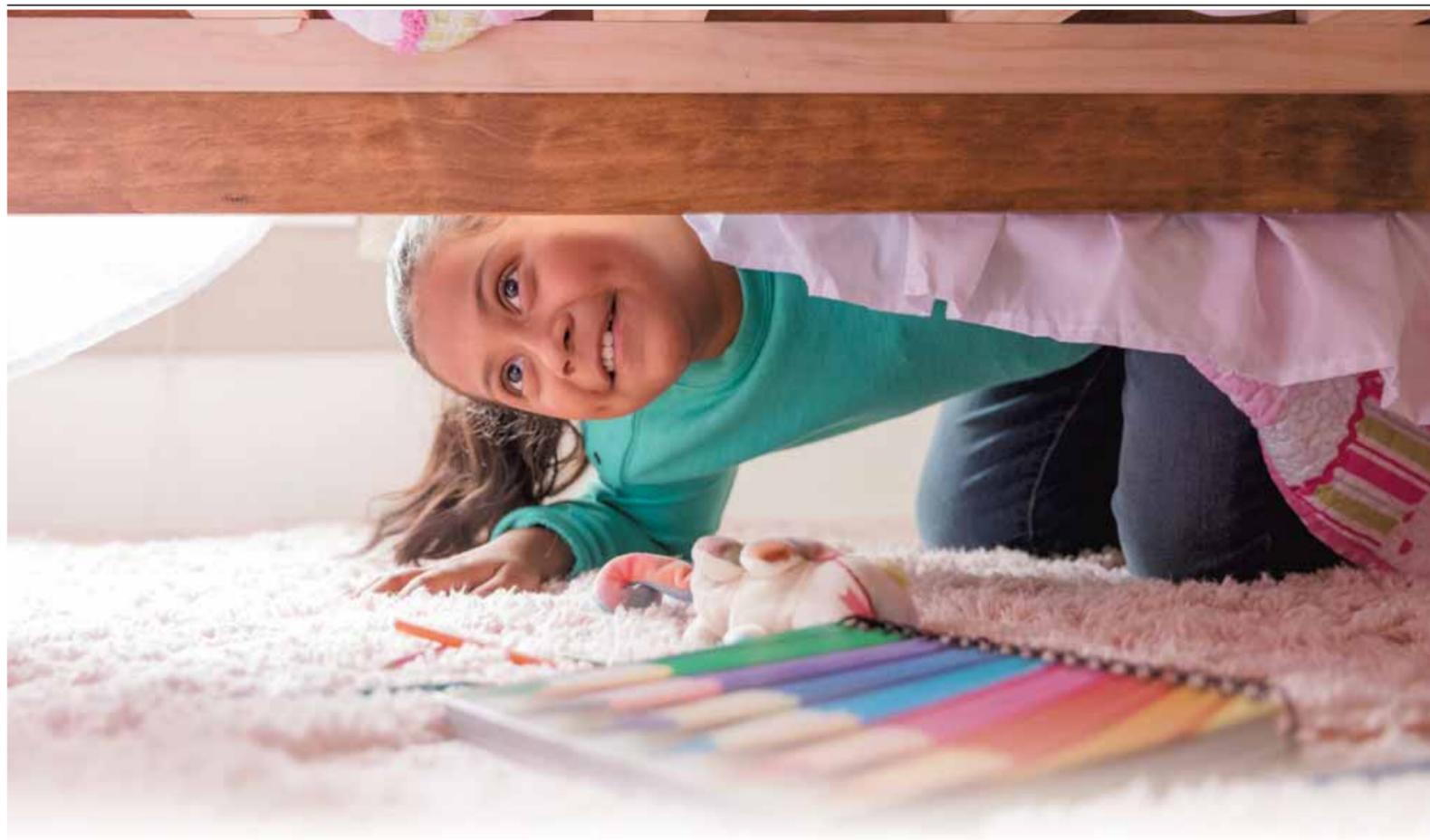
sports like tennis can be terrific as you age, she said.

8. Believe in yourself. Faced with self-doubt and depression after several tragic, challenging events, Sharon Sultan Cutler, 71, turned to therapy to help her feel better about herself. "The first person you have to believe in is yourself," said Sultan Cutler, an author. "People like to be around other people who believe in themselves."

9. Tackle a project. Pick a project that has meaning to you. Sultan Cutler opted to co-author (with two other writers) her first book, "Bandstand Diaries: The Philadelphia Years, 1956-1963," an inside look at her once favorite TV show, Dick Clark's "American Bandstand." Never mind that she'd never written a book before. Now she's on her third book, "Your New You After 65: Valuable Advice to Inspire Your Awesome Aging." "It's like

having a daydream that you can actually make happen," she said.

10. Embrace self-improvement. Some call this lifelong learning. Living a healthier lifestyle requires constant learning and self-improvement, said Sultan Cutler. Seek out local learning resources like community colleges, where classes are often steeply discounted for seniors, she said. "Self-improvement isn't just physical. It's mental, too."



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Older insulins safe, cheaper, study says

Newer, costlier drugs questioned after patients switched en masse

BY ROBERT LANGRETH
Bloomberg

With little fanfare, a private Medicare delivery system owned by insurer Anthem Inc. moved thousands of elderly patients with diabetes from costly new insulin drugs such as Sanofi's Lantus to older and cheaper insulin products.

The health system saved millions. But many of the patients ended up better off financially too: Fewer of them hit the Medicare coverage gap, where patients pay a significant portion of the costs. While blood sugar increased slightly on average, there was no rise in emergency-room visits or hospitalizations from dangerously low or high blood sugar.

That's the conclusion of a new study from Harvard Medical School researchers that could change how diabetics are treated and change the fortunes of drugmakers.

For years, even as insulin prices rose sharply, doctors continued to put patients on some of the most expensive new versions. But increasingly, top researchers are questioning whether drugs such as Lantus from Sanofi, Levemir and Novo and Humalog from Eli Lilly & Co. are really needed for many patients.

The results, published in late January in the Journal of the American Medical Association, suggest it is safe to switch most Type 2 diabetes patients away from newer, more expensive drugs, especially if cost is an issue.

"Quite simply, it means that switching many or most patients with Type 2 diabetes from analog to human insulin is probably safe and effective and in addition, it could be very much cost-saving," said Jing Luo, the Harvard Medical

School researcher and internist who is the lead author of the study.

The insulin switch was conducted by CareMore Health, a doctor-led health-care delivery arm of Anthem Inc. that treats patients in private Medicare and Medicaid plans in a number of states. It features neighborhood care centers within 3 to 5 miles of where patients live.

The care organization had historically provided the most costly insulin drugs to Medicare patients without any copayment. But as prices for the drugs soared, it reconsidered its approach in 2014. It decided it would switch patients en masse to older insulin drugs that cost less. Copayments on the newer drugs were raised for some patients after the switch, while patients prescribed the older insulin drugs didn't have a copay, according to the study.

"There had never been a large scale effort like ours to migrate an entire population from analog insulin to human insulin," said Sachin Jain, chief executive officer of CareMore Health and a co-author of the study. "We did this with some trepidation." But it worked out well, he said.

The health system's monthly insulin expenditures plummeted from \$3.4 million in late 2014 to \$1.4 million at the end of 2016, according to the results in the Journal of the American Medical Association. While blood-sugar levels on average increased slightly, this small difference may not be clinically important, the study concluded.

More importantly, many patients saved money too. Prior to the switch, 80.4 percent of the insulin patients reached the Medicare coverage gap, or so-called doughnut hole, Har-



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vard's Luo said. In 2016, after patients were switched, only 52.7 percent of the patients had spending that was high enough to put them in the coverage gap, Luo said.

In an email, Sanofi said that the study was unable to detect rates of minor low blood sugar episodes or nighttime low blood sugar episodes that can be potentially life-threatening.

"This, among other limitations, make it difficult to draw any conclusions,"

spokeswoman Ashleigh Koss said in an email. Some 85 percent of people who use Sanofi's insulin products pay less than \$50 a month out of pocket, she said.

Eli Lilly, which makes both new analog insulin products as well as older human insulins, said it believed that treatment choice should be between a patient and his or her doctor.

"Analog and human insulin both have revolu-

tionized the way diabetes is treated and both continue to have a place in today's treatment regimen," spokesman Gregory Kueterman said in an email.

While older human insulin products are an important option, "insulin analogs continue to play a critical role in overall diabetes management," said Ken Inchausti of Novo Nordisk, in a statement. Novo's human insulin is available at many retail

pharmacies for \$25 a vial, he said.

In an editorial accompanying the study in JAMA, Yale School of Medicine professor Kasia Lipska said that the new insulin products "do not offer major advantages," although they may modestly reduce nighttime low blood sugar episodes.

"These findings should prompt physicians and patients to reconsider which type of insulin is best," she wrote.



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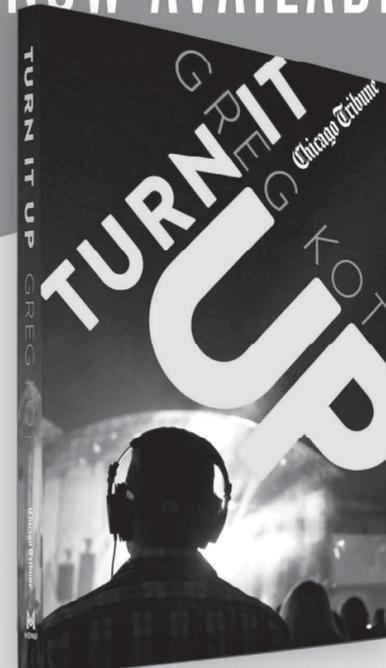
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Griddle-seared steak is served with a smoky red chimichurri sauce, right, and roasted potatoes that also are hit with the sauce.

CRAVING: Meat

Seeing red in Argentina

Chimichurri sauce can enhance any meal



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

Friends sometimes apologize to me for being strictly meat and potatoes lovers. No problem. I enjoy cooking both. Offering a flavorful finishing sauce proves key to pleasing everyone. I turn to the brilliance of Argentina's meat and robust condiment culture for inspiration.

Argentina's love of beef shows up in its traditional mixed grill feasts at parrillas (grill restaurants), in matambre arrollada, a stuffed beef roll, and minced fine in some of the best empanadas I've ever tasted.

All of the above are so much the better when doused with chimichurri, Argentina's go-to condiment. The

uncooked sauce of herbs, garlic, olive oil and seasonings is this South American country's answer to Mexico's salsa.

In Argentina, chimichurri comes in green and red. In the U.S., green chimichurri, made with lots of fresh parsley, appears on menus more often than red as both marinade and finishing sauce.

When the herb garden is blanketed with snow, I give love to the red version, spiked with dried red chile, because this earthy cousin to the herbaeous green chimichurri tastes stupendous with nearly anything off the grill or out of a hot oven. Richer than Mexican tomato salsa, thanks to a generous dose of olive oil, this easy-to-make condiment keeps for a week or more.

You'll find yourself spooning red chimichurri generously over roasted vegetables, fluffy omelets and all manner of fish. I like it smeared over grilled bread before adding a smear of avocado or spoonfuls of sauteed mushrooms for an interesting toast. Brown some ground beef or turkey, and stir in the red chimichurri to tuck into a taco or top a baked potato. Dollop it onto mac-

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REVIEW: Next ★★★

Silk & Spice transports diners but stops short of restaurant's finest

BY PHIL VETTEL
Chicago Tribune

Next restaurant begins its ninth season with a new face running the kitchen. Chef de cuisine Edgar Tinoco wears the top toque these days, filling the shoes of former chefs Dave Beran and Jenner Tomaska.

"New" being a relative term, that is, as Next habitually promotes from within; Tinoco has been part of the kitchen team for

years. He's been in control since early October, following Tomaska's abrupt departure.

"But that was the Alinea menu," said Grant Achatz, the star chef who oversees Alinea and Next and more. "The menus, techniques and dishes were known and documented. This is Edgar's first foray into flexing his creative muscles. The heavy lifting is on him."

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Trade Market (small bites on a scale) is the first course on the Silk & Spice menu at Next restaurant.

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Chunks of beef alternate with bell peppers and baby bella mushrooms for kebabs coated with a spicy red chimichurri sauce.

Chimichurri

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aroni and cheese or cooked pasta or use a dunk for grilled cheese sandwiches. You get the idea.

For the red chile in the chimichurri, I use powdered New Mexico chile in lieu of Argentina's

aji molido. Smoked paprika is one of the world's great ingredients — it's great here too.

Parsley is more common in the sauce, but I like the bright flavor of cilantro. Use either as they are readily available at most markets year-round.

Beef in Argentina is usually grass-fed — which has a much different flavor than our corn-fed

beef. Grass-fed beef is now readily available in many large supermarkets. We don't have exactly the same steak cuts as you'll find in Argentina, but we have plenty of tender options for quick, hot cooking.

Skirt steak sports tremendous beef flavor — we like it for its juiciness — just be cautious not to cook it past medium or it can be

tough.

Hangar steak and flank steak are lean, flavorful cuts that benefit from a garlicky, tangy marinade, high-heat cooking and thin slicing. A great basis for a delicious spoonful of chimichurri.

For quick-cooking kebabs, I prefer lean and exceedingly tender beef tenderloin. Chose lean, trimmed sirloin for a beefier

flavor. Baby bella mushrooms and sweet bell peppers take kindly to the chimichurri too.

Fast-roasted golden potatoes, such as Yukons, need only a little oil and salt to turn into a creamy, irresistible side dish. Pass plenty of red chimichurri for spooning on top.

Red chimichurri. Meat and potatoes never had it so good.

Beef kebabs with peppers, mushrooms and red chimichurri

Prep: 25 minutes **Cook:** 6 minutes

Makes: 6 kebabs

These kebabs cook quickly under a hot broiler. Also, try them cooked over a charcoal grill or on a medium-hot gas grill.

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

4 cloves garlic, crushed

½ teaspoon each: cracked black pepper, ground cumin, salt

¼ teaspoon ground red chile, such as New Mexico chile or cayenne if you like it hot

1 ½ pounds boneless beef tenderloin or beef sirloin, cut into 1½-inch cubes (24 pieces)

12 whole baby bella mushrooms, wiped clean

2 red, orange or yellow bell peppers (or a combination), cored, cut into ½ inch pieces

Chopped fresh parsley or cilantro

Smoky red chimichurri sauce, for serving, see recipe

1. For the marinade, put oil, vinegar, garlic, pepper, cumin, salt and red chile into a small bowl. Stir until salt is dissolved.

2. For each skewer, alternately thread 4 beef pieces, 2 mushrooms and 3 pieces of bell pepper onto each skewer. Put the prepared skewers onto a foil-lined baking sheet.

3. Spoon the marinade over the kebabs, coating all sides. Let stand at room temperature, 30 minutes. Or, refrigerate covered up to several hours.

4. Position the broiler rack 6 inches from the heat source. Heat the broiler to high. Broil the kebabs, 6 inches from the heat source, 3 minutes. Gently flip the kebabs; broil until beef is medium-rare, about 3 minutes more.

5. Transfer skewers to a serving platter. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serve hot with the red chimichurri sauce.

Nutrition information per kebab: 291 calories, 21 g fat, 8 g saturated fat, 70 mg cholesterol, 4 g carbs, 2 g sugar, 21 g protein, 70 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Griddle-seared steak with smoky red chimichurri sauce

Prep: 10 minutes

Cook: 5 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

Ask the butcher to trim the steak of all silver skin, so it cooks up beautifully tender.

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

4 cloves garlic, crushed

½ teaspoon each: cracked black pepper, ground cumin, salt

¼ teaspoon ground red chile, such as New Mexico chile, or cayenne if you like it hot

1 ½ pounds trimmed beef skirt steak or hangar steak

Smoky red chimichurri sauce, see recipe

1. For the marinade, put oil, vinegar, garlic, pepper, cumin, salt and ground red chile into a small bowl. Stir until salt is dissolved. Put the steak into a shallow dish; smear on all sides with the marinade. Let stand 30 minutes at room temperature, or refrigerate up to 2 hours.

2. Heat a heavy cast-iron or nonstick griddle over medium-high heat until a drop of water sizzles furiously on contact. Add the steak in a single uncrowded layer. Cook on medium heat without turning, until the bottom is beautifully browned, about 3 minutes. Flip the steaks; cook until meat is nearly tender when pressed, 1 to 2 minutes more.

3. Transfer to a cutting board; let rest, 5 minutes. Cut the steaks into 3-inch lengths; rotate the pieces so you can very thinly slice the meat across the grain. Serve immediately, drizzled with the smoky red chimichurri sauce.

Nutrition information per serving: 320 calories, 19 g fat, 7 g saturated fat, 118 mg cholesterol, 0 g carbs, 0 g sugar, 38 g protein, 110 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Golden roasted potatoes with chimichurri

Prep: 10 minutes

Cook: 25 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

4 large golden potatoes, 1 ¾ pounds total, scrubbed clean

2 tablespoons olive oil

Coarse (kosher) salt

Smoky red chimichurri sauce, see recipe

Chopped fresh cilantro, optional

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees convection or 400 degrees on conventional. Cut potatoes in half lengthwise; cut each half into 3 long 1-inch wide wedges. Transfer to a large rimmed baking sheet in a single, uncrowded layer. Pour oil over potatoes; turn to coat them on all sides with the oil. Sprinkle with a little salt.

2. Roast, turning potatoes once or twice, until tender when pierced with a fork and golden on the edges, 20 to 25 minutes.

3. Shortly before serving, heat the broiler to high. Broil potatoes, 6 inches from heat source, until potatoes puff slightly and brown nicely, 2 to 3 minutes. Serve hot with the red chimichurri sauce drizzled over all. Garnish with cilantro if desired.

Nutrition information per serving: 209 calories, 7 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 34 g carbs, 2 g sugar, 4 g protein, 16 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

Smoky red chimichurri sauce

Prep: 10 minutes

Makes: about ¾ cup

Take the bite out of raw garlic by poaching it first.

6 large cloves garlic, peeled

2 large shallots, very finely chopped, well-rinsed

½ cup extra-virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

¼ cup finely chopped fresh parsley or cilantro (or a combination)

1 tablespoon sweet smoked paprika

1 teaspoon sweet ground red chile, such as New Mexico powder

Scant ¾ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon ground cumin

Pinch crushed red pepper flakes

1. Put garlic in a small microwave-safe dish. Cover with water. Microwave on high, 1 ½ minutes. Drain; cool.

2. Crush garlic in a press or chop finely. Mix with remaining ingredients in a small bowl. Adjust seasonings.

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 88 calories, 9 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 2 g carbs, 0 g sugar, 0 g protein, 154 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

DRINK

Passion House enters instant scene with coffee bags to steep

By STEVE ZIMMERMAN
Chicago Tribune

Most of the time, when you want coffee, you want it fast. Passion House Coffee wants to help satisfy that craving.

The Chicago-based roaster recently launched its version of instant with Steeped Coffee, single-use bags that promise its flagship Chicago House Blend in 5 minutes. The only requirements are hot water (200 degrees recommended, just shy of boiling), a few dunks of the bag — about the size of an extra-large tea bag — and time to steep.

It took me a couple of tries, but the packets (\$2.50 each, or \$20 for a 10-pack) deliver on flavor and closely mirror brewed coffee at Passion House's cafe in Logan Square. It's a medium roast with clarity, balance and subtle hints of lemon and honey.

But it's not too delicate. This is, after all, a Chicago blend. And while it can be difficult to duplicate the body and intensity of freshly brewed with instant, Passion House comes pretty close.

An initial attempt using the bag delivered a low-intensity version that lacked body, but after honing the steeping time and water temperature (at a barista's urging), there was a significant upgrade in the extraction. The bitterness from the first try faded, and the taste became richer, for a much easier-to-drink cup.

As far as the handiness factor, the bags are a step in the fast direction but not entirely in step with the recent trend toward instant gratification. (As I wrote last fall, a new wave of startup companies, including Swift Cup Coffee, Sudden Coffee, Voila and

Chicago-based Intelligentsia, are making artisan instant coffee.)

Much like its local contemporary, Intelligentsia, which continues to offer instant coffee in traditional form, Passion House's single-serve packets are small enough to fit into a pocket and boast a six-month shelf life thanks to a "nitro-flushed" process that minimizes exposure to air that can impact flavor and quality.

But unlike crystallized instant, which dissolves and blends with hot and cold water, the tea-bag approach needs a heating element and a close eye to make sure the steeping is on point.

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Passion House Coffee roaster has bagged its coffee, ground, into large bags for steeping right in the cup, as if you're making tea.

Explore Argentine wines for great value

BY DAVE MCINTYRE
The Washington Post

Anyone looking for value in wine, up and down the price range, should look to Argentina. The country produces wines of high quality at low prices, and the more expensive bottles — even those stretching into the triple digits as if they were grasping the Andes' peaks — often perform as well as, if not better than, similarly priced trophies from more classic regions.

Anyone interested in exploring wine beyond the simple buzz of the grocery store quaff should also look to Argentina. Although wine-making there dates to the Spanish colonial era, Argentina's modern story is still relatively young. Winegrowers are still exploring the heights of the Andean foothills in Mendoza, Patagonia to the south or Salta to the north, testing the extremes of altitude to produce the best wine possible. We consumers can, without spending a mountain of moola, use Argentina as our laboratory to explore the nuances of terroir and understand how two wines made from the same grape can taste subtly but distinctly different because they were grown on different soils, at different altitudes, just a few miles — or even yards — apart.

And anyone exploring Argentina should begin with two names: Catena and Zuccardi. These family wineries, now in their fourth and third generations, respectively, have been setting the standard, especially in Mendoza, the country's main wine region. Not only do they offer wines of great value, they have been Sherpas, leading the region's explorations up the Andes foothills to develop higher-elevation vineyards.

Argentina's wines burst onto the U.S. market in the 1980s, thanks to three people. Nicolas Catena, the third-generation head of a winery that fueled the tango bars of Buenos Aires, realized that he could improve the quality of his wines by planting vineyards at higher altitudes. He brought in Paul Hobbs, an up-and-coming winemaker from Napa Valley, to consult. They teamed up with Alfredo Bartholomau, a Chilean-born importer based in the Washington area, to create the Alamos brand of malbec, a successful



TOM MCCORKLE/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Catena and Zuccardi are among the winemakers based in Mendoza, which is Argentina's main wine region.

brand that is still widely available in U.S. markets today.

Laura Catena, Nicolas' daughter, now manages the winery and is pushing the exploration of Mendoza's altitudes, especially in the Uco Valley, south of the city. But it was her father's intuition about the mountains that set the stage for things to come.

Here's Argentina's secret: Every additional 100 meters (about 328 feet) of altitude decreases the average temperature by 1 degree Celsius. That means grapes with higher acidity and softer tannins. But the intensity of the sunlight increases as well, allowing the grapes to achieve maximum ripeness while the cooler conditions keep the sugars in check. The combination of low temperatures and high-intensity sun yields red wines of high intensity and extraction, soft and almost imperceptible tannins, and impressive structure and balance.

Altitude is only one factor in Argentina's reach for quality.

"Our wines are wines of the sun, but also of the soil," says

Wines to try

Santa Julia Tintillo Malbec-Bonarda 2018, Mendoza: Bursting with fruit and energy, the first sip ignites a party. Stock up on this for your house red this spring and summer. **\$13**

Santa Julia Reserva Mountain Blend Malbec-Cabernet Franc 2017, Valle de Uco, Mendoza: Bold and juicy, with flavors of plums, dark fruit and spice, this blend can stand up to big flavors of meat and char. **\$13**

Catena Appellation Tupungato Chardonnay 2016, Mendoza: Racy acidity and a firm mineral character embrace generous orchard fruit flavors and a dash of spice. **\$20**

Catena Appellation La Consulta Malbec 2015, Mendoza: This malbec speaks of sunshine and earth, as if it reaches for the sky while remaining firmly rooted. The balance is superb, the fruit effusive, the texture supple. **\$24**

Zuccardi Concreto Malbec Paraje Altamira 2017, Mendoza: This wine shows the effect of altitude in its elegance and acidity, and the seasoning from rocky soils in its black fruit flavors. **\$40**

Sebastian Zuccardi, third-generation winemaker at Familia Zuccardi in Mendoza. He is also in charge of winemaking at his family's Santa Julia winery. It would be easy to say the Zuccardi wines emphasize quality, while the Santa Julia label offers value, but

that would be oversimplifying it. Both lines offer value and quality.

The Zuccardi family built a new winery a few years ago in the Paraje Altamira area of the Uco Valley, about a 90-minute drive south of Mendoza. Zuccardi uses concrete tanks for fermenting and

aging his red wines, believing that way he can produce malbec that is most expressive of its terroir. Oak barrels, he argues, add flavors that mask a wine's true character.

Zuccardi has introduced a new series of wines called Poligonos, priced under \$30 a bottle, to showcase the different areas of the Uco Valley, such as San Pablo, Tupungato and Paraje Altamira, and their expressions of malbec. This line of wines will match Catena's appellation series, in the same price range. Together, they offer wine lovers a chance to explore the nuances of terroir at high quality but moderate price.

Jose Zuccardi, Sebastian's father, built the Santa Julia and Zuccardi label with an emphasis on quality, value and organic viticulture. "Argentina has never seen the quality that it has today," he said on a recent visit to Washington. "We are now producing wines with elegance and finesse." I could not agree more.

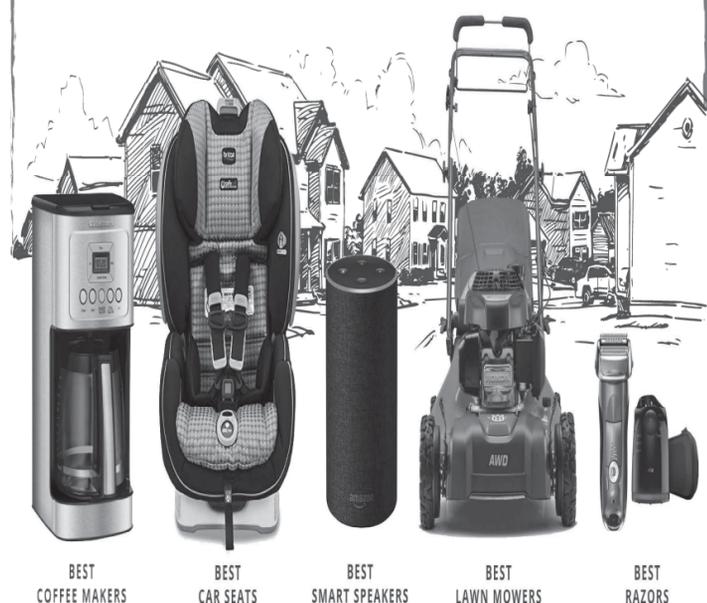
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CRAVING: Meat

Roasts: Cook, shred, freeze

Prepare meats ahead of time for easy soups, tacos, stir-fries

BY ROBIN MATHER
Chicago Tribune

Shredded beef and pork are so versatile that it's worth watching your favorite grocery's sales flyers and stocking up when the big roasts best suited for long cooking are on special.

Here's how to cook, shred, pack and use them, taking as examples an arm chuck roast and a pork shoulder roast. The methods contain no seasonings, so that the finished meat is more versatile for a wide range of uses. You could, if you like, add seasonings during cooking.

Try this pro tip: Ignore the advice to shred cooked meat with two forks. The easiest ways I've found to shred these meats are with a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and with a food processor fitted with the dough blade. The machines make much quicker work of the job than two forks ever could—and with far less tedium too.

To save the cooked and shredded meat, and have it ready for future meals, pack 1-pound portions (about 2 cups) in zip-close bags, writing the date, weight and type of meat on the outside. Freeze. Each portion will make about 4 servings in most cases (at 4 ounces per serving). And they will thaw quickly. Just transfer one to the refrigerator in the morning for dinner that night.

The cut: Arm chuck roast

You might see it labeled as: Arm roast; chuck 7-bone pot roast; chuck arm pot roast; chuck arm roast; chuck blade pot roast; chuck pot roast; chuck; shoulder (clod) roast; arm roast; clod heart; cross rib roast; short clod; shoulder center; shoulder clod roast; shoulder pot roast.

Roast average weight: 2 1/2 to 4 pounds

To cook on stovetop or in the oven: Cut the roast into 3 or 4 large pieces. Place the pieces in a large, heavy pot with a lid, such as a Dutch oven. Add enough liquid (broth, water, beer,



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING
A chuck roast can be cooked in the oven, slow cooker, pressure cooker or on the stovetop, then is shredded for future meals. One-pound portions, enough to feed four, are packed into zip-close bags for the freezer, where they're handy for quick meals, like tacos.



If you find shredding the meat with two forks tedious, try using a stand mixer, left, with paddle attachment. A food processor fitted with a dough blade is another option.

juice) to come about halfway up the side of the roast. Cover and simmer on medium-low heat for 25 to 30 minutes per pound, or place in a 325-degree oven for the same amount of time. When the meat is tender, remove from heat, and allow meat to cool in its liquid. Remove beef, and shred as desired, reserving liquid for another use.

To cook in a slow cooker: Cut the roast into 3 or 4 large pieces. Place pieces into slow cooker with 1 to 2 cups of liquid (water, broth,

beer, juice), and cook on low setting for 6 to 8 hours (smaller roast) or 8 to 10 hours (larger roast). Turn off slow cooker, and allow beef to cool until it is easy to handle. Remove beef, and shred as desired, reserving liquid for another use.

To cook in a pressure cooker (electric or stovetop): Cut the roast into three or four large pieces. Place pieces and 1 to 2 cups liquid (water, broth, beer, juice) into pressure cooker. Cover pressure

cooker, and bring to high pressure; cook for 20 to 25 minutes per pound. When time is up, release pressure according to manufacturer's directions; remove from heat, and allow beef to cool in its own juices until cool enough to handle. Remove beef, and shred as desired, reserving liquid for another use.

Freeze for: Up to 3 months in the refrigerator freezer; up to 6 months in a stand-alone freezer.

Use in: Tacos, burritos,

enchiladas; barbecued beef sandwiches; Vietnamese banh mi; stir-fried with vegetables; omelets; soups

The cut: Pork shoulder

You might see it labeled as: Pork arm roast; blade pork roast; Boston butt; picnic roast; picnic ham

Roast average: 3 to 4 pounds (pork arm roast); 6 to 9 pounds (blade roast)

To cook on stovetop or in the oven: Cut the roast into 3 or 4 large pieces. Place pieces in a large, heavy pot with a lid, such as a Dutch oven. Add enough liquid (broth, water, beer, juice) to come about halfway up the side of the pieces. Cover and simmer on medium-low heat for 5 to 6 hours, or place in a 325-degree oven for the same amount of time. When the meat is tender, remove from heat, and allow meat to cool in its liquid. Remove pork, and shred as desired, reserving liquid for another use.

To cook in a slow cooker: Cut the roast into 3 or 4 large pieces. Place pieces into slow cooker together with 1 to 2 cups of liquid (water, broth, beer, juice), and cook on low setting for

6 to 8 hours (smaller roast) or 8 to 10 hours (larger roast). Turn off slow cooker, and allow pork to cool until it is easy to handle. Remove pork, and shred as desired, reserving liquid for another use.

To cook in a pressure cooker (electric or stovetop): Cut the roast into 3 or 4 large pieces. Place pieces and 1 to 2 cups liquid (water, broth, beer, juice) into pressure cooker. Cover pressure cooker, and bring to high pressure; cook, 75 minutes. When time is up, release pressure according to manufacturer's directions; remove from heat, and allow pork to cool until easy to handle. Remove pork, and shred as desired, reserving liquid for another use.

Freeze for: Up to 3 months in the refrigerator freezer; up to 6 months in a stand-alone freezer.

Use in: Pulled pork sandwiches; stir-fried with vegetables; bean or lentil soups; in omelets or frittatas; in stews with hominy.

Robin Mather is a third-generation journalist and the author of "The Feast Nearby," a collection of essays and recipes from a year of eating locally on a very tight budget.

Mezcal-obsessed mixologist writes book for beginners

BY GRACE WONG
Chicago Tribune

Jay Schroeder wants to make it clear that the title of his forthcoming book is a bait-and-switch. "Understanding Mezcal" isn't meant to be the definitive work on the Mexican spirit, but rather a guide to starting your journey.

"You're not going to read that cover to cover, and three hours later, you're going to be woke and understand mezcal. It's not going to happen," Schroeder said. "Mezcal, as a category, is unknowable. It is infinitely complex, and every rule has many exceptions to it."

It took nearly two years to put the book together, but Schroeder has had a seven-year relationship with mezcal, the Mexican agave-based spirit that has seen explosive growth in the U.S. in the past few years. His exposure to Mexican spirits began under Rick Bayless, who quickly made Schroeder chief mixologist at his restaurants Frontera Grill, Topolobampo and Xoco. Schroeder then set out on

his own, helping launch Mezcaleria Las Flores in Logan Square, and is now partner and beverage director at Quiote and its basement bar hideaway Todos Santos.

He's pursued his passion for mezcal by traveling frequently to various regions of Mexico, like Michoacan, Chihuahua and, most recently, Durango, to complete educational courses and learn from producers who have been making mezcal for generations. But the book is not about him.

"Stories of me roaming around in Mexico are cool, but I wanted something to put out there in front of people that I thought would be useful or engaging or relevant to their lives and not just to mine," Schroeder said.

You won't find glossy photos in "Understanding Mezcal." Instead, hand-drawn illustrations by Polly Jimenez detail the appearance of agave plants, the regions they come from and the equipment used to distill the plants into the smoky spirit. There are no recipes, no personal anec-

dotes and no mentions of brands. The book is published by Prensa Press, based in Mexico City and Chicago, and founded by Jimenez and Paul Biasco, whom Schroeder met through Quiote. This is the publishing house's first book.

Biasco and Jimenez founded Prensa Press in 2018 with the mission of working with writers, chefs, artists, architects, designers and more to publish their written work. Schroeder said while many publishing houses will take an idea and then manipulate it into something that sells, Prensa Press worked with him to ensure that the end product was still his voice and what he wanted.

"Understanding Mezcal" starts with a basic education on what the agave plant is and how it grows, before it moves on to why it's relevant to the product that is created later. While much of the information about agave plants is directly from Schroeder, who grows the plants at home and at Todos Santos, he also hired a science editor who has



GRACE WONG/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Jay Schroeder, partner and beverage director at Quiote and Todos Santos, hopes to help you start your mezcal education with his book, "Understanding Mezcal."

dual doctorates in biochemistry and botany to make sure the minutiae are accurate.

The book also explores the history of the relationship between humans and the plant before discussing the process of making mezcal, its economic impact on producer communities and how to ask the right questions when purchasing the spirit.

Schroeder said he hopes the book will appeal to

both mezcal enthusiasts and people who may not have an interest at all — like his mother, whom he describes as "an amazing human being" who "does not care about beverage or alcohol or booze."

"I want to be able to hand a copy to her ... and have her read it cover to cover, which she dutifully will, and understand everything that's in it, not knowing anything about distilled spirits or how they're made

or what it is or really caring," he said. "And making it engaging enough and making it laid-out enough that it's accessible, but it's not going to offend someone super savvy who's reading it either."

"Understanding Mezcal" comes out March 5 and will be available at Quiote and Todos Santos and on Amazon.com.

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It's jarring for a food writer to suddenly hear from a 5-year-old, "I'm never eating animals." But it's a source of pride too.

When a food writer's kid decides to go vegetarian

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER
Chicago Tribune

Of all my family's traditions, our Christmas Eve feast remains my favorite. Instead of ham or turkey, I somehow convinced everyone 10 years ago that we should make fried chicken from scratch. We marinate the meat in buttermilk overnight, toss it in a highly seasoned flour and then fry it in a cast-iron pan until golden. The whole house smells like a fryer, and the kitchen requires a serious scrub-down afterward, but I couldn't care less. I think about this meal all year.

As we were sitting down this past December to Christmas Eve dinner, my daughter looked at the towering platter of fried chicken and casually remarked, "Is that from a real chicken?"

"Of course," I said. "Hmm," she slowly intoned. "I'm never eating animals." And right then, before the start of my favorite meal of the year, my 5-year-old daughter decided to become a vegetarian.

For any meat-eating parent, this would be a big deal. But as a food writer, the news came like a blow to the gut.

When I told my friends this story, most couldn't help but laugh. "I mean, don't let her see your Instagram feed," said one. This is true. Sometimes it looks as if all I do is sink my teeth into cooked animal parts. For my articles, I like to try as many dishes as I possibly can before making any judgments, which leads to quests where I stuff myself silly on 40 burritos or 234

She doesn't yet know anything about factory farms or ecological impacts. She just likes animals and doesn't want to eat them.

tacos. I've taken trips to Cincinnati solely to devour chili and to North Carolina for barbecue. While my wife and I eat lots of vegetables at home, meat has been a fixture of my weekly cooking since we've lived together, from whole chickens and pork shoulders to steaks and sausage.

But I took my daughter's declaration seriously. In a way, I was proud of her. While I had no interest in following suit, knowing that meat comes from actual animals is important. She doesn't yet know anything about factory farms or the ecological impact of cattle. She just likes animals and doesn't want to eat them. My wife and I let her know that we'd help. The first step: She'd have to eat vegetables.

My daughter could subsist happily on rice and noodles. Throw in cheese, some bread covered in peanut butter, yogurt and cornflakes, and that covers about 75 percent of her food intake. Not that my wife and I don't try. Like all hyper parents, we vainly push vegetables on her every single day. She'll tolerate green peas. She'll nibble on a carrot stick. I once saw her eat broccoli and like it, but she now refuses to acknowledge the event. Most times it feels hopeless. She won't look at kale, thinks cauliflower smells bad and scoots beets

away whenever they are close. We keep trying.

We've had some successes in the fake meat department. Honestly, I'd rather my kid mindlessly scarf down veggie nuggets than chicken nuggets. She thought veggie dogs were OK. But the veggie burger got a thumbs-down.

She'd never exactly been a big meat eater. Steak interested her for only two bites, and she used to dig the crunchy breading of fried chicken more than the meat. But we thought doing without cured pork products might break her. She's decimated whole charcuterie plates before, requested ham at lunch for weeks on end and loved nothing more than swiping multiple free sausage slice samples from a particular stall at our local farmers market.

When we explained that ham and salami came from a pig, she paused for only a few seconds, before asking, "Does the pig need that part to live?"

"It does," I replied. "Then I'm not eating ham anymore." She's kept that promise.

I have to admit, some past memories now feel slightly tinged with sadness. Like the summer days when I'd take her to Red Hot Ranch, one of Chicago's best hot dog stands, and set her on the standing counter to eat a hot dog

with fries. I felt connected to the city in those moments, and relished that she thought adding ketchup sounded gross.

But then I realized that we'd create new ones. She loves helping me make bread. Though sometimes more flour falls on the floor than ends up in the bowl, when the crackly loaves come out of the oven, she devours the results more quickly than she ever did chicken meat.

Mostly, it's been amazing how easy this change has been. We have friends whose kids are vegetarians, and they've given us loads of tips. Her school offers a vegetarian option every day. Most kids parties serve only cheese pizza anyway. While the hot dog at Red Hot Ranch may be off-limits, she still can eat the stand's incredible hand-cut french fries.

Coincidentally, I'm working on a massive burger feature right now, which requires me to eat multiple burgers a day. I've never eaten so much ground beef in my life. To help me survive for the time being, I'm strictly vegetarian at home. We might keep it that way.

I have no idea how long this will last. She is 5. Her favorite animal has changed twice since Christmas. After three years of telling us blue was her favorite color, last week she switched to red. (That last one really threw me off.) But the decision of whether it's right or not to eat meat is an important topic to consider no matter your age.

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Land of drinkin': Some of cheapest U.S. beers are here

BY JOSH NOEL
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Weeks after Chicago claimed the crown for most breweries in the nation, the news gets even better: Illinois is home to some of the cheapest beer prices in the U.S.

According to a study by the website Simple Thrifty Living, the average price of a 24-pack of Bud Light or Miller Lite in Illinois is \$15.20 — 12 cents cheaper than those 24-packs would cost in the next-cheapest state (South Carolina; \$15.32) and less than half the price of the most expensive state (Alaska; \$31.21).

Though it is just one study and quite limited in

nature, the results underscore a point long understood within the local beer industry: Chicago, and by extension Illinois, are home to unusually cheap beer prices.

The reason is good old competition: Chicago is one of the rare markets where Miller beers outsell Anheuser-Busch. As a result, Anheuser-Busch — the nation's largest beer company, and a subsidiary of the world's largest beer company, Anheuser-Busch InBev — keeps prices low to entice new customers. Miller is forced to match to retain its dominance.

Competition is heightened in Illinois among retailers, particularly



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Chicago's low beer prices are due to competition between giants Miller and Anheuser-Busch.

Jewel-Osco, Binnys and Marino's, which are known for trying to outfox one another on pricing.

The winner? Beer buyers.

Simple Thrifty Living said it determined the prices from retailers in "up to 10 ZIP codes in each state ... a mix of urban and rural areas to get a representation of different parts

of each state."

A 2017 version of the study rated Illinois as having the third-cheapest beer prices, pegging the average cost of those Bud Light and Miller Lite cases at \$15, which landed the state just behind Michigan and California.

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Achatz certainly gave Tinoco plenty of creative space. The current menu is Silk & Spice, and takes its inspiration from the Silk Road, which extended from China to the Mediterranean, and the spice trade, which covered similar territory and eventually stretched to the New World. That's a "focus" of a continent and a half, spanning hundreds of years.

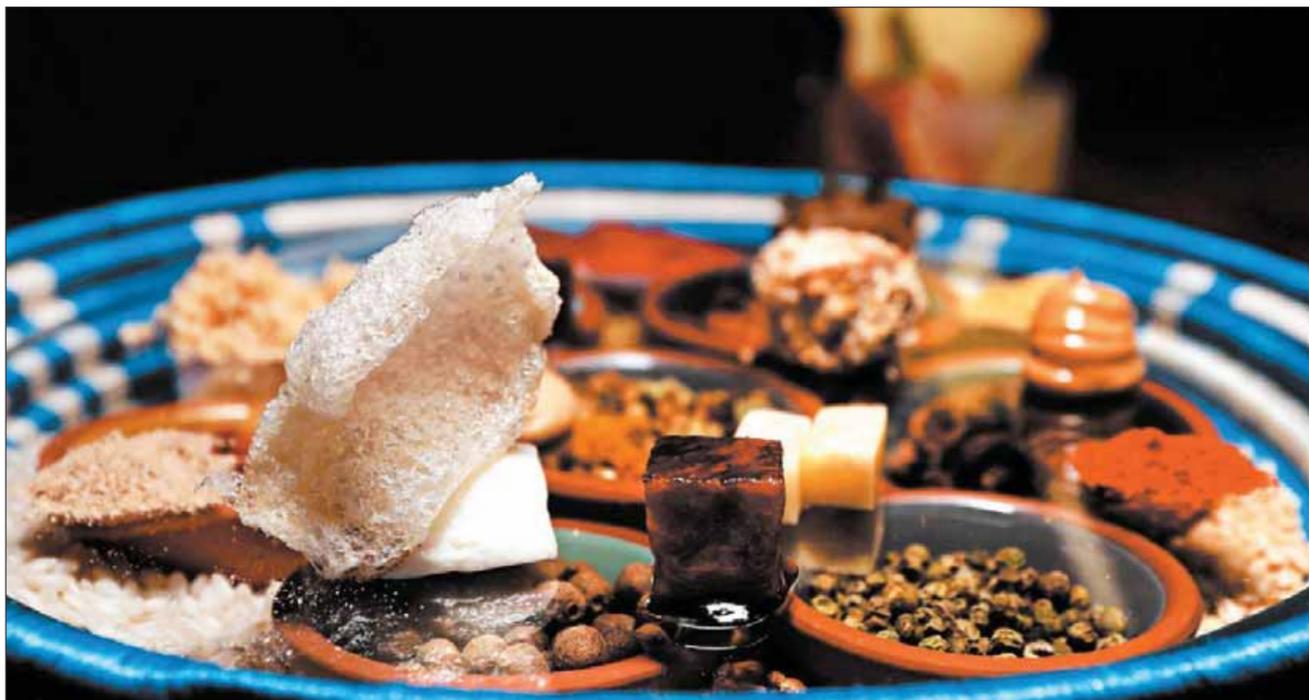
Compared with the geographic and temporal restrictions of most Next menus — its inaugural presentation was dubbed Paris 1906 — Silk & Spice is a relative blank slate.

Which was fine with Tinoco. "It gives us a lot of creative leeway," he said. "It's always great to take a concept and explode it as much as we can, go against what people think we're going to do."

Shelve your expectations of Indian curries and Middle Eastern kebabs; Next, as it always does, surprises. The first course is dubbed Trade Market, and appears as a balance scale, bearing a trio of reimagined Indian bites: A lentil pancake filled with cardamom cream and topped with persimmon syrup; a skewered layering of egg custard and green beans, with a smidgen of onion puree; and a "deconstructed samosa" that proved to be a spice-dusted chip bearing upright leaves of fried mint and cilantro. The stuffed pancake was a hit; I shrugged at the others.

This was followed by a Rich Peasant course meant to illustrate the "rich and poor, nothing in the middle" dichotomy of ancient Rome, matching a tart soup of peasant vegetables (charred cabbage and red onions) to gilded nuts and seeds. It was an enjoyable soup, but concept outpaced execution.

Then the purpose of the Buddha's-hand (a citron fruit with fingerlike extensions), suspended over each table, became clear in a two-part course. First, a so-crazy-it-works parfait of roasted-banana puree, mango puree and caviar, topped with tableside-grated Buddha's-hand. Then the base of the fruit, which had been sealed in wax, opened to reveal a luxurious red-crab and turmeric cream (talk about your culinary sleight of hand); this proved to be the finishing touch to a gorgeous spicy crab and hearts-of-palm salad. (The this-ingredient-was-in-front-of-you-the-whole-time trick is an oft-repeated bit at Next and Alinea, and it gets me nearly every



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Next restaurant is featuring a Silk & Spice theme for its latest menu that includes a wagyu dish with a variety of spices.



Edgar Tinoco took over as chef de cuisine at Next in October following the abrupt departure of Jenner Tomaska. Tinoco has been part of the kitchen staff for years.

time.)

Tinoco reaches into his Mexican roots for the Mole & Rain course. A large hoja santa leaf bears marble-size spheres of horchata and a jellied substance the kitchen calls "horchata gummies"; drops of clear gel on the leaf suggest a recent rainfall. Alongside that is a leaf-covered plate hiding pork belly in Oaxacan mole, topped with squares of watermelon radish and raw onion. It was delicious.

A salute-to-coriander bowl of soup-gel noodles, papaya and greens was yummy, but more a visual treat than anything else. Pork-mousse dumplings highlighted a "tea ceremony" course in which pu'erh tea formed the base of a complex, aromatic broth supporting a silken slab of black cod.

In another bit of misdirection, a super-heated iron vessel arrives alongside a plate of squab, but the two

Next

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Tribune rating: Three stars

Open: Dinner Wednesday to Sunday through April 20

Prices: Multicourse menu \$135-\$185

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.

are unrelated. The pot is actually cooking the naan for the following course, a lamb-stuffed eggplant disk with an array of spices, yogurt-and-black-pepper "rocks" and dipping sauces of baba ganoush, zataar-seasoned yogurt and chermoula. (The naan bread, emerging from its make-

shift tandoor, was note-perfect.)

The final savory course is heavy on visuals; a colorful woven basket is filled with various spices, and the bites — led by cubes of A5 wagyu, with discrete piles of garlic puree, shallot chutney and assorted ground spices (the pepper-corn-raspberry blend is a revelation) — are suspended over the raw spices on a plate of clear plexiglass, in a cute 3D effect.

And just when I'd given up on curry, it finally arrived — as a dessert. A super-chilled marble bowl is used to make curry sorbet before your eyes (Tinoco did the honors at my table, making a Cold Stone Creamery joke as he worked), which joins a plate of other sweets showcasing curry ingredients: chiles (a Thai chile meringue), ginger (ginger pate de fruit), peanuts (peanut-butter crumble) and basil puree.



Squab with palm-nut black chips and mushroom white chips is also part of Next's latest culinary adventure.



A hoja santa leaf bears spheres of horchata and "horchata gummies"; drops of clear gel suggest a recent rainfall.

Unlike previous Next iterations, Silk & Spice clocks in at a tidy 2 1/2 hours. "It used to be, at Alinea and even Trio (the bygone Evanston restaurant that launched Achatz's Chicago career), people genuinely wanted a five-hour experience," Achatz said. "We're very conscious of the time now; we look at the sweet spot as 2:45 at most."

This is also Next's least-expensive menu in some time; prepaid tickets are as low as \$135 (for certain 5 p.m. seatings) and no more than \$185 (the downstairs private room excepted).

When Next does what Next does best, it transports guests to another realm, encouraging the sense that one really is eating in ancient Rome or the streets of Bangkok. I applaud Silk & Spice for its global reach (or as much of the globe as was known back then), and the front-of-house service was highly personable and without flaw. But enough dishes lacked that transcendent quality, which this kitchen so often delivers, to rank Silk & Spice among Next's finest efforts.

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Celery juice not a cure-all, but it probably won't hurt

BY GRACE WONG
Chicago Tribune

With or without your consent, you've probably encountered, in recent weeks, some influencer on social media lauding the merits of celery juice. With their veneer-white smiles and bump-less skin, these men and women claim that the bright green juice is a miracle in a Mason jar, with the ability to help you boost your metabolism and lose weight fast — some even claim that it cures cancer.

But where does the truth end and the lies begin? We reached out to Angela Maicki, owner of City Press Juice & Bottle, an organic cold-pressed juice shop, and Lori Welstead, a registered dietitian and nutritionist at the University of Chicago, to help shed some light on the celery claims.

Maicki's introduction to juicing began when her husband, Anthony, got hepatitis A while the couple were traveling. She watched as he suffered from liver failure, high fevers, inability to walk and inability to work. He was in and out of emergency rooms, and he took medication every day, but she realized that he wasn't getting enough nutrition. So she turned to juicing.

"It was amazing because he could take in pounds and pounds of produce

very easily, and within weeks, he started to have more vitality and started to heal and feel different," Angela Maicki said. "We came out of the whole experience very inspired and very excited to share what we had learned with the community."

City Press Juice, which opened in May 2014, specializes in organic cold-pressed juices and other health products. Celery juice is in all of the bar's green juices. But the vegetable was not as popular then as it is now, Maicki said, and they had to defend it to customers who considered it a filler ingredient.

Although Maicki said she's excited that more people are on board with celery juice, she wants people at home to make sure the celery they're using is organic and pesticide- and GMO-free, in addition to being raw when consumed. At City Press, 3 pounds of celery is cold pressed into a 16-ounce juice, which means the stalks are put through a masticating juicer (it squeezes the juice rather than blends it) and pressed with 14 tons of pressure, which removes the pulp and fiber.

In a post published on its website, the juicery claims that celery juice heals the gut, aids in detox and is anti-inflammatory, a cancer



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Claims about celery juice say it boosts metabolism, aids in weight loss, reduces inflammation and even fights cancer.

fighter and a metabolism booster.

"We highly believe that foods heal, but it takes time, and not one ingredient and not one juice is going to be a miracle overnight," Maicki said. "I like to compare diet and health to a marathon. It takes time. Your body will start to see changes, but it will take time, and that's OK."

Maicki also added that while you may not necessarily want fiber in your juice, you should be getting it by consuming whole raw vegetables, fruits and foods. The juice should not be replacing a healthy diet, but can complement one, she said.

"I think the beauty of

juicing celery is you can juice pounds and pounds of celery into a very accessible amount," Maicki said. "It's hard to chew pounds and pounds of celery in the morning or for lunch."

While there are certainly benefits to drinking celery juice, Welstead cautions against putting too much faith in the green liquid. Many of the claims are still unsupported by science and need further research and clinical trails to fully understand which benefits are real and which are just fairy tales.

Celery is low-calorie, low in sugar, contains a number of minerals like potassium (a diuretic) and is 95 percent water, Welstead said,

which makes it hydrating and helpful for de-bloating. People who are on blood thinners should avoid it, she said, as it can counteract the medication because of its vitamin K content.

Claims of celery revving up your metabolism and balancing pH are not supported by science, said Welstead, who noted that some of these unsubstantiated beliefs were put out by Andrew William, who goes by the name "Medical Medium" and, according to his website (medicalmedium.com), "was born with the unique ability to converse with the Spirit of Compassion," who gives him "health information that's often far ahead of its time." William was a contributor to Gweneth Paltrow's Goop and claims to have started the "Global Celery Juice Movement."

There are only a few clinical studies that have supported some of the claims around celery juice, Welstead said, but for the most part, there's not enough evidence in clinical studies to prove all of its purported benefits yet.

In 1991, the University of Chicago published a study that said celery contains the chemical 3-n-butylphthalide, which increased blood vessel diameter and helped lower blood pressure and increase circulation.

This helps people feel they have more energy. In the study, a man who was diagnosed with hypertension ate four stalks of celery a day for a week, and within a week, his blood pressure had fallen dramatically.

Instead of having celery juice, people should consider just eating a few stalks of celery, Welstead said. This way, they can reap the benefits of the high-fiber content in the plant, which will also help them feel full and satisfied.

While juice may be beneficial, fiber is what helps change gut bacteria, Welstead said. A three-day juice-cleanse study conducted in 2017 concluded that juice cleanses that included fiber have the ability to help change gut bacteria that are associated with weight loss. However, the study noted that further studies are required to confirm that the change in the intestinal microbiome is directly linked to weight loss.

"If people want to start their day with celery juice, it won't be harmful, but they also need to focus on their whole diet and what they're eating throughout the day," Welstead said. "Overall, it's a thumbs-up, but be wary that it's not a cure-all."

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Shrimp skewers create a buzz

BY CHRISTINE GALLERY
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When grilled with an herby, garlicky chimichurri sauce that doubles as both a marinade and a dipping sauce, shrimp skewers have enough bold flavor to make you feel like a kitchen rock star, even though they only take five measly minutes on the grill to cook.

We've sung the praises of chimichurri before because this South American sauce is such a versatile tool in the kitchen. While it's usually served with grilled beef or chicken, its combination of fresh herbs, garlic, bright vinegar and citrus work just as well with sweet, briny shrimp. This no-cook sauce just needs a quick buzz in the food processor or blender,



CHRISTINE HAN PHOTO

and it can double as both the marinade for the shrimp and for serving with the cooked skewers. I love chimichurri sauce so much that I usually make a double batch, as it stores and freezes extremely well for when I need a quick sauce or marinade.

I love the taste of grilled lemons, so each skewer

gets a lemon wedge as an anchor. The lemon wedges char and caramelize just a bit on the grill, making them super-juicy and ready to be squeezed over the grilled shrimp before digging in.

Serve the skewers for dinner on a busy week-night or as a fast and fancy appetizer at a party.

Grilled shrimp skewers with chimichurri

Serves: 4

- 1 1/2 cups packed fresh parsley leaves
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup packed fresh oregano leaves (from about 1 bunch)
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 pounds extra-large uncooked shrimp, peeled and cleaned (16 to 20 shrimp per pound)
- 10 (9- to 10-inch) skewers (soak wooden skewers in water for 20 minutes)
- 1 medium lemon, cut into 10 wedges

1. Place the parsley, oil, oregano, lemon juice, vinegar, garlic, 1/2 teaspoon of the salt and the red pepper flakes in a blender or food processor fitted with the blade attachment. Pulse until it forms a chunky paste. Transfer 3 tablespoons to a large bowl. Transfer the remaining chimichurri to a serving bowl.

2. Add the shrimp and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt to the large bowl, and toss to combine. Let sit for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare a stovetop grill pan on high.

3. Thread a lemon wedge through the rind onto a skewer and slide down to about 1/2 inch from the end. Thread about 5 shrimp onto the skewer, skewering each shrimp twice (through the tail and head ends) and spacing them evenly. Place on a baking sheet and repeat with skewering the remaining lemon wedges and shrimp.

4. Place the skewers in a single layer on the grill pan without touching (grill in batches if needed). Cook until grill marks appear on the bottom, about 4 minutes. Flip the skewers, cover, and cook until the shrimp are just firm, about 1 minute more. Transfer the skewers to a serving dish and serve with the reserved chimichurri sauce.

Recipe notes: If using frozen shrimp (which I prefer), thaw overnight in the refrigerator or under cool running tap water if using immediately. The chimichurri can be made and stored in the refrigerator for up to four days or frozen for up to two months. Let come to room temperature before marinating the shrimp. Leftovers can be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to three days.

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Gremolata brightens a basic lentil soup

BY DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON
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Lentils are a great source of protein and fiber, and low in fat and calories. I love making soups, dips, side dishes, salads and main course dishes with this versatile, diminutive legume. The lentil doesn't require lengthy soaking or preparation and it cooks quickly, making it an excellent pantry staple.

There is a world of lentils at your grocery store, where you'll find varieties in green, brown and red. Green lentils take



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longer to cook, because they have a firmer texture. If you want your lentil to hold its shape, for a salad or as a bed for fish or chicken, use the French green lentil.

This red lentil soup has a milder flavor and turns a sort of dull gold after cooking. The big flavor enhancer here is the gremolata topping that brings all the flavors together with the

bright lemon, aromatic parsley and sharp garlic.

You can make the soup vegetarian if you use vegetable stock and omit the sausage at the end. For extra flavor, you can add a bit of smoked chile powder or a few drops of chipotle hot sauce. Serve with a loaf of whole grain bread and olive oil for dipping. A glass of pinot noir would be a lovely accompaniment.

Lentil soup with turkey sausage and gremolata

Prep: 45 minutes Cook: 50 minutes Makes: 6 to 8 servings

Lentil soup:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 3 carrots, peeled, coarsely chopped
- 2 ribs celery, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound red lentils, rinsed, picked over
- 2 quarts chicken or vegetable stock
- 2 cups diced well-drained canned tomatoes
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley

Gremolata:

- 1/4 cup finely chopped parsley
- Finely grated zest of 1 lemon
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Finish:**
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme leaves or 1/2 teaspoon dried
- 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 pound precooked smoked turkey kielbasa sausage, cut into 1/2-inch slices, optional

1. Heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat; add the onion. Cook, 3 minutes. Add the carrot and celery; saute until slightly softened, 5 minutes. Add the garlic; saute, 1 minute.

2. Add the lentils, stock, tomatoes, bay leaf and parsley. Bring to a simmer; over medium-low heat, cook, stirring occasionally, until the lentils are tender, about 30 minutes. Remove the bay leaf.

3. Meanwhile for the gremolata, combine the parsley, lemon zest and garlic in a bowl.

4. Process the soup in the pot with an immersion blender or in a food processor, pulsing until the soup is partially pureed but still has plenty of texture.

5. Stir in the thyme, vinegar, salt, pepper and sausages; simmer until the sausage is hot, 5 minutes. Serve, garnished with the gremolata.

Nutrition information per serving (for 8 servings): 397 calories, 14 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 40 mg cholesterol, 45 g carbohydrates, 8 g sugar, 24 g protein, 1,293 mg sodium, 15 g fiber

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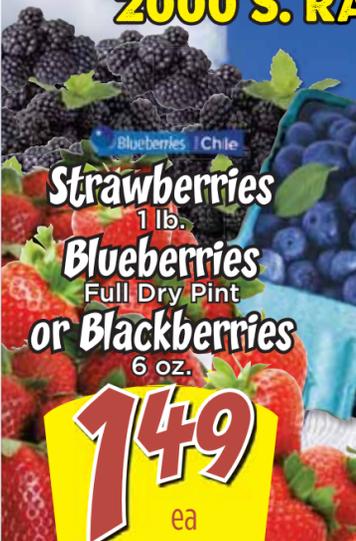


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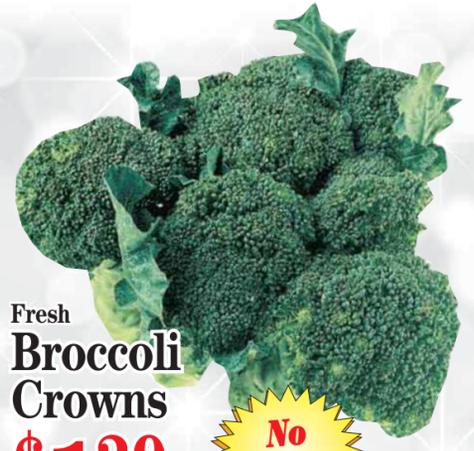
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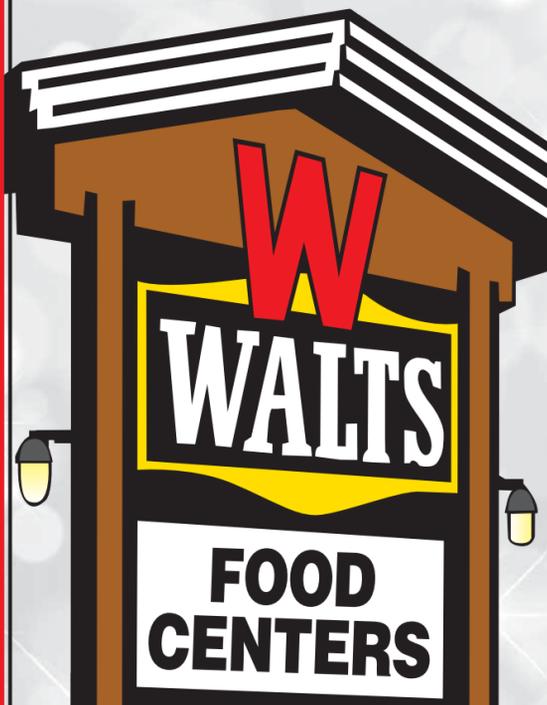
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Dutch Farms On the Go Cheese Snack Packs
7.5 Oz.
2/\$4

Dutch Farms On the Go Snackers
3 Pk.
2/\$5

Azteca Shells
•Flour Tortilla 10 Ct.
•Taco Salad 4 Ct.
\$1.99

Frigo String Cheese
20 - 24 Oz.
\$5.99

Arizona Tea
59 Oz.
3/\$5

Dutch Farms Gelatin Ring
19.5 - 22 Oz.
3/\$5

Oberweis Juice •Fruit Punch •Lemonade •Tea
1/2 Gallon
2/\$4

Oberweis Milk
•Whole •2% Reduced Fat
•Skim Fat Free •Chocolate
1/2 Gallon
2/\$6

Dutch Farms Pudding
22 Oz. Tub
2/\$6

Florida's Natural Premium Lemonade
59 Oz.
2/\$4

FROZEN

Prairie Farms Premium Ice Cream
56 Oz.
2/\$6

Eggo Waffles •Pancakes
9.8 - 16.4 Oz.
2/\$4

Stouffer's Signature Entrees
Selected Varieties
6 - 12.75 Oz.
4/\$10

Palermo's Thin Crust Pizza
11 Inch
5/\$11

Mr. Dell's "All Natural" Hash Browns
24 - 32 Oz.
2/\$6

Sara Lee Cheesecake
•Regular •French
17 - 26 Oz.
\$4.99

Best Choice Whipped Topping
8 Oz.
4/\$5

Oberweis Ice Cream
16 Oz.
3/\$10

Dean's Ice Cream
•Ice Cream Sandwiches
•Ice Cream Bars •Fudge Bars
•Toffee Bars •Crunch Bars
10 - 12 Pk.
\$3.99

Dean's Classic Ice Cream
56 Oz.
\$3.99

Green Giant Polybag Regular Vegetables
12 Oz.
2/\$3

Green Giant Boxed Vegetables
Selected Varieties
7 - 10 Oz.
4/\$5

Best Choice Game Bread
•Light Garlic Texas Toast 8 Ct.
•Garlic Bread 16 Oz. •Garlic Texas Toast 8 Ct.
•Garlic Dinner Rolls 6 Ct. •Garlic Breadsticks 6 Ct.
2/\$4

Grown In Idaho Potatoes
28 Oz.
\$2.79

Louisa Pasta
16 - 22 Oz.
\$3.99

Devour Entree
Selected Varieties
7.2 - 12.5 Oz.
2/\$6

Banquet Family Size Entree
24 - 28 Oz.
Sale Price **\$2.99**
Digital Reward Coupon
Final Price **\$2.74**

Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Meal
8.5 Oz.
\$2.99

Kid Cuisine Dinner
Selected Varieties
7.45 - 10.6 Oz.
2/\$4

Swanson Pot Pie
7 Oz.
99¢

Tai Pei Entree
Selected Varieties
9 - 11 Oz.
2/\$5

Freschetta Pizza
12 Inch
\$4.99

Banquet Chicken
•Nuggets •Patties
•Tenders
12 - 15 Oz.
\$3.29

Tony's Pizzeria Style Pizza
12 Inch
4/\$10

TGI Fridays Appetizers
Selected Varieties
7.6 - 11 Oz.
\$2.99

Pizza
•Home Run Inn Ultra Thin Crust 12 Inch
•Edwards 24 - 28 Oz.
2/\$10

FINE WINE, BREWS & SPIRITS

Available in Homewood, Tinley Park, Crete, & Beecher stores only.

•Miller Lite •Miller 64
•Miller Genuine Draft
•Coors •Coors Light
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans
\$7.99

•Miller High Life
•Miller High Life Light
•Rolling Rock •Icehouse
•Busch •Busch Light
30 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
\$12.99

•Heineken
•Heineken Light
•Amstel Light
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans
\$13.99

•Michelob Ultra
•Michelob
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans
\$8.99

Smirnoff
•Vodka
•Flavored Vodka
750 ML
\$12.99

19 Crimes Wine
•Chardonnay
•Cabernet
•Red Blend
Selected Varieties
750 ML
\$9.99

Frontera Wine
•Merlot •Cabernet
•Chardonnay •Pinot Grigio
Selected Varieties
1.5 Ltr.
\$7.99

•Mike's Hard Lemonade
•Truly Spiked & Sparkling
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans
\$13.99

GM/HBC

Nature's Bounty
Vitamins Full Line Sale
50% Off

Vicks
•VapoInhaler
•VapoRub
2 ML
1.76 Oz.
\$3.99

•DayQuil
•NyQuil
Liquid 12 Oz. or
Liquicaps 24 Ct.
\$6.99

Mennen
Anti-Perspirant & Deodorant
Speed Stick
•Men's 3 Oz.
•Fresh Scent, Clean Surf or Regular
•Women's Invisible Dry 2.3 Oz.
•Shower Fresh or Powder
\$2.49

Fixodent Cream
•Free Complete
•Original Complete
•Scope Control
2 - 2.4 Oz.
\$3.99

Oral B Indicator Toothbrush
•Soft
•Medium
1 Ct.
\$1.49

Crest Toothpaste
•Baking Soda & Peroxide Mint
•Regular
6.4 Oz.
\$1.79

Dove Men's 2 in 1 Shampoo
•Clean
•Thickening
12 Oz.
\$4.39

GROCERY

When You Buy 2
Folgers
Coffee
20.6 - 33.1 Oz.
\$5.99



Must Buy 2. Single Item Price ~~\$6.99~~/Ea.

Campbell's
Chunky
Soup
15.25 - 19 Oz.
2/\$3



Bumble Bee
Chunk Light Tuna
5 Oz.
Sale Price **79¢**
Digital Reward
Coupon **-20¢**
Final Price **59¢**
Must use Walt's App to redeem.



General Mills
Cereals
•Honey Nut Cheerios 15.4 Oz.
•Cheerios 12 Oz. •Cinnamon Toast Crunch 16.8 Oz.
•Lucky Charms 14.9 Oz. •Cocoa Puffs 16.5 Oz.
•Golden Grahams 16.7 Oz.
2/\$5



Ice Mountain
Spring Water
•24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls
•12 Pk. 700 ML Btls.
\$3.49



Xtra
Liquid
Laundry
Detergent
75 Oz.
\$1.99



Prego
Pasta
Sauce
14.5 - 24 Oz.
2/\$4



Rinaldi
Pasta
Sauce
15 - 24 Oz.
\$1.79



Best Choice
Tomatoes
28 Oz.
99¢



Hunt's
Tomato
Sauce
8 Oz.
5/\$3



Kraft
•Deluxe
Mac & Cheese
•Velveeta
Shells & Cheese
9.4 - 14 Oz.
\$2.79



Kraft
Mac & Cheese
5 Pk.
\$4.99



Hormel
Chili with
Beans
15 Oz.
4/\$5



Best Choice
Ketchup
38 Oz.
2/\$3



Maruchan
Ramen
Soup
2.25 Oz./Cup
5/\$2



Maruchan
Ramen
Noodles
3 Oz.
4/\$1



Polar
Mushrooms
•Whole
•Sliced
4 Oz.
69¢



Campbell's
Chunky
Maxx Soup
15.5 Oz.
2/\$5



Regular, Diet
•Coke
•Coke Zero Sugar
•Sprite
6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
4/\$10



•Pepsi
•Diet Pepsi
•Mtn. Dew
•Crush
24 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
\$6.99



Regular, Diet
•Pepsi
•Mtn. Dew
•Crush
2 Ltr.
4/\$5



Regular, Diet
•7Up
•Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC
•Sunkist
2 Ltr.
4/\$5



•Powerade
8 Pk. 20 Oz. Btls.
•Vitaminwater
6 Pk. 16.9 Oz. Btls.
•Gold Peak Tea
6 Pk. 16.9 Oz. Btls.
•Smartwater
6 Pk. 16.9 Oz. Btls.
\$4.49



Monster
Energy
Drinks
4 Pk. 16 Oz. Cans
\$5.99



Pompeian
Olive Oil..... 16 Oz. **\$5.99**
Log Cabin
Syrup..... 24 Oz. **\$3.79**
C&H
Sugar..... **2/\$4**
•Cane 4 Lb. •Powdered or Brown 2 Lb.
•Dasani
•Deja Blue
Water..... 24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls. **\$3.99**



Always Save
Foam Plates 40 Ct. **99¢**
Puffs
Facial Tissue 48 - 64 Ct. **\$1.19**
•Brawny
Paper Towels
6 Pk. Extra Large Rolls
•Quilted Northern
Bath Tissue..... **\$10.99**
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Bath Tissue..... **\$9.99**
12 Pk. 1000 Sheet Rolls



Nice'n Fluffy
Fabric
Softener..... 68.75 Oz. **2/\$5**
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Dryer Sheets..... **\$5.99**
120 Ct.
•Tide Simply •Era
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Laundry
Detergent **\$6.99**
75 - 100 Oz.
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Dishwashing
Liquid..... **\$6.49**
56 Oz.



COUNTRY BAKERY

Walt's Own Fresh Baked
•Honey Cracked
Wheat Bread
1 Lb. Loaf
•Kaiser Rolls
8 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$1.99



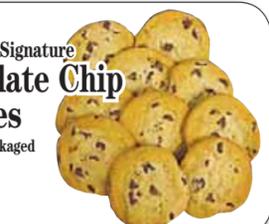
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Cherry
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18 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$2.99
Best Donuts
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•Caramel Nut
Cinnamon Rolls
•French Toast Muffins
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Cookies
10 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$4.49



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BUY OF THE WEEK!
Walt's Signature Premium
Ham Off
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\$4.98
Lb. **Gluten Free**
\$2.49 1/2 Lb.



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Selected Varieties
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•Regular •Honey
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Tortilla
Chips
14 Oz.
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Walt's Own Homestyle
Cherry
Pie
8 Inch
\$5.99



Walt's Own
Variety Filled
Paczi
6 Pk. Pre-Packaged
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Holland Cream Filled
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Garden Fresh
Steakhouse
Potato Salad
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Lb.



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Spaghetti
Salad
\$4.29
Lb.



Garden Fresh
Bacon
Mac &
Cheddar
Salad
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Lb.



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Indiana Kitchen
"All Natural" Pork
**Assorted
Pork Chops**
Value Pack

\$1.29
Lb.

Indiana Kitchen
"All Natural" Pork
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Pork Chops**
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Walt's Premium USDA Choice
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**Boneless
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Any Size Package

\$5.99
Lb.

Walt's "All Natural"
Premium 80% Lean
**Ground
Chuck**
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Ground fresh
in store
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Walt's Premium USDA Choice
"Natural Beef"
**Boneless
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"100% Natural"
**Split
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Raised
Without
Antibiotics,
Hormones
or Steroids

Swaggerty's
**Pork Sausage
Roll**
•Mild •Hot
16 Oz.

2/\$4

Pork Sausage •Breakfast Links •Patties 12 Oz. 2/\$4

Dutch Farms Premium
**Sliced
Bacon**
Assorted Varieties
16 Oz.

\$3.99

Land O' Frost
**Canadian
Bacon**
Assorted Varieties
6 - 7 Oz.

2/\$5

Oscar Mayer
**Turkey
Bacon**
Assorted Varieties
11 - 12 Oz.

2/\$5

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**Meat
Franks**
Assorted Varieties
16 Oz.

2/\$3

Carl Buddig
**Lunchmeat
Tubs**
Assorted Varieties
7 - 9 Oz.

2/\$5

Honeysuckle
**Turkey
Breast**
•Tenderloins
•Cutlets

\$4.29
Lb.

Ground Turkey Patties 16 Oz. \$2.99

Kentucky Legend
**Ham
Steak**
Assorted Varieties
8 Oz.

2/\$5

Oscar Mayer
**Beef
Franks**
Selected Varieties
12 - 16 Oz.

\$2.99

Oscar Mayer
**Smoked
Sausage**
Excludes Beef
Assorted Varieties
12 - 13 Oz.

\$2.99

Oscar Mayer
Braunschweiger
Assorted Varieties
8 Oz.

2/\$5

Oscar Mayer
Fully Cooked
Ready to Serve
Bacon
Selected Varieties
2.5 Oz.

2/\$5

On-Cor
Bagged Breaed
Chicken
•Nibblers •Strips
•Patties
26 - 27.5 Oz.

3/\$10

PRODUCE

Tri Color Sweet
**Mini
Peppers**
1 Lb. Bag

2/\$3

Fresh Express
•**Chopped Salads**
•**Salad Kits**

2/\$6

"Guaranteed Sweet"
Cantaloupe

2/\$3

Jumbo
Size

Sweet Jumbo
Blueberries
Full Pint

\$1.99

Del Monte
Sweet Whole
Golden
Pineapple

\$1.99
Ea.

Fresh
**Broccoli
Crowns**

\$1.39
Lb.

No
Waste

Fresh Texas
Green
Cabbage

59¢
Lb.

Extra Large
Sweet
**Red
Peppers**

\$1.39
Lb.

Extra Large
**Green Bell
Peppers**

\$1.39
Lb.

Fresh Express
Spinach

2/\$4

Imported
Peaches

\$1.99
Lb.

Sweet
N
Juicy

Extra Large Fancy
**Seedless
Cucumbers**

\$1.39
Ea.

Imported
Nectarines

\$1.99
Lb.

Sweet
N
Juicy

Fresh Gourmet
**Salad
CROUTONS**

2/\$3

Assorted
Flavors

Fresh Fancy
**Brussel
Sprouts**

\$1.39
Lb.

Lighthouse
Old Fashioned
**Caramel
Dip**

\$1.99
16 Oz. Tub

California Sweet
**Navel
Oranges**

99¢
Lb.

Red Ripe Sweet
**Roma
Tomatoes**

99¢
Lb.

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