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House majority backs impeachment

Party-line vote likely on abuse of power, obstruction of Congress, tally indicates

By **LISA MASCARO AND MARY CLARE JALONICK**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is on track to be impeached by the House with the majority in favor ahead of voting, according to a tally com-

plied by The Associated Press.

No Republicans have indicated they will support impeachment, setting up a party-line vote carried by Democrats.

One by one, centrist Democrats, including many freshman lawmakers who

risk reelection in districts where the president is popular, announced this week that they would support the articles of impeachment.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is all but certain to have the numbers as debate begins Wednesday on the two articles of impeachment that charge Trump with abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

The first article on abuse of power has a majority.

Trump is angrily objecting to the impeachment charges, accusing Democrats of "perversion of justice and abuse of power" in their effort to remove him from office.

In a fiery letter Tuesday to Pelosi on the eve of his expected impeachment, Trump maintained that he did nothing wrong in seek-

ing foreign investigation of political rivals, and he attacked Democrats for focusing on impeachment rather than other issues.

Trump also repeated his objections to the process of the House inquiry, claiming "more due process was afforded to those accused in the Salem Witch Trials."

Trump said he doesn't

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'Unintended target'

Angie Monroy, 16, was the latest "unintended target" in a Little Village gang conflict that has claimed the life of a nurse and seriously wounded a 7-year-old girl in the last month and a half, Chicago police said Tuesday. New details about Monroy's death emerged as detectives located the pickup truck used to fire shots down a street where Monroy was walking. Above, mourners gather at a memorial. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

Bid to stall legal pot sales advances

Full City Council vote may come over delay till July

By **JOHN BYRNE**

Don't book your Winter Weed vacations to Chicago just yet.

By a razor-thin margin on Tuesday, aldermen sent an ordinance to the City Council to delay recreational marijuana sales in Chicago for six months.

The City Council Committee on Contract Oversight and Equity voted 10-9 to push back the sales that are set to start Jan. 1 until July. The full council is set to vote Wednesday on the ordinance put forward by members of the Black Caucus who are angry there aren't enough minority owners in the soon-to-be lucrative industry.

If the measure succeeds, it would put Chicago behind the rest of the state and could cost Chicago \$5 million or more in tax revenue as the sales get up and running. People eager to

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Virtual reality MLK to make debut at DuSable

Digital rendering of civil rights icon to grace museum

By **STEVE JOHNSON**

In a world premiere virtual reality exhibition, Martin Luther King Jr. is coming to the DuSable Museum.

Beginning Feb. 27, "The March" will bring museum visitors into the crowd and up close with the late civil rights leader at the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom as he delivers his renowned "I Have a Dream" speech, the

first time the King estate has licensed King's words and image for a VR experience.

"To be able to bring this experience to the DuSable Museum is just phenomenal," said Perri Irmer, the museum's president and CEO. "It's going to be an experience that allows younger generations to not only understand what really happened and the emotion that was involved and the fear that was involved, but also the triumph that was involved during that time in our

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AP 1963

Museum visitors will experience Martin Luther King Jr.'s famed "I Have a Dream" speech via virtual reality.

An entrepreneur with pull draws feds' interest

Owner of fuel biz a part of sprawling Lyons graft probe

By **JASON MEISNER**

In his rise on the city's business scene, Chicago entrepreneur Amit Gauri has played many angles to success since his humble beginnings as a Lincoln Park hot dog restaurateur in his early 20s.

After expanding into food distribution, fuel delivery and asphalt refining, he earned crucial minority-owned certifications for his companies, hired a clouted

lobbyist, rubbed elbows with some of the city's most influential people and showered money on important politicians.

But now Gauri, 39, finds himself mixed up in one of the biggest political corruption investigations in recent memory.

In September, Gauri and his fuel business, Black Dog Petroleum, were among those named in an FBI search warrant served on the Village Hall in west suburban Lyons as part of an ongoing probe targeting a string of politicians and

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JOHN KASS

What price does republic pay for Trump resistance at all costs?

With all those Washington politicians chewing the scenery at Trump Impeachment Theater, you might consider taking a step back and picking up a most thoughtful new book: “Resistance (At All Costs): How Trump Haters Are Breaking America.”

Kimberley Strassel, a Wall Street Journal Editorial Board member and columnist who writes the Potomac Watch column, didn’t write a book on President Donald Trump.

She focuses on something more important: What happens after Trump?

Especially since vital American institutions have been damaged, perhaps irreparably, by the rage-filled efforts to delegitimize Trump’s 2016 presidential election victory.

“When the publishers first came to me, they wanted the subtitle on the book to be ‘How Trump Critics Are Breaking America,’” Strassel said on my podcast “The Chicago Way.”

“And I said no, no, no, no, no, I am a Trump critic at times — at the editorial page we try to look at the office of the presidency, this president, as we have any other. Is he in favor of free markets and free peoples? Then we are supportive. And when he is not, we are critical.”

“My point here is that, nonetheless, there is a group of people, from the moment Donald Trump was elected, they viewed him as an illegitimate president, an occupying power.”

“The Resistance” is a political pose, yes, and quite heavily romantic, like a college freshman reading Camus for the first time while smoking French cigarettes. But its impact upon American institutions has been severe.

“Think about those words, ‘the resistance,’ which is a reference to World War II fighting against the occupying Nazis, and as a result their attitude is that ... they are allowed to take any action, no matter how far out from our standards, no matter how bad they are for our institutions, in order to stop him.”

“And that for me is what has been really worrisome, for our republic, over the last three years,” Strassel said

on “The Chicago Way.”

Many thoughtful Americans on the left, center and right can’t help but be worried. Because what happens to the republic when the people lose confidence in its institutions?

It begins to wobble.

The rage that shook the Democrats — and Washington establishment Republicans — when Trump beat Hillary Clinton has been staggering. Democrats had thought they’d use Clinton to cement the liberal gains they’d won over eight years of Barack Obama in the White House, and they were certain they’d be able to shape the Supreme Court.

The Washington establishment media has always been thought to be center left. But since the 2016 election, it has become openly partisan at a time when journalistic credibility is most needed.

The spurious attacks on Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh through uncorroborated allegations that he was a sex predator helped delegitimize the high court in the eyes of half the country.

And former FBI Director James Comey has damaged the credibility of the bureau, perhaps irreparably, with many believing the Obama administration weaponized intelligence services to take down an opposition presidential candidate.

“And look at impeachment,” Strassel told me. “This is the watering down of a very sacred process in the Constitution, and we are setting ourselves up to, at some point, decide we’ll use impeachment anytime we want to settle political differences, and it was never supposed to be this way.”

“These are all boundaries that have been transgressed by a resistance that is allowed to take these steps because they just don’t like Donald Trump.”

Strassel is careful to distinguish between Trump critics, including voters who don’t like him and loathe his policies and manner, and leaders of “The Resistance,” those government, media and political elites who pull the strings and incite the mob. Trump incites his voters, too, often

at the expense of established norms, and this horrifies and disgusts many. But Democrats and their allies in the Republican establishment are simply smoother in doing the same thing.

America once got through tough elections without trashing the system. Every four years, someone was elected president, and the other side would grumble, lick their wounds and think about how they could improve its messaging to win four years later.

But “The Resistance” has ended that, hasn’t it?

“The way our country has operated up until about three years ago is that one side was truly disappointed, but at the same time they’d step back and say, OK, I’m going to have another shot four years from now. The political parties would do an autopsy and say, ‘What did we do wrong? How do we go back and make it better next time? How do we win?’”

Strassel argues that many Americans who opposed Trump — even despised him — did just that. But not the elites of “The Resistance.”

“They’ve never accepted the results of that election and believe they can take any action they want, and they’ve been trying to overturn the results of that election, whether it be through impeachment or the Mueller investigation,” she said.

We’re so full of rage now, partisan rage on all sides, as if we’re armies seeking conquest and forcing the other side to bend the knee.

But that’s what happens when institutions break down and you don’t consider the long term.

“I keep reminding my friends on the left, that at some point, maybe in the near future, there’s going to be a Democratic president and a Republican House,” Strassel said, “and the standards they are setting here are very scary for the nation.”

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Many eager to see Trump go rally in Chicago

Pro-impeachment residents protest in cold ahead of vote

BY MORGAN GREENE,
ERIN HEGARTY
AND TED SLOWIK

Protesters filled Federal Plaza in Chicago, rallied in downtown Naperville and clashed with pro-Trump demonstrators in south suburban Frankfort on a frigid Tuesday night to demonstrate ahead of a historic vote for the impeachment of President Donald Trump.

On the eve of the third possible impeachment of a president in American history, the rally at Federal Plaza, one of many taking place across the country, kicked off about 5:30 p.m. with holiday-themed messages. The crowd held up signs with sayings like “Treasons Greetings” and “Santas for Impeachment” as temperatures dipped below the 30s and the wind began to bite.

Speakers at the plaza included Renato Mariotti, a former attorney general candidate and CNN legal analyst, Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson and Indivisible Chicago Executive Director Darcey Regan.

“In this moment, we have a situation where our president is corrupt, where there are abuses of power in our Constitution, and you are all making a statement by being out here today,” Mariotti said. “You’re out here in the cold. In this historical moment, this is where you stand. You stand for the Constitution. You stand for the principle that no one is above the law.”

Susan Lawrence, of Andersonville, stood with her sparkling protest poster, with lights held in place by American flag duct tape. Lawrence said she made “a worthwhile sacrifice” of some of her holiday decorations. If there are more protests, Lawrence said she plans to keep showing up.

“I am just an American who has grown so angry by



Protesters march in the Loop during a rally for the impeachment of President Donald Trump on Tuesday.

everything that’s happening and feeling so disempowered,” Lawrence said. “It’s very disempowering to think, OK, yeah, he’ll get impeached, and then we’ll go to the Senate and nothing will happen.”

Another poster was topped with a broom and said, “It’s time to sweep out the trash.”

“OMG GOP WTF,” read another.

Protesters chanted, “Impeach now!” and booed at the mention of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. They swayed along to a live rendition of “At Last” while a small baby Trump balloon popped up above their heads.

Crystal Ashley, of West Pullman, said she attended because people need to speak up and nobody is above the law.

“I’m here in the freezing cold, in the Midwest, because I want Congress to know that we’re paying attention,” Ashley said. “And we want them to do their job.”

As the rally wrapped,

hundreds of protesters headed toward Trump Tower.

Some held up their pro-impeachment signs as they passed by the Berghoff restaurant on West Adams Street. One diner inside gave them a thumbs-down.

As marchers filled the sidewalks of North State Street and crossed on to North Wacker Drive to post up across the river from the giant letters spelling out the president’s name, they cheered on democracy.

More than 400 people armored with signs and American flags gathered in downtown Naperville as they repeatedly chanted, “What do we want? Impeachment. When do we want it? Now;” and “Impeach! Remove!”

Naperville resident Bob Landolfi said he organized the event because he “had to do something.”

Naperville resident Gloria Williams stood in the middle of the crowded pavilion bundled in winter gear and said she was there “for the Constitution.”

“I want things done the way they are supposed to be done,” Williams said.

One of the speakers at the rally, Diane Hewitt of Indivisible Naperville, said she “is a fan of impeachment,” though she considers it a Band-Aid.

“We have to move on and vote Nov. 3,” Hewitt said. “We have to support whoever is going to win the primary on our side.”

In Frankfort, handfuls of pro-Trump supporters in vehicles clashed with impeachment-demanding protesters at Route 30 and LaGrange Road.

Southwest Suburban Activists organized the “Nobody Is Above the Law” event.

An impeachment protester grabbed an American flag from a pro-Trump passenger in a pickup truck that had stopped to make a turn. People held homemade signs and carried protest banners.

Will County Republicans are planning a pro-Trump rally for 10 a.m. Saturday at the same location.

“He’s still my president,” pro-Trump demonstrator said Charlie Rowell of Frankfort.

Dozens also protested in Western Springs at the historic Water Tower.

“For me, this is the bottom line,” said Lori Feldman, of Willowbrook. “This is very different from (Bill) Clinton. If we can’t hold our leaders accountable for putting their interests before our country’s, then what is the Constitution for?”

Trump faces two articles of impeachment brought by Democrats. They accuse him of abusing the power of his office by pressuring Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden ahead of the 2020 election and of obstructing Congress.

Trump, who has denied wrongdoing and objected to the House of Representatives’ articles of impeachment, accused Democrats of “perversion of justice and abuse of power” in a six-page Tuesday letter to House Speaker Nancy Pel-

osi, the Associated Press reported. In the letter about the “partisan impeachment crusade,” Trump raged that “more due process was afforded to those accused in the Salem Witch Trials.”

The Democratic-majority House Rules Committee met through the day Tuesday. Wednesday’s debate was expected to culminate in votes that could impeach Trump. Under the Constitution, the Senate is required to hold a trial on the charges that is expected to begin in January.

Local politicians also came out in support of articles of impeachment on Tuesday. Rep. Lauren Underwood of Naperville, a Democrat in a district that backed Donald Trump in 2016, joined two other Illinois Democrats in supporting impeachment on the eve of Wednesday’s anticipated vote.

The Tuesday rallies were not the first time Chicagoans gathered to protest the president. In October, a few thousand protesters rallied near Trump Tower in opposition to Trump’s Chicago visit.

In November 2018, hundreds of protesters marched to Trump Tower to protest Trump’s decision to force the resignation of U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions. In March 2016, protesters both inside and outside Trump’s scheduled campaign rally at the University of Illinois at Chicago clashed with supporters, leading him to cancel his appearance.

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Vulnerable Dems put country ahead of their ambitions



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Illinoisans should be proud of Reps. Lauren Underwood, Cheri Bustos and Dan Lipinski. Among the most vulnerable members of Congress, the three Democrats have chosen to put America ahead of their political ambitions by voting to impeach Donald Trump.

Underwood and Bustos waited until Tuesday, the eve of the House vote, to announce their intentions. It is hard to believe that anyone who watched the impeachment hearings could have still been on the fence about Trump's guilt or innocence. It is likely that they just weren't ready to say.

Lipinski outlined his reasons for voting yes in a commentary Monday in the Chicago Tribune. He is clearly distressed over having been put in such a difficult position, given that regardless of what Congress does, the impeachment effort will fail in the Senate and Trump will get to declare vindication.

Though Democrats don't always agree with Lipinski, a conservative who sometimes crosses party lines to side with Republicans on divisive issues, he deserves accolades as much as Bustos and Underwood.

Clearly, it was a decision that all of them struggled with. But that's OK.

In the end, they decided to do the right thing. They rose to a standard much higher than most Republicans, who have forfeited all sense of obligation to their oath of office in order to protect a president who does not deserve to be in the White House.

Lipinski, Underwood and Bustos seem to fear that a vote for impeachment is a vote to end their tenure in Washington. They have reason to be afraid, albeit for different reasons.

Rep. Elissa Slotkin, a freshman Democrat from Michigan, has said publicly that her vote for impeachment might cost her reelection. At a recent town hall in her conservative district, the announcement was met with boos and cheers. In 2016, Trump won her congressional district by 7 percentage points.

That has to be scary for Democrats who represent similarly conservative districts. Trump won Underwood's 14th District by 4 percentage points in 2016. He won Bustos' 17th District in western Illinois by less than 1%. Still, Republicans consider the district competitive, and the four-term incumbent and chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has at least three GOP challengers in 2020.

Lipinski may have even more at stake than the other two. The eight-term Blue Dog Democrat, who opposes abortion rights and received notoriety for being the lone Democrat in Congress to vote against Obamacare in 2010, faces a double threat — from Democrats and Republicans in his solidly blue 3rd District.

It is yet to be seen whether Lipinski's vote for impeachment would win him favor among liberal Democrats in Chicago and Cook County who support his more progressive primary challenger, Marie Newman. But it definitely could put him at odds with Trump voters in more rural areas of his district who supported him in a tough primary challenge by Newman in 2018. According to the Brookings Institution, nearly 1 in 5 Lipinski voters identified themselves in exit polls as having voted for Trump in 2016.

While most Democrats whose jobs are on the line are in tune with the sentiments in their districts, perhaps they have underestimated their constituents. Perhaps a vote for impeachment would have the opposite effect than they seem to fear.

Take Underwood, for example, who like many freshmen Democrats won in a wave of anti-Trump sentiment during the 2018 midterm elections. With more than a half-dozen Republicans already lined up to challenge her next year, she faces a tough road regardless of her impeachment vote.

As Republicans circle her like wolves, it might seem as though she is damned if she does. In reality, she would be much more damned if she didn't vote to impeach.

Let's be clear. The people in the 14th District who support Trump aren't likely to vote for Underwood under any circumstances. Conservatives aren't going to look at her in November and say, "Oh, I like Lauren Underwood now because she voted against impeachment."

Independents and certainly Democrats, however, very well might have lost faith in her if she had chosen not to. They might have labeled her a coward, and perhaps they would have been right.

The same holds true for many moderate Democrats who fear their vote to impeach Trump is a vote to end their term in Congress. There was a time when that might have been true, but not in 2019 — not in a nation as politically polarized as ours. Most voters are either anti-Trump or pro-Trump.

The voters who put Underwood and other moderates in office last year were not people who support Trump. The volunteers who worked tirelessly on her campaign don't cling to Trump's every word and insist that he can do no wrong. Even the Republicans who broke with their party and voted for a Democrat weren't the ones who believe that Trump is above the law and beyond reproach.

The voters who put Underwood and others in Washington last year were people who wanted change. That's why folks in the 14th District got behind the 33-year-old Naperville nurse who had never held elected office and kicked four-term incumbent Republican Rep. Randy Hultgren out of Washington.

And they did it with 52% of the vote in a district that is 80% white. The challenge Underwood and others have next year is to convince those voters that they didn't make a mistake.

They have to make it clear that the job they started isn't complete, and that the issues voters deemed important a year ago are just as important in 2020.

The test of true leaders is how they handle themselves in the face of adversity. Over the last three years, we have seen what political cowards look like, and we know those are not the people we want representing us in Washington.

It is a breath of fresh air to have people like Underwood, Bustos and even Lipinski in Washington standing up with integrity for what they truly believe in, rather than choosing what is politically expedient.

A democracy doesn't dictate that we agree with our elected officials on every issue. What's important is that our representatives recognize when our democracy is being threatened and are brave enough to do everything in their power to protect it.



CAMILLE FINE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Noemi Monroy watches as Guadalupe Perez, 17, lays flowers at a memorial for Angie Monroy in Chicago's Little Village.

Latest 'unintended target' of gang violence is teen

Little Village's Angie Monroy, 16, had a 'child's heart'

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

Angie Monroy, the 16-year-old gunned down in Little Village, was the latest "unintended target" in a gang conflict that has claimed the life of a nurse and seriously wounded a 7-year-old girl in the last month and a half, Chicago police said Tuesday.

"We can say that there is a high likelihood that this is part of the ongoing gang conflict happening in Little Village," chief police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said in an email.

New details about Monroy's death emerged as detectives located the pickup truck used to fire shots down a street where Monroy was walking home from her job at a clothing store Saturday night, according to Deputy Chief of Detectives Brendan Deenihan.

A witness told police the white pickup truck was headed north when at least eight shots were fired near 24th and Rockwell streets. Deenihan did not say where the truck was found.



FAMILY PHOTO

Angie Monroy was a cheerleader during her freshman year in high school.

Investigators also have been collecting and analyzing video, some of it showing Monroy ducking away from the gunfire moments before she was shot in the head around 9:45 p.m. Saturday, Guglielmi said.

"It is very clear that our victim is an unintended target who attempted to shield herself from harm when the offending vehicle drove down the street and indiscriminately began firing at individuals who were walking," he said.

Guglielmi described Monroy's "horrendous murder" as "a reckless act of gun violence."

In a later post on social

media, Guglielmi said officers in uniform and in plainclothes would increase patrols in Little Village. "We've had gang suppression and organized crime resources in that district for weeks trying to interdict that conflict," he said.

On Halloween, a 7-year-old girl was shot while trick-or-treating. A 15-year-old boy was arrested and charged with attempted first-degree murder. He allegedly had been aiming at a gang rival when he hit the girl instead.

Less than two weeks later, Frank Aguilar was shot to death on Nov. 12 as he carried laundry and snacks

for his young relatives. The 32-year-old nurse had no gang affiliation, and police said the shooting was "possibly" a case of mistaken identity. The shooting occurred in an area where the Latin Kings and the Two-Six gang have been fighting.

Deenihan said the fatal shooting of Monroy "is eerily similar to the previous case of the nurse, a car that's just flying by. We don't have much evidence and we have few shell casings. Detectives are ... working with gang affiliations."

Monroy's family said she loved children and treasured time with her young cousins, ages 3 to 8. Monroy thought maybe she would be a teacher or a day care worker, but at other times she told her older sister she thought she'd like to be a firefighter. "She had the heart of a child, honestly," her sister Joselyn Monroy said.

Deenihan emphasized the department's sense of urgency in finding who killed Monroy. "This is a very difficult case," he said. "We're in the beginning stages and will do anything we can to bring these offenders to justice."

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Marni Yang's exoneration bid clears 1 hurdle

Woman convicted of killing ex-Bear's pregnant girlfriend

BY EMILY K. COLEMAN

An effort to exonerate Marni Yang — convicted of the 2007 murder of ex-Chicago Bear Shaun Gayle's pregnant girlfriend — has cleared its first legal hurdle.

Lake County Judge Christopher Stride ruled Tuesday morning that the post-conviction petition filed by Yang's attorneys had merit, which means it can now move on to the next stage.

Her attorney Jed Stone described Stride's decision as a "big step towards exoneration" in a news conference after Tuesday's hearing, a sentiment echoed by Yang's father, Larry Merar.

Merar said while it's difficult to be optimistic while incarcerated, he thinks the news of Stride's decision will be "uplifting" for Yang, who did not attend Tuesday's hearing and is currently serving two life sentences at Logan Correctional Center.

Lake County State's Attorney Mike Nerheim, who was not in office during Yang's original trial, said in written statement that the decision was "expected."

"This is a formal three stage process," Nerheim said. "During stage 1, the judge is only required to review the statements made by the defense attorney. Therefore, to make it from stage 1 to stage 2 was and is expected. At stage 2, we will have the opportunity to respond to the claims made by the defense for the first time."

Prosecutors plan on filing a motion to dismiss the petition, Assistant State's Attorney Jason Humke told Stride during the brief court hearing.

The petition, filed in October, seeks a reversal of the conviction, a new trial or an evidentiary hearing based on evidence that Yang's attorney says proves she didn't murder Rhoni Reuter, 42, who was six months pregnant with Gayle's child when she was gunned down at her Deerfield condominium.

Yang's attorney Jed Stone said Yang consistently proclaimed her innocence until, thinking police were going to arrest her 16-year-old son, she came up with a "harebrained" plan to falsely confess to a friend she knew was wearing a wire.

Yang had described shooting Reuter to her friend Christi Paschen, whom police had pressured into cooperating, while sitting at a Denny's restaurant.

"I took the first shot," Yang said on the tape played at her 2011 trial. "I remember screaming because at that point I realize we are now at the point of no return. ... I just started emptying the clip. ... I took one last shot in the head and finished her off, and I took off."

A juror said after the trial that the recording was "the slam dunk" that assured Yang's conviction, but Stone said Yang's confession did not match "the immutable true facts of the crime," and Yang's father, Merar, told the Chicago Tribune that Yang had told him ahead of time that she was going to make up a story in order to protect her son.

Stone said that Yang's original attorneys also failed to challenge evidence presented by prosecutors, specifically video that prosecutors said showed the car Yang had rented leaving the area, and that prosecutors withheld evidence that would have proven Yang's innocence.

"This case is a classic recipe for a wrongful conviction and we're unraveling it," Stone said. "If it had three legs to stand on, two of those legs are broken and one of those legs is crumbling. Their stool cannot stand."

Investigators hired by Yang's family have "proven" that Yang did not murder Reuter and are attempting to find the actual killers, private detective Perry Myers said, asking anyone with information to call his firm, MSI Detective Services.

"We know it's out there," Myers said. "We know there's information."

Stone said he is seeking to have an expert testify about the DNA evidence in the case, which Stone said will exonerate Yang, as well as the ability to issue "very discrete, very specific" subpoenas.

Police expand number of detective divisions

With 5 rather than 3, CPD aims to cut response times

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

Weeks after being told it must overhaul the way it investigates violent crime, the Chicago Police Department announced Tuesday it is reorganizing and expanding its detective divisions so investigators can respond more quickly to crime scenes and be more available to witnesses and families of victims.

The change — increasing the number of divisions from three to five across the city — was at the top of a long list of recommendations released in October by a police research firm that spent a year reviewing how the department could improve its dismal clearance rate.

The move will base more detectives on the West and Northwest sides and is expected to be completed by April.

“Our best improvement would be making detectives more responsive,” interim Chicago police Superintendent Charlie Beck said at a news conference. “My goal in the time I’m here is to make CPD as effective as I can, and some of that is



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Interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck, left, walks with Eddie Johnson, then the top cop, in Englewood last month.

about reorganization.”

In 2012, the city closed the Harrison and Grand Central detective divisions as part of then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s plan to ease a budget gap of \$636 million. Then-police Superintendent Garry McCarthy at the time said the changes would save the city millions, though specialized police units still used the area facilities.

The 341 detectives who worked there were moved to other stations on the North, South and Far South sides. The divisions were renamed Area North, Area Central and Area South.

Detectives housed in these areas investigate serious crime, including homicides, shootings and sexual assaults.

Detectives assigned to Area North cover nine of the city’s 22 patrol districts. The nine districts are on the North, Northwest and West sides. Those working out of Area Central cover eight districts on the South and Southwest sides, parts of the West Side, the downtown area and the Near North Side. Detectives in Area South cover five districts in other parts of the South Side, including those bordering northwest Indi-

ana and the south suburbs.

The Fraternal Order of Police, which represents detectives and other rank-and-file officers, criticized the closing of the Harrison and Grand Central areas, predicting it would mean that it would take longer for detectives to get to crime scenes.

In 2016, then-Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson floated the idea of moving detectives back to the Harrison and Grand Central areas. Johnson was once a detective sergeant assigned to the Harrison area on the West Side.

Then in October, the Police Executive Research Forum released a 116-page report concluding the department needed to tackle deep-rooted problems with how detectives are trained, promoted and deployed.

The department’s clearance rate on homicides has been lagging in recent years, falling some 20 percentage points behind other major cities by the end of 2018, though department officials say the rate has improved over the past year.

Chuck Wexler, executive director of the research forum, zeroed in on the decision to close two of the department’s five detective divisions.

“When you went from

five to three, there wasn’t much planning when that happened,” Wexler said. “You had detectives pushed into three (areas). Some of them didn’t have desks, didn’t have computers. ... Detectives would have to travel almost an hour to get to certain parts of the city.”

The report called for those two divisions to be restored — something Mayor Lori Lightfoot had already proposed.

Many of the issues in the report were examined in a series of Tribune articles last year that looked at a particularly violent weekend over the summer and weighed the challenges police face in solving crimes. In the middle of the series, Johnson announced that the Police Executive Research Forum would evaluate the department.

On Tuesday, Deputy Chief of Detectives Brendan Deenihan acknowledged that victims of crime on the West Side have had to travel long distances to meet with detectives, and reopening the two areas will close that gap.

Under the current arrangement, for example, detectives working the Area North bureau in the Lakeview neighborhood have to travel 8 or 9 miles to get to violent crime scenes in

some parts of the West Side, which routinely tally among the highest numbers of shootings and homicides in the city each year.

“By then, many witnesses are gone and evidence may have been contaminated,” Deenihan said.

The five redrawn areas will be known by numbers. The new Area 4 will be headquartered at 3151 W. Harrison Ave. and the new Area 5 will be at 5555 W. Grand Ave. Areas 4 and 5 will have technology centers to access video from surveillance systems.

The department plans to use existing resources as a part of the “reincarnation” of the divisions, Beck said. Currently there are 1,100 to 1,200 detectives who will be assigned across the city based on the case volume of the areas.

“Spreading resources more widely in order to facilitate building relationships is important,” Beck said. “One of the things we’re looking at is making the districts more involved in detective work. Building relationships is key.”

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Tobolski resurfaces nearly 3 months after feds raided his office

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

After missing nearly three months of Cook County Board meetings, embattled Commissioner Jeff Tobolski surprisingly returned to action Tuesday by attending the Forest Preserve District meeting.

But although Tobolski resigned from his leadership posts on the Cook County Board and Forest Preserve District last month saying health issues had stopped him from attending, he would not discuss his health outlook on Tuesday. He also wouldn’t discuss his future

as a commissioner or the FBI raid on his government office that precipitated his lengthy absence.

“I have no comment to any of those questions,” he said. “I’m back, and I plan to be back to the extent that I can.”

FBI agents raided Tobolski’s home as well as the village headquarters of suburban McCook, where he is mayor, on Sept. 26. The raid came on the same day as federal law enforcement authorities descended on the Village Hall in nearby Lyons and two days after raids on the offices and

home of state Sen. Martin Sandoval, a Chicago Democrat whose district includes both towns.

All of the operations are part of an ongoing public corruption investigation. No one has been charged with wrongdoing in connection with the raids.

The FBI agents who raided McCook’s Village Hall were looking for evidence including information about a clout-heavy suburban contractor, a local strip club, the town’s police chief, and heating and air conditioning work done on Tobolski’s home, the Tribune has

previously reported. The raid also targeted Tobolski’s computer hard drives and items linked to the village exposition center.

Investigators sought evidence of a number of federal crimes, including conspiracy, fraud and interference with commerce, according to a search warrant and related documents the Tribune previously obtained through an open records request.

Tobolski was absent from the Cook County Board



Tobolski

meeting held the same day agents were at his office, though he sent Buona beef in honor of his birthday. And he didn’t attend any meetings after the raid occurred.

Last month, because of his long absence, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle asked him to step down from his leadership posts and Tobolski obliged.

“Current health issues have prevented me from attending recent meetings, and I feel it is best for me to

make room for another commissioner with the ability to devote more time to those committees,” Tobolski wrote to Preckwinkle.

But in his letter, Tobolski, 55, did not give any details of his health issues.

Tobolski represents Cook County’s 16th District, which includes western suburbs like Berwyn, Riverside, Bedford Park, Summit, Countryside and McCook.

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Reputed mobster tied to Social Security fraud

Indictment says kin of former Outfit boss stole \$44K

BY JASON MEISNER

A Chicago mob figure convicted in the landmark Operation Family Secrets investigation more than a decade ago was arrested Tuesday on new federal charges alleging he stole from Social Security.

Michael “Mickey” Marcello, the half-brother of former Outfit boss James Marcello, was indicted on a charge he stole more than \$44,000 in Social Security funds between September 2017 and May 2019.

Marcello, 68, of west suburban Wood Dale, pleaded not guilty to the one count of theft in a brief hearing in

U.S. District Court and was later released on his own recognizance.

His attorney, Catharine O’Daniel, said Marcello will fight the charge.

Also charged in a separate indictment was Walter Paredes, 75, of Rosemont on charges he stole a total of \$164,661 from Social Security from September 2015 to January 2019.

Paredes’ attorney, Steven Shobat, could not immediately be reached for comment.

The bare-bones indictments — each just one page — contained no additional information about the alleged scheme.

Marcello was one of the first defendants to plead guilty in the Family Secrets investigation, admitting in a plea agreement with prose-

cutors that as a member of the Melrose Park crew, he passed information to his incarcerated brother James, who at the time was the reputed head of the Chicago Outfit.

He also acknowledged relaying payments of \$4,000 a month to mob hit man Nicholas Calabrese in a bid to buy his silence. Calabrese later became the star witness for the prosecution during the trial that ended with the convictions of some of the Outfit’s top echelon, including James Marcello.

At Mickey Marcello’s sentencing hearing in 2008, prosecutors said he’d been in organized crime for almost a decade and had evaded more than \$1 million in taxes.

“He is not the worst of the

bunch, but when you’re talking about the Chicago Outfit, this is a pretty grim and evil bunch,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Markus Funk said at the time.

U.S. District Judge James Zagel sentenced Marcello to 8½ years in prison.

In 2009, Marcello testified in the federal trial of John Ambrose, a deputy U.S. marshal accused of leaking information about Calabrese’s cooperation to a family friend with alleged mob links, knowing the sensitive information would end up in the Outfit’s hands.

Secret FBI recordings made in the waiting room of a Michigan prison in 2003 had captured the Marcello brothers anxiously discussing whether Calabrese had flipped.

Marcello testified that he

learned of Calabrese’s cooperation with law enforcement from reputed mob figure John “Pudgy” Matassa Jr.

Ambrose was convicted and sentenced to four years in prison.

James Marcello, 76, is serving life in prison at a maximum-security facility in Colorado.

Paredes, meanwhile, has a colorful criminal history of his own. According to a Chicago Tribune article in 1985, Paredes had been arrested for theft, robbery, deceptive practices, stealing \$2.5 million in airline tickets, drug running and solicitation of murder for hire.

Paredes was sentenced in 1991 to 30 years in federal prison for drug conspiracy. He was convicted the next year of trying to hire a hit

man to kill a Chicago firefighter in what prosecutors alleged was a “favor” for a friend. Paredes received four years in prison in that case, records show.

Court records show Paredes was released from prison in 2015 — the same year he allegedly began stealing from Social Security.

In a court filing last year, his attorneys asked for early termination of his parole in the drug case, saying Paredes was living in a Rosemont senior housing complex and posed no risk to re-offend.

“Mr. Paredes is now a 73-year-old retiree who has successfully reintegrated into his community,” the filing said.

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industry heavyweights — including state Sen. Martin Sandoval and Lyons Mayor Christopher Getty.

Gauri has ties, the Tribune has learned, to many of the key players in the federal investigation, particularly Illinois’ so-called “Asphalt King,” Michael Vondra, whose Bartlett headquarters was visited by federal investigators on the same day that agents raided Sandoval’s offices in the State Capitol.

To add to his troubles, within days of his name first being publicly thrust into the corruption probe, Gauri’s umbrella corporation, Black Dog Chicago LLC, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy amid a legal fight with one of its former fuel suppliers over millions of dollars in allegedly unpaid bills, court records show.

Despite all the controversy, though, Black Dog Petroleum was awarded a \$7.6 million fuel contract with the Chicago Department of Water Management just three weeks ago, records show.

In recent sworn testimony as part of the bankruptcy proceeding, Gauri acknowledged that he was subpoenaed in late October by a federal grand jury, saying it was “in relation to a list of things in Lyons, relationships with senators and the mayor of Lyons.”

Gauri also revealed in his testimony that Black Dog recently went into business with Vondra refining recycled asphalt shingles for use in road construction, a controversial practice that was championed by Sandoval in Springfield and has caught federal investigators’ attention.

Gauri testified he’d met with Sandoval over the years, but his bankruptcy attorney cut off the questioning when he was asked about the subject of those talks.

Gauri, who has not been charged with any wrongdoing, declined to speak recently with a Tribune reporter at Black Dog’s main office, located next door to the Lyons Village Hall in a building that he rents from Vondra. His attorney, Daniel Collins, also declined to comment for this story.

A minority-owned contractor

Raised in Chicago, Gauri opened his first business — a popular franchise of America’s Dog at 2300 N. Lincoln Ave. — just three years after graduating from Northern Michigan University in 2003, according to records available online.

Gauri said in a 2014 interview with Crain’s Chicago Business that he quickly learned to cut costs by bypassing distributors and buying restaurant supplies directly from the source.

A year later, he used those business smarts — along with loans from family friends — to start up Black Dog Corp., which sold food, dried goods, cleaning supplies and other kitchen-related products to customers such as the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center and state mental health facilities.

Gauri named the business after his black Lab, Jack, according to the com-



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Trucks parked at Black Dog Petroleum in suburban Lyons earlier this month.



Black Dog Petroleum in suburban Lyons on Dec. 12.

pany’s website.

Getting Black Dog certified as a minority-owned contractor opened doors for Gauri, who’s of Indian descent, to bid on more jobs with public agencies. Soon he diversified, opening a line of oils and lubricants that he delivered to Chicago-area gas stations. He later added diesel fuels and other petroleum products, winning open-bid contracts to provide fuel for the Chicago Transit Authority and Metra, as well as west suburban McCook.

As his portfolio expanded, Gauri split the company into three subsidiaries: Black Dog Petroleum, Black Dog Foods and Black Dog Solutions, which distributes Xerox machines and other office-related products.

The three companies generated about \$16.5 million combined in gross sales in 2018 and employ about 40 people total, Gauri testified last month in his bankruptcy case.

As Gauri’s companies have grown, so have his political donations. State election records show that over the past eight years, Gauri and his companies have contributed nearly a quarter of a million dollars to Chicago and statewide politicians, including many now caught up in the ongoing federal investigations.

Among the elected officials to receive the most money was Ald. Edward Burke, who took in \$17,500 from Black Dog entities over several years, though none since Burke was hit

with federal charges in January, the records show.

Gauri has given \$29,000 to two funds controlled by state Rep. Luis Arroyo, who resigned last month after being charged with bribery, according to the records.

Records show another \$6,000 went to Sandoval. Meanwhile, Gauri gave \$2,750 to McCook Mayor Jeffrey Tobolski and \$1,000 to Getty — both of whom are also under federal investigation.

FBI agents who raided the Village Hall in Lyons on Sept. 26 left a grand jury subpoena demanding information on Gauri and Black Dog, according to copies released through a public records request.

Also named were a litany of Vondra-connected entities and individuals.

Among them was John Harris, the former chief of staff to imprisoned Gov. Rod Blagojevich who lists himself on LinkedIn as president of Southwind Industries, Vondra’s umbrella company that includes his recycled asphalt shingles business.

Gauri testified in his bankruptcy case that a month later he was served with a separate subpoena, including one requiring his appearance before a federal grand jury. He declined to elaborate because his criminal defense attorney was not in the room.

“We are in the process of complying with all subpoenas, which we will,” Gauri said. “Anything outside of that I would really like to have counsel present.”

Touted as a ‘green’ way

Black Dog’s legal woes began in 2017 when one of its suppliers, Parent Petroleum of St. Charles, sued in Cook County Circuit Court for breach of contract for alleged nonpayment on millions of dollars in fuel, court records show.

On Oct. 4, shortly after a Cook County judge awarded \$2.3 million to Parent Petroleum, Black Dog filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, court records show.

In his testimony, Gauri said the decision to file for bankruptcy came only after he’d tried several times to resolve the lawsuit and move on.

“We tried to settle above and beyond what we believe was owed,” he said.

At about the same time, Gauri made his move into recycled asphalt shingles — touted as a “green” way to reuse old roof shingles by mixing them into new asphalt for road paving projects. But questions have been raised among some engineers with the Illinois Department of Transportation about whether their overuse could affect the quality of the roads.

In early 2018, Gauri testified, he began paying Vondra under an “asset purchase agreement” for the rights to do business under the name Southwind RAS.

By June 2018, Black Dog had moved its offices from Westchester to its current location in Lyons in a building owned by Vondra. Gauri testified that he pays Vondra about \$12,000 a month in rent.

Gauri said Black Dog initially leased and later purchased trucks and heavy equipment from a company owned by Vondra.

Records produced in the bankruptcy case showed Black Dog had made more than \$40,000 in payments to two Vondra-related companies in three recent months alone.

Black Dog essentially acts as a refinery, purchasing shingles pulled off area roofs and grinding them into tiny shards to be added to a hot mix to make asphalt. Though it’s only a small part of the overall

business, it’s a potentially lucrative one.

Vondra’s companies have made a major push in Springfield to expand the use of the product. Sandoval, who until recently was the head of the state Senate’s powerful Transportation Committee, was one of their biggest allies.

As recently as this past spring, when the General Assembly took up a massive \$45 billion capital spending plan, Sandoval was still championing the use of recycled shingles and proposing their expanded use in road construction, but the idea was ultimately rejected, legislative records show.

At the Black Dog bankruptcy hearing, Gauri acknowledged to lawyers for Parent Petroleum that he had met with Sandoval to discuss state contracts. He started to explain that the meetings were about minority business enterprise rules before being cut off by his attorney.

“I’m gonna stop this right now because you’re getting into questions that the grand jury subpoena would possibly be asking,” said the attorney, Scott Clar.

Dropped by clout-heavy lobbyist

At the same time Gauri began paying Vondra for the naming rights, he brought in two investors who bought about a 20% interest in Black Dog for \$700,000 in cash, according to Gauri’s testimony.

Gauri also hired a lobbyist, Reyahd Kazmi, the husband of city Clerk Anna Valencia and a former chief of staff for Chicago Treasurer Stephanie Neely, records show.

In addition to several clout-heavy Chicago clients, Kazmi’s firm has been involved in the presidential campaign of former Vice President Joe Biden. Earlier this month, Kazmi co-hosted a fundraiser in the West Loop with Biden’s wife, Jill, after a campaign stump in Iowa.

According to a report filed with the city in October, Black Dog paid Kazmi \$5,000 over a three-month

period beginning in July to lobby Chicago’s Water Management and Procurement Services departments about the importance of “participation in contracts” by minority-owned businesses, as well as Black Dog’s ability to source and distribute various petroleum products and fuel.

On Nov. 26, the city awarded Black Dog Petroleum a contract worth up to \$7.6 million over five years to provide diesel fuel for the Department of Water Management, city contract records show.

The city’s Department of Procurement Services said in a statement to the Tribune that the contract was “awarded to the lowest bidder as required by law.”

“The contract was awarded only after a review of the bid’s responsiveness and the bidder’s responsibility,” spokeswoman Cathy Kwiatkowski said. “From our review, no circumstances were identified which would disqualify Black Dog or otherwise make the firm ineligible.”

Kazmi also registered this summer as a lobbyist for Black Dog in Springfield, listing the Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority as agencies he intended to contact, state records show.

In an amendment filed Oct. 15 — two weeks after the FBI raid in Lyons — Kazmi, however, removed Black Dog from his Springfield client list.

Reached by email, Kazmi said he’d registered for Black Dog in Springfield “as a precaution” but never actually did any lobbying in the state legislature on the company’s behalf.

He said he and Black Dog ended their relationship in the fall for “mutual reasons due to obligations to other clients.”

Kazmi didn’t specify which clients, but Biden has publicly pledged not to take money from oil and gas industries.

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Tom Gordon checks on a fellow homeless person under the Wilson Avenue viaduct at Lake Shore Drive in Uptown.

'I like it here, and I don't want to go anywhere'

Homeless under Uptown viaduct fear eviction

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

As cars rattled across the bridge overhead, Matt Creasy spoke with pride about his newly decorated home.

He smiled as he pointed out the Christmas lights, red stocking and paper Santa Claus hanging from his tent.

"I like it here, and I don't want to go anywhere," he said Tuesday.

Creasy, 39, has called a tent pitched under the Wilson Avenue viaduct his home since spring. But now, he and other homeless people who have taken shelter under the bridge on Lake Shore Drive say city officials are trying to force them out and relocate them. City officials deny the allegations.

"We represent what's happening to many homeless people in Uptown and in Chicago," said Thomas

Gordon, the self-proclaimed mayor of Uptown's tent city.

The confusion began when the Department of Streets and Sanitation posted a yellow notice on the wall of the viaduct, informing the camp dwellers of an upcoming cleaning, Gordon said. This "off-street" cleaning notice was posted seven days ahead of the scheduled cleaning.

But when city workers arrived to clean under the viaduct, they were accompanied by two Chicago police officers, Gordon said. When the city cleans under a viaduct, the homeless must move their tents and belongings. This time, Gordon said, they were told not to return after the cleaning was complete.

"They just swept up some garbage," Gordon said. "It wasn't about the cleaning. They came down to tell us we can't be here anymore."

This would not be the first time the homeless people living underneath

the Wilson viaduct clashed with city officials. They were ordered to move in 2017 because of a construction project to repair the bridges at Wilson and Lawrence avenues, some of the most traveled structurally deficient structures in the city.

However, the homeless residents did not go quietly. It took a ruling from a federal judge and a phalanx of police officers to clear out the encampment under the viaduct.

In 2016, residents and local advocates blocked Lake Shore Drive in protest of what they said were the city's efforts to remove the encampments under the Lawrence, Wilson and Montrose viaducts.

As the temperature continues to drop, living under the viaduct is about life and death, Gordon said. The viaduct helps protect the homeless from the elements, including snow and rain that would otherwise damage their tents.

"We don't choose to be here," he said. "We choose

to be under those viaducts because that's what save our lives."

Marjani Williams, spokeswoman for Streets and Sanitation, said the city's goal is not to evict anyone.

"We would love for them to relocate to a shelter for safety reasons, but we are not forcing anyone out," she said.

Creasy said he enjoys living in the small encampment under the viaduct not only for the shelter, but because it gives him a sense of a community.

"It's good to have people you know close by," he said, as he rattled off the nicknames they have for one another. But Creasy said he's gravely concerned about the safety of everyone if they have to move.

"We've already lost people this year due to the cold," he said. "And we're going to lose a lot more if they pull us from these bridges."

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Aurora mayor: I'm not 'a mean Scrooge mayor'

Irvin says notices to oust 19 mission residents 'state law'

BY STEVE LORD

Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin said he is not a "mean Scrooge mayor" because notices were sent out recently to 19 residents of Wayside Cross Mission saying they will have to move by Jan. 15.

The notices were sent to child sex offenders who are part of a recovery program at Wayside. The letters, delivered the morning of Dec. 13, said the men reside within 500 feet of McCarty Park and therefore by state law must move.

Delivery of the notices is the latest in a controversy between Wayside Cross and the city about the men residing there that has been going on for more than a year.

On Tuesday, at his twice-a-month press briefing, Irvin went through the timeline of the past year regarding the Wayside residents, and said he is not the "mean Scrooge mayor" with "a personal bone to pick with Wayside."

"Let's be clear, this is a state law, not a local ordinance or some kind of whim," he said. "This is not one of those cases where we can supersede state law. I'm not sure this is one where we want to."

Irvin went back more than a year, when the city decided to give its parks addresses, and discovered that when measured from property line to property line, Wayside was within 500 feet of McCarty Park, one of the city's oldest parks that the mayor said has long been a family destination.

He said not only does the park host family-friendly events, but it has had a splash pad water feature, which is mainly for children.

"This is about a playground and proximity," Irvin said. "Aurora didn't just make McCarty Park a

family destination."

The residents received similar notices in June but were allowed to remain at Wayside pending the result of a federal civil lawsuit filed against the city of Aurora. After the lawsuit was voluntarily dismissed in late October, it was unclear whether the residents would be required to relocate until the new notification letters arrived Friday.

Wayside has operated for nine decades at its current downtown location and runs a variety of Christian-based rehabilitation programs, including those that help former inmates re-enter society after leaving prison. Wayside houses 90 residents and 19 are registered child sex offenders.

Wayside Executive Director James Lukose, speaking last week, disagreed with the mayor's comments about the timing of the latest notices.

"I was surprised, or saddened, with the fact that during the Christmas season these men have to go through this uncertainty in their life," Lukose said.

Attorneys Adele Nicholas and Mark Weinberg represented the 19 men in their lawsuit against the city. Five of the men are resident staff members.

Nicholas and Weinberg were to meet with Wayside residents last weekend to discuss a response.

Nicholas has said it is very likely they will file a lawsuit in Kane County that will tackle the heart of the problem: Is McCarty Park considered a playground and what are the perimeters for measuring the distance to Wayside?

Weinberg said they are planning to ask for an injunction or stay of enforcement as part of the state lawsuit, which they hope will mean the men will not be required to move out Jan. 15. Whether those measures are put in place will ultimately be up to a judge.

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Underwood will vote for articles of impeachment

Dem represents district won by Trump in 2016

BY RICK PEARSON

Rep. Lauren Underwood of Naperville, a Democrat in a district that backed Donald Trump in 2016, came out Tuesday in support of articles of impeachment against the president.

"Our country's founders created impeachment so that no president could place themselves above the law, a crucial constitutional check-of-power that ensures our country's security and values are protected against corruption and foreign influence in our elections," Underwood said in a statement.

"The president has demonstrated a pattern of corrupt behavior and abused his power for his own per-

sonal political gain when he pressured foreign leaders to conduct investigations against political rivals, jeopardizing our country's national security and the integrity of our elections," she said. "The testimony and evidence put forth led me to a clear conclusion. In order to uphold my sworn oath, I must vote to protect the Constitution and will vote in support of the articles of impeachment."

Underwood said she came to the conclusion after she "listened to our community, examined important testimony and evidence and studied the drafted articles."

In an acknowledgment of the potential political implications for Underwood's impeachment vote, White House Deputy Press Secretary Steven Groves issued a



Underwood

statement attacking the first-term Democrat for "supporting (House Speaker) Nancy Pelosi's extremist agenda to unseat this president."

"It's a shame Underwood is more interested in spending her time chasing this impeachment hoax, rather than working on behalf of her constituents on the real issues Illinoisans face each day," Groves said.

Underwood joined two other Illinois Democrats to come out for impeachment on the eve of Wednesday's anticipated vote by the full House.

Democrats hold a 13-5 majority in Illinois' congressional delegation. Like the vote to authorize the impeachment inquiry in the House — also supported by Underwood — the vote on

articles of impeachment is expected to fall strictly along party lines among the state's members of the House.

Underwood's exurban 14th Congressional District stretches far west and northwest. In 2016, the district backed Trump over Hillary Clinton by 4 percentage points. Underwood was part of a blue wave in the 2018 midterm elections that saw her defeat four-term Republican Randy Hultgren of Plano by nearly 15,000 votes.

She was one of two Democrats who flipped longtime Republican-held districts. Sean Casten of Downers Grove, who defeated six-term GOP Rep. Peter Roskam of Wheaton last year 54% to 46%, announced last week his vote for articles of impeachment.

Casten represents the west and northwest subur-

ban 6th Congressional District. In the 2016 presidential election, Clinton defeated Trump 50% to 43% in the District.

Also on Tuesday, Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos of Moline, who chairs the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, announced her vote in support of impeachment. Bustos had originally counseled with Pelosi against impeachment before both supported the House impeachment inquiry.

"No one is above the law, and there is beyond ample evidence that President Trump abused the tremendous powers of the presidency to jeopardize our national security and that of our allies," she said.

Democratic Rep. Brad Schneider also voiced his support for the articles of impeachment. Schneider of Deerfield, who represents

the North Shore 10th District, called on senators to conduct an impeachment trial without consideration of partisanship.

"This is a sad moment for our nation. Only twice before has the House of Representatives voted to impeach a president and never before on accusations of corruptly compromising our national security," Schneider said in a statement.

"These grave accusations deserve a full and fair hearing. I hope President Trump will present his case in the Senate trial. Both prosecution and defense attorneys should be able to call and cross-examine witnesses. And the 100 Senators, sitting under separate oath as jurors, should hear the evidence and make their decisions without prejudice or prejudgment," he said.

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King

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history."

Surrounding the central 10 minutes of virtual reality, which will be experienced via immersive headsets, will be materials that place the King speech in its historical context, both nationally and in Chicago.

Time Studios, which is developing the exhibition, says it will present the most realistic digital rendering of a human ever created, important not only for believability but also because King is such a well-known figure.

"What we needed to understand before we could go to the King estate with a proposal was how realistic of a human could we create, and could we recreate the crowd of 250,000 people," said Mia Tranz, Time's editorial director of immersive experiences. "So once we had identified that we could, we went to the King estate and proposed to them this idea of recreating the dream speech in virtual reality as part of a larger experience that allowed you to firsthand participate in the march."

Tranz said the inspiration for "The March" came from constantly seeing in her company's offices a life-size photo from the Time-Life archives of King delivering a speech.

The VR scenes adhere to Time journalistic standards, she said, meaning anything



Early morning sunlight shines on the DuSable Museum of African American History at Washington Park in a 2015 photo. ANTHONY SOUFFLE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

visitors see through their headsets will have a basis in documentary imagery or interviews.

Participants will first be among the crowd on Constitution Avenue, before hearing parts of some of the day's other speeches. But the centerpiece of the experience, Tranz said, is the King speech itself.

"In the last act, we actually take you into more of an abstract scene where you

are more one-on-one with Dr. King as he delivers the 'dream' portion of the speech, which runs about four-and-a-half minutes long," Tranz said. "You're in what I think we could call sort of the VR equivalent of a close-up, where it's just you and him and you're getting to witness this most famous speech."

"We are pleased to be able to work with Time on this VR experience, paving

the way to present Dr. King's I Have A Dream speech in a new format. This will be the first time he has been presented through VR and we are hopeful it captivates both younger audiences, and those already very familiar with the speech," Eric D. Tidwell, managing director and general counsel for Intellectual Properties Management Inc., licensor of the Estate of Dr. Martin

Luther King Jr., said in a statement.

Bringing in "The March" is a big bet for the DuSable, which will need extra staff to work the exhibition, and will add Monday and possibly evening hours to handle anticipated demand.

The DuSable Museum of African American History, at 740 E. 56th Place in the South Side Washington Park Neighborhood just west of Hyde Park, is the

first independent black history museum in the country, slated to mark its 60th anniversary in 2021.

Irmer hopes the exhibition will draw new attention to her institution as it battles for attention and fundraising dollars in a crowded Chicago museum landscape and is seeking to expand by developing its Daniel Burnham-designed Roundhouse building. Attendance at the museum in 2018 jumped 31% over the previous year, to 146,000, and Irmer said it is on track to rise about 6% in 2019.

The exhibit will require timed entry tickets because of the logistics of moving visitors through a virtual reality experience, which only has the capacity for about 20 guests per hour. DuSable will not charge extra for "The March" beyond its \$10 adult (\$8 Chicago resident) and \$7 student (\$5 Chicago) general admission fee. Tickets go on sale Jan. 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"One of the reasons why we have formatted this as a museum exhibit was an attempt to democratize it to the extent that we can," Tranz said. "So you don't have to buy the computers, you don't have to buy the headset, you don't even have to buy an additional ticket."

Development of "The March" was sponsored by American Family Insurance. Executive producer is JuVee Productions, the company of actors Viola Davis and Julius Tennon.

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buy legal cannabis are expected to line up on Jan. 1 outside the 11 medical dispensaries in Chicago that can expand to recreational sales on that day under state law.

It also would be an embarrassing political setback for Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who has been trying for weeks to persuade West Side Ald. Jason Ervin, 28th, to drop his delay proposal. Earlier this week, the mayor told reporters, "I think we're going to get there" on a deal to avert the delay vote.

After the committee vote, Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th, Lightfoot's City Council floor leader, said he thinks Ervin has the support to pass his ordinance Wednesday.

But any two aldermen can use a parliamentary maneuver to delay the vote until the next City Council meeting, currently set for mid-January, by which time the 11 recreational dispensaries would be open. And Villegas wouldn't rule that out. "I think every option's on the table," he said.

If it gets deferred, a majority of the council could try to schedule an earlier council meeting and vote on it before the end of this month.

Lightfoot also could veto the ordinance, an option she undoubtedly would like to avoid since it would force her to wear the jacket for unilaterally shooting down a measure that many black aldermen feel is important to ensure Chicago's African American community gets

its fair share of marijuana sales revenue.

Even if Ervin's push fails, the optics of a City Council floor fight with many minority aldermen opposing her could further tarnish Lightfoot's reputation with Chicago progressive groups who complain she isn't living up to campaign pledges to reach out to more to the city's black and Hispanic communities.

Lightfoot administration government affairs staffers were feverishly working the floor Tuesday, trying in vain to turn the tide of the committee vote to defeat Ervin's plan.

In the end, Committee Chair Ald. Carrie Austin, 34th — who runs the committee because Lightfoot created it and put her in charge — cast the deciding vote to send the ordinance on to the full council.

"I voted with my colleagues, because I'm a Black Caucus member," Austin said afterward.

Lightfoot this week said she had been "actively engaged" with Ervin and other Black Caucus members to try to stave off the attempt to halt the sales in the city. "I think we're going to get there," she said. "I understand their concern. They want to make sure that this new law speaks to the inequities that have befallen black and brown communities, particularly over the war on drugs."

After the vote, Lightfoot released a statement saying her administration's been working with the Black Caucus to make changes and criticized them for the vote. Delaying sales, Lightfoot said, "will have a multitude of unin-

tended consequences, including fueling illegal sales, placing the start of a new industry at the same time when our full public safety resources must be dedicated to combatting summer violence, and most importantly, stripping money from the social equity funds intended to benefit Black and Brown entrepreneurs."

"I have repeatedly asked the members of the Black Caucus to devise a strategy that addresses equity. Instead, we have primarily been met with a litany of complaints, but no tangible solutions. Crossing our arms and walking away is a tactic, not a strategy and is not only unacceptable but irresponsible," Lightfoot added. "We have a tremendous opportunity to come together to do the work necessary to fulfill our vision of truly equitable legalization. Cannabis will be legalized across the State of Illinois starting on Jan. 1, and I have no intention of Chicago being left behind. It is unfortunate that the Black Caucus has chosen to remain on the sidelines."

After the council vote, Toi Hutchinson, the senior adviser to Gov. J.B. Pritzker on marijuana issues, released a statement pointing to the steps the state has taken to help minorities be part of recreational marijuana sales. She said stopping sales from starting in Chicago would be counterproductive in that regard. "Delaying this implementation would do significant damage — and do far more harm than good in actually achieving equity," Hutchinson said.

There are 20 members of the council's Black Caucus, and there is widespread

anger within that group about what they see as inadequate standards to help minorities who have been most hurt by the war on drugs get in on the ground floors.

In particular, they are upset that the 11 medicinal cannabis dispensaries that get to immediately expand to recreational sales on Jan. 1 under state law are overwhelmingly white-owned establishments. And the early returns on other applicants for recreational licenses in Chicago show few minority owners.

"We would never, as a body, allow anything to pass through this with this magnitude of economic impact, and not have (minority) participation," Ervin said during an earlier hearing on his ordinance. "Every bond deal that goes through here, we're hawks on if there's African American, Latino participation. Every other type of financial transaction that comes through this body, we have these same questions, and this same question needs to be asked about ... adult-use cannabis here in the city of Chicago."

And at a Zoning Committee meeting last week, two Hispanic aldermen joined three black aldermen in voting against a zoning change to allow a medicinal cannabis company to relocate to a property just south of Wrigley Field. That zoning change nonetheless passed, and the full council is also set to consider it Wednesday.

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Mayor wants a pot co-op owned by city

Entrepreneurs could invest, address inequities

BY GREGORY PRATT

Mayor Lori Lightfoot is working to form a city-owned marijuana cultivation co-op that aspiring entrepreneurs could buy into to address some of the inequities in the legal marijuana business, she said Monday.

"I would like to have the opportunity for the city to create a cooperative cultivation center so that we can bring a professional in ... then people will buy into the cooperative even with a modest cash investment or sweat equity and eventually, after they learn the business from top to bottom, turn that over to them," Lightfoot said. Lightfoot made the comments at an unrelated news conference to announce that eight more Chicago libraries will soon open on Sundays.

She was asked about City Council Black Caucus Chairman Ald. Jason Ervin, 28th, who's held open the possibility that he may force a vote on a measure to push back the Jan. 1 start date for legal marijuana sales in the city.

Ervin last week said he's still working to convince state officials and Lightfoot's administration to strengthen the equity rules in the weed law so African Americans have a fair shake at getting a signifi-

cant piece of the lucrative business before white owners corner it.

Lightfoot on Monday said she's met with Ervin and continues to talk with him about solutions.

"I understand their concern and want to make sure this new law speaks to the inequities that have befallen black and brown communities, particularly over the war on drugs," Lightfoot said.

Asked how serious she is about the cultivation center, Lightfoot said the city's been working on it "for some time" and has to jump through some regulatory hoops.

"This is a very, very expensive business to get involved in. What I understand is, the basics to be a cultivator requires about a \$13 to \$15 million investment. There's not a lot of people that have that, particularly in a market that a lot of banks and other traditional financial lenders won't touch," Lightfoot said. "I think the only way to really crack this nut is for the city to invest its own resources, to get engaged, get diverse entrepreneurs involved in the most lucrative part of the business which is cultivation."

It's not clear where the city would find the money for such a effort if it were ever approved but Lightfoot said the city would have options.

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NATION & WORLD

House passes \$1.4T spending plan

Shutdown deadline looms as legislation now moves to Senate

By ERICA WERNER
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The House on Tuesday approved a \$1.4 trillion spending package that would stave off a looming government shutdown and fund the federal government through next September, acting in a burst of bipartisanship just a day before Democrats plan to impeach President Donald Trump.

The legislation would also remove three controversial taxes from the Affordable Care Act, the 2010 law that was a top legislative achievement of President Barack Obama.

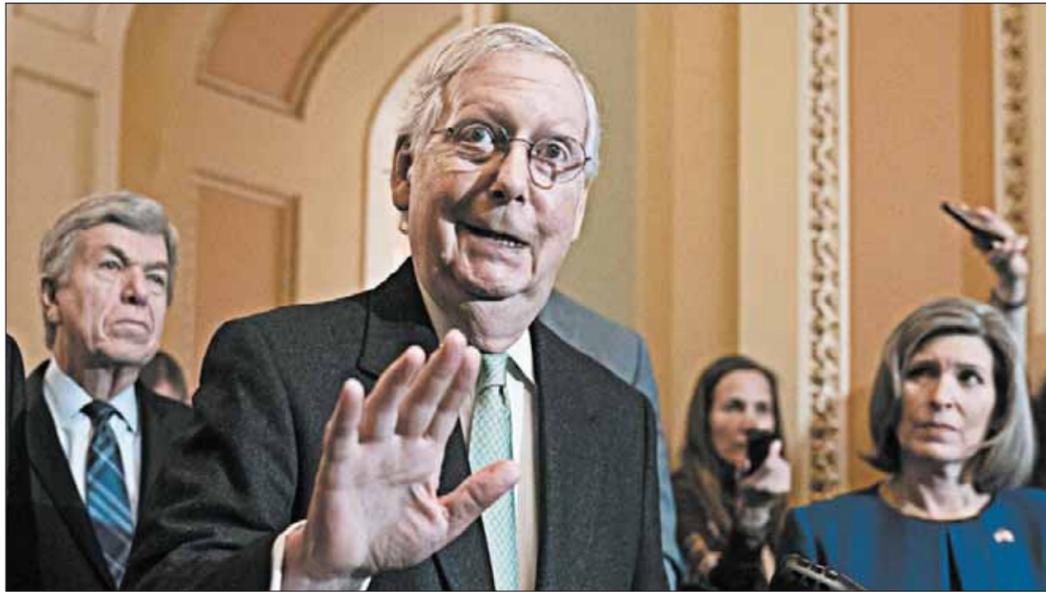
The package passed in two pieces — one focused on GOP national security priorities, including the Pentagon, the other on domestic agencies dear to Democrats such as the Health and Human Services Department.

The vote on the national security package was 280-138. The vote on the domestic agencies was 297-120.

The year-end legislative frenzy showed how far both parties have moved.

The legislation would add close to \$50 billion in new spending, even though the White House and Republicans called for major spending cuts earlier in the year.

The package would also strip back parts of the Affordable Care Act, legislation that many Democrats believe serves as a defining moment of the Obama administration.



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell supports the plan and will urge its passage when it comes to the Senate floor.

All told, the legislation could add more than \$500 billion to the deficit over the next decade. The deficit — or gap between government spending and tax revenue — is expected to eclipse \$1 trillion this year and grow in subsequent years.

The legislation includes a large number of grab-bag provisions big and small, raising the age of tobacco purchases to 21, providing long-sought funding for gun research, boosting funding for the census, and stabilizing pensions for tens of thousands of miners who were on the verge of losing benefits.

In an eleventh-hour deal, the legislation also extends dozens of tax credits and incentives for biodiesel producers, brewers, distillers and others.

“The list goes on and on,”

said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., as he urged support for the legislation when it comes to the Senate floor later this week.

“There are two timeless truths about the appropriations process in divided government,” McConnell added. “First, neither side will ever get what they would consider to be perfect bills. But second, full-year funding definitely beats drifting endlessly” from one stopgap spending bill to another.

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget chided Congress for embracing what it termed these “zombie tax extenders” that it said would add close to \$500 billion to the debt over the next decade.

When the tax cut and spending legislation passed

the House on Tuesday, CRFB president Maya MacGuineas wrote on Twitter, “What a bucket of garbage this bill is.”

Congress has mostly passed a series of short-term, stopgap budget bills that piece together weeks or months of spending.

The legislation passed Tuesday would provide more than nine months of funding. It will also set up another funding deadline just weeks ahead of the presidential election, potentially setting the stage for another round of budget brinkmanship in the height of the campaign.

Despite Trump’s demands for \$8.6 billion for his border wall, the issue that caused a 35-day government shutdown last winter, the legislation keeps border barrier funding at

the current level of \$1.375 billion. That represented a retreat for the White House, although officials at the White House Office of Management and Budget said the administration retained the flexibility it would need to move money from other accounts if necessary, as it has done in the past.

But along with money that was included to fund federal immigration agencies at current levels, the wall spending was too much to swallow for some liberal lawmakers and members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and they opposed the national security piece of the deal, which funds the Homeland Security Department.

The spending legislation will now move to the Senate, which must act before

midnight Friday, when existing funding for government agencies expires. Trump has voiced frustration in the past about Congress’ habit of jamming huge spending increases into giant must-pass bills on deadline.

But administration officials were involved in negotiating the package, and the president is expected to sign it, according to the OMB.

The spending package includes provisions for both parties to celebrate.

Democrats pointed to \$25 million in funding for federal gun violence research and \$425 million in election security grants, as well as a \$208 million boost in funding for the Environmental Protection Agency.

The federal funding for gun violence research is the first in more than 20 years.

Other Democratic priorities included in the bill are a 3.1% pay raise for civilian federal employees, \$7.6 billion in funding for the 2020 Census and record funding for education programs including Head Start. Approval of the pay raise, which would be the largest since 2009, ends a year of back-and-forth over a boost for some 2.1 million executive branch workers. Trump initially recommended no hike, but then in late summer backed a 2.6% increase.

Also included in the spending legislation is a bill raising the national age for tobacco sales to 21, a priority for McConnell.

Republicans highlighted a \$22 billion increase in Pentagon funding, which Democrats agreed to over the summer as part of a two-year, \$2.7 trillion budget accord.

Detroit tops hard-to-tally cities ahead of census

Vacant housing, poverty make for a tough count

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Associated Press

DETROIT — When the U.S. Census Bureau starts counting people next year in Detroit, obstacles are bound to arise: The city has tens of thousands of vacant houses, sparse internet access and high poverty — factors that will make it the toughest community to tally.

Other Rust Belt towns that have lost population and cities in the Sun Belt with large numbers of immigrants and transplants will pose similar challenges in the coast-to-coast head count, an Associated Press analysis of government data found. Nationwide, about a quarter of the population lives in hard-to-count neighborhoods, including a majority of people in Atlanta, Cleveland, Dallas, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Memphis, Tennessee, and Fresno, California.

Obtaining an accurate count is critical because the census determines the allocation of \$1.5 trillion in

federal spending and decides which states gain or lose congressional seats.

“There is nothing more important, no higher priority, than reaching the hard to count,” Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham told lawmakers last summer.

Detroit’s recent resurgence has led to refurbished downtown buildings, new boutique hotels and an invigorated arts community. But the renaissance has done little for some residents who live in persistent poverty and harbor lingering mistrust after decades of racial upheaval. The many empty homes are relics of the exodus that began in the 1950s and sent Detroit’s population plummeting from about 1.8 million to 670,000.

About 86% of Detroit’s population lives in hard-to-count neighborhoods, by far the largest proportion of any major U.S. city, the AP analysis found.

Annette Brock, who lives northeast of downtown, said some residents see no connection between answering questions from the government and improving their lives.

“Everybody else outside of us gets help before we

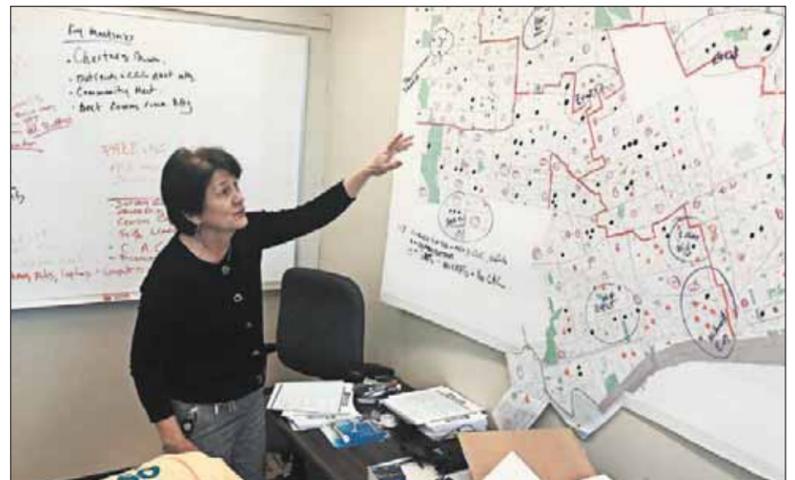
do,” Brock said. “I don’t blame nobody if they don’t want to participate, or if they don’t want to help, or if they don’t want to say nothing more. They’re tired of speaking their mind.”

Nationwide, the Census Bureau predicts a 60.5% response rate.

About 70% of Detroit residents turned in their 2000 Census forms. That figure fell to 64% a decade later, when the national rate was 74%.

In 2010, 220,000 Detroit residents were living in households that did not fill out questionnaires, costing the city \$2,000 to \$5,000 annually for every uncoun- ted person, said Victoria Kovari, executive director of Detroit’s 2020 Census Campaign.

To get those numbers back up, city census teams have knocked on nearly 130,000 doors in neighborhoods that were undercounted in the last census and spoken with more than 26,000 people. But Kovari is still concerned. For the first time, the Census Bureau would like respondents to answer questions online, but the agency estimates that 30% of Detroit households lack regular connection to the internet, roughly



COREY WILLIAMS/AP

Detroit’s 2020 Census Campaign executive director Victoria Kovari looks over the neighborhoods that were undercounted in the 2010 census, where 86% of the city’s population live.

double the national percentage.

The Census Bureau sends workers to homes that don’t respond. In Detroit, that means knocking on the doors of vacant houses and others where residents may not answer.

Almost 80% of Detroit is African American, and observers “know we are going to have an undercount among the black population,” said Diana Elliott, an Urban Institute researcher who co-wrote a report last summer that estimated anywhere from 900,000 to 4 million people could be missed.

“That puts Detroit at greater risk just because of

the demographics,” Elliott said.

Researchers have learned that Latinos, African Americans, non-English-speaking immigrants and children under 5 are the hardest to count, along with tribal members, nontraditional families and people with informal living arrangements.

Experts say the Trump administration’s effort to put a citizenship question on the questionnaire may scare off immigrants who live here illegally and others. Although the effort failed, opponents of the question say damage has already been done.

California and New

Mexico have some of the nation’s largest concentrations of Latinos. In those states, over 40% of the population lives in hard-to-count neighborhoods.

Gathering accurate population data in Detroit can be daunting because of its size and the emptiness of some neighborhoods.

In the late 2000s, the national housing crisis and economic downturn fell hardest on the Motor City. Three of every 10 adults was jobless. Thousands more left the city, and the population dropped to 713,000 by 2010.

Current Postal Service estimates show nearly 60,000 vacant units in Detroit.



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Red Cross volunteer Laurie Howell, left, comforts Cathie Morris, whose sister died in a 2011 twister. The two are in front of Morris’ house Tuesday in Limestone County, Ala.

Tornadoes kill 4, injure at least 12 in South

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, La. — A swarm of tornadoes and other storms that left a trail of destruction across the Southeast killed four people, injured at least a dozen more and left victims to bundle up against the cold as they picked up pieces of their homes Tuesday.

The death toll rose to four after heavy overnight rains caused flooding in Greenup County, Kentucky. Water rescue crews were called in Tuesday morning

to help two people, and at least one of them died, Kentucky State Police Trooper Bobby King said.

National Weather Service teams confirmed at least 17 tornado paths in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and the number could rise since teams were still surveying damage. The agency tweeted more than 240 tornado warnings for the region over roughly 21 hours starting early Monday.

The Storm Prediction Center logged more than

three dozen reports of storm damage from east Texas to Georgia.

In north Alabama, Lawrence County Coroner Scott Norwood said the bodies of Justin Chase Godsey, 35, and Keisha LeAnn Cross Godsey, 34, were found more than 200 yards from their home, the Decatur Daily reported. The couple’s elementary-school-age son was hospitalized.

Betty Patin, 59, died when an apparent tornado struck her home in Vernon

Parish, Louisiana, said Chief Deputy Calvin Turner. He said crews spent hours trying to cut through fallen trees and utility poles to reach some hard-hit areas.

Some cities opened warming shelters as a cold front collided with warmer air over northern Gulf Coast states and sent temperatures plunging. In central Alabama, road workers dressed in coats and gloves to clear fallen trees off a highway as the temperature hovered around 40 degrees.




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Luck ended the Olympic Park bomber manhunt

Eric Rudolph was able to evade capture for nearly 7 years

By MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — On the evening of July 27, 1996, with the Olympics well underway in Atlanta, thousands of people gathered for a night of partying at a downtown city park built for the games.

The band Jack Mack and the Heart Attack was rocking onstage.

"We were just partying, listening to the band, and enjoying the night," one man said.

Then a bomb went off.

One person was killed. More than a hundred others were severely injured. And a manhunt was on — a manhunt, it turned out, that hunted down the wrong man.

That harrowing story is being retold in Clint Eastwood's new movie "Richard Jewell," which gets its title from the name of the park security guard whose life was destroyed after he was wrongly accused of planting the bomb.

How the real bomber was captured is a tale of luck, perseverance, and keen in-

vestigatory instincts. It begins two years after the Olympic bombing, on the morning of Jan. 28, 1998, in Birmingham, Alabama, the site of Rudolph's fourth attack — this time at an abortion clinic.

A man named Jeffrey Tickal was having breakfast at a nearby McDonald's when the explosion occurred. He saw a man calmly walk by and decided to follow him to his truck. He wrote down the license plate on his coffee cup: KND1117. But Tickal didn't stop there. He and another bystander, Jermaine Hughes, kept following him.

Tickal told the story to the Los Angeles Times:

"When Rudolph pulled out onto Valley Avenue, Tickal made a U-turn and followed him. Rudolph's Nissan stopped at a light, and Tickal stopped behind him, scribbling the license plate number on his coffee cup. At the next light, Tickal pulled up alongside Rudolph's truck and tried to get a clear look at his face.

The plate was registered to Rudolph. Forensic tests showed connections between his bombings. Then they had to find him — a hunt that took five more years.

Rudolph, investigators

later learned, had more bombings planned. In fact, he had a cache of dynamite weighing more than 250 pounds. But he also knew that the FBI was on his tail.

"Washington was lucky that day in Birmingham," Rudolph said in a statement after he was caught and pleaded guilty. "They had a witness who happened into a fortuitous position, and my truck was identified."

Rudolph said he had a choice: to run, or not to run. "I chose the woods," he said.

More specifically, the woods of western North Carolina, where he had grown up before enlisting in the Army. Rudolph was an expert survivalist, and he knew those woods so well they were like a giant living room to him.

"He was anticipating a great conflict and he had clearly lined up caves and campsites where he could go," said Chris Swecker, who headed the FBI's Charlotte field office at the time.

And he knew where to get food. When authorities eventually discovered his campsite, they found, Swecker said, "a bunch of 55-gallon barrels buried in the ground, full of grain, soy, and oats" that he stole at night from a nearby granary.

Though some law en-



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A group of armed federal agents use a bloodhound to search for Eric Rudolph near Nantahala, North Carolina, on July 22, 1998. He wouldn't be found until May 2003.

forcement officials thought there was no way Rudolph could survive that long in the wild, the FBI worked with local police to continue circulating wanted flyers and encourage hunters to keep an eye out for him.

"I think 90% of the population had written off Rudolph as being out of the area, long gone, or dead," Swecker said.

And then it happened: a lucky break.

On May 31, 2003, Rudolph was hungry and went rummaging through a trash bin behind a grocery store in Murphy, North Car-

olina. It was around 4 a.m. Rookie police officer Scott Postell was on patrol and spotted him.

"I observed a male subject squatted in the middle of the road," Postell told reporters afterward. "As I approached, he took off running and hid behind some milk crates."

Postell ordered the man to come out. He did.

By that time, another deputy, Sean Mathews, had arrived.

"I thought he had an uncanny resemblance to Eric Robert Rudolph," Mathews said.

Rudolph was thinner than when he was last seen, but still in good physical health, FBI officials said.

But he also knew he was done.

"When he was arrested he was actually pretty compliant and subdued," Swecker said. "Almost relieved in a sense. His attitude was, 'You got me.'"

Two years later, on a Monday in 2005, about two dozen of Rudolph's victims and their family members watched as he was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.



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Demonstrators wave the French flag as they take part in a nationwide general strike.

France on strike: Power cuts, schools shut, no Eiffel Tower

By ANGELA CHARLTON AND ELAINE GANLEY
Associated Press

PARIS — French union activists cut electricity to nearly 100,000 homes or offices. Eiffel Tower staff walked off the job. Even Paris opera workers joined in Tuesday's nationwide protests across France, singing an aria of anger as workers rallied against the government's plan to raise the retirement age to 64.

Despite 13 days of crippling train and subway strikes, French President Emmanuel Macron and his government stayed firm. The prime minister declared his "total" determination to reshape a pension system that unions celebrate as a model for the rest of the world but that he calls unfair and destined to collapse into debt.

Lighting red flares and marching beneath a blanket of multicolored union flags, thousands of workers snaked through French cities from Brittany on the Atlantic to the Pyrenees in the south.

Hospital workers in scrubs, Air France staff in uniforms, lawyers wearing long black robes — people from across the French

workforce joined in the strikes and protests in higher numbers than the previous cross-sector walk-out last week.

The retirement reform that has brought them together is just one of their many gripes against Macron, a business-friendly centrist they fear is dismantling France's costly but oft-envied welfare state.

Workers from the hard-left CGT union on Tuesday carried out what they called "targeted" blackouts on electricity networks around Lyon and Bordeaux to call attention to their grievances, and their power.

Several European countries have raised the retirement age or cut pensions in recent years to keep up with lengthening life expectancy and slowing economic growth. Macron argues that France needs to do the same.

Tourists canceled plans and Paris commuters took hours to get to work Tuesday, as train drivers kept up their strike against changes to a system that allows them and other workers under special pension regimes to retire as early as their 50s.

"Monument Closed"

read a sign on the glass wall circling the base of the Eiffel Tower, which was shut for the second time since the strike, one of the most protracted France has seen in years, started Dec. 5.

"It's very frustrating for us, unfortunately," South African tourist Victor Hellberg said, gazing up at the 19th century landmark. "We had decided to be here for one day, and that's life I suppose."

Victor Garcia, visiting from Barcelona, said he's used to protests at home but admitted not climbing the Eiffel Tower steps "is kind of a bummer."

Police in Paris barricaded the presidential Elysee Palace, bracing for violence by yellow vest activists or other radical demonstrators.

Across the French capital, union leaders demanded that Macron drop the retirement reform.

"They should open their eyes," said Philippe Martinez, the head of the CGT union, said at the head of the Paris march.

With riot police watching closely, protesters carrying humorous signs and colorful costumes marched past the historic Bastille plaza.

Pope ends 'pontifical secrecy' in clergy sexual abuse cases

By NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis abolished the use of the Vatican's highest level of secrecy in clergy sexual abuse cases Tuesday, responding to mounting criticism that the rule of "pontifical secrecy" has been used to protect pedophiles, silence victims and prevent police from investigating crimes.

Victims and their advocates cheered the move as long overdue, but cautioned that the proof of its effectiveness would come when the Catholic hierarchy is forced to respond to national inquiries, grand jury subpoenas and criminal prosecutors who are increasingly demanding all internal documentation about abusers.

"The carnival of obscurity is over," declared Juan Carlos Cruz, a prominent Chilean survivor of clergy abuse and advocate for victims.

In a new law, Francis decreed that information in abuse cases must be protected by church leaders to ensure its "security, integrity and confidentiality." But he said the rule of "pontifical secrecy" no longer applied to abuse-related accusations, trials and decisions under the Catholic Church's canon law.

The Vatican's leading sex crimes investigator, Archbishop Charles Scicluna, said the reform was an "epochal decision" that will facilitate coordination with civil law enforcement and open up lines of communication with victims.

While documentation from the church's in-house legal proceedings will still not become public, Scicluna said, the reform now removes any excuse to not cooperate with legitimate legal requests from prosecutors, police or other civil authorities.

Francis also raised from 14 to 18 the cutoff age below



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Pope Francis issued the new laws on his 83rd birthday.

which the Vatican considers pornographic images to be child pornography. The reform is a response to the Vatican's increasing awareness of the spread of online child porn that has frequently implicated even high-ranking churchmen.

The new laws were issued Tuesday, Francis' 83rd birthday, as he struggles to respond to the global explosion of the abuse scandal, his own missteps and demands for greater transparency and accountability from victims, law enforcement and lay Catholics.

"The reforms are long overdue but symbolize an important step in the right direction," said SNAP, the victims advocacy group. "Still right now they are only words on paper and what needs to happen next is concrete action."

The new norms are the latest amendment to the Catholic Church's in-house canon law — a parallel legal code that metes out ecclesiastical justice for crimes against the faith — in this case relating to the sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable people by priests, bishops or cardinals. In this legal system, the worst punishment a priest can incur is being defrocked, or dismissed from the clerical

state. When he was a cardinal, Pope Benedict XVI had persuaded then-Pope John Paul II to decree in 2001 that these cases must be handled by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and be dealt with under the "pontifical secret" rule. The Vatican had long insisted that such confidentiality was necessary to protect the privacy of the victim, the reputation of the accused and the integrity of the canonical process.

However, such secrecy also served to keep the scandal hidden, prevent law enforcement from accessing documents, and silenced victims, many of whom often believed that the "pontifical secret" rule prevented them from going to the police to report their priestly abusers.

Also Tuesday, Francis accepted the resignation of the Vatican's ambassador to France, Archbishop Luigi Ventura, who is accused of making unwanted sexual advances to young men.

Ventura turned 75 last week, the mandatory retirement age for bishops, but that his resignation was announced on the same day as Francis' reforms didn't seem to be a coincidence.



DUKE MARINE ROBOTICS AND REMOTE SENSING LAB

Researchers found that as body size increases in toothed whales, they become less efficient as they hunt.

Diet plays big role in whales' size, study says

By MALCOLM RITTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Whales are big, but why aren't they bigger? A new study says it's basically about how many calories they can take in.

That's the conclusion of researchers who used small boats to chase down 300 whales of various species around the world. They reached out with a long pole to attach sensors to the creatures with suction cups, allowing them to record what the animals were do-

ing on their dives for food.

The results suggest body size is controlled by how whales capture prey and how much food is available, researchers reported last week in the journal *Science*.

The study included 90 blue whales, the biggest animal ever to live. Size estimates vary, but the American Cetacean Society says blue whales can grow about 100 feet long. The study also included the biggest whale with teeth, the sperm whale, which can stretch about 60 feet long,

the group says.

When toothed whales hunt, they capture one prey at a time, seeking them out in the murky depths with a sonarlike detection. The study found that as body size increases in such whales, they become progressively less efficient as they hunt — they recover fewer calories from their meals per calorie burned in each dive. That results from limits on availability of prey.

"It looks like you cannot be much bigger than a sperm whale" when hunting

the way it does, said Nicholas Pyenson of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, who was part of the research.

The blue whale can be bigger because it feeds in a much different and highly efficient way, the study says. It opens its mouth wide and engulfs an immense volume of water as it swims along. Then it closes its mouth and strains the water out through a sieve-like filter, which traps huge amounts of tiny shrimp-like creatures called krill.



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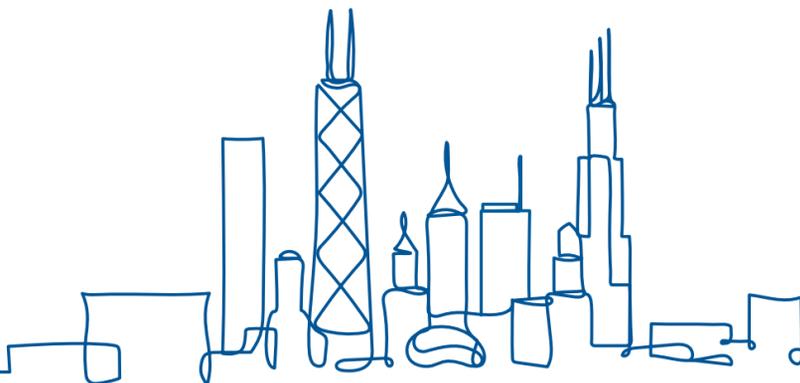
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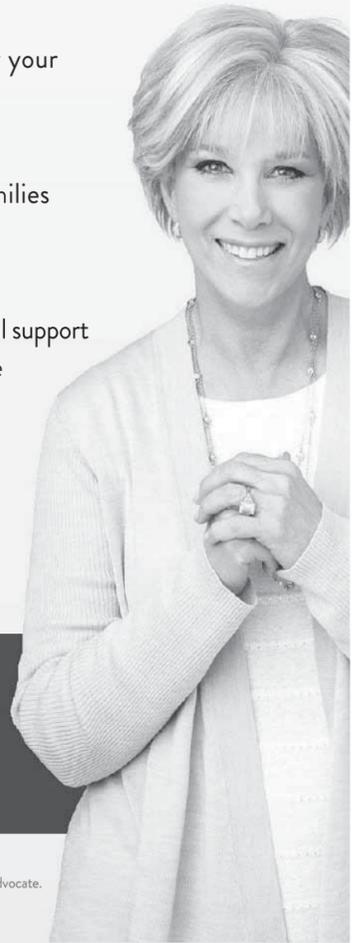
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Change afoot: US gives boot to official foot measurement

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Change is afoot for the official measuring stick used to size up big places in America.

The reason? There are actually two different definitions of the 12-inch ruler used to size up big places in America.

Some land surveyors use what's known as the U.S. survey foot. Others use the definition more accepted by the broader world: the international foot.

The difference is so tiny that you can't see it with the naked eye on a 12-inch ruler. But over big distances, it matters. So, to reduce the chance for errors and confusion, the federal government has announced it's finally giving the boot to the survey foot.

The international foot is the smaller one — adding about an eighth of an inch of difference when measuring a mile. That means the United States is 28.3 feet wider when measured using the international foot instead of the survey foot.

The change started in 1959, when the federal government mandated that everyone use the international foot but allowed surveyors to keep to the old U.S. survey foot for a while. That temporary reprieve has lasted 60 years, but it will finally end in 2022, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Institute of Standards and Technology announced in October.

Surveyors in 40 U.S. states and territories still use the larger U.S. foot. The rest use the smaller international one.

"We have chaos," says Michael Dennis, a project manager for NOAA's National Geodetic Survey. Geodetics is surveying that takes into account the curve of the Earth. "This is a mess."

The small difference may not seem like much, but it caused trouble in



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Michael Dennis, project manager for NOAA's National Geodetic Survey, says two types measurement is chaotic.

planning for high-speed rail in California, Dennis said. It also created a mess for bridge work between Oregon, which uses the international foot, and Washington, which uses the U.S. one, he said.

Dennis also relayed a horror story one surveyor sent him: A contractor from a state that uses the U.S. foot planned a building in the glide path of a major airport in a state that uses the international foot. The confusion over the two different feet caused delays, extra cost and redesign of the building to be one floor shorter. (Dennis wouldn't identify the airport.)

"It's embarrassing that we even had this going on for 60 years," Dennis says. "This whole thing is ridiculous."

Dennis knows some will squawk.

The U.S. foot "sounds very patriotic, very American," he said in a webinar. "Then there's the word 'international foot,' which sounds kind of new world order, U.N.-sanctioned, maybe with a whiff of socialism."

But it makes sense to be using the same measuring stick as the rest of the world to save time and eliminate embarrassing errors, he

says. Those who fear this is a slippery slope leading to the metric system are worrying a century too late, NIST metric coordinator Elizabeth Benham says. Since 1893, the official definition of a foot is based on the meter.

"We are metric," Dennis says. "The foot is subservient to the meter. That's the way it is."

The issue is how the two different feet are defined.

In 1893, the U.S. government defined a foot as 1,200 meters divided by 3,937. Plug those numbers into a calculator and you get 0.3048006 meters. Those last three digits — and it goes on even longer if you want to be technical — are important. Don't forget them.

In 1933, the international foot was invented. It was simpler: 0.3048 meters, exactly. Those last three digits just get eliminated.

But those digits kept bedeviling engineers. So in 1959, the U.S. government started the international switch and it will finish the job in 2022.

When it finally happens, the U.S. foot will be relegated to history, NIST's Benham says, "just like a cubit."

Suit seeks to reverse prison's porn ban

Neb. inmate argues staffers are biased against straight men

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A man serving a life sentence for murder in Nebraska has asked a judge to let him keep racy books that were confiscated after prison officials banned pornography.

Danny Robinson Jr. filed a lawsuit last week arguing that the policy is unconstitutionally vague and discriminatory because it gives prison staffers too much discretion to decide what qualifies as pornography.

He argued that prison staffers have enforced the policy with a bias against straight men by confiscating magazines with women in swimsuits while still allowing "muscle mags" with bare-chested men that could arouse gay men

or female inmates.

"In an environment of desperately horny and sexually frustrated men, (prison officials) are blatantly provoking them to have sex with each other to satisfy their sexual urges," Robinson wrote in the lawsuit.

The policy, which went into effect Jan. 8, 2018, bars materials that show or depict sexual acts and nudity of either gender, the Lincoln Journal Star reported. Previously, only publications or items likely to incite violent or illegal activity, including materials that advocate or depict violent or illegal sexual activity, had been barred.

Robinson's lawsuit is the latest effort by an inmate to regain access to pornography as more prisons nationally seek to restrict sexual content.

Last year, 58 Iowa inmates filed a federal lawsuit to challenge a new law that effectively shut down designated "pornography

reading rooms" in the state's prisons.

Prisoners in Michigan protested a similar law in 2011 with an unsuccessful letter-writing campaign to state officials, arguing that the ban violated their First Amendment rights.

In 2015, a judge in Virginia ruled that the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office had an unconstitutional, over-broad policy on explicit materials after a prisoners' rights magazine filed a lawsuit because copies weren't being delivered to inmates. Jail officials rejected the magazines because they contained ads promoting pen pal services and photos of nude models with stars covering their "private parts."

However, courts have generally sided with prison officials as long as they can prove that such bans have a legitimate goal other than suppressing material that some people might find objectionable.



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Giuliani pushed for dismissing Trump's Ukraine ambassador

BY JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rudy Giuliani, the president's personal attorney, is now openly admitting that he pushed President Donald Trump to dismiss the former ambassador to Ukraine — a key factor in the Democrats' impeachment case against his boss.

In a series of interviews ahead of Wednesday's historic impeachment vote by the House of Representatives, Giuliani bragged that he "forced" out Marie Yovanovitch and provided the president with information allegedly showing that she impeded investigations that could have benefited Trump politically.

Within weeks, she was recalled from her post.

The admission from Giuliani, who does not work for the U.S. government, is the latest example of his highly unusual meddling in official diplomatic channels. It also underscores his ongoing efforts to pressure Ukraine to investigate Trump's political rivals — the very pressure campaign the House is poised to impeach Trump for later this week.

"I forced her out because she's corrupt," Giuliani said in an interview with Fox News late Monday, offering his most unabashed claims of responsibility yet.

Yovanovitch, a respected career diplomat, had been pressing the Ukrainian government to address long-standing concerns by the U.S. and others about corruption.

Giuliani's comments come as Trump is facing near-certain impeachment by the House for abuse of power over his administration's efforts to pressure Ukraine to announce investigations, including one into former vice president and 2020 candidate Joe Biden and his son's dealings in Ukraine. The push came as Trump's administration was withholding crucial security aid from the Eastern



JABIN BOTSFORD/WASHINGTON POST

Rudy Giuliani bragged Monday on Fox News that he "forced" out Marie Yovanovitch "because she's corrupt."

European nation that was needed to counter Russian aggression.

Trump maintains he did nothing wrong.

As part of his ongoing campaign on Trump's behalf, Giuliani recently traveled to Kyiv, Budapest and Vienna to gather additional evidence he claims bolsters debunked theories. All the while, Republicans in Congress have largely turned a blind eye to Giuliani's efforts. And White House officials, weary of Giuliani's influence with the president, have tried to tread carefully, distancing themselves from the former New York City mayor without openly criticizing him.

In an interview with The New York Times on Monday evening, Giuliani portrayed himself as directly involved in the effort to oust Yovanovitch. He said he'd passed information to Trump "a couple of times" allegedly showing that Yovanovitch was impeding investigations in Ukraine that could benefit Trump politically, including the push to have Ukraine investigate the Biden family and other Democrats.

Trump, in turn, passed the information on to Sec-

retary of State Mike Pompeo, according to Giuliani. Within weeks, Yovanovitch was told Trump had lost trust in her and was recalled to the U.S.

Giuliani said Trump and Pompeo had "relied on" his information as they considered Yovanovitch's future, including a charge that she blocked visas for Ukrainian prosecutors to come to the United States to present evidence that Giuliani claimed could be damaging to Biden and his son Hunter, who served on the board of a Ukrainian gas company.

Testimony in the Trump impeachment inquiry has shown accusations against Yovanovitch were either unsubstantiated or taken out of context.

On Fox, Giuliani further claimed that Yovanovitch "committed perjury" when she testified that she turned down a prosecutor's visa requests because he was corrupt.

Yovanovitch, testifying in October in defiance of Trump, described a "concerted campaign" against her based on "unfounded and false claims by people with clearly questionable motives."



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Fog settles Tuesday over the Capitol, where the House is preparing to vote Wednesday on articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump.

House

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believe his letter will change anything, but he is registering his objections "for the purpose of history."

Meanwhile at the Capitol, House Democrats and Republicans sparred over the rules of debate for Wednesday's historic votes on impeaching Trump, dispatching the lofty rhetoric of constitutional duty for the rugged politics of the House action and Senate trial that is expected to follow.

The Democratic-majority House Rules Committee met through the day Tuesday, with lawmakers arguing over the parameters for Wednesday's debate, which is expected to culminate in votes to make Trump the third president to be impeached in American history.

"It's unfortunate that we have to be here today, but the actions of the president of the United States make that necessary," said Chairman Jim McGovern, D-Mass. "The evidence is as clear as it is overwhelming."

He said the president "jeopardized our national security and ... undermined our democracy."

He added: "Every day we let President Trump act like the law doesn't apply to him, we move a little closer" to rule by dictators.

Republicans disagreed.

The top committee Republican, Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, said the split view among Americans over impeachment should be reason enough not to proceed with the rare action. "When half of Americans are telling you what you are doing is wrong, you should listen," he said.

House Democrats are planning Wednesday to launch the debate and, likely, votes to impeach Trump, formally accusing him of abusing his power as president in dealing with Ukraine to help himself politically and then obstructing Congress by



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is expected to have the numbers.



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., prefers a swift Senate trial.

blocking the later investigation.

Votes will follow.

"We must impeach this president," said a statement from Democratic Rep. Chrissy Houlahan of Pennsylvania, an Air Force veteran who is among a group of newly-elected former national security officials calling for impeachment. "I grieve for our nation. But I cannot let history mark the behavior of our President as anything other than an unacceptable violation of his oath of office."

Pelosi, who warned against pursuing a strictly partisan impeachment, is now all but certain to have the numbers as voting begins.

As impeachment appears set in the House, attention is shifting to the Senate which, under the Constitution, is required to hold a trial on the charges.

It is expected to begin in January.

Hoping to dispatch with lengthy proceedings, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is rejecting the Democrats' push for fresh impeachment testimony in a last-ditch plea for the House to "turn back from the cliff" of Wednesday's expected vote.

McConnell's remarks Tuesday effectively

slapped the door shut on negotiations for a deal proposed by the Democratic leader, Sen. Chuck Schumer, who wants to call top White House officials for the Senate trial, which is set to start next year if the House impeaches Trump.

"If House Democrats' case is this deficient, this thin, the answer is not for the judge and jury to cure it here in the Senate," McConnell said. "The answer is that the House should not impeach on this basis in the first place."

Schumer's proposal was the first overture in what were expected to be negotiations between the two leaders over the contours of a weeklong trial.

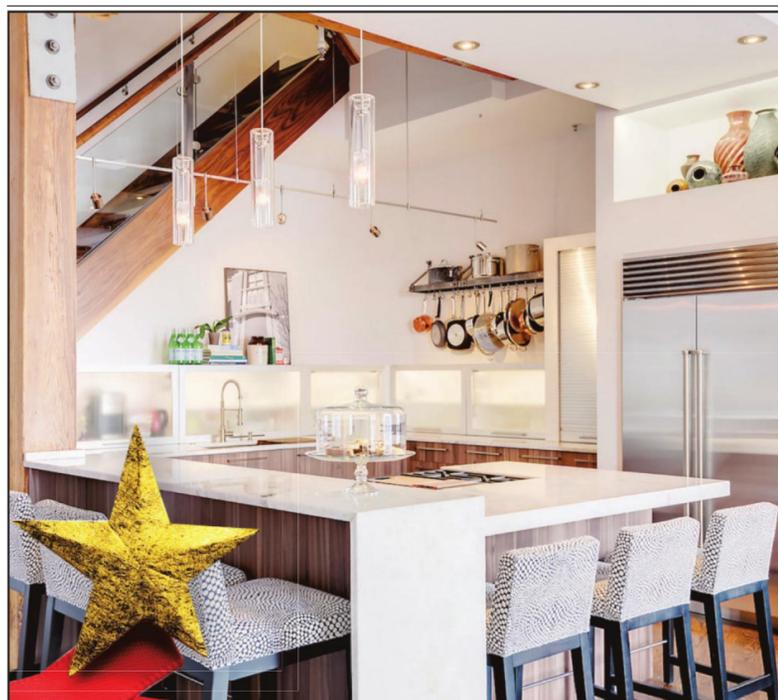
Trump wants a more showy proceeding to not only acquit but vindicate him of the impeachment charges from the House, though he has instructed officials not to appear in the House.

McConnell and most GOP senators prefer a swift trial. Senate Democrats want to hear from John Bolton, Mick Mulvaney and others as the proceedings push to the chamber for the trial.

"Why is the leader, why is the president so afraid to have these witnesses come testify?" asked Schumer from the Senate floor. "They certainly ought to be heard."

Trump faces two articles of impeachment brought by Democrats. They say he abused the power of his office by pressuring Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden ahead of the 2020 election and obstructed Congress by aggressively trying to block the House investigation from its oversight duties as part of the nation's system of checks and balances.

McConnell is facing criticism for saying he's taking his "cues" from the White House for the expected trial. Republicans say Schumer acted much the same two decades ago when the Senate prepared to vote on convicting President Bill Clinton.



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Surveillance court judge orders FBI to explain errors, omissions

BY DEVLIN BARRETT
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON —The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court ordered the government on Tuesday to explain what the FBI will do to ensure that the bureau does not mislead judges again when applying for surveillance orders like those used in the 2016 investigation of the Trump campaign.

The four-page order from Judge Rosemary Collyer, the presiding judge of the FISC, takes the FBI to task for 17 omissions and errors contained in applications to the court to secretly monitor the electronic communications of Carter Page, a former Trump adviser.

In a report released last week, Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz found serious violations in FBI procedures for ensuring that its applications to the court are complete and accurate.

"When FBI personnel misled (the Justice Department) in the ways de-

scribed above, they equally misled the FISC," Collyer wrote. "The FBI's handling of the Carter Page applications, as portrayed in the (inspector general) report, was antithetical to the heightened duty of candor" expected of FISC filings.

Collyer is the judge who signed the first surveillance application for Page sought by the FBI in October 2016.

One of the issues exposed by the inspector general was that an FBI lawyer forwarded an altered email in 2017 to make it appear that Page was not a source for the CIA, when in fact Page had provided the agency information in the past.

That document alteration has been referred to a prosecutor for consideration of criminal charges. In the meantime, the FISC has ordered the Justice Department and the FBI to provide information about any other surveillance applications in which that same attorney, Kevin Cline-Smith, was involved.

"The frequency with which representations made by FBI personnel turned out to be unsupported or contradicted by information in their possession, and with which they withheld information detrimental to their case, calls into question whether information contained in other FBI applications is reliable," Collyer wrote.

The reliability of FISC filings is considered critically important within the government, largely because the court's work is so secretive that defense lawyers do not get to challenge the factual assertions behind such warrants.

Horowitz's review of how the FBI investigated a possible conspiracy between Trump associates and Russia to influence the 2016 election concluded that the FBI had met the low legal threshold to open an investigation, but that the pursuit of Page as a suspected agent of the Russian government was plagued by errors, misstatements and omissions.



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ANALYSIS

Trump on the verge of 'profound disgrace'

BY NANCY BENAC AND CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump stands on the threshold of what two ex-presidents called the “profound disgrace” of impeachment, a permanent stain on his legacy.

Of what Alexander Hamilton set out in the Federalist Papers as the apt remedy for “the misconduct of public men?”

Or what Trump mockingly dismisses as impeachment lite.

The leader who has sliced a scythe through institutions and thrives in disruption stands unrepentant as a splintered nation prepares to impeach a president for only the third time in history.

Yet the weight of history is at hand.

So is a certain numbness among we the people as a process once granted the gravity of exorcism — an awakening from a “national nightmare” — plays out for a public that consumes daily provocations from this unusual president and can read only so many tweets in a day.

The U.S. may be witnessing the trivialization of impeachment for charges that are anything but trivial, said Jeffrey Engel, a presidential historian and lead author of a book on impeachments that has found its way into the hands of senators as they prepare to hold a January trial on the House’s expected indictment.

“Our extraordinary partisanship has trivialized it,” he said. “We’re in a remarkably partisan time.”

Look closely, though and you can see that Trump, for all his shrugs and dismissive taunts, knows he is on the verge of making a list of presidential infamy. Impeachment, he said in a

letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Tuesday protesting his innocence, is a “very ugly word.”

Trump is to join Bill Clinton, impeached 21 years ago for lying under oath about sex, and Andrew Johnson, impeached 151 years ago for defying Congress on Reconstruction.

Impeachment is not likely to engender an impulse of contrition for Trump, and it might not even sully his political future.

For every American who thinks Trump is a constitutional criminal, another American thinks he’s being railroaded.

Yet, for all time, there will no erasing the ultimate presidential black mark.

“Make no mistake, the judgment of history does matter,” former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter wrote in an op-ed after the House impeached Clinton in 1998.

Ford and Carter were, in turn, the presidents who picked up the shattered pieces of Richard Nixon’s presidency in the searing episode by which all presidential corruption scandals have been measured since, Watergate. Nixon only avoided impeachment because he quit on the cusp of it.

In their joint article, Ford and Carter pleaded for Congress to skip Clinton’s trial in the Senate because, they said, profound disgrace from the House impeachment would follow him forever. They wanted him censured instead.

The Senate went ahead with the trial and acquitted him, just as it did with Johnson and as it is likely to do with Trump.

Clinton and Nixon were halfway through their second terms, approaching the twilight of their presi-

dencies when they faced the threat of impeachment.

Trump is standing for reelection, giving his impeachment the flavor of the kind of dramatic show-down he professes to relish.

Raging at his accusers, the Democrats, while stonewalling them, Trump says he takes no responsibility for all that’s transpired and is yet to come.

“Zero, to put it mildly,” he said Tuesday, accusing Democrats of “cheapening” the very idea of impeachment.

To presidential historian Robert Dalleck, the consequences are far-reaching.

“The miracle of America has been that it’s been able to hold together,” he said. “To sink into this national division that exacerbates these differences and tension is to open the way to the collapse of American democracy, I think.”

During the Clinton impeachment, constitutional scholar Michael Gerhardt was the only expert witness called by both parties to testify. Democrats summoned him again in the House Judiciary Committee hearings in the Trump impeachment.

“The president is really denying the legitimacy of the Constitution and of inquiry,” he said in an interview, tracing what he sees as distinctive about this president and this impeachment.

The Clinton impeachment also took savagely partisan turns. Yet Donald Ritchie, an official Senate historian then and for many years, said key norms were respected as the upper chamber tried and acquitted the Democrat.

Procedural rules were approved unanimously, he said, and everyone had a chance to speak. “The Senate operated in very dignified, fair and impartial manner.”



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Gates gets 45 days, 3 years probation

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Rick Gates, former deputy campaign chairman to President Donald Trump, was sentenced to 45 days in jail Tuesday despite crimes that could have put him in prison for five or six years after offering what prosecutors described as extraordinary cooperation with Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia probe.

Gates can serve the sentence on weekends, U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson said. Gates, who will be on probation for three years, must pay a \$20,000 fine and perform 300 hours of community service.

In sentencing Gates, Jackson said she struggled to balance his crimes with the vital “evidence about matters of grave and international importance” he offered federal prosecutors.

A globe-trotting lobbyist who for a decade served as a right-hand man to former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, Gates, 47, pleaded guilty in February 2018 to lying to the FBI and conspiring to conceal tens



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Former Trump campaign aide Rick Gates, right, leaves federal court Tuesday after sentencing.

of millions of dollars earned from lucrative lobbying work he and Manafort had done for Ukraine. He went on to testify against Manafort, and two others in cases stemming from the probe into whether any Americans conspired with Russian efforts to influence the 2016 election.

In federal court in Washington, D.C., Gates read quickly through prepared remarks, telling the judge he “greatly regrets mis-

takes” he made and accepts “complete responsibility” for his actions.

Jackson said it was “hard to overstate the amount of lies” and “the amount of money involved” in Gates’ fraud, which included helping his former boss launder \$18 million while pocketing \$3 million himself.

But the judge gave Gates credit for testimony she considered not just “extremely candid” but vital in Manafort’s case.

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Democratic debate to proceed after labor agreement reached

WASHINGTON — The Democrats' next primary debate will proceed as scheduled this week, the Democratic National Committee announced Tuesday, after the party stepped in to help arrange a settlement to a labor dispute that had threatened the forum.

DNC Chairman Tom Perez, a former labor secretary under President Barack Obama, stepped in to help broker an agreement and avoid canceling

the debate. He said he helped "bring all stakeholders to the table to reach a deal that meets their needs."

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Vice President Joe Biden, Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Indiana, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, environmental activist Tom Steyer and businessman Andrew Yang have all qualified for Thursday's debate.

UK's Johnson seeks to rule out extension in Brexit trade pact

LONDON — Buoyed by a big new Conservative majority in Parliament, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson toughened his Brexit stance on Tuesday, ruling out any extension of an end-of-2020 deadline to strike a trade deal with the European Union.

The pound plunged on the news, falling by 1.5% to just over \$1.31.

The Brexit bill is due to get its first vote in the

House of Commons on Friday. The divorce bill will see the U.K. leave the 28-nation bloc on Jan. 31 and enter a transition period until the end of 2020 while negotiating a new trade deal with the EU. During the transition period, Britain will effectively remain a member of the EU, though voteless.

Trade experts say striking a new deal in only 11 months will be challenging.

Venezuelan lawmakers adopt virtual voting in official sessions

CARACAS, Venezuela — Opposition lawmakers in Venezuela who say they fear persecution by President Nicolas Maduro's government can now cast their votes through the cloud, the National Assembly decided Tuesday.

They can now participate in sessions from outside Venezuela or domestically without revealing their location.

The change stems from a struggle for control of

Venezuela between Maduro and Juan Guaidó, who launched a campaign early this year with U.S. backing seeking to remove the leader and end the nation's political confrontation.

Of 112 deputies belonging to opposition parties, roughly 30 have fled the country, or they have sought refuge inside foreign embassies in Caracas, fearing criminal prosecution and jail.



SETH WENIG/AP

The family of Jersey City Police Detective Joseph Seals watch as his casket is carried out of church Tuesday in Jersey City, N.J. Seals was killed in a confrontation a week ago with two attackers who then drove to a kosher market and killed three people inside.

Biden is 'healthy, vigorous, 77-year-old male,' doctor says

Joe Biden on Tuesday released a three-page summary of his medical history in which his doctor declared he is a "healthy, vigorous 77-year-old male" fully capable of taking on the role of president.

The summary indicated that Biden was being treated for several conditions, including an irregular heartbeat, gastroesophageal reflux and seasonal allergies. It was written by Kevin O'Connor, who is director of executive medicine at the George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates and was Biden's physician

when he was vice president.

"Vice President Biden is a healthy, vigorous, 77-year-old male, who is fit to successfully execute the duties of the Presidency, to include those as Chief Executive, Head of State, and Commander in Chief," O'Connor wrote.

Biden does not use any tobacco products, does not drink any alcohol and works out at least five days per week, according to the summary.

He is nearly 6 feet and weighs 178 pounds, with a blood pressure of 128/84. His cholesterol reading is

126, according to the latest records.

Stuart Jay Olshansky, a professor of public health at the University of Illinois at Chicago who analyzes the longevity of presidents, said Biden's workout regimen was a positive sign.

Earlier this month, an 83-year-old farmer in Iowa told Biden that he thought he was too old for the job.

"I'm not sedentary," Biden responded. "And you want to check my shape, man, let's do push-ups together here, man. Let's run. Let's do whatever you want to do. Let's take an IQ test. OK?"

Manafort hospitalized for heart condition

NEW YORK — Former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort has been hospitalized while serving his federal prison sentence.

Manafort, who is serving more than seven years in prison after being convicted as part of the special counsel's Russia investigation, was moved to the

hospital last Thursday from a federal prison in Pennsylvania, his attorney confirmed Tuesday.

Manafort, 70, is suffering from a heart-related condition, two people familiar with the matter told The Associated Press on Tuesday. They were not permitted to discuss the matter

publicly and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

Manafort was among the first to be charged in special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation, which examined possible coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia in the 2016 election campaign.

Most US opioid deaths are accidental, report shows

Accidental overdoses cause 90% of all U.S. opioid-related deaths while suicides account for far fewer of these fatalities than previously thought, a new analysis published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association suggests.

Government researchers found that suicides accounted for 4% of all opioid-related deaths. By contrast, a 2018 article in the New England Journal of Medicine estimated that at least 20% to 30% of those deaths are suicides.

That estimate came from a review of studies and emergency department data, less accurate than death certificates, said Dr. Mark Olfson, a Columbia University psychiatrist and co-author of the new analysis.

Authors of both reports noted that establishing suicide often relies on medical examiners with varying training and resources.

In Pakistan: A Pakistani court on Tuesday sentenced the country's former military ruler Gen. Pervez Musharraf to death in a treason case related to the state of emergency he imposed in 2007 while in power, officials said.

It's the first time in Pakistan's history that a former army chief and ruler of the country has been sentenced to death. Musharraf, who was sentenced in absentia, has been out of the country since 2016, when he was allowed to leave on bail to seek medical treatment abroad.

The ruling Tuesday by a three-judge panel was not unanimous and one of the judges had opposed the death sentence, according to Akhtar Shah, one of Musharraf's lawyers.

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EDITORIALS

Let the murder of Angie Monroy, 16, demand a commitment from every Chicagoan

“The wrong place at the wrong time.” It’s an address you can find anywhere in Chicago’s gang-ravaged Little Village neighborhood on the Southwest Side, at virtually any time of day.

■ Halloween, 5:30 pm., Lawndale Avenue and 26th Street. A 7-year-old girl trick-or-treating in a Minnie Mouse outfit is shot in the neck. She was a bystander in a gang shooting — that is, she was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Young Gisselle survived.

■ Late night, Nov. 12, 3200 block of West 32nd Street. Frank Aguilar, a 32-year-old nurse, is shot to death as he carries a load of laundry. Aguilar was not in a gang, and police believe his death may have been a case of mistaken identity.

■ And now, Angie Monroy. The 16-year-old high school junior was walking near the corner of 24th and Rockwell streets around 9:45 pm. Saturday when gunfire sprayed from a passing pickup truck. A witness told police he heard the gunman yell out gang slogans moments before Angie was struck in the head by a bullet. She died in a hospital bed early Sunday.

Angie was the latest “unintended



FAMILY PHOTO
 Gisselle



FAMILY PHOTO
 Angie Monroy

target” in the ongoing conflict between rival gangs in Little Village in the last month and a half, Chicago police said Tuesday. Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi called Angie’s murder “a reckless act of gun violence.”

The randomness of gang violence and gunfire repeats itself across the city, in neighborhoods where parents think, *Will*

this be the day a bullet finds my child on her way home from school? Will this be the day my spouse gets gunned down en route to a work shift, or on an errand to the corner grocery store?

Something’s very wrong when Chicagoans feel they have to walk along streets in a constant state of alert. Fear is an everyday emotion for too many innocents trying to survive another day in Englewood, or Austin, or Little Village. Angie’s parents knew the peril of Little Village late at night. Her sister, Joselyn Monroy, told the Tribune their parents had a no-questions-asked rule about being out on the streets late at night. Never. Ever.

“My Mom, even right now, she always tells us like, ‘See, this is why I told you guys not to do this, not to do that,’” Joselyn Monroy told the Tribune. “Like, look what happened. Your sister’s not here?”

What can Chicago do when the murder of a young person becomes one more teachable moment? Outrage isn’t enough. Police say they’ve found the pickup truck they believe was used by Angie’s killers, and have beefed up patrols in Little Village by uniformed and plainclothes cops. But

they can do only so much to keep reckless young people from pulling triggers.

We hope that the shooter or shooters responsible for Angie’s death will be held accountable. But the city awaits a new and comprehensive approach for stopping the bloodshed of those in the wrong place at the wrong time. Chicago never should be the wrong place.

Page One of that strategy should address gangs. Getting killers off the streets is part of the answer, but it can never be the end-all fix. Every gang tough convicted and jailed is easily replaced by someone younger and just as dangerous. The likely solutions include attacking conditions that, for lack of better alternatives, lead to gang membership — the dearth of jobs in struggling neighborhoods, the need for mentors and role models, the sense of hopelessness that seeps into so many youths’ lives.

Above all, Chicagoans can convey, and can demand, a sense of urgency. Too many children, too many innocents have succumbed to the randomness of killing on Chicago’s streets. Let Angie Monroy’s murder demand of every Chicagoan — our public officials included — this commitment: *We have to stop the carnage.*

Corruption experts have descended on Chicago, a rich habitat

It’s always a good week to study political corruption in Chicago.

Hundreds of experts and public officials from the United States, Canada and elsewhere have gathered downtown for the annual Council on Governmental Ethics Laws conference. They are delving into issues that are everyday chatter over breakfast in Illinois, like “Against the Wind: How to Promote and Protect Good Law when Legislators like the Status Quo” and “What to do When the Rules Don’t Apply to Everyone.”

We expressed enthusiasm in February that this much-needed event was coming to this ironic yet perfectly apt host location. February! How naïve Chicago still was back then. Yes, four of the state’s last 11 governors had been imprisoned for federal crimes. But it would be months before the feds detailed in a 59-page indictment their allegations against Ald. Ed Burke — accusations he denies — and before several state officials were caught up in what is now recognized as a sprawling federal corruption investigation. ComEd was just the name on the electric bill. Mike McClain was not yet a name that could carry a headline.

Chicago ranks No. 1 for corruption among U.S. cities, according to political scientists at the University of Illinois at Chicago. This grim superlative comes with costs — wasted public dollars, reputational damage and a discouraged electorate, to name a few — and should be an issue that unites voters. No party platform calls for more money to flow to the corrupt.



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Ald. Ed Burke attends a City Council meeting in October. He’s under federal indictment, accused of steering business to his law firm.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot addressed the ethics conference on Monday, receiving praise for early ethics reforms in her term. She declared that public officials must put the public interest above their own, be honest stewards of taxpayer dollars and relegate the Chicago Way to the dustbin of history (to be emptied later by a completely clean hauling operation, we presume).

Meanwhile on the clout-and-ethics beat, news was breaking in the city of “Where’s Mine?” that her appointed corporation

counsel was claiming primary home exemptions on two residences rather than one. Other potential future case studies that attendees may have noticed in the Chicago news: “Richard M. Daley kept taxpayer-funded security without threat assessment on whether it’s needed” and “As Mayor Lightfoot demands answers from ComEd over federal probe, her security chief’s wife lists the utility as a lobbying client.”

Change, the mayor wisely acknowl-

edged, doesn’t happen overnight.

While the ethics enthusiasts study national and international issues and will move on to Atlanta for next year’s assembly, Chicago will retain a place of importance, and not just as a bad example. Steve Berlin, executive director of Chicago’s ethics board, is the incoming president of the organization. He can count on Illinois politics doing him proud at the podium: If it can’t be good, it will at least be interesting.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The facts behind #DebateSoWhite suggest that, despite the best efforts of progressives and the party establishment to hype 2020 candidates in terms of their race, gender, and LGBTQ status, the Democratic rank-and-file have limited use for identity politics. Remember that Democrats started the year with a historically diverse field. ... Yet 12 months later, all the nonwhite candidates — except Andrew Yang, who has explicitly disavowed identity politics — are either going or gone. ...

Joe Biden is the favorite among black Dems (by 30 points). ... The irony wasn’t lost on New York magazine’s lefty politics writer, Eric Levitz: “If Joe Biden retains his current standing, then the Democrats’ 2020 nominee will better reflect the preferences of black Democrats than those of white ones.”

Latino voters, making up 12% of the party, have proved even more indifferent than blacks to the rules of identity politics. Julián Castro, the only Latino in the race, was supposed to be their guy. But a recent Noticias Telemundo poll of Latino voters found him in fifth place, attracting a mere 2% of his presumed base. ...

Elizabeth Warren, the highest polling of the Democratic women still standing, is finding a bit more support from women than men — about 2.9 points more. ... Women are likely to vote Democratic by a considerable margin, but that’s true no matter who the nominee. ... Hillary Clinton had a 12-point margin of victory among women, virtually identical to Barack Obama’s 13- and 11-point wins with female voters in his two presidential runs.

Kay S. Hymowitz, City Journal

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A pedestrian enters Millennium Station and the Pedway in Chicago on Dec. 22, 2016.

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Good news about Pedway signage and fake meat, plus other year-end updates

Directional signage in the Pedway, downtown's delightful subterranean labyrinth, is still awful. More than a year after two other Tribune columnists, the Tribune Editorial Board and I began banging away at those who oversee the 5-mile maze that connects stores, offices and commuter rail stations, begging them to at least begin making it less user hostile, the walkway still lacks sufficient, basic "you are here" maps, arrows pointing the way toward major destinations and other basics of what urban planners call "wayfinding."

But in preparing this year-end column updating some of the issues I've touched on, I discovered that help is on the way. In late October, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning got the go-ahead to spend a little more than \$4 million in federal funds to dramatically upgrade underground navigational aids.

Howard Learner, executive director of the Chicago-based Environmental Law and Policy Center, the organization that's leading efforts to improve the system, called the initiative "centrally important for revitalizing the Chicago Pedway and achieving its potential benefits."

Good ideas that have gone nowhere

I was jazzed about Illinois Senate Bill 145, which would have denied presidential candidates a spot on the Illinois primary ballot unless they turned over five years of income tax returns. It passed the Senate but stalled in the House.

I thought Gov. J.B. Pritzker was smart to propose to raise an estimated \$80 million by capping the service fee that merchants charge the state for processing sales taxes, a fee that made sense before computerization made such processing a snap. Lawmakers yawned.

I led the cheers for Illinois Senate Bill 1240, a proposal to expand statewide Chicago's mandatory fee on disposable checkout bags. Such fees cut down on litter and change the way we think about the



ERIC ZORN

hire agents and make money off the commercial use of their own names, images or likenesses, just like the pros do, and also similar to an idea OK'd in October by the NCAA board of governors. It passed the House but went nowhere in the Senate.

All these ideas are presumed dead.

A bad idea that appears stalled

Shortly after I wrote about the federal Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act in October, it passed the U.S. House by a vote of 410-6.

But when it got to the Senate, Oregon Democrat Ron Wyden put a parliamentary hold on the bill. In a statement, Wyden echoed my concern that the proposal to make it far easier for photographers, musicians, graphic artists, writers and other creators to sue those who infringe on their copyrights even for noncommercial purposes would "create an extrajudicial, virtually unappealable tribunal that could impose statutory damages of \$30,000 on an individual who posts a couple of memes on social media, even if the claimant sustained little or no economic harm."

Keith Kupferschmid, CEO of the Copyright Alliance, a network of groups that support the CASE Act, said negotiations with Wyden have stalled because his staff has "moved the goalposts" on compromise efforts designed to mitigate the risks that opportunistic "copyright troll" lawyers would turn our lives into nightmares.

Silly isn't saying 'uncle'

The federal lawsuit I dubbed Silly v. Slippery — Jason Gonzales v. Michael J. Madigan — looked to be

over in August when U.S. District Judge Matthew F. Kennelly tossed it. Kennelly found no constitutional harm was done when Democratic House Speaker Madigan pulled an age-old political dirty trick and installed sham candidates with Hispanic surnames on his Chicago district's Democratic primary ballot in an effort to confuse voters when Gonzales challenged his bid for reelection to the House in 2016.

The slippery stunt was widely reported, and Gonzales tried to rile up voters on the campaign trail by telling them about it. Madigan won 65.2% of the vote anyway, rendering Gonzales's claims of injury very silly.

But Gonzales isn't giving up. His attorney, former Cook County Commissioner Anthony Peraica, told me Tuesday that he's filed a motion asking Kennelly to reconsider his ruling and expects a ruling any day. If that effort fails, Peraica said, he plans to appeal to the full federal circuit.

The art of the Impossible

I was enthusiastic in early August when Burger King rolled out the Impossible Whopper for a nationwide test. The plant-based patty at the center of the sandwich tastes just like beef and is far gentler on the environment than meat that comes from cattle.

The public was enthusiastic too. Burger King recently reported its most successful quarter in four years and announced that the Impossible Whopper is now on the chain's permanent menu.

In September, Impossible Foods, which engineered the convincing fake, was one of 16 winners of the 2019 United Nations Global Climate Action Award.

And in a measure of how serious this burgeoning popularity is, the meat industry has launched an aggressive campaign against Impossible, Beyond Meat and other "ultra-processed imitations," and is promoting bills in some 25 states to make it illegal to use the words "beef" or "meat" in the name of any plant-based or lab-grown substitutes.

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Senators in an impeachment trial are not jurors

BY STEVEN LUBET

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell created a predictable stir when he told Fox News host Sean Hannity that he would structure the impending impeachment trial of President Donald Trump in "total coordination with the White House counsel's office." He added, "There will be no difference between the president's position and our position as to how to handle this."

This outright rejection of neutrality drew immediate protests from Democrats. Rep. Val Demings, D-Fla., who may well be one of the House impeachment managers in the Senate trial, called for McConnell's recusal, saying, "No court in the country would allow a member of the jury to also serve as the accused's defense attorney."

House Judiciary Committee Chair Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., likewise slammed "the foreman of the jury" for saying he would "work hand and glove with the defense attorney."

Demings and Nadler made a valid point, but they used the wrong analogy. Senators at an impeachment trial are not the equivalent of a jury and they are not held to a juror's standard of neutrality.

The principle, that senators are not jurors in the traditional sense, was well established at the outset of the 1999 impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton.

Tasked with delivering an opening statement for the House managers — who present the House's case to the Senate — Rep. Robert Barr, R-Ga., reminded the senators of Clinton's tendency to "nitpick" over details or "parse a specific word or phrase of testimony." To Barr, the conclusion was obvious: "We urge you, the distinguished jurors in this case, not to be fooled."

That was the moment Sen. Tom Harkin, an Iowa Democrat, had been waiting for. "Mr. Chief Justice," he said, addressing William Rehnquist, who was presiding over the trial, "I object to the use and the continued use of the word 'jurors' when referring to the Senate."

Harkin had prepared well, basing his argument on the text of the Constitution, the Federalist Papers and the rules of the Senate itself.

He explained that "the framers of the Constitution meant us, the Senate, to be something other than a jury."

Instead, Harkin continued, "What we do here today does not just decide the fate of one man. ... Future generations will look back on this trial not just to find out what happened, but to try to decide what principles governed our actions."

The chief justice sustained the objection. "The Senate is not simply a jury," he ruled. "It is a court in this case."

Rehnquist thus admonished the House managers "to refrain from referring to the

senators as jurors." For the balance of the trial, they were called "triers of law and fact."

Rehnquist and Harkin got it right. Article III of the Constitution provides that "Trial of all Crimes, except in Cases of Impeachment, shall be by Jury," and for good reasons.

In an ordinary trial, the jury's role is generally limited to fact-finding, while the judge determines the scope and application of the law. In an impeachment trial, however, the Senate itself has the "sole power" to decide every issue.

Recognizing the Senate's all-encompassing responsibility, and his own limited role, Chief Justice Rehnquist referred to himself throughout the proceeding only as "the Chair."

As the U.S. Supreme Court has put it, impeachment presents a "political question," in which all of the "authority is reposed in the Senate and nowhere else."

McConnell, the Senate's leader, has more leeway and far more power than any juror or even a jury foreperson.

The Constitution's only procedural requirement is the requirement in Article I that the senators be placed under "oath or affirmation."

Although the Constitution does not specify any particular wording (unlike the presidential oath, which is included word-for-word), the Senate adopted rules for impeachment trials in 1986 requiring each

senator to affirm or swear to do "impartial justice according to the Constitution and laws."

"Impartial justice" does not demand the enforced naiveté of jury service, which would be impossible in an impeachment trial. For example, the senators all have prior knowledge of at least some of the facts, and several of them are currently vying to run against Trump in 2020, while others are backing his reelection campaign.

But the Senate's oath of impartiality clearly calls for at least some commitment to objectivity. Thus, the problem with McConnell's announcement was not that he failed to behave like a juror.

Rather, he has declared an intention to disregard the Senate's prescribed oath, which was fixed long ago by the very body that elected him its leader.

When Harkin disclaimed a juror's role at the Clinton trial, his purpose was not to affect the outcome of the case, but rather to underscore the full scope of the Senate's decision-making responsibility. In contrast, McConnell appears to have boldly renounced open-mindedness itself on the impeachment court, whether as juror, judge or "trier of law and fact."

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Richard Hatcher talks to reporters after being elected the first African American mayor of Gary in 1967. Hatcher died Friday.

Gary's Richard Hatcher helped launch a post-civil rights era



CLARENCE PAGE

He was the last of the firsts.

That's probably how Richard Gordon Hatcher, one of the nation's first black elected big-city mayors, most often will be remembered.

Hatcher died Friday night at age 86 in Mercy Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago. He was elected mayor of Gary at age 34 on Nov. 7, 1967, the same day as Cleveland's Carl Stokes, who died in 1996.

Both made history as the first black men to be elected mayors of American cities with more than 100,000 population. Now both are gone. Hatcher was the last of "the firsts" as a black mayor.

Now, at a time in which we actually look back at the election of the nation's first black president as a moment in history, this is an appropriate time for us Americans to ponder Hatcher's legacy and Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous question: "Where do we go from here?"

For 20 years — or five terms in office — Hatcher tried in vain to curb poverty and blight in Gary, a steel town that already was losing its jobs, tax base and population at an alarming rate in the national steel crisis of the 1960s and '70s.

Hatcher took his campaign national, at first out of need. After he beat incumbent Mayor Martin Katz in the Democratic primary election, leaders of the local party machine refused to support him in the general election unless he allowed them to choose the city's police chief and fill other important administrative offices.

He refused their conditions and traveled out of town to raise campaign funds. As mayor, he continued to speak out nationally on political and urban development issues, speaking alongside King, Robert F. Kennedy and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, among other leaders.

"Gary is a rising sun," he said in his first inaugural address. "Together we shall beat a way. Together we shall turn darkness into light, despair into hope and promise into progress."

Alas, it was not to be. The city continued to bleed jobs, residents and tax revenue. The steel town founded in 1906 by U.S. Steel Chairman Elbert H. Gary surged up and plummeted down as its industry did through boom-and-bust cycles.

He was a central figure in the historical event known as the National Black Political Convention or the "Gary Convention," in March 1972. As a young reporter who covered that event in Gary, I remember it as the biggest gathering of black political leaders that I had seen outside of a national party convention — or, for that matter, inside of one.

Among others, there were Jackson, Coretta Scott King, Rep. Shirley Chisholm, D-N.Y., who was running for president and Black Panther leader Bobby Seale. Entertainers James Brown and Harry Belafonte performed, and Muhammad Ali served as a sergeant-at-arms.

The convention was intended to develop a "black agenda" of some sort to answer King's question of where the movement would go from here. Some interesting debates were held on the value of integrated coalition-building versus go-it-alone black nationalism. But the document that they produced was long-winded and eloquently vague, in my view. It offered just enough of an ambitious agenda to allow everyone to say they were

energized and eager to take the next steps toward black empowerment.

Still, it is important to remember the times. The post-civil rights era had set in. Racially segregated public facilities were no longer legal. But bread-and-butter issues such as jobs, schools, housing and child nutrition were rising in importance, particularly for cities with shrinking tax bases and deteriorating housing stock like Gary.

Although the agenda produced by the black convention called for African Americans to break away into more separate black-focused political organizations, Hatcher became more involved in the Democratic Party, serving as vice chairman of the National Democratic Committee and leader of Jackson's two presidential campaigns in the 1980s.

Hatcher's legacy as a "first" is valuable today for the lessons it offers to new generations of ambitious politicians, particularly those who follow in the mold of, say, Chicago's late Mayor Harold Washington or former President Barack Obama.

"You can run as a black person in a majority-white jurisdiction," Ravi Perry, chair of Howard University's political science department, said on NPR's "All Things Considered" after Hatcher's death, "and not run away from your blackness and still win."

Indeed, as the years since Hatcher's mayoralty turn into decades, his most important lessons may be not in how well he served as a leader of African Americans but how effectively he was able to win the cooperation of others.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Atonement demands owning up

Steve Chapman's column ("Animal cruelty, the NFL and the redemption of Michael Vick," Dec. 12) joins the debate over what constitutes sufficient atonement for Michael Vick. In Vick's case, the question is most pressing for those who care about animals, football or both. But all of us are confronting atonement in the #MeToo era. At the Humane Society of the United States, this issue is personal.

In 2018, multiple public allegations were made that our then-CEO Wayne Pacelle — whom Chapman's piece highlights — harassed and, in some cases, assaulted women who worked with or for HSUS. In late January that year, the board voted while an investigation was ongoing, and Pacelle remained in his role. However, less than 24 hours later, additional information came to light, and he and the organization parted ways.

Thanks to the women who came forward, we reshaped our leadership and implemented robust improvements. In the nearly two years since Pacelle's departure, we have made an incredible impact for animals, leading the efforts to ban Florida greyhound racing, protecting millions of farm animals around the world, shut down dog meat markets and rescued thousands of animals in harm's way from natural disasters and cruelty situations.

All of this progress was possible because the organization recognized it needed to atone in the first place. Rehabilitation requires more than the passage of time. It requires both an acknowledgment of wrongs done and a commitment to rectifying the harms caused. It is appropriate to ask whether Vick has atoned enough.

But as far as we know, Pacelle has not atoned at all. Society gets into trouble when we welcome individuals back into the fold when they have not owned up to their misdeeds or otherwise attempted to address the harm they caused. This is the minimum we should expect, regardless of how much they might have accomplished in other aspects of their life. Accountability must be as meaningful for the powerful and popular as it is for everyone else.

— Kitty Block, president and CEO, Humane Society of the United States, Washington

Michael Vick has not truly confessed

In his column about Michael Vick's torture of dogs at his Bad Newz Kennels, Steve Chapman argues that Vick has done a lot to make up for how he "took part in training dogs to fight" while playing for the Atlanta Falcons. And he concludes that "the only people who can be redeemed are those who have done wrong." That's true. But redemption begins with acknowledging what you've done. And to the best of my knowledge, Vick has never done this. As Judge Henry Hudson said when sentencing him to prison: "I'm not convinced you've fully accepted responsibility." All Vick would admit to were things like using "poor judgment."

When he came out of prison, Vick's first major interview was with "NFL Today" anchor James Brown. Brown noted that Vick had "engaged in barbarous treatment of the animals — beating them, shooting them, electrocuting them, drowning them." But Vick skillfully evaded admitting to any of this. "I should've took the initiative to stop it all, you know, and I didn't," he told Brown. "And I feel so bad about that now. ... I wasn't a leader." To the best of my knowledge, Vick has still never admitted to anything more than things like failing to be a leader.

So, while we can perhaps forgive him for that, many of us are still waiting to hear from his own mouth what he actually did. A few of the specific questions we'd like him to answer would be: "Michael, please tell us about the dogs who had no teeth when they were rescued. Who pulled them out and why? What were the electric cables for? What is a rape stand, and what did you use it for? What did you personally do to the dogs?"

Rehabilitation starts with admission of what you did that was wrong. That's the start of any 12-step-type program. Until Michael Vick can come forward and tell us what he actually did to the dogs who were rescued from his kennels, he's not even at step one.

— Michael Mountain, former president of Best Friends Animal Society, Kanab, Utah



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Michael Vick greets fans prior to a Bears game in Los Angeles on Nov. 17.

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The Apple store has become one Chicago neighborhood's default church

BY JACK MODZELEWSKI

During this season of heightened giving and concern for mankind, I've considered my own Chicago neighborhood of Streeterville and how it fosters a sense of community. I notice many people walking dogs and stopping to chat with each other, and people being nice to their doormen and retail clerks.

But we have no real epicenter of community in Streeterville. And related to that point, there are no permanent houses of worship in Streeterville, except for hospital chapels and the occasional satellite church service. Our sense of community revolves around high-rise living and commercial enterprise. Except for maybe one location: the Apple store.

Apple has become the new opiate of the people, in Streeterville and wherever its stores can be found. It is a beacon to visitors from far and wide who worship the "i" of the digital era. It's not about community in a physical sense, it's about the Community of the One. In a sense, it's about Appletology.

Streeterville is the most densely populated area of the city. A community bordered by Michigan Avenue on the west, Lake Michigan on the east and north, and the Chicago River on the south, it is packed with high-rise buildings. As Brendan Reilly, our alderman, often mentions, Streeterville contributes a significant percentage of the city's property taxes, plus sales taxes collected from retailers, hotels and restaurants.

Why no permanent churches in Streeterville? I'm not sure. Of course,

there are plenty of churchgoers who live in Streeterville, but they need to go in other directions to commute to their churches, temples or mosques of preference. If you cross Michigan Avenue going west you can find houses of worship representing different faiths and denominations, including Christian churches, synagogues, a Hindu cultural center and an Islamic center in the Loop.

But in Streeterville we have only the Apple church-store, where you can sit on padded stairs and wooden cratellike seats to watch large-screen presentations, much as you can in modern church services. You can confer with the Apple "geniuses," who like church deacons can help you navigate the complexities of life in a 5G world or nifty applications like Procreate. In the Apple church you can worship all the exciting new possibilities to animate your social platforms and entertain your friends.

Like most other houses of worship, you are welcome to just drop in, out of the winter cold and meditate on the mysteries of life while listening to piped-in music available on Apple Tunes. Or you can just sit alone and talk to the omniscient Siri, the iGoddess of minds growing ever so reliant on artificial intelligence. Unlike some other churches, there are no cash boxes for "the poor" in the Apple church. Apple is one of the richest organizations in the world, with more wealth than most sovereign nations. It can provide for the needy in its own specific ways.

The Apple store's prime location underscores the trend of people fixated on their mobile devices, even while per-

iously crossing busy intersections. There they sit in the Apple store practicing Appletology: scanning headlines but not reading the stories behind the news; checking their social platform statuses; scrolling through their endless texts and emails while listening to podcasts or music — somewhat desensitized to the community outside with its real inhabitants and their real needs, spiritual or otherwise.

Before all the available vacant lots disappear to build more condos, office buildings and hotels, maybe some religious organization will squeeze in a little church on some sliver of land in Streeterville. Better yet, several denominations or faiths can share one location, as is done in resort communities or places where religious organizations cannot afford their own building.

This narrative may seem tongue-in-cheek, but something seems wrong about living in a historically famous part of Chicago that today has no permanent houses of worship.

It's true that the real spirit of a church is outside its walls in the collective behaviors and actions of its community. But it also is comforting to know that if you wish to walk into a building to express or refresh your faith, there's a place very nearby to do so.

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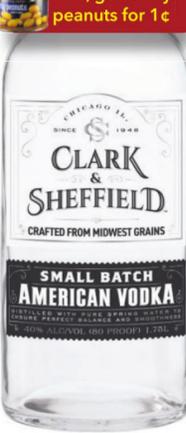
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Navistar to cut 1,300 jobs as orders dry up

Truck maker to follow others in cost-cutting efforts, restructuring

BY CRAIG TRUDELL,
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Bloomberg

Navistar International will reduce global employment by more than 10%, the maker of International brand trucks said Tuesday.

The Lisle-based manufacturer, which has more than 13,300 workers worldwide, slashed its forecast for 2020 revenue to below the lowest estimate among analysts surveyed by Bloomberg.

Navistar stock closed at \$29.98 Tuesday, down more than 10%.

"We are taking actions to adjust our business to current market conditions," Navistar Chairman

and CEO Troy Clarke said in a news release, adding that the company was "reducing production rates and SG&A (selling, general and administrative) expenses while restructuring our global and export operations."

Navistar follows truck-engine maker Cummins, which announced plans in November to dismiss 2,000 salaried employees as part of a \$300 million cost-cutting effort next year, and Meritor, which in September flagged \$20 million in severance costs linked to a restructuring the components supplier expects to complete by the end of the year.

Trucking companies ordered too many vehicles last year when freight volumes were growing. That overhang is causing freight prices to drop and orders to plunge. Convoy, a startup that connects shippers with truck driv-



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An International ProStar high-rise sleeper tractor is seen at the Navistar plant in Melrose Park.

ers, believes the freight industry has been in recession since fall 2018, its economist said in an August blog post.

"Our concern had been that we would slip into something that might look like a manufacturing recession in the first half of 2020,"

Navistar's Clarke told analysts on an earnings call Tuesday. "If we do, then that could make the second half look a little more challenging."

Most of the more than 1,300 jobs being eliminated will come from North American production cuts, according to a spokeswoman.

Cummins will carry out its salaried job cuts by the end of the first quarter. The reduction amounts to more than 3% of the Columbus, Indiana-based company's global workforce.

"It's not just in North America truck — we're seeing a slowing global economy," Cummins Chief Financial Officer Mark Smith said during an analyst conference this month. "It's a sharp shock that we're experiencing. Hopefully, we get through that in the next two or three quarters and things start to stabilize and improve."

Health Care Service Corp. laying off dozens

Cuts at BCBS of Illinois parent company follow leadership exits

BY LISA SCHENCKER

The Chicago-based parent company of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois is laying off dozens of employees, the company confirmed Tuesday.

The company, Health Care Service Corp., laid off a few dozen middle management employees Monday and Tuesday, said spokesman Greg Thompson. No information was available on how many of the layoffs were in Illinois.

"As with any large organization we're continuously looking to evaluate our business and adapt to the needs of our members and the changing landscape and making sure we can position ourselves for growth," Thompson said.

Health Care Service Corp. operates health insurance plans in five states, including Illinois, where its Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois is the state's dominant insurer. The company has more than 8.5 million members and more than 11,000 employees in Illinois.

Last year, Health Care Service Corp. made a profit of \$4.1 billion, which included \$1.7 billion the company got back from the federal government because of changes made under the new tax law.

The layoffs follow a merry-go-round of exits among the company's leadership in recent months. Health Care Service Corp. announced in July that its president and CEO Paula Steiner would leave after leading the company since 2016. At the time, a person with knowledge of the situation said there may have been a difference of opinion between Steiner and the board about strategy and vision.

Chief Financial Officer Eric Feldstein, Chief Information Officer Steve Betts and Chief Human Resources Officer Nazneen Razi also left in recent months.

Steve Hamman, a longtime employee, is now president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois and Maurice Smith, who was president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, serves as president of Health Care Service Corp.

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Workers stand beneath a Boeing 737 MAX aircraft parked at Southern California Logistics Airport on March 27 in Victorville, California.

Shifting schedules

Southwest cancels more flights, a day after Boeing suspends 737 Max production

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Southwest Airlines on Tuesday became the latest airline to again push back when it expects to fly the Boeing 737 Max, a day after the aircraft manufacturer announced it was temporarily suspending production of the troubled plane.

The three major U.S. airlines that fly the Max — Southwest, United Airlines and American Airlines — were planning to increase the number of Max jets in their fleets this year and had orders for dozens more of the aircraft from Chicago-based Boeing in the coming years.

But Boeing stopped delivering Max jets after the aircraft was grounded in March, after crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia killed a total of 346 people. Boeing said Monday it would suspend production of the Max, starting in January.

That means airlines are having to shift their schedules, hold onto aircraft they planned to retire and delay voluntary maintenance to cover for the Max's grounding.

When the grounding occurred, Southwest was flying 34 Max jets, which represented about 5% of the airline's fleet. It expected to have a total of 75 by the end of this year, with more on the way in 2020, said Southwest spokesman Chris Mainz.

The planned introduction of so many planes into service has made shuffling aircraft to cover for the Max's absence more difficult, he said.

Southwest said Tuesday the earliest date it could resume flying the Max was April 13, five weeks later than its previous time frame.

As a result, the airline is pulling about 300 flights a day from its schedule, up from about

100 flights it took off its daily schedule in June. On a peak day, Southwest operates more than 4,000 flights.

To lessen the impact, Southwest, whose entire fleet is made up of Boeing 737s, didn't retire as many planes as it planned this year and will likely do the same next year. Still, the change hasn't been enough to compensate for the Max jets, Mainz said.

"It's one lever we can pull, but it's not close to making up the difference," he said.

Southwest has said the aircraft's grounding had reduced operating income by approximately \$435 million as of Sept. 30.

Last week, Southwest said it reached a confidential agreement with Boeing to compensate it for some of the financial damages related to the grounding of the Max. Southwest said about \$125 million from that

settlement would be shared with employees through the airline's profit-sharing program.

American already pulled Max flights from its schedule through April 6 and said last week it expected to cancel about 140 flights per day. The airline has 24 Max jets and expected another 16 to arrive this year, with 60 more on the way in 2020 and beyond.

United has not announced any changes to its plans for the Max since November, when it said it would not resume flights until at least March. At the time, United said it expected to cancel about 75 flights a day in December, during the busy holiday travel season, and about 56 a day starting in January.

United has the fewest Max aircraft among U.S. airlines. It had 14 planes when the Max was

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Bureau urges tighter monitoring of Foxconn tax credits

Audit has raised concern about tech employees not performing work in Wisconsin for 2 years

BY SCOTT BAUER
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin's economic development agency needs to modify its procedures to ensure tax credits aren't awarded for Foxconn Technology Group employees who don't perform work in the state, which would violate state law and the contract with the company, an audit released Tuesday said.

It is the second year in a row that the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau has raised the concern. Foxconn, the world's largest electronics manufacturer, is building a display screen manufacturing plant in southeast Wisconsin. It has yet to qualify for any tax credits related to job creation under the nearly \$3 billion deal struck with the state in 2017.

The audit raises even more questions about if and when Fox-

conn may qualify for any of the incentives that were a part of its deal with Wisconsin. President Donald Trump, who attended the groundbreaking, hailed the Foxconn project as the "eighth wonder of the world" and a sign of a revitalized American manufacturing economy.

But Foxconn's plans in Wisconsin have shifted, especially after the defeat of then-Gov. Scott Walker, who negotiated the deal and was a champion of the project. Gov. Tony Evers, a Democrat, has said Foxconn will receive no tax incentives until it modifies its deal

with the state.

Evers ran against Walker as a critic of Foxconn. He has been pushing Foxconn to renegotiate its deal to reflect the scaled-down version of the plant. Foxconn originally proposed building a massive plant in Mount Pleasant that would eventually employ 13,000 people, but it decided this year to resize the factory to make smaller thin-film transistor liquid crystal display screens for cellphones and other devices.

The Evers administration told Foxconn officials in November that the company would not qual-

ify for any tax credits until its deal with Wisconsin is modified. Foxconn officials accused Evers of impeding progress on the project by demanding a renegotiation, based on documents first reported on last week by The Verge.

Under the current deal, Foxconn must employ a certain number of workers to receive a portion of its \$2.8 billion tax incentives. Foxconn hired 113 qualified employees in 2018, which was far short of the 260 minimum number of jobs to qualify for tax credits

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American Airlines leads hiring surge as carriers set records

BY KYLE ARNOLD
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Air carriers are on pace to hire nearly 5,000 pilots this year, even after canceling thousands of flights from the grounding of the Boeing 737 Max.

Airline hiring will top more than 4,000 pilots by year's end for the fifth straight year, a pace not seen since before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. That was before mergers halved the number of major air carriers and airlines were comfortable flying planes with more empty seats.

The industry is trying to keep up with a record number of passengers and more pilots retiring as they hit the mandatory age 65 retirement limit, said Louis Smith, president of the Nevada-based aviation hiring firm Future & Active Pilot Advisors.

"Airlines need a lot of pilots," Smith said. "As long as the economy is good and pilots keep retiring, someone has to fly planes."

The surge in hiring comes with an increase in commercial air traffic throughout the country. U.S. air carriers have shuttled about 848 million passengers this year through November, 3.9% more than the same period in 2018.

That includes about 75 million passengers this year at DFW International Airport.

Fort Worth, Texas-based American Airlines, which

still has the most employees of any carrier, also has hired the most pilots this year, bringing on 925. American hired 894 pilots in 2018, FAPA's data showed.

American also plans to hire more pilots in 2020 than it did this year, said American Airlines spokeswoman Laneshia Gipson.

Southwest Airlines, which is headquartered at Dallas Love Field, has actually cut back on hiring this year, adding only 390 through November after bringing on 759 in 2018.

Southwest, which owns the most grounded Boeing 737 Max planes, delayed first officer training in late 2019 and doesn't plan to hold another class again until February. It also put off some pilot promotions to the captain position.

Southwest was supposed to get about 41 more 737 Max planes this year, but the aircraft has been sidelined by the Federal Aviation Administration since March 13 and the agency is taking its time to get it back into service.

However, Southwest is still making plans to boost pilot hiring in the future. In July, the airline launched a recruitment program called Destination 225 to partner with universities and flight schools. The program is intended to give pilots a direct path to flying for Southwest Airlines after they complete flight school.

Airlines have been facing a potential shortage of pilots during the next few

years, mostly from retirement. Some 2,000 to 3,000 pilots a year at the country's 11 biggest airlines will turn 65 and age out of the system.

Airlines have been upping efforts to get students into pilot training programs and regional airlines, where starting pay was as low as \$22,000 a few years ago, said Mike Sykes, CEO of US Aviation Academy in Denton.

Now, pilots can make \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year in their first and second years, including big signing bonuses that first year. In 2016, American Airlines regional subsidiary Envoy Air started offering signing bonuses of up to \$22,100 for new pilots and retention bonuses of \$10,000 after the first year of flying. Envoy is also willing to pay up to \$45,000 in signing bonuses for experienced pilots.

"I would say it's been a good five years since students with enough flight hours had to work really hard to get a regional pilot position," Sykes said.

Pilot pay at mainline airlines such as American is good, but many inexperienced pilots were looking at up to \$100,000 in debt for flight school and then careers where many are "just scrapping by," Sykes said.

But Sykes said rising pay has helped lure more students. He said financial institutions that dropped out of lending for flight schools are reentering the market.



Gene Walter drives through a flooded road on June 27 in Crescent, Iowa.

Warming world leaves flooded farmers in a bind

BY TAMMY WEBBER
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Associated Press

CRESCENT, Iowa — Frogs, carp and bugs thrived all summer in murky floodwaters where Gene Walter should have planted corn and soybeans. Last year's ruined crop spilled from metal storage bins that burst nine months ago when the Missouri River surged through two levees near his south-west Iowa farm.

Like many in the water-weary Midwest, Walter doesn't know if climate change was responsible for the second major flood in nine years. Or the increasingly frequent torrential rains that dump more water in an hour than he used to see in days.

Even so, "we kind of feel like it's the new normal," said Walter, who lost 46,000 bushels of corn and soybeans. "You can't rely on anything. You can't build anything. You can't do future planning."

This year's devastating losses are forcing tough decisions about the future of farming in America's flood plains, even among those skeptical of climate change.

Farmers who lost bil-

ions of dollars in grain, livestock, equipment, structures and unplanted crops are wondering whether they should — or can — return to the fertile bottomlands next year.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must determine how many damaged levees can be rebuilt but says it won't be all of them. More than 50 levees were breached on the Missouri River alone, taking thousands of acres out of production.

And with the ground still soggy heading into winter, experts say the stage is set for more flooding next spring.

"A lot of this ground won't be put back into production," said Brett Adams, a Peru, Nebraska, farmer who saw 2,000 acres — 80% of his land — submerged in up to 12 feet of water.

Adams lost over 100,000 bushels of corn and a half-million dollars in potential income after six storage bins burst. But he bristles when people ask why he farms in an area that could flood.

"Because it never flooded before," Adams tells them, noting that a levee built in 1950 kept his farm dry during major

floods in 1993 and 2011.

It's very difficult to directly tie this year's flooding — or any single weather event — to climate change. But the flooding comes as "we're seeing big rain and even bigger snows that are consistent with what we will see in a warming world," because a warmer atmosphere delivers more water to storm systems, said National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration climate monitoring chief Deke Arndt.

In Missouri, the number of annual 4-inch or greater rainfalls was 58% higher than the long-term average. In Iowa, the increase was 31% and in Nebraska it was 23%.

Some experts say U.S. agriculture policy discourages farmers from adopting practices that could help reduce losses to extreme weather.

Conservation programs that pay farmers to set aside land, including in flood plains, are underfunded, experts say. The taxpayer-subsidized crop insurance program effectively discourages farmers from planting more than a couple of crops and gives them an incentive to plant on risky land because some losses would be recouped.

Flights

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grounded in March and expected to get 16 more this year.

The airline has ordered 155 more that are scheduled to be delivered in 2020 or later, which means the full impact will depend on how long it takes for flights and production to resume.

All three airlines said they have adjusted their schedules to try to minimize the impact on passengers' travel plans and will work with customers on canceled flights to find other flight options.

Boeing said its decision to restart production will be largely based on when the Max gets approval from government regulators.

"We believe this decision is least disruptive to maintaining long-term production system and supply

chain health," the company said Monday.

Investigators have found that flight control software designed to stop an aerodynamic stall was a major factor in the crashes, and Boeing is updating the software, making it less aggressive. But regulators have yet to approve the changes.

The Federal Aviation Administration said Monday it wouldn't comment on Boeing's business decisions, and that it has no set time frame for when work to recertify the Max to fly will be completed.

Boeing said it won't lay off any of the 12,000 workers at its Renton, Washington factory "at this time," and many could be diverted to plants elsewhere in the Seattle region. Some could also be assigned to work on the 400 jets that Boeing has built since the Max was grounded in March but couldn't be delivered.

The long-term ground-

ing has put Boeing in a difficult position, said DePaul University transportation expert Joe Schwieterman. The plant shutdown will help Boeing conserve cash, but it also will disrupt the network of about 900 companies that supply parts for the Max and other 737 models, Schwieterman said.

The shutdown will cost the company economies of scale gained by producing large numbers of planes. But by continuing to produce the grounded jets, Boeing was forced to store them on the ground as they depreciate because they can't be delivered.

"The airlines certainly aren't going to pay for planes until they're ready for flight. So Boeing is really between a rock and a hard place here," Schwieterman said.

Associated Press contributed.

Foxconn

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that year. It needs to hire at least 520 people in 2019 to qualify for up to \$221 million in credits. Foxconn has until April to report its job totals.

When calculating what Foxconn employees qualify for meeting terms of the contract, only those working in Wisconsin count, the audit said. The Wisconsin Economic Development

Corp., or WEDC, wrongly wrote guidelines that would allow Foxconn employees not doing work in the state, but who are paid in Wisconsin, the audit said.

Awarding credits for out-of-state workers is contrary to both state law and the contract with Foxconn, the audit said.

WEDC reported to state lawmakers in January that it had complied with last year's audit and made changes to its procedures related to which employees

would be counted. But the new audit said WEDC would still wrongly allow for credits to be awarded for workers not in Wisconsin. The audit said WEDC should modify its written procedures to be in compliance with the law.

In response to the audit, WEDC Secretary Melissa Hughes said that no out-of-state jobs were counted in 2018. She said WEDC would update its procedures to make clear that they are not to be counted.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Part of the lower leg
 - 5 "Get lost!"
 - 9 Actor Sandler
 - 13 Lubricated
 - 15 Head covering
 - 16 Hired vehicle
 - 17 Actress Burke
 - 18 Inform; illuminate
 - 20 Happy ___ clam
 - 21 Crazy
 - 23 Paper fold line
 - 24 Boring events
 - 26 Barbie's beau
 - 27 Destroy
 - 29 Wild animals
 - 32 Martini garnish
 - 33 ___ out; say impulsively
 - 35 Joint nearest the waist
 - 37 Prescribed amount
 - 38 Suspicious
 - 39 Plato's "B"
 - 40 Feminine pronoun
 - 41 Shindig
 - 42 Opposite of "urban"
 - 43 Rehab candidate
 - 45 Ocean ___; cruise ships
 - 46 Spanish cheer
 - 47 ___ Rica
 - 48 Pelé's sport
 - 51 Color
 - 52 WWII president
 - 55 Preventable
 - 58 Numerical comparison
 - 60 Prisoner's room
 - 61 Pegs for Palmer
 - 62 Item in a bedding package
 - 63 ___-high; long socks
 - 64 Compass point
 - 65 Carney's namesakes
- DOWN**
- 1 Malt shop order
 - 2 Rushes
 - 3 Foolhardy
 - 4 Tennis court divider
 - 5 Lean-tos
 - 6 Cheap container
 - 7 Have a bug
 - 8 Deception
 - 9 Greece's capital
 - 10 Facts & figures
 - 11 Bladed tools
 - 12 "___ Eyes Have Seen the Glory"
 - 14 Wreck
 - 19 Magnificent
 - 22 Grow gray
 - 25 Talk wildly

Solutions

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- 28 Luau greeting
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- 30 From that time on
- 31 Plucked instrument
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- 34 ___ up; ease
- 36 Buddies
- 38 Make a surgical cut
- 39 Tap a baseball ___ up; accumulated
- 42 Staircase pieces
- 44 Submissive
- 45 Actor ___ Diamond Phillips
- 47 Bosom
- 48 Bag
- 49 Baker's need
- 50 Nat King ___
- 53 Try to lose weight
- 54 Decays
- 56 Actress Arthur
- 57 "___ Miserables"
- 59 Cry of discovery

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FDA approves cigarette with 95% less nicotine

Regulators stress ruling does not mean new products are safer

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. health officials on Tuesday endorsed a type of cigarette that could help ease the addictive grip of smoking by delivering very low levels of nicotine.

The Food and Drug Administration will allow 22nd Century Group to begin selling the first low-nicotine cigarettes reviewed by federal health regulators. The products contain roughly 95% less nicotine than standard cigarettes, according to the FDA.

Nicotine, which occurs naturally in tobacco plants, is the addictive chemical that makes cigarettes, chew and related products so hard to quit. Past efforts to sell similar low-nicotine products have fallen flat.

Regulators stressed that their ruling does not mean the new products are safer than regular cigarettes. The agency noted there are no safe tobacco products. Cigarettes cause cancer, lung disease, stroke and a number of other deadly diseases.

But the agency's tobacco chief, Mitch

Zeller, noted in a statement that 22nd Century Group's products are the first cigarettes to show the potential "to help reduce nicotine dependence among addicted smokers."

The FDA is continuing to review a separate application from the company on whether the cigarettes present a reduced risk to smokers.

The U.S. smoking rate has fallen to an all-time low of 14% of adults, or roughly 34 million Americans. But smoking remains the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the U.S., responsible for some 480,000 deaths annually.

Low-nicotine cigarettes are not a new idea. Philip Morris experimented with selling a line of them in the U.S. in the late 1980s, without much success. Since then, most low-nicotine cigarettes have been used for research purposes to study addiction in smokers.

There are several techniques for reducing nicotine, including chemical extraction and cross-breeding plants.

Williamsville, New York-based 22nd Century Group plans to sell its cigarettes

under the brand name Moonlight, in regular and menthol flavor.

Last year, the FDA began the process for regulating nicotine in cigarettes to make them minimally or non-addictive. But the agency recently dropped the nicotine plan from its list of regulatory priorities. And tobacco companies have signaled their opposition.

The FDA has sponsored several studies showing that when smokers switch to low-nicotine cigarettes they smoke less and are more likely to try quitting. The research was considered pivotal to establishing that smokers won't compensate by smoking more cigarettes or inhaling more deeply if nicotine levels are low. That was sometimes the case with "light" and "low tar" cigarettes marketed in decades past. Those products were banned as misleading.

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Employers post more jobs in Oct., Labor says

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of available jobs jumped in October after hitting an 18-month low the previous month, a sign the job market remains strong.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that the number of available positions rose 3.3% to nearly 7.3 million. That suggests that businesses remain confident enough in the economic outlook to create more jobs.

The figures provide the latest evidence that employers have largely shrugged off the uncertainties surrounding the U.S.-China trade war and slowing global growth. While the number of open jobs has declined from a record high of 7.6 million a year ago, they are still at a historically high level. For roughly a year and a half there have been more job postings than unemployed people.

The figures follow a healthy jobs report earlier this month that showed a gain of 266,000 jobs while the unemployment rate fell to a 50-year low of 3.5%.

"The numbers should calm worries that employer demand for workers is drying up," said Julia Pollak, chief economist at ZipRecruiter.

The number of Americans who quit their jobs also rose, though that figure remains below the peak reached in July. Quits are a good sign for the economy because most workers quit jobs for new, usually higher-paying, positions. Data compiled by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank show that workers who switch jobs are seeing larger wage gains than those who stay.

Job openings jumped 125,000 in the retail sector, likely reflecting strong demand for temporary workers for the holiday season. The government seeks to seasonally adjust the data for those fluctuations but isn't always able to do so perfectly. October's gain was the largest increase in retail job openings since April 2018.

Manufacturers also posted slightly more open jobs after several months of decline.



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The Dietary Guidelines for Americans urged restricting daily cholesterol to less than two eggs until 2015, when it did away with the limit.

Egg research may be cracked

Industry-funded studies could be reason that cholesterol view changed

By **LAURA REILEY**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Eggs are once again a chief weapon in the nutritional battleground. Which can get messy.

Before 2015, the federal Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommended restricting daily cholesterol intake to 300 milligrams, a little less than two eggs. In 2015, the Dietary Guidelines reversed course, doing away with the limit, but saying: "This change does not suggest that dietary cholesterol is no longer important to consider when building healthy eating patterns. ... Individuals should eat as little dietary cholesterol as possible."

According to a review published in the American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine this month, headlines claiming that eggs don't raise cholesterol levels could be the result of faulty industry-funded research.

Researchers with the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, an advocacy organization that promotes a plant-based diet, examined 153 studies published from 1950 to March 2019 that evaluated

the effect of eggs on blood cholesterol levels. The researchers examined funding sources and whether those sources influenced study findings.

The results show that the percentage of industry-funded studies increased over time, from 0% in the 1950s to 60% between 2010 and 2019, according to study author Neal Barnard, an adjunct associate professor of medicine at George Washington University and president of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

"In recent years, the egg industry has sought to neutralize eggs' unhealthy image as a cholesterol-raising product by funding more studies and skewing the interpretation of the results," Barnard said.

He gives an example of a 2014 study of college freshmen at Wayne State University, a group of whom consumed two eggs at breakfast, five days a week over 14 weeks. This increased consumption was associated with a mean LDL cholesterol, what's known as "bad" cholesterol, increase of 15 milligrams per deciliter of blood. Despite this rise in cholesterol, investigators concluded that the "additional 400 mg/day of dietary cholesterol did not negatively impact blood lipids."

The cholesterol change did not reach statistical significance, Barnard says, because the sample size was too small.

"The correct way to report that is to say

LDL rose a lot, 15 points, but we can't rule out the small possibility of chance," he said.

According to Pramod Khosla, one of the Wayne State study authors, while it is easy to demonize industry-funded research, there are several mechanisms in place to ensure that objective science prevails.

"Most universities, including ours, will not accept research dollars unless we have the sole right to decide publication of results independently," she said. "The sponsor has no say in this. Additionally, (there's) the peer review process."

Barnard cites a Dutch study at Maastricht University that gave half of the participants a beverage containing 1.5 eggs, and the other half the same beverage without the eggs. The eggs raised participants' LDL by 9.3 points, while the other participants' LDL rose 3.5 points.

"What they wrote was that the 'changes in LDL is not different,'" Barnard says. "There's an obvious difference, but it could have occurred by chance."

Bonnie Liebman, director of nutrition for Center for Science in the Public Interest, says Barnard is correct that smaller studies are less likely to find a statistically significant difference in LDL than larger studies, so if the egg industry is funding smaller studies, it's of little surprise that they're less likely to find a statistically significant difference in LDL.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Ford to add 3,000 jobs, invest \$1.45B

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. is adding 3,000 jobs at two factories in the Detroit area and investing \$1.45 billion to build new pickup trucks, SUVs, and electric and autonomous vehicles.

The company said Tuesday that about \$750 million will go to the Michigan Assembly Plant in the Detroit suburb of Wayne, where 2,700 jobs will be added during the next three years. Another \$700 million will be invested in the truck plant in Dearborn, where 300 new jobs will be added.

The Wayne plant investment will be used to build the new Ford Bronco SUV, as well as an all-new Ranger small pickup truck. The Dearborn plant will get the next generation of the F-150, as well as hybrid and electric versions of the truck.

US home starts exceed forecasts

Construction of new U.S. homes increased more than forecast in November and permits to build climbed to a 12-year high as the housing-market strengthened amid low mortgage rates, solid job growth, and optimistic buyers and builders.

Residential starts rose 3.2% to a three-month high 1.37 million annualized rate after an upwardly revised 1.32 million pace in the prior month, according to government figures released Tuesday. Permits, a proxy for future construction, increased 1.4% to an annualized 1.48 million pace.

Demand has been fueled by mortgage rates near a three-year low as the job market remains resilient and wage gains help put money into the pockets of potential homebuyers.

Report: Sacklers withdrew \$10B from Purdue

By **JEFF FEELEY AND ERIK LARSON**
Bloomberg News

Opponents of the Sackler family's offer to settle opioid lawsuits against Purdue Pharma LP for about \$10 billion say a new report showing the clan withdrew more than that out of the drugmaker over the last decade confirms their reasons for rejecting it.

An audit — commissioned as part of Purdue's bankruptcy — found family members transferred \$10.4 billion out of the maker of the once-ubiquitous opioid painkiller OxyContin since 2008, directing it into offshore trusts and holding companies. The report revives calls for the billionaire Sackler family to open its books about profits from sales of OxyContin after

it was approved in 1995. Some state attorneys general and lawyers for U.S. cities and counties are demanding the family pay more to resolve about 2,700 lawsuits alleging the company and the family inflamed the opioid crisis by illegally pushing OxyContin.

"We need full transparency into their total assets and must know whether they sheltered them," New York Attorney General Letitia James said in an emailed statement. She's among 24 state law-enforcement officials opposing the Sacklers' offer to settle.

The family has offered to pay at least \$3 billion in cash. The rest of the \$10 billion settlement would be made up with the family handing over the company's operations to a trust controlled by states, cities

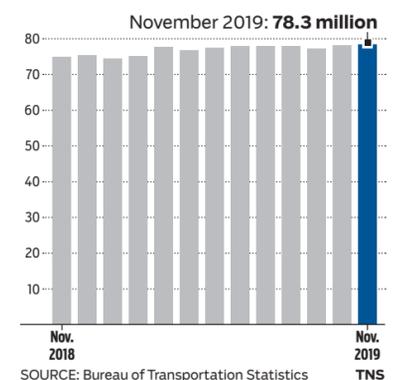
and counties, and selling its U.K.-based Mundipharma unit.

"The Sacklers pocketed billions of dollars from Purdue while thousands of people died from their addictive drugs," Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey said in a statement. "This is the very definition of ill-gotten gains."

A lawyer for the Sackler family said much of the \$10.4 billion was either paid out in taxes or reinvested in businesses slated to be turned over to the states and municipalities. The goal is to "provide at least \$3 billion of additional money to help communities and people who need help now, which makes more sense than continuing litigation that only squanders resources," Daniel Connolly, a Sackler family lawyer said in an email.

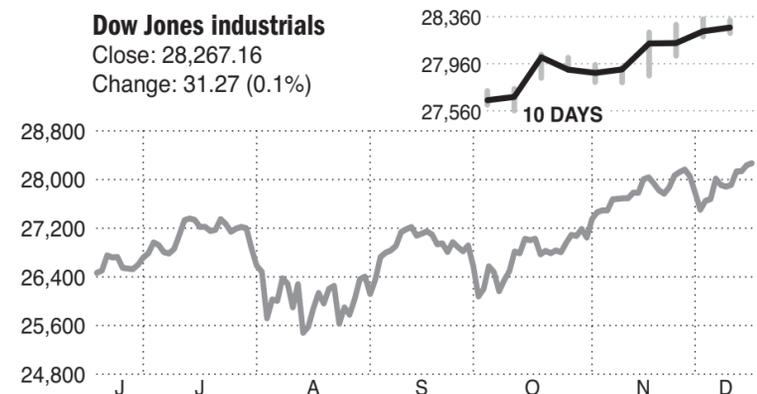
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Major market growth and decline

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DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+1.38	+2.40	+1.92	+1.19	+2.95	+2.32	+19.39	+30.06	+25.39

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	553.25	557.25	545	556.25	+6.50
		May 20	554	559.75	547	559	+7.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	387.50	390.50	386.25	390	+2
		May 20	394.50	397	393.25	396.50	+1.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 20	921.25	931	920.25	928.75	+6.75
		Mar 20	934.75	943.25	934	940.75	+4.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jan 20	33.18	34.09	33.18	33.82	+68
		Mar 20	33.47	34.38	33.47	34.10	+67
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jan 20	300.70	303.30	298.40	302.30	+1.00
		Mar 20	305.10	307.50	303.00	306.40	+60
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 20	60.23	61.06	60.03	60.94	+73
		Feb 20	60.16	60.97	59.97	60.87	+73
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 20	2.349	2.362	2.282	2.319	-.022
		Feb 20	2.328	2.343	2.271	2.303	-.023
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 20	1.6654	1.6867	1.6575	1.6857	+0.0230
		Feb 20	1.6713	1.6911	1.6625	1.6899	+0.0221

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	87.06	+66	Envestnet Inc	N	69.81	-28
AbbVie Inc	N	90.08	+65	Equity Commonwlth	N	31.51	+07
Allstate Corp	N	109.85	+23	Equity Lifestry Prop	N	68.90	-68
Aptargroup Inc	N	113.35	-97	Equity Residential	N	80.11	-139
Arch Dan Mid	N	46.21	+23	Exelon Corp	O	44.98	+28
Baxter Intl	N	83.25	-61	First Indl RT	N	40.80	-22
Boeing Co	N	327.00	...	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	65.98	+52
Brunswick Corp	N	59.66	-43	Gallagher AJ	N	95.67	+65
CBOE Global Markets	N	116.71	-38	Grainger WW	N	331.48	-574
CDK Global Inc	O	55.31	-01	GrubHub Inc	N	45.79	+77
CDW Corp	O	139.36	-133	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	113.31	+3.53
CF Industries	N	46.92	+04	IAA Inc	N	45.30	-25
CME Group	O	203.57	+39	IDEX Corp	N	169.19	+199
CNA Financial	N	45.28	+22	ITW	N	177.80	+33
Cabot Microelect	O	134.07	-3.11	Ingredion Inc	N	89.43	-1.01
Caterpillar Inc	N	146.37	+1.01	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	169.66	-1.56
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.19	+39	Kemper Corp	N	78.05	+1.04
Deere Co	N	173.84	+99	Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.62	-12
Discover Fin Svcs	N	86.51	+38	LKQ Corporation	O	36.06	+12
Dover Corp	N	114.26	+1.13	Littelfuse Inc	O	190.14	+58
				McDonalds Corp	N	196.52	-1.36
				Middleby Corp	O	110.52	+76
				Mondelez Intl	O	54.09	+38
				Morningstar Inc	O	150.63	-45
				Motorola Solutions	N	160.98	-42
				NiSource Inc	N	27.26	+09
				Nthn Trust Cp	O	108.76	+55
				Old Republic	N	22.69	+11
				Packaging Corp Am	N	112.31	+230
				Paylocity Hldg	O	119.78	+95
				RLI Corp	N	91.69	-05
				Stericycle Inc	O	63.84	-35
				TransUnion	N	85.13	-93
				US Foods Holding	N	40.45	+07
				Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	255.96	+686
				United Airlines Hldg	O	89.36	+73
				Ventas Inc	N	55.83	-44
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	57.09	-71
				Wintrust Financial	O	70.58	+86
				Zebra Tech	O	253.44	-201

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	.82	+05
Talgrass Engy LP	22.14	+3.85
Bank of America	35.04	+34
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.35	-19
Gen Electric	11.10	-07
Uber Technologies	29.75	-30
Ford Motor	9.39	...
PG&E Corp	10.91	+1.24
AT&T Inc	38.50	-09
Sthwstn Energy	2.30	+16
Pfizer Inc	38.90	-24
Danaher Corp	150.77	-67
EnCana Corp	4.51	+11
Halliburton	24.69	+34
Freepport McMoRan	12.96	+01
Snap Inc A	15.10	-01
Ambev S.A.	4.62	-05
WPX Energy Inc	12.69	+79
Oracle Corp	52.84	-1.15
Oasis Petroleum	2.91	+07
Macy's Inc	16.03	-01
Vale SA	13.09	-07
Nokia Corp	3.60	+01
CenturyLink Inc	13.13	-45

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.50	-09
Alibaba Group Hldg	208.18	+1.21
Alphabet Inc C	1355.12	-6.05
Alphabet Inc A	1354.89	-5.81
Amazon.com Inc	1790.66	+21.45
Apple Inc	280.41	+55
Bank of America	35.04	+34
Berkshire Hath B	227.05	+20
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.68	-32
Facebook Inc	198.39	+47
HSBC Holdings prA	26.58	+28
JPMorgan Chase	138.18	+84
Johnson & Johnson	143.56	+1.77
MasterCard Inc	296.00	-96
Microsoft Corp	154.69	-84
Procter & Gamble	125.31	-25
Taiwan Semicon	59.23	+69
Visa Inc	185.52	-72
WalMart Strs	121.28	+74

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.58	+05	+23.5
American Funds AmrcnBaIA x	28.25	-75	+16.9
American Funds CptWldGrInCA	x51.71	-46	+23.0
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	64.06	+03	+16.0
American Funds FdmtInvsA m	64.75	+06	+24.8
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	54.09	+07	+25.2
American Funds IncAmrcA x	23.06	-76	+17.0
American Funds InvAmrcA m	41.01	+03	+21.1
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	48.42	+07	+28.1
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	49.32	+02	+22.7
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.19	+01	+9.9
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	44.99	-05	+21.0
Dodge & Cox Stk	203.69	+28	+21.0
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.67	...	+6.6
Fidelity 500ldxInvsPrm	110.64	+04	+27.9
Fidelity Contrafund	13.51	+01	+27.5
Fidelity InvMGrAdmrl	11.58	...	+10.2
Fidelity TtlMktldxInvsPrm	89.48	+05	+27.4
Fidelity USBlddxInvsPrm	11.93	...	+9.4
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.32	...	+12.7
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	10.94	+01	+9.9
PIMCO Incl2	12.02	...	+7.8
PIMCO Inclnstl	12.02	...	+7.9
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.40	...	+9.1
Schwab SP500ldx	49.73	+01	+21.9
T. Rowe Price BCGR	122.46	+08	+27.2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	72.12	+02	+27.3
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	295.87	+03	+20.3
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	39.24	+10	+20.9
Vanguard DivGrInv x	30.27	-1.22	+28.1
Vanguard EqInAdmrl x	78.75	-1.99	+22.3
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	92.45	-07	+33.0
Vanguard HCAmrl x	87.01	-6.90	+19.4
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.48	...	+7.5
Vanguard InslxdxInvs	290.13	+10	+27.9
Vanguard InslxdxInvsPlus	290.15	+10	+27.9
Vanguard InslMtlInPls	68.77	+05	+24.0
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	101.81	+26	+29.2
Vanguard MDCpAdmrl	218.67	-25	+26.8
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl x	143.10	-10.42	+25.5
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.72	...	+6.1
Vanguard SmCpAdmrl	79.02	+26	+24.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	33.51	+02	+16.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	20.23	+01	+18.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	37.07	+02	+19.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.87	+01	+20.9
Vanguard TtlBlddxAdmrl	11.06	...	+9.6
Vanguard TtlBlddxInvs	11.06	...	+9.6
Vanguard TtlBlddxAdmrl	23.24	+04	+8.7
Vanguard TtlBlddxInvs	34.87	+05	+8.7
Vanguard TtlSldxAdmrl	30.00	+02	+20.3
Vanguard TtlSldxInvs	119.96	+06	+20.4
Vanguard TtlSldxInvsPlus	119.99	+06	+20.4
Vanguard TtlSldxInvl	17.93	+01	+20.2
Vanguard TtlSldxAdmrl	79.14	+05	+27.3
Vanguard TtlSldxInvs	79.15	+05	+27.3
Vanguard TtlSldxInvl	79.10	+05	+27.1
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	76.54	+03	+21.2
Vanguard WsllyInAdmrl x	65.89	-1.22	+15.7
Vanguard WsdrInAdmrl x	64.08	-5.84	+25.9

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.53	1.54
6-month disc	1.53	1.55
2-year	1.61	1.65
10-year	1.89	1.89
30-year	2.31	2.31

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1474.60	\$1475.00
Silver	\$16.978	\$17.019
Platinum	\$929.80	\$931.30

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.57

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	59.7443
Australia (Dollar)	1.4601
Brazil (Real)	4.0645
Britain (Pound)	.7623
Canada (Dollar)	1.3165
China (Yuan)	6.9971
Euro	.8971
India (Rupee)	71.025
Israel (Shekel)	3.4866
Japan (Yen)	109.49
Mexico (Peso)	18.9218
Poland (Zloty)	3.82
So. Korea (Won)	1163.56
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.15
Thailand (Baht)	30.25

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OBITUARIES

CARL PLOCHMAN 1924-2019

Mustard magnate helped develop distinctive yellow squeeze barrel

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Carl Plochman was with his family's mustard company for 40 years and had a hand in developing the brand's distinctive yellow plastic barrel packaging, said to be one of the earliest successful squeeze containers for condiments.

"He and my grandfather and my uncle developed it in the late 1950s and early 1960s," said Plochman's son, Carl III, who goes by Terry.

Carl Plochman retired as CEO and chairman of Plochman's Mustard in 1989 and turned to civic work for organizations including the C. G. Jung Center in Evanston. The family sold the firm in 2010.

Plochman, 95, died of natural causes Nov. 30 in Westminster Place in Evanston, according to his daughter, Nancy "Sajidah Kazmi" Plochman. He moved to Evanston about eight years ago after seven years in Wilmette and about 50 years in Winnetka.

Plochman was born in Evanston in 1924 and graduated from Evanston Township High School in 1942. His studies at Purdue University in mechanical engineering and industrial management were interrupted by flight training with the Navy, his daughter said.

Plochman remained stateside through the end of the war, but his flight training sparked a love of flying. He owned several airplanes and continued to fly for pleasure, including to and



FAMILY PHOTO

Carl Plochman, former CEO of Plochman's Mustard, helped develop the company's distinctive yellow plastic barrel packaging.

from his family's Wisconsin cottage, until the 1980s.

He returned to Purdue at war's end, but soon moved back to the Chicago area, where he joined his father in the family food business as the third generation making premium yellow mustard with Plochman Inc., founded in 1852.

He was mechanically inclined and helped design the company's factory as well as special machinery for making mustard. He often quizzed staff members about business matters, until "there were no more questions to be asked."

"He certainly took the brand and developed it," his son said.

Plochman retired from the company when he turned 65 years old.

Plochman was a serious amateur photographer, with a home darkroom and

a lab for developing his film. He often took photos for the Winnetka Presbyterian Church.

He sat on the board of the Music Institute of Chicago from 1975 to 2015, when he became a life trustee. "He was a champion of music education," said Mark George, president and CEO of the community music school. "He was a tremendous ambassador and a very generous contributor."

Plochman was a founding board member of the C. G. Jung Center, which, according to its website, provides "a supportive environment for individuals seeking spiritual and psychological growth and well-being."

"Carl was a very curious person," said Laura McGrew, who chaired the board during Plochman's time on it. "He attended a lot of classes and he was quite interested in Jung's ideas."

She said Plochman was committed to living "with wisdom and humor and acceptance of himself and others."

In addition to his son and daughter, Plochman is survived by his wife of 71 years, Barbara; two other daughters, Christine Dowling and Carol Ricker; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday in Winnetka Presbyterian Church, 1255 Willow Road, Winnetka.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 18 ...

In 1737, violin-maker Antonio Stradivari died in Cremona, Italy.

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect.

In 1886, baseball Hall of Famer Ty Cobb was born in Narrows, Ga.

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson, widowed the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt at her Washington home.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.

In 1944, in a pair of rulings, the Supreme Court upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese-Americans but also said undeniably loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could not be detained.

In 1956, Japan was admitted to the United Nations.

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first civilian nuclear facility to generate electricity in the

United States, went online.

In 1969, Britain's Parliament abolished the death penalty for murder.

In 1971, Jesse Jackson announced in Chicago the founding of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity).

In 1972, the United States began its heaviest bombing of North Vietnam. (The bombardment ended 12 days later.)

In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin died; he was 76.

In 1987, Ivan Boesky was sentenced to three years in prison for plotting Wall Street's biggest insider-trading scandal to date.

In 1994, former President Jimmy Carter arrived in Bosnia-Herzegovina on a private mission to seek an end to 32 months of war.

In 1997, comic actor Chris Farley was found dead of a drug overdose in his Chicago apartment; he was 33.

In 1998, the House began debate on four articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton.

In 1999, in St. Martinville, La., Cuban inmates who had held a jail warden and six others hostage for almost a week surrendered. **Also in 1999** French film director Robert Bresson died in Paris; he was 98.

In 2000, the Electoral College cast its ballots, with

President-elect George W. Bush receiving the expected 271; Al Gore, however, received 266, one fewer than expected, because of a District of Columbia Democrat who left her ballot blank to protest the district's lack of representation in Congress. **Also in 2000** antitrust regulators approved the merger of British drug companies Glaxo Wellcome PLC and SmithKline Beecham PLC.

In 2003, two federal appeals courts ruled the U.S. military could not indefinitely hold prisoners without access to lawyers or American courts. **Also in 2003** a jury in Chesapeake, Va., convicted teenager Lee Boyd Malvo of capital murder in the Washington-area sniper case. **Also in 2003** a judge in Seattle sentenced confessed Green River Killer Gary Ridgway to 48 consecutive life terms.

In 2004, the former Iraqi general known as "Chemical Ali," Ali Hassan al-Majid, went before a judge in the first investigative hearings of former members of his regime.

In 2011, Vaclav Havel, who led the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia and became the country's president in 1989, died in Hradec in northern Czech Republic; he was 75.

In 2012, an independent panel faulted the State Department for "grossly inadequate" security in the attack at the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, that left four Americans dead, including Ambassador Chris Stevens. **Also in 2012** bank robbers Joseph Banks and Kenneth Conley used bedsheet to rappel 15 stories of a high-rise federal jail in Chicago in a daring jailbreak. (They were both later captured.) **Also in 2012** Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel became the first freshman to be voted The Associated Press Player of the Year in college football.

In 2017, an Amtrak train making the first-ever run along a faster new route hurtled off an overpass near Tacoma, Wash., and spilled some of its cars onto the highway below, killing at least six people.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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In Memoriam

Rocco D. Christofano

November 9, 1920—December 18, 2016
Dearest Father, Uncle, and beloved Poppi,
You are missed in more ways than we can count, and the memories we hold dear of times shared with you remind us, always, to appreciate the blessings of life. For all that you taught us, and all that you cared, we are ever grateful.
With love everlasting,
Your Devoted Family
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Baim, Helen

Helen Baim nee Lebovitz, age 95. Beloved wife of the late Leslie S. Baim. Loving mother of Candy (Fred) Siegel, Robert Baim and Richard Baim. Proud grandmother of Brian Siegal, Lauren (Adam) Muffich, Nathan Baim, Nikki Baim and Alexis Baim. Cherished great grandmother of Milo, Mason and Meadow Rose. Dear sister of the late Alex (the late Annabell) Lebovitz. Graveside service Friday 11:30 AM at Zion Gardens, 6758 West Addison Street, Chicago. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Bartusiak, Wendysue

Suddenly age 55, Beloved daughter of the late Robert M. (The late Beatrice) nee: Kupiec. Loving sister of Roberta (Billy) Carden, Maribeth (the late Sandeep) Jeswani, Nancy (Jeff) Funk, the late Dennis (Elizabeth) and the late Mark Bartusiak. Cherished aunt of Rebecca (Michael) Brazel and Marianne (Shawn) Coffey, great aunt of Jonathan, Madalynn, Jacob and Katherine. Wendy was a lifelong member of UCP. She has left behind a legacy of love that will be felt for generations to come, especially among her extended family and friends on Eleanor St., Wendy taught us how to be kind, compassionate, understanding and accepting of others despite our differences, she has left us wonderful memories to cherish. Family and friends will gather Thursday December 19, 2019 from 9:00 am to time of Mass 11:00 am at Notre Dame de Chicago Catholic Church 1334 W. Flournoy St. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago (Julius and Betty Levinson Center) 332 West Harrison St. Oak Park, Illinois 60304-1557 in memory of Wendy are greatly appreciated. Arrangements Entrusted to **Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home** 312.225-8500
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Beck, Violet

Violet Beck (nee Franzen), of Western Springs. Beloved wife of the late David J. Beck. Loving mother of Vernon (Nancy), Carl and Richard. Devoted grandmother of Laura (Dustin) Bunch, Darcy and the late Emily. Dear great-grandmother of Zella, Cecelia and Mathias. Fond sister of Isabel. Violet was a longtime employee of School District 101, Western Springs. Visitation 3:00 to 7:00 PM Thursday, December 19th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family and friends are invited for continued visitation, lying in state, from 9:00 AM until time of Funeral Service 10:00 AM Friday, December 20th at Grace Lutheran Church, 4101 S. Wolf Rd., Western Springs. Family and friends are then invited to meet directly at Ridgewood Cemetery, 9900 N. Milwaukee Ave., Des Plaines for 12:00 PM Interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church or the Burlington Railroad Historical Society. For further information: 708-352-6500 or HJfunerals.com

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Brandel, Lori S.

Visitation for Lori S. Brandel, 69, of Hawthorn Woods, will be from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home, 415 S. Buesching Road, Lake Zurich. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 20, 2019 at Memorial Park Cemetery at the Mausoleum, 9900 Gross Point Road Skokie, followed by interment. Lori was born on July 18, 1950 to Winifred and the late Bernard Esralew. She passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, December 15, 2019. Survivors include her loving husband and caretaker Bruce, her three adoring children Todd, Peter and Jennifer, their wonderful spouses Michele and Aaron, the sparkle in Lori's eye, granddaughter Tallulah Sloan Brandel, her sweet mother Winifred, and her caring siblings Helene, Howard and Vicki. Lori was dearly loved by her family, friends and community. She was known and admired for her honesty, inner confidence, moral core, artistic eye and endless generosity. She had a sharp intellect — she always won playing along with Jeopardy! at home, and was a lifelong teacher and learner. Her curiosity found expression through avid reading, volunteering at schools, the Ela Area Public Library, and in international travel. She loved exploring, trying new cuisine, wandering through museums, picking up tchotchkes and sharing her adventures. She was a devoted mother, raising three loving, entrepreneurial kids. She encouraged them to be independent thinkers and to pursue their passions with gusto and courage. The final years of her life she endured medical procedures and illnesses on a level even doctors shook their heads at in disbelief. Her tenacity and spirit kept her going longer than anyone thought was possible. She left this world peacefully in her sleep, just one day after being surrounded by family at home, after celebrating her granddaughter's first birthday. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to a community arts program of your choice. For info. 847-540-8871 or www.ahlgrimffs.com.

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Brown, George A.

George A. Brown, formerly of Oak Park; dear brother of the late Shirley (the late Bob) Mason and Sarahann and James; fond uncle of 4 and great-uncle of 3; dear cousin of Judith Samples and Penny (Buz) Menchey; devoted son of the late Jack and Lucile Brown; dear friend of Mary Ann Drzewiecki. George retired in 1993 after 30 years working as a dispatcher for the Chicago Fire Department. Visitation Friday 12 p.m. until time of Service 1 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Interment Glen Oak Cemetery. Info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191
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Crain, Susie W.

Susie W. Crain, 84, of Downers Grove, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Friday morning, December 13, 2019. She was born to Frank and Ruby Sears on September 13, 1935, in Cornwall Township, Henry County, Illinois. Susie graduated as Salutatorian in her class from Cambridge (IL) HS in 1953 and went on to attend Western Illinois University where she met the love of her life, the late Richard "Dick" Crain. Susie and Dick were married in August of 1956 and enjoyed 60 wonderful years of marriage, traveling the world together until Dick's passing in March 2017.

Susie enjoyed her work as an Executive Secretary for the Superintendent of the Lyons Township School District, and then for the Superintendent of the Proviso Township School District, for over two decades until her retirement in 2006. She loved being in her kitchen, especially around the holidays as she made meals for her family, whom she dearly loved.

Susie is survived by her two sons: Scot (Elena) Crain, of Willow Street, PA, and David (Janet Bice) Crain, of Evanston, IL; four grandchildren, Caitlin (Steven) Savoldelli, Peter (Serena) Crain, Thomas (Marlena) Crain, and Sam Crain, one great-grandson, Mathias Crain; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her late husband Dick, Susie is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Ruby Sears, brother Robert (Carol) Sears, and sister Barbara (Shortie) Miller.

Visitation is scheduled for Friday, December 20, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, located at 1025 West 55th Street, Countryside, IL 60525. A funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 10:30 a.m., again at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** in Countryside, IL. Interment at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery in Oakbrook Terrace, IL. Rev. Erica Van Brakle will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Susie's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The First Baptist Church of La Grange at 20 N. Ashland, La Grange, IL 60525. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Econom, Pat

Pat Econom, nee Kountouris, Age 80, passed away on December 14, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Steve. Loving mom of Bill Econom and Nancy Econom. Dear sister of the late Niko, the late Voula (the late Niko), the late Vassio (the late James) and Anna (the late Steve). Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation, Saturday, December 21, 2019, 10:00AM until 11:00AM time of Funeral Service at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 7560 S. Archer Road, Justice, Illinois. Interment Bethania Cemetery, Justice, Illinois. Arrangements entrusted to care of **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com
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Fitzgerald, John M.

John M. Fitzgerald, "Sam" age 88; Army National Guard Veteran; Beloved Husband of the late Dolores nee Kurent; Loving father of Marty (Eileen), Jack (Felicia) and Rita Fitzgerald; Dear brother of James (Sande) Fitzgerald and the late Mary, Edward (late Eileen), Thomas (Phyllis), Richard and Joseph (Beverly) Fitzgerald; Also loved by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm at the **Brady-Gill Funeral Home**, 16600 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60477. Funeral Friday 11:15am proceeding from funeral home to St. Bernadette Church, 9343 S. Francisco Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805; Mass 12:30pm; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; Alumnus of Loyola University Class of 1994. John furthered his studies at the University of Notre Dame, a lifelong dream come true. John took great pride in being part of the Irish community and the Irish import business for the last 25+ years. A member of the St. Xavier University Renaissance Academy, an exemplary usher at St. Bernadette Church. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind or to your favorite charity in John's memory most appreciated. (708) 614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

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Grams, Dolores A

Dolores A. Grams (nee Volkmar), 93, a 10 year resident of Elk Grove Village passed away December 15th at Bella Terra Nursing Home. Dolores was a ret. 20 year Nursing Assistant at Resurrection Hospital, Chicago and member of Sheila Ray Senior Ctr. and the VFW Auxiliary. She was the beloved wife of the late Clarence J. (1972); loving mother of Ronald E. (Patricia), William C. (Pat), and Barbara M. (Jim) Carbone; dear sister of Gerald (late Doris) Volkmar, the late Marguerite (late John), Tyler, the late Bill (late Bernice) Volkmar, the late Marie (late Wally) Erlinghagen, and the late baby Edwin; cherished grandmother of Scott, Kevin, Jimmy, and Vinny. She also leaves many loving nieces, nephews and friends. A visitation will be held Friday, December 20, from 3 to 9 p.m. at **Grove Memorial Chapel**, 1199 S. Arlington Heights Road, Elk Grove Village with a Saturday Mass at 10 a.m. at Queen of the Rosary Church, 750 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove Village. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. For more info, 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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Grider, James A.

James A. Grider, age 86, passed away on December 14, 2019, Korean War Army Veteran, former Cook County Sheriff and City of Burbank Alderman, beloved father of James L. (the late Theresa) Grider and Jay Grider; proud grandfather of Jaymes (Jill) Grider, Stephanie (Kyle) Wilm, Jeffrey (Andrea) Grider and Austin Grider; former husband of Joanne (nee Ladin). Jim attended Crane High School (Chicago) Class of 1950. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Service Saturday 10:00 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank, IL 60459. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Funeral info (708) 636-2320

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ILLINOIS
Dec. 17
Mega Millions
22 30 53 55 56 / 16
Mega Millions jackpot: \$372M
Pick 3 midday 748 / 0
Pick 4 midday 2769 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto midday
12 14 28 33 35
Pick 3 evening 417 / 7
Pick 4 evening 3200 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening
09 12 19 41 43
Dec. 18 Powerball: \$160M
Dec. 19 Lotto: \$14.75M

INDIANA
Dec. 17
Daily 3 midday 081 / 1
Daily 4 midday 6616 / 1
Daily 3 evening 379 / 3
Daily 4 evening 3079 / 3
Cash 5 09 16 24 36 41
MICHIGAN
Dec. 17
Daily 3 midday 821
Daily 4 midday 2710
Daily 3 evening 115
Daily 4 evening 2828
Fantasy 5 06 07 15 25 33
Keno 08 10 13 25 26 30
31 33 39 40 43 48 49 54
55 56 64 67 68 72 74 75

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Hagelauer, Barbara Arlene

Barbara Hagelauer (nee Delaporte) born Feb 23, 1924 in Chicago passed away on Nov 26, 2019 at the age of 95. Attended Amundsen HS, Chicago. Served in Navy during WWII 1944-1946. Administrative Assistant in insurance/health fields. Predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Joseph and her brother, Edward Delaporte III. Since 2017, resident of Illinois Veterans Home/Manteno. Survived by her son, Richard (Judy) Hagelauer and her daughter, Barbara (Rich) Cieslak as well as 5 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and many nieces/nephews. Private family service to be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Activity Dept @ Illinois Veterans Home of Manteno, 1 Veterans Drive, Manteno, IL 60950

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Jaderholm, Russell Edwin

Russell Edwin Jaderholm, age 94, of Glen Ellyn. Husband of 64 years to the late Lujean. Father of Kurt (Kathy) of Fishers, IN, John (Carol) of Hoffman Estates, IL and Ron (Diane) of Wheaton, IL. Grandfather of Megan (Dave) Keating, Abby Jaderholm, Jayne (Timo) Betina, Timothy Jaderholm, Daniel Jaderholm, Thomas Jaderholm and Kathryn Jaderholm, and great-grandfather of Kira and Keegan Keating. Visitation Friday, December 20, 4pm - 8pm at Leonard Memorial Home, 565 Duane St., Glen Ellyn IL. Funeral Service Saturday, December 21, 10am at the Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church, 277 Hawthorne Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL. For enhanced obituary visit www.leonardmemorialhome.com



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Jankovsky, James E.

James E. Jankovsky, beloved husband of Debra nee Yandura; loving father of Jennifer (Antonio) Medina & Eric Jankovsky; adored papa of Genevieve & Eleanor Medina; dear son of the late James & Mildred Jankovsky; brother of Janice (James) Reh & the late Carol (Roger) Walczak; and uncle to many nieces & nephews. Visitation Friday from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S. Roberts Rd. (8000 W.) Hickory Hills. Funeral Service Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment private. For info 708-430-5700.

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Kabb, Loren David

Loren David Kabb, age 68, of Skokie, IL, born in Cleveland, OH. Best friend of Laurie Kabb, cherished father of adored sons Jonathan of Portland, OR and Zachary of Los Angeles, CA; and beloved brother of Murray Jacob Kabb of Cleveland, OH and Marilyn Kabb of Ann Arbor, MI. Pre-deceased by cherished parents, Pearl and Jerome Kabb. Also survived by sister-in-law, Jaynie Smerin (Bob Slutzky) of LA, CA, longtime friends Warren and Geri Friedman of Cleveland, OH, and many relatives and friends. Service Wednesday 1:30 PM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Memorial Park in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Loren's name to CJE Senior Life, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, IL 60645 www.cje.net/donate. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Kenny, John A.

John A. Kenny, age 96, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2019. Beloved husband to the late Rita A. Kenny, nee Walsh; Loving father to John (Kathleen) and Gerard "Gary"; Cherished grandfather to Conor (Krisssy), Courtney, and Patrick; Cherished brother to the late James P. Kenny; Uncle to Patricia Szydelko. Veteran of the U.S. Army, he proudly served his country during World War II and had a long successful career with Commonwealth Edison, retiring in 1985. Visitation Saturday, 12/21, from 9 AM until the 10:45 prayer service, at Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, 10727 S Pulaski Rd, proceeding to Queen of Martyrs Church for an 11:30 AM Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

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Konopko, Bernice F.

Bernice F. Konopko (nee Buch) age 86; Beloved wife of the late Steve P. Konopko; Loving mother of John (Janet) and Paul (Cheryl); Proud grandmother of Richie and Michael; Fond sister of the late Sophie M. Dietrich; Fond sister-in-law of the late Matthew (late Helen) Konopko; Dear aunt and great aunt of many nieces and nephews and a friend to many; Visitation Thursday, December 19, 2019, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Friday at 9:00 a.m. from Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Highway (7700 W), Palos Hills to Our Lady of the Ridge Church, 10836 S. Oxford, Chicago Ridge for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guestbook at www.palosgaidasfh.com or 708-974-4410.

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Kosmas, Emagene M. 'Emy'

Kosmas, Emagene "Emy" M., 85 of Chicago passed away December 2, 2019. She was a loving wife to the late Vassilios "Bill" for 59 years; cherished mother of Mary (Mike) Doty, the late Susan Kosmas and Karen (Scott) Bednarke; treasured grandmother of TJ, Kate, Robert, Zachary and Duke; adoring great grandmother of Rosalie. Memorial Visitation is Friday, December 27, 2019 4 pm to 6 pm at Drake & Son Funeral Home, 5303 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL. Service in the chapel at 6pm. Info 773-561-6874 or www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com.

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Lynch, John Daniel

John Daniel Lynch 'Jack', age 91, WWII and Korean War Marine Corp Veteran, beloved husband of Patricia (nee Anderson); loving father of Kim Lynch, Lisa (Dean) Corradino, Mary Therese (James) Coady, Carrie Lynch, Tara (Steven) Bradbury and John (Kristina) Lynch; proud gramps of Cody, Austin, Sean, Colleen, Maddie, Hannah, Allison, Molly, Jack, Maeve, Eleanor and Tessa; dear brother of Geraldine Quinn, the late Mary Catherine, Michael, Dorothy and Lorraine; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 6-8 P.M. Funeral Thursday 9:15 A.M. from Lawn Funeral Home, 7732 W. 159th St., Orland Park to St. Damian Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the St. Damian Food Pantry or St. Damian School Scholarship Fund, 5250 155th St. Oak Forest, IL 60452, would be appreciated. Funeral info 708-429-3200.



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Macino, Rosemary

Rosemary Macino, nee Paul, age 86, beloved wife of the late Gilbert (1958). Loving mother of Rose (Michael) Smit. Cherished grandmother of Annie (Sean) Rauen, Gil (Kara) Smit, Mikie (Michelle) Smit, and Nicholas Smit. Dearest great-grandmother of Kaylie, George, Henrietta, Benjamin, Clarence, and soon-to-be-born Baby Smit. Dear sister of John Paul Jr. (Wanda), Chickie (Mike) Irwin, and the late Angelo (Joan) Paul and the late Carol (Chester) Mikol. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, December 20, 2019 from 3-8 p.m. at Colonial Chapel, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. No visitation Saturday. Family and friends are invited to meet directly at Cornerstone Church, 171 N. Cuyler Ave., Oak Park, IL on Saturday, December 21, 2019 for a Funeral Service at 9:30 a.m. Burial to follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Memorials to American Cancer Society are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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Madlener, Dolores J.

Dolores J. Madlener nee Good. Loving mother of Joan Anne (Charles) Zabelka, Jeanne Marie Madlener, Donna (Robert) Steffey, William A. Jr. (Linda), Late Robert M. (Cathy) and David J. Madlener. Ten cherished grandchildren. Nine precious great-grandchildren. Dear sister of late Anna Mae (late Paul) Collins and Phillip M. (late Terri) Good. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Resting at QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH, 10233 S. Central Park Avenue, Evergreen Park, IL 60805, Funeral Friday 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3 to 8 p.m. Member of Queen of Martyrs Altar & Rosary Society and Catholic Press Association. Arrangements entrusted to Feeley Balto Funeral Service 773/239-9095.

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Marino, Lillian N.

Lillian N. Marino, age 99, of Naperville, IL, passed away December 17, 2019. Visitation will be Saturday, Dec. 21, 9:00-11:00 AM at the Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville. Funeral Services will follow at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. For info call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com for a complete obituary.



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Mayle, Richard 'Rick'

Richard "Rick" Mayle, 63, loving husband of Gayle; beloved father of Tanya (Jeff) Skotzko; cherished grandfather of Greyden; dear son to the late Ralph and the late Lorraine; devoted brother to Ralph "Butch" Jr. Mayle, Pat Dorobiala, Rodney Mayle, and Sandy Ikhtari; and dearly loved uncle to many.

Visitation Friday, December 20, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Elms Funeral Home 7600 W. Grand Ave. (Turn North at 76th Ave.) Elmwood Park. Funeral Service Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 10 a.m. at The Elms Funeral Home interment to follow at Elmwood Cemetery.



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McCafferty, Hubert F. 'Bert'

Hubert "Bert" F. McCafferty, age 84; beloved husband of 64 years to Joanne McCafferty, nee Hlavac; loving father Michael (Geri) and Daniel McCafferty; dear grandfather of Kevin and Laura McCafferty, and Daniel (Adam) Munoz, Andrea (Michael) Kinsella, Kyle and Kaitlyn McCafferty; great-grandfather of Cooper and Lyla Jo Kinsella; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Bert was a devout Catholic and attended Ascension of Our Lord Church in Oak Brook. For 35 years, he was the national sales executive for Berger Industries. Before beginning his career in sales, Bert proudly served his country in the Naval Air Reserves. Outside of work, he was an avid traveler, sports fan and, most importantly, a devoted grandfather to his six grandchildren. Visitation Friday, December 20th, 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, December 21st, 11:00 a.m. from Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant Street, Hinsdale, Illinois 60521 to Ascension of Our Lord Church. Funeral Mass, 12:00 p.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org/donate, appreciated. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneral-homehinsdale.com.



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Neforas, Ronald Andrew

Ronald Andrew Neforas, 79, of LaGrange. Beloved companion of Karen McQuaid for many years. Loving father of Ronald, Jr. (Sherry), Christopher (Kimberlee Massin), Cynthia Neforas (Michael Zarn), and Mark (Rae). Devoted grandfather of Amanda (Jeff) Page, Nicole (Bob) Cosentino and Matthew (Emily Wilson) Mikuta. Dear brother of the late Marilyn. Visitation 3 to 9pm Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at Hollowell & James Funeral Home, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Prayers 9:30am Thursday, December 19, 2019 at the funeral home to St. Cletus Church, LaGrange for Mass at 10am. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to American Cancer Society appreciated. Ron was a proud graduate of De La Salle high school. He retired from People's Gas as a systems analyst after many years of service. He enjoyed listening to jazz, western movies, perch fishing, cooking, backyard barbeques, and a good cigar with a vodka martini, bleu cheese olives. Funeral home phone 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com



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Nye, Marguerite G. 'Maggie'

Marguerite "Maggie" G. Nye, 78, passed away December 16, 2019. Maggie was born on April 29, 1941 to E. Kevin and Marguerite (Peltier) Glynn in Chicago, IL. In 1959, she graduated from Aquinas Dominican High School and in 1964 she graduated from the University of Iowa with her B.A. in sociology. On June 9, 1964, Maggie married Philip Hastings Nye, Jr. in Chicago, IL, at South Shore Country Club. Maggie is survived by her husband, Phil Nye, Jr.; three children: Marguerite (James) Conboy of Denver, CO, Philip Nye, III of St. Louis, MO and Mose (Michelle) Nye of Park Ridge, IL; brother, Mose (Doreen) Glynn of Palos Heights, IL; and sister, Karen (Larry) Glynn of Du Quoin, IL.

The visitation will be from 3:00 - 7:00 P.M., Friday, December 20, 2019 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The memorial service will be held at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, December 21 at St. Bride's Episcopal Church, 1000 Rt. 64 West, Oregon, IL. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

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Roman, Sr., Robert J.

Robert J. Romano, Sr. 79. Beloved husband of the late Betty "Betsy" Romano, nee Tarr. Loving father of Robert (Chrissy), Greg (Andrea) Romano and Kara (Peter) Hertzling. Proud grandfather of Aileen, Charlie, Jack, Carly, Ella, Matthew, Amelia, Grant and John. Dear brother of Joe (Anita) Romano. Brother in law of Jean Worley and the late John Tarr. Fond uncle of Nancy, Pam and the late David. Visitation Saturday, December 21, 2019 at the M. J. Suerth Funeral Home, 6754 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, from 9:30 AM until the time of prayers at 11:30 AM to Saint Paul of the Cross Church, 320 Washington (at Northwest Highway) Park Ridge. Funeral Mass 12 Noon. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 1 N. LaSalle St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602 appreciated. Interment Town of Maine Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the M J Suerth Funeral Home. For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.



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Rusiecki, Mark

Mark Rusiecki, age 48, beloved son of Christine (Robert Scanlan) Rusiecki and the late Richard. Brother of Lisa (Josh) Deabel. Loving uncle of Noah and Sophia. Also many dear friends. Funeral Saturday 10am at RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Friday 4pm to 8pm. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com

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Ryan, Phyllis D.

Phyllis D. (Anderson) Ryan of Chicago, age 92, died on December 11, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Ryan, loving mother of Patrick (Kathryn), Danette and Alan; proud grandmother of Shaun, Lauren, Andrew, Emeric, Mei and Taiski, will be sadly missed. Information (847)253-0224

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Sargent, Louise M.

Louise M. Sargent, nee Grbac, age 92; beloved wife of the late Roy E.; loving mother of Dawn (Rick) Winkelman, Debra (Bill) Mittelstaedt, Scott (Terri) Sargent, Jeffrey Sargent (Renee Angelico) and Mark Sargent; cherished grandmother of Stephanie (Mohammed) Salah, Courtney (Jason) Damm, Caitlin (Ryan) Kappel, Matthew (Marcella) Sargent, Ted Paarlberg, Joshua Sargent and Denise Paarlberg; great-grandmother of Vanessa Ruiz, Addison and Ava Damm, Layla and Sophia Salah; fond sister of the late Luke Grbac and the late Rose Marie (the late Stanley) Wachowicz; dear aunt, cousin and friend to many. Visitation, Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m. Funeral Prayers, Friday, 9:15 a.m. at The Elms Funeral Home 7600 W. Grand Ave. (turn north on 76th Ave.) Elmwood Park to St. Celestine Church, Mass 10 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. For information 708-453-1234 or www.elmsfh.com



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Scanlon, Thomas

Thomas "Bobby" Scanlon, native of Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick, Ireland; loving brother of Michael (Ann), Pat (Peggy), Morty (Ann), Joan (the late Jim) Mahon and Mame (Gerry) Kavanagh; beloved son of the late James and Margaret; fond uncle and great uncle to many; friend to all who knew him; US Army Veteran, Member of St. Mel's Football Club and Limerick Hurling Club. Visitation Thursday 10 AM until time of Mass 11 AM at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 4646 N. Austin Ave. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gibbons Family Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com

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Sorrentino, Christine E.

Christine E. Sorrentino, born June 19, 1922. Resident of Marian Village. Devoted sister of Anthony (Marilyn). Loving aunt of Gregg (Kate) and Dr. Mark (Dr. Denise). Great-aunt of Dominic, Christian, Dante and Bianca. Lying-in-state at Our Lady of the Angels Chapel at Marian Village, 15624 Marian Dr., Homer Glen, Friday, December 20, 2019 from 9am until time of Mass 10am. Interment Holy Sepulchre. Christine sang professionally and also in many church choirs in California and Illinois. For info RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com

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Stanton, Lorraine Calhoun

Lorraine Calhoun Stanton, Age 92, Born into Eternal Life on December 12, 2019. Beloved wife of L. Patrick Stanton for 68 years. Loving mother of Larry (Susan), Sue (John) Wilson, Mark (Coleen), Mike (Laurie), Polly (Tim) Kelly, Mary (Jim) Corrigan, John (Monique), Tim (Tammy), and Patrick (Karen) Stanton. Proud "Bopper" to her 35

grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Beloved daughter of the late Helen and Charles Calhoun. Devoted sister of the late Bob (the late Betty) and the late Chuck (the late Helen) Calhoun. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Alumna of Aquinas H.S. and Mundein College. Former assistant publicity director of the Empire Room at the Palmer House Hilton, co-proprietor of Baskin-Robbins in Beverly, co-founder of Morgan Park Catholic Youth Ministry Center, and recipient of Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Beverly Arts Center and Beverly Area Planning Association. Visitation Thursday, December 19, 2019, 3-8pm at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL 60643. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Christ the King Church, Friday, December 20, 2019 (Lorraine's 93rd Birthday) at 10:00am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to Christ the King School Foundation, or Morgan Park Catholic Youth Ministry Center, 1825 W. Monterey Ave., Chicago, IL 60643 are most appreciated. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors, 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com



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Swaim, William Raymond 'Bill'

William Raymond Swaim, M.D., born 7/14/32 in Eveleth, MN, passed away peacefully 12/12/19 at age 87. He will be remembered for his gentle disposition, intellect, and enthusiasm for life. Service to his church was a priority all his life. He was a proud alumnus of Macalester College and Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis. He was an educator, research scientist, entrepreneur, and inventor. He was compassionate, kind, and generous beyond measure. He was a member of the medical faculty at the University of Minnesota where he taught for over 50 years. He was Chief of Hematology and Coagulation Medicine at the VA Hospital in Minneapolis, and clinical pathologist. He was preceded in death by his wife, MaryEllen Dorothy Hegg of blessed memory. He is survived by his children; William (Bonny), Rebecca (Jeff), Steven, M.D. (Jodi), and Paul; grandchildren, Jesse (Rebekah), Gregory (Leah), Betsy, Trevor, Michael, Olivia, and Matthew; and great grandchildren; Henry, Harvey, Elsie, Onni, and Will. He is also survived by his former high school classmate and loving companion for the last 10 years, Shana Lowitz (née Labovitz) and her family. Visitation in Edina MN on 12/21/19. Interment will follow in Duluth MN. Information: Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996.

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Swider, Frances

Frances Swider, age 91, passed away December 15, 2019. Beloved wife of the late John Swider for 64 years. Loving mother of Jackie (David) Dupree, Tom (Kim) Swider, Frank (Liane) Swider. Cherished grandmother of Katie (Eric) Taylor, John, Elizabeth (Christophe Remington) Dupree, Adrian (Dan) Goad, Tom (Katie Lechfeldt) and Olivia (Michael Fleming) Swider. Devoted great grandmother of Nicholas and Sophia Goad, Grace, Jack, and Emma Taylor and Tommy Swider. Dear sister of Frank (Jeannie) Rogalski. Fond aunt of many.

Visitation Friday, 9:00 A.M. until Funeral Mass, 10:00 A.M., at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd. (Rt. 83) at Lincoln St, Mount Prospect. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Trefelner, Dolores

Dolores Trefelner nee Meyers, age 90; beloved wife of the late William A.; loving mother of Bill Trefelner and Heidi (John) Berardi; dear grandma of John Anthony, Joseph and Paul Berardi; fond sister of Ann (Bill) Welsh, Bill (Kitty) Meyers, Elsie (the late Charles) Speck, Joe (Ann) Meyers and the late Larry Meyers, John Meyers, Mary (Roy) Salmon, and Pat (Anton) Vishio; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 9:45 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass 10:30 A.M. Int. Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3 - 9 P.M. For funeral info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.



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Vaughn, Robert M.

Robert M. Vaughn, age 92, of Niles, beloved husband of Ethel, nee Rintz, loving father of Michael (Judy), Patricia (Scott Thompson), Martin (Karen), Virginia, the late Gregory (Amy) and William, cherished grandfather of 10, great grandfather of 16 and great great grandfather of 2. Visitation at St John Brebeuf Church 8307 N. Harlem Ave. Niles, Friday from 10:00 am until Mass at 11:00 am. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com



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Vest, John M.

John M. Vest, age 82, a man of faith, family and service, retired member of U.S. Army Reserve and Internal Revenue Service, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1977, passed away on Monday, December 16, 2019 at his home. He was born June 7, 1937 in San Francisco, CA.

Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please call (630) 355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com for more information.



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Viola, Antoinette

Antoinette Viola nee Aredia, 91, beloved wife of the late Frank G. Viola, dearest daughter of the late Frank and the late Mary, nee Abruzzo, Aredia; dearest sister of the late Joseph Aredia and the late Jay (the late Ginny) Aredia; dearest aunt of Frank (Cheryl) Aredia and the late William (Kim) Aredia and the late Thomas Aredia; adoring great aunt of Karen, Rachel, Nick and Sarah; loving aunt, great-aunt, and great-great-aunt to many nieces and nephews; and a great cousin to many. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations to St. Jude, Purple Heart or Mercy Home for Boys & Girls. Visitation Friday from 9AM to 11AM at **Montclair-Lucania Funeral Home**, 6901 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL; Mass 11:30 AM at St. Priscilla Church, 6949 W. Addison, Chicago, IL; Entombment at All Saints Mausoleum, Des Plaines, IL; info 773-622-9300, or go to www.Montclair-LucaniaFuneral.com.

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Wojdyla, Kenneth W

Ken Wojdyla, 73, of Varna, formerly Berwyn, Toluca, and Florida, passed away December 13, 2019. Preceded in death by Walter & Ida Wojdyla. Survived by Wife of 50 years, Sandie. Brother to Elaine (Hank) Davis, & Pat Taubery. Ken was a loving brother-in-law, uncle great uncle & friend he served in the military in 1966. His passion was restoration of classic cars, jukeboxes, antiques, fishing, & boating. Visitation will be Sunday, December 22 11:30 to 3:30 PM with military rights & prayers at 3:30. at **Lenz Memorial Home** 823 5th St. Lacon Illinois. lenzmemorialhome.com

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Anthony Dean

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Mindy Dean (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00865

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Mindy Dean (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 08, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/09/2020, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 20, 2019 6538411

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Courtaejah Mitchell Corlana Mitchell Corrina Mitchell

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Maisha Warren (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00403 19JA00401 19JA00402

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 19, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/09/2020, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 8, 2019 6525360

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE, DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION AND COURT SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR REPORTING CENTERS FOR COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH RFP NO.: 1953-18001

RFP Document-The RFP document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountylil.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

Contact Person/If you are not able to download the RFP or if you have other questions, please contact Kevin Casey, Specifications Engineer, at (312) 603-6830 or kevin.casey@cookcountylil.gov

Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference Date, Time, and Location:
Monday, January 6, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. (CST)
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Cook County Building
118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 5:00 PM (CST) on Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 3:00 PM (CST)
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Cook County Building
118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle
President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian
Chief Procurement Officer

12/18/2019 6545788

LEGAL NOTICES

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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
Jamar Xavier Novy

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Jessica Novy (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00103

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Demetrios Wardlow (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 20, 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 **01/09/2020, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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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 or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 18, 2019 6525343

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Martise Culpepper Omarrrie Veazley

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sheltanya Veazley (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00571 15JA00572

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 11, 2015**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/09/2020, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, 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 or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 02, 2019 6509936

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Tamia Jones

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tamika Gatlin (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00051

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Clarence Davis (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 19, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/09/2020, at 11:00 AM** in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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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 or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 14, 2019 6525324

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

Sealed proposals, endorsed as below, will be deposited in the sealed bid depository safe located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Administration Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, from the date of the Notice for Request for Proposal, up to 11:00 A.M. on the proposal due date, for:

CONTRACT 20-RFP-01
STATE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES
Estimated Cost: \$84,000.00 Bid Deposit: None

The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice - Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, www.mwr.org; the path is as follows: Doing Business → Procurement and Materials Management → Contract Announcements.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement & Materials Management, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday - Friday, between 8:45 A.M. and 4:15 P.M. Documents, unless stated above to the contrary, will be mailed in response to a fax request (312)751-3042. The vendor may also download specifications, proposal forms and/or plans online from the District's website, www.mwr.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business → Procurement and Materials Management → Contract Announcements. No fee is required for the contract documents unless stated above.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-et seq.), where it is stated in the Notice for Request for Proposal.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best interest.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

By **Darlene A. LoCascio**
Director of Procurement & Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois
December 18, 2019

TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT, STOREFRONT; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE U/I/A DATED 11/17/2016 A/K/A TRUST NO. 8002375218; SAMI KHAN; JEFF BV - COMMERCIAL, LLC; JEFF BV COMMERCIAL LLC, City Clerk. 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 December, 2019.

TO: OCCUPANT, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF ELOISE HARVEY; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF GAEGIA HARVEY; KATHERINE HARVEY; DIANE HARVEY; LOUIS HARVEY; KENNY HARVEY; MAURICE MILES; LEE MILES; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Illinois Attorney General; ELOISE HARVEY, Cook County Attorney; NICHOLSON LONETTA WOODFORD OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003768 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010164 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable 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 321 N LARAMIE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60644 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-09-403-007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019.

TO: OCCUPANT, WILLIE LARK; City of Chicago; REVOLVE CAPITAL GROUP, LLC; BRIAN KELLY; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF WILLIE LARK; REVOLVE CAPITAL GROUP, LLC, AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003772 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010201 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable 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 613 N AVERS AVE CHICAGO, IL 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-11-113-025-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019.

TO: TOMAS HUNLIK - City of Chicago; ROBERT GANDARZA SANCHEZ; OCCUPANT VASQUEZ; OCCUPANT JAK; OCCUPANT JACKSON; JOSE RODRIGUEZ, UNIT 3; DIANA RODRIGUEZ, UNIT 3; OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3; OCCUPANT JOHN; OCCUPANT JOHNSON; OCCUPANT HARRIS; OCCUPANT CUADROS, UNIT 3; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003770 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010132 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable 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 3165 W MONROE ST., CHICAGO, IL 60612 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-107-061-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019.

TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF LUCILLE SMITH; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF JAMES SMITH; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. F/K/A LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A LASALLE BANK, F.S.B. F/K/A LASALLE TALMAN BANK, F.S.B. F/K/A THE TALMAN HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS F/K/A FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF PEORIA; City of Chicago; EUGENE SMITH; RONALD JONES; CONSTANCE MORRIS; STEVEN SMITH; NATH PASHUPATI; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003771 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0100332 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable 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 2817 W LEXINGTON ST CHICAGO, IL 60612 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-311-016-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019.

TO: Lufel Lee Joseph E. Bard Terry A. Beard William L. Burcette Rebecca Lynn Hart Affan Nicholas Johnson Lonetta Woodford Dora M. Beard Dora Murray County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners, claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004444 FILED: November 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010428 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3932 W. Fillmore Street, Chicago, IL 60624-4205 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-319-008-0000 Volume 560 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 April 3, 2020. 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 April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on May 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 3, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois or for further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5654 NEWLINE HOLDINGS Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 7, 2019

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; LEONARD CLAYTON; VIRGINIA CLAYTON; City of Chicago; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CAPITAL ONE BANK; KIMBERLY CALDWELL; AMBER CLAYTON; INEZ CLAYTON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003772 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010447 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable 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 3418 W GRENSHAW ST CHICAGO, IL 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-423-018-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019.

TO: First Financial Funding Co.; Town of Cicero; User of 1919 S. Cicero Ave., 1917 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; Taxpayer of 1919 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL; Signature Bank; Salta Group, Inc.; First Financial Funding Co.; Occupant, 1919 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001813. FILED: 6/25/2019. AMENDED FILED: 11/26/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 1/22/2019. Certificate No. F56614. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 (including 2008, 2nd 10th thru 2013). 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 1919 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-22-304-008-0000. 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 4/2/2020. 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 4/2/2020. 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 4/6/2020. 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 4/2/2020 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 Renovations, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 5, 2019.

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TO: OCCUPANT; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LAKESIDE BANK, AS TRUSTEE U/I/A DATED 02/21/2007 A/K/A TRUST NO. 10-2920; ORLEANS PARTNERS LLC; THE ROYALTON TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Kovitz, Shifrin, Nesbit; PRAIRIE SHORES PROPERTY MANAGEMENT; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003752 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0009115 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable 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 1444 N ORLEANS ST., UNIT #P-44 CHICAGO, IL 60610 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-04-200-098-1095 (2015-2016) N/A 07-04-200-101-1095 (2017) This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. 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 4/6/2020. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 Renovations, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 5, 2019.

TO: OCCUPANT; ZEN INVESTMENTS, LLC; City of Chicago; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003773 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010601 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable 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 1810 S KILDARE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60623 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-22-410-041-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019.

TO: Maria O. Aguirre Edgar Axel Avelar Irene Frase Leticia Rivera Fernando Gonzalez Irene Hernandez Ramirez Maria Aguirre City of Chicago c/o City Clerk City of Chicago c/o Corporation Counsel City of Chicago c/o Department of Buildings Corona Investments, LLC c/o Oscar Corona-R-A Bank, FSB City of Chicago Phillip M. Sorenson and 2337 W. Maypole Condominium Association; Occupant, 2337 W. Maypole Ave., Unit 1, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003751. FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/6/2017. Certificate No. 15-0010864. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. 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 2337 W. Maypole Ave., Unit 1, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-07-320-042-1001. 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 April 2, 2020. 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 April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/15/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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: December 3, 2019.

TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF BONNIE SACKS A/K/A BONNIE MUIR; BONNIE MUIR; COMMUNITY SPECIALISTS, INC.; THE TERRACES; THE 801 SOUTH PLYMOUTH COURT GARAGE CO-OWNERS ASSOCIATION; SEAN M. MURRAY/TERRACES FOR BONNIE MUIR; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003755 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0009585 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable 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 801 S PLYMOUTH CT., UNIT #P357 CHICAGO, IL 60605 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-16-419-006-1356 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 Scribe Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019.

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TO: Trinity Green, LLC-1240 N. Damen; J.S. Attorney General, Illinois Dept. of Revenue and Illinois Attorney General; John Mohan; Lowell Housley; Condominium Association of Chicago Management; Realty, Lynn McMahon, City of Chicago, IRS, and U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois; Occupant, 1240 N. Damen Ave., Unit 1, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003471. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/6/2017. Certificate No. 15-0010824. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. 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 1240 N. Damen Ave., Unit 1, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-06-127-049-1001. 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 April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/15/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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: December 3, 2019.

TO: Soo Jin Kim; Vasanta Paxton, Morgan Paxton, Vera Jackson, Vanessa Samuels, Valora Jackson, and John Tate-State Farm Bank, FSB City of Chicago Phillip M. Sorenson and 2337 W. Maypole Condominium Association; Occupant, 2337 W. Maypole Ave., Unit 1, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003751. FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/6/2017. Certificate No. 15-0010864. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. 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 2337 W. Maypole Ave., Unit 1, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-07-320-042-1001. 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 April 2, 2020. 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 April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/15/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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: December 3, 2019.

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TO: OCCUPANT; 1255 SOUTH PRAIRIE PRIVATE COMMERCIAL, LLC; 1255 SOUTH PRAIRIE PRIVATE, LLC; 1255 SP COMMERCIAL; The Grant (formerly One Museum Park West); ONE MUSEUM PARK WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; EDC MANAGEMENT, INC.; TOWEL RESERVES; FIRSTSERVICE RESIDENTIAL ILLINOIS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003756 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0009132 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable 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 1201 S PRAIRIE AVE CHICAGO IL 60605 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-22-110-137-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019.

TO: OCCUPANT; LIAM ROCKFORD; FIRSTSERVICE RESIDENTIAL OF ILLINOIS, INC.; MUSEUM PARK PLACE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; LIAM ROCKFORD; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003757 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0009647 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable 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 1901 S MICHIGAN AVE., UNIT #GU-28 CHICAGO, IL 60616 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-22-310-025-1316 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or

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TO: John Thomas, Nancy Thomas, and Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Nancy Thomas; James Thomas; ContiMortgage Corporation, Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. f/k/a Fairbanks Capital Corp. as Successor to ContiMortgage Corporation, and Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. f/k/a Fairbanks Capital Corp., as Successor to ContiMortgage Corporation; Jerome Thomas and Michael Thomas; Occupant, 2818 E. 76th St, Chicago, IL, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003455. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/5/2017. Certificate No. 15-000559. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessments of (Municipality) N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 2818 E. 76th St, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-30-201-025-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. 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 April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL, 60602, on 4/15/2020 at 9:30 AM. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020 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, IL 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Scribe Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537945

TO: Annie M. Williams Unknown Heirs or devisees of Annie M. Williams Occupants of City of Chicago c/o City Clerk City of Chicago c/o Department of Revenue 1 South Central Bank, N.A. County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois. Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004310 FILED: December 3, 2019 TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0005546. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at Southwest corner of 78th and Muskegon Ave., commonly known as 7805 S. Muskegon Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-30-407-015-0000, Volume 275. 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 April 3, 2020. 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 April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL, 60602, on April 3, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 3, 2020 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. Scribe Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535461

TO: Christopher Bishop and Angelica Bohacelli; Candace Windsor, Jana Windsor, and Toran Harrell; Occupant, 8049 S. Marquette Ave., Chicago, IL, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002727. FILED: September 3, 2019. AMENDED FILED: 11/21/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/5/2017. Certificate No. 15-0005566. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 8049 S. Marquette Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-31-114-01-0000. 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 4/2/2020. 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 4/2/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL, 60602, on 4/6/2020 at 9:30 AM. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/2/2020 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, IL 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 6, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6536967

TO: OCCUPANT: VITTORIO WATSON; City of Chicago; FNA DZ FBO WFSF; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003738 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008239. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable 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 1011 S LASALLE ST CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-09-420-025-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542578

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TO: Emmanuel Conner; Jasmin Patel; Linda Conner and Royal Oak Condominium Association, Inc.; Occupant, 10048 Pulaski Rd., Unit 1D, Oak Lawn, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003455. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0004361. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015, 2013, and 2014 1st installment. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessments of (Municipality) N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 10048 Pulaski Rd., Unit 1D, Oak Lawn, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-10-407-057-1004. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. 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 2/20/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL, 60602, on 4/15/2020 at 9:30 AM. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020 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, IL 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Scribe Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537840

TO: John W. McElree, Phyllis McElree, First Midwest Bank, as Trustee, u/r/n Trust of Palos Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee, u/r/n 1-3358, Trust Dated: October 19, 1992, and First Midwest Bank, as Successor Trustee to Palos Bank and Trust Company, u/r/n 1-3358, Trust Dated: October 19, 1992, Alexandra Day and Patrick McElree; Occupant, 10907 S. Normandy Ave, Worth, IL, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003452. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0004427. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 10907 S. Normandy Ave, Worth, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-18-420-003-0000. 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 April 2, 2020. 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 April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL, 60602, on 4/15/2020 at 9:30 AM. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020 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: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537909

TO: Louise Patterson, First Midwest Bank, as Successor Trustee to Standard Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee, u/r/n 22075, Trust Dated: February 5, 2016, First Midwest Bank, as Successor Trustee to Standard Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee, u/r/n 22075, Trust Dated: February 5, 2016, Barbara Sanders, and Barbara Sanders; Brandi Patterson and Pamela Clark; Walter Sanders and Deer Park II Condominium Association; Occupant, 3627 W. Deer Park Dr., Alsip, IL, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003453. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0004482. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 3627 W. Deer Park Dr., Alsip, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 311-019-1038. 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 April 2, 2020. 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 April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL, 60602, on 4/15/2020 at 9:30 AM. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020 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: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537917

TO: Nefalli Santellano a/k/a Nefalli Santellano George Saul Santellano Nefalli S. Santellano Gregory R. Santellano Herlinda Santellano Jose Manuel Escamilla Antonio Adolfo Sanchez Herlinda Santellano Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Herlinda Santellano Gregory R. Santellano County Clerk of Cook County Illinois. Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004430 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0004548. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 13426 S. Western Avenue, Blue Island, IL 60406 Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-36-432-027-0000, Volume 249. 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 April 3, 2020. 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 April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 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 April 3, 2020 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 NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 7, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535072

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TO: OCCUPANT: ERIC HILL- ANGELEEN HILL; COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR; Cook County State's Attorney; BELINDA PATTERSON; PATRICIA BROWN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003733. FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008200. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable 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 1502 W 91ST STREET CHICAGO, IL 60620 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-05-125-042-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542553

TO: OCCUPANT; CHICAGO TITLE & TRUST AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 08/29/1994 A/K/A TRUST 1099609; LOUISA MAYE; CRYSTAL PERRY; BRANDON POLK; MARCUS STEVENSON; NAJIE STEVENSON; NUBIA STEVENSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003734 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008223. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable 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 8951 S MAYA ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-05-218-042-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542565

TO: OCCUPANT; KAJA HOLDINGS 2, LLC; LIEN GROUP LLC; VISION PROPERTY MANAGEMENT L.L.C. City of Chicago; Village of South Holland; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003736. FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008367. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable 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 10700 S. EGLESTONE AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-09-322-025-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542570

TO: OCCUPANT; BLACK DIAMOND BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; TAXPAYER OF: CODY SMITH; FRED TUREAUD; ENOS LESLIE; ALAN ALBERT; ALBERT LESLIE; LESHARE MORRIS; PATRICIA MORRIS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003737 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008382. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable 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 9913 S LASALLE ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-09-405-005-0000 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 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542574

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TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF MITCHELL JORDAN; ODESSA HUGGINS; ODESSA JORDAN; FIRST MIDWEST BANK F/K/A FIRST MIDWEST BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A FIRST MIDWEST BANK/ LAKE COUNTY F/K/A BANK OF MIDDLEBURY; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; NEIGHBORHOOD FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; CHARLES JORDAN; INDIA JORDAN; LAWRENCE WALLS; NICHOLAS CURRY; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF MITCHELL JORDAN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003739 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 05/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008475. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable 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 340 W 109TH PL CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-16-415-026-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542582

TO: OCCUPANT; UNIT 1; OCCUPANT; UNIT 2; ROBERT KIMP; JUNE BREHM; City of Chicago; NHS REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; ANJURAN A/K/A JACQUELINE HURRY; CHARLES BAILEY; WILHELM JACKSON; TAY PAYER OF; LARRY KIMP; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003740 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008480. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable 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 1423 W 110TH ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-17-328-006-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542585

TO: Diane Gottlieb Rhonda Mackontee Colbert Teaka Takara Yeargain Theodore R. Wormack Teika T. Yeargain Lisa Dion Roddy Shanece C. Hunter Toranna E. Hunter Shanon N. Robinson, Jr.; City of Chicago c/o Department of Buildings City of Chicago c/o Department of Water Taxpayer of 1334 W. 112th Street Chicago, IL 60643 County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois. Unknown Owners; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004439 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0008567. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1334 W 112th Street, Chicago, IL 60643-3628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-20-104-026-0000, Volume 465. 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 April 3, 2020. 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 April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 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 April 3, 2020 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 NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 7, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535207

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TO: OCCUPANT; BARBARA FRIEND; ADOLPHUS FRIEND; SACOR FINANCIAL, INC.; SACOR FINANCIAL INC.; COLUMBIA CREDIT SERVICES, INC.; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003744 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008661. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable 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 11618 S WALLACE ST CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-21-305-012-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542620

TO: OCCUPANT; DOROTHY LOTT; DAHVIE LOTT; LANNY WILLIAMS; WILLIAM JONES; JASON MIDDLETON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003745 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008680. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable 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 11728 S STEWART AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-21-326-019-0000. 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 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company as Trustee Under Trust No. 8002363803 dated January 14, 2014 Angelica A. Kowalski Robert M. Kowalski Mountain Duck Properties, LLC Mountain Duck Properties, LLC c/o Secretary of State Business Services Cityscape Chicago, LLC Cityscape Chicago, LLC c/o Martha Padilla - R.A. Jan R. Kowalski Attorney for Robert M. Kowalski (Case No. 2017 CH 13314) Lawrence Stein Attorney for Defendants (Case No. 2017 CH 13314) Denvray S. Smith Seyfarth Shaw LLP (Case No. 18BK00773) James B. Smith Seyfarth Shaw LLP (Case No. 18BK00773) Gus A. Paloiain-Trustee (Case No. 18BK00773) Pearson Realty Group State of Illinois c/o Attorney General State of Illinois c/o Department of Revenue, Subsequent County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; and occupants in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois Tax DEED No. 2019COTD004443 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0006176 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2408 E. 97th Street, Chicago, IL 60617-4958 Legal Description or Property Index No. 26-07-112-053-0000, Volume 297 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 April 3, 2020. 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 April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois at the County Clerk's Office, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on May 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 3, 2020 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: 312-603-5654 NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 7, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535154

TO: OCCUPANT; CASHFLOW 7, LLLP; JOHN KRASIS; LEA KRASIS; LOUIS GANGE; LEA KRASIS; BANKFINANCIAL, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A BANKFINANCIAL, FSB; HARRISON KING, INC. PROPERTIES, INCORPORATED; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. F/K/A LASALLE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A LASALLE BANK F.S.B. F/K/A LASALLE TALMAN BANK, F.S.B. F/K/A THE TALMAN HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK LOAN F/K/A ILLINOIS; BMO Harris Bank, N.A. f/k/a Harris Bank, N.A. F/K/A NLSB; TAXPAYER OF : ANTON LUC D/B/A ANTON ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003776 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011012 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable 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 14141 S TRACY AVE RIVERDALE, IL 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-04-114-026-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542510

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT A; OCCUPANT, UNIT B; OCCUPANT, UNIT C; OCCUPANT, UNIT D; OCCUPANT, UNIT E; OCCUPANT, UNIT F; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 01/03/1992 A/K/A TRUST NO. 114988-05; BETTON REAL ESTATE GROUP INC.; TCF National Bank; COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CORPORATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003775 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011011 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable 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 14102 S SCHOOL ST RIVERDALE, IL 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-04-114-026-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542501

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TO: OCCUPANT; REGINA BOYD; LAQUANDA BOYD; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FIDELITY MORTGAGE OF NY; FIDELITY MORTGAGE OF NY A DIVISION OF DELTA FUNDING CORPORATION; FHC MORTGAGE CORPORATION; ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY; REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION A/K/A REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT CORP.; CHRISTINE BOYD; DENNIS BOYD; KEARNE BOYD; ROOSEVELT BOYD; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003777 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011013 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable 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 14519 COOPER AVE DIXMOOR, IL 60426 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-07-132-054-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 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 December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542517

TO: Trinity Everett Rini McGraw JPMorgan Chase Bank, Successor Trustee to Trust Company FBO Jeffrey Krienke IRA 89% Undivided Interest and Horizon Trust Company FBL Jeffrey Krienke IRA 11% Undivided Interest HomeMac Corporation HomeMac Corporation c/o Thomas O Market (Registered Agent American Estate Trust Company Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; and occupants in the Circuit Court of Cook County, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004428 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0003367 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15245 Dorchester Avenue, Dolton, IL 60419-3125 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-11-409-057-0000, Volume 204 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 April 3, 2020. 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 April 3, 2020. 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, IL 60602 on May 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 3, 2020 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: 312-603-5654 NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 7, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535006

TO: New Homes by New Pisgah New Homes by New Pisgah c/o Stanley Smith, R.A. Dominga Ceja Ebony Marie Walker Farry Robert Anthony Michael Jordan Chicago Community Loan Fund Brina Sams County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004429 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0003368 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15719 Minerva Avenue, Dolton IL 60419 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-14-153-017-0000, Volume 206 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 April 3, 2020. 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 April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on May 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 3, 2020 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: 312-603-5654 NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 7, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535017

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust as Successor Trustee to the Steel City National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee under the Provisions of a Trust Agreement dated the 30th day of July, 1973 known as Trust Number 1401 William M. Pradecki Occupant of Property described as 2733-2737 White Cloud Dr., Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004431 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0003668 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 16517 Shirley Court, South Holland, IL 60473-2241 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-22-211-017-0000, Volume 214 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 April 3, 2020. 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 April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on May 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 3, 2020 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: 312-603-5654 NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 7, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535021

TO: Danta Wright; Shunta Walton and Oluwajewu Sanni, 623-31 CARROLL PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS DEPT. OF REVENUE, and Illinois Attorney General, Occupant, 629 Carroll Pkwy, Unit 207, Glenwood, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002756 FILED: September 4, 2019. AMENDED FILED: 11/21/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0003816. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. 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 629 Carroll Pkwy, Unit 207, Glenwood, IL, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-33-305-029-1017. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/2/2020. 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 April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/6/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/2/2020 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, IL 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 6, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6536971

TO: MG Real Estate and Development, 1000 Loma Linda, Safe Harbor Realty and Occupant; Partners, Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein; described as claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004469 FILED November 13, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0002489, 15-0002490, 15-0002491, 15-0002492, 15-0002493, 15-0002502, 15-0002495, 15-0002496, 15-0002504, 15-0002505, 15-0002507, 15-0002509, 15-0002514, 15-0002511, 15-0002508, 15-0002515, 15-0002517, 15-0002518, 15-0002526, 15-0002527, 15-0002529, 15-0002531, 15-0002532, 15-0002540, 15-0002541, 15-0002538, 15-0002539, 15-0002528, 15-0002519, 15-0002516, 15-0002509, 15-0002508, 15-0002506, 15-0002503, 15-0002497, 15-0002491, 15-0002495; 15-0002496 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 273 -277 WHITE CLOUD DR., 6509-6612 & 6528 & 6532 & 21321 & 21313 & 21316-21412 Hummingbird Lane, 21414 & 21415 & 21418 & 21419 Harvest Lane, 21309 Bridle Path Dr., Matteson, IL 60443 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-19-401-017-0000, 31-19-401-018-0000, 31-19-401-019-0000, 31-19-401-020-0000, 31-19-401-021-0000, 31-19-407-008-0000, 31-19-404-005-0000, 31-19-404-004-0000, 31-19-404-007-0000, 31-19-404-008-0000, 31-19-404-009-0000, 31-19-404-010-0000, 31-19-404-011-0000, 31-19-404-012-0000, 31-19-402-005-0000, 31-19-405-007-0000, 31-19-405-008-0000, 31-19-405-029-0000, 31-19-405-030-0000, 31-19-405-031-0000, 31-19-405-032-0000, 31-19-405-034-0000, 31-19-405-035-0000, 31-19-405-036-0000, 31-19-405-037-0000, 31-19-402-004-0000, 31-19-405-012-0000, 31-19-405-013-0000, 31-19-405-014-0000, 31-19-405-015-0000, 31-19-405-016-0000, 31-19-405-017-0000, 31-19-405-018-0000, 31-19-405-019-0000, 31-19-405-020-0000 and 31-19-405-021-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 1, 2020. 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 April 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court 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, IL 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Scribe Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537955

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TO: Dearborn Street Holdings, LLC Series 5 Rockford c/o C Corporation System, Safe Harbor Realty, and Occupant; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004580 FILED November 13, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0002542; 15-0002543; 15-0002544; 15-0002547; 15-0002548; 15-0002499; 15-0002501; 15-0002521; 15-0002522; 15-0002524; 15-0002525; 15-0002543; 15-0002545; 15-0002546; 15-0002548; 15-0002549; 15-0002550; 15-0002500; 15-0002498 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 21423 Harvest Lane, 6500 & 6502 & 6510 Fawn Court, 6420-6428 & 6413-6421 Hummingbird Lane, Matteson, IL 60443 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-19-411-003-0000; 31-19-411-004-0000; 31-19-411-008-0000; 31-19-411-009-0000; 31-19-411-010-0000; 31-19-411-011-0000; 31-19-404-001-0000; 31-19-404-002-0000; 31-19-404-003-0000; 31-19-404-004-0000; 31-19-405-022-0000; 31-19-405-023-0000; 31-19-405-024-0000; 31-19-405-025-0000; 31-19-405-026-0000; 31-19-405-027-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 1, 2020. 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BEARS Trio honored as Pro Bowl selections

Mack, Jackson, Patterson to represent Bears

BY DAN WIEDERER

The first wave of Pro Bowl invitations went out Tuesday evening with the NFL announcing 88 players voted into the game.

The Bears' representation?

Outside linebacker Khalil Mack, safety Eddie Jackson and special teams ace Cordarrelle Patterson were all selected to the NFC Pro Bowl roster. The team also announced that defensive tackle Eddie Goldman, cornerback Kyle Fuller and Tarik Cohen were chosen as alternates.

Mack has only 7½ sacks through 14 games this season but

has established his reputation across the league as a feared edge rusher who demands extra attention every week.

Jackson was given the honor for the second consecutive season despite recording only one interception through the first 14 games. The third-year safety has been part of a defense that has allowed an NFC-low 15 touchdown passes

thus far.

Patterson earned the Pro Bowl nod as a special teams selection given his solid production as both a kickoff returner and in punt coverage. He leads the NFC with a 29.6 yards-per-kickoff return average. He also was named the NFC's special teams player of the month in November thanks in big part to his talents as a gunner.

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The Pro Bowl rosters are chosen through a voting process that includes input from NFL players, coaches and fans.

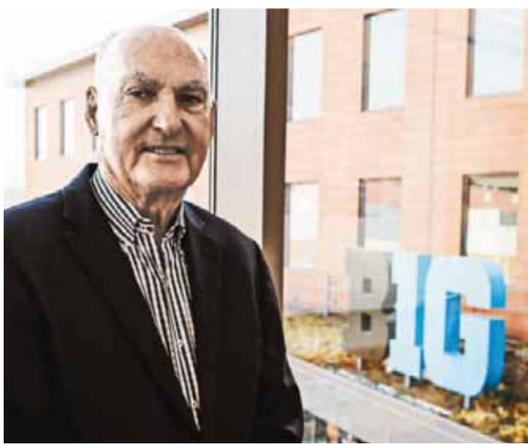
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Big & bold

Jim Delany's run as Big Ten commissioner ends Jan. 1. And when it comes to his 30-year tenure, he has few regrets — not even adding Rutgers and Maryland.

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN



PHOTOS BY KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Outgoing Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany, left, chats with incoming Commissioner Kevin Warren, right, at the conference headquarters Friday in Rosemont.

As Jim Delany exited the Lucas Oil Stadium field with wife Kitty after the Dec. 7 Big Ten championship game, a fan decked in Ohio State gear near the tunnel hollered: "Hey! Best commissioner ever!"

Delany nodded to acknowledge the man known to Buckeyes fans as "Tennessee Jeff" Hamms. But he did not break stride.

"People have yelled good things and bad things," Delany told the Tribune, chuckling. "It depends oftentimes whether you win or lose. I appreciate fans, but I don't think commissioners are per se supposed to be popular."

During his 30 years at the helm of the Big Ten — which officially ends Jan. 1 — Delany's approval rating has ranged from roughly 0 to 100, depending on the timing and source of opinion.

Big Ten presidents and chancellors worship him for the wads of cash that flow to their campuses each year, allowing them to construct jaw-dropping facilities and offer top dollar to coaches.

Some Midwestern fans cursed him for rotating the Big Ten basketball tournament to Washington and New York.

Parents of Big Ten soccer and volleyball players should love him whenever they get to watch their kids appear on BTN telecasts.

Hordes of college football fans resented his loyalty to the Rose Bowl over his willingness to greenlight a college football playoff.

Most Penn State and Nebraska fans appreciate him for their inclusion in the conference.

SEC fans howled when he took a shot at the league's academic standards for football players.

Maryland and Rutgers officials should bow down for the financial lifeline provided.

Social media mocked him when the Big Ten split into "Legends" and "Leaders."

Ohio State and Michigan football fans must love having Maryland and Rutgers in the conference as the traditional powers deliver whuppings and raid those home bases for talent.

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Ranking the Blackhawks rookies, from Kubalik to Highmore

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TOP OF THE SECOND

SAM MELLINGER

Chiefs good enough to win it all

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — They had come off the field and into the locker room and celebrated the way they always do, by asking themselves rhetorically, “How ’bout those CHIEFS???” Then they proceeded to the next ritual, win or lose, which is checking their cellphones for updates.

One of them must’ve seen something online, a picture of Patrick Mahomes and those brown curls in the snow, and made a joke.

“The tips, man,” Mahomes said. “Frosted tips.”

Frosted tips are, of course, patently absurd. They make no sense. We can all agree on this. We can probably agree on this too:

If the Chiefs continue to play like they did Sunday in beating the Broncos 23-3 at Arrowhead Stadium, they can frost whatever they want. Frosted tips would look just fine in a parade.

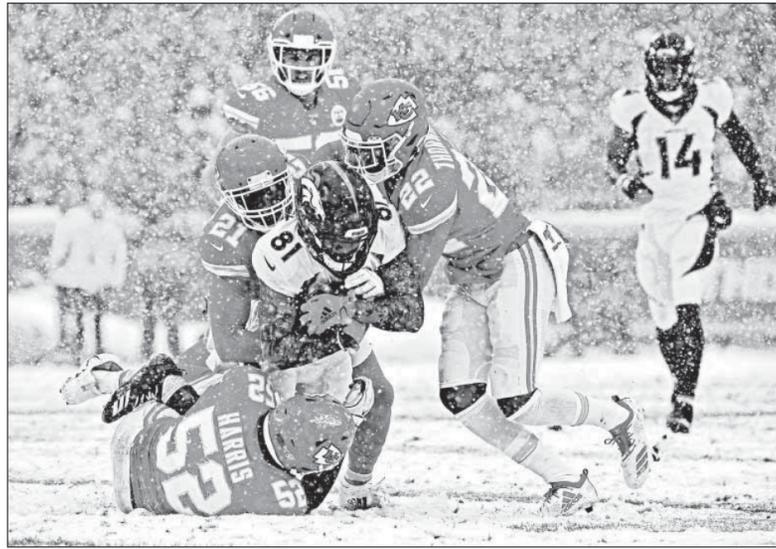
We can pick nits if we want. Mahomes threw a bad interception, the Chiefs still aren’t running the ball well and they’re still struggling in the red zone.

Or, we can look at the broader reality: The Chiefs played their most complete game of the season, dominating a division rival that had looked rejuvenated with rookie quarterback Drew Lock after blowing out the Texans.

The Chiefs will not have the AFC’s No. 1 seed in the playoffs. They would need to win out — at the Bears on Sunday night and home against the Chargers in Week 17 — and have the Patriots lose (their best chance is Saturday against the Bills) to claim the No. 2 seed and a first-round bye.

But there isn’t a team in the league that would feel confident with its postseason life being determined against this version of the Chiefs.

Kansas City’s defense has scored or directly set up more points than it has given up in the last month, and, finally, we



PETER AIKEN/GETTY

The Chiefs defense has given the team a missing ingredient in the Super Bowl hunt.

saw sustained flashes Sunday of the offense that ripped through the NFL a year ago.

Mahomes was brilliant. He completed 27 of 34 passes (79.4%) through a virtual blizzard for 340 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Most human quarterbacks tweak their arm action or decision-making when the field looks more set for sledging than football. Mahomes held nothing back, leaning into the degree of difficulty with every throw imaginable.

The rub has always been that the Chiefs defense wasn’t worthy of Mahomes’ talents, but that appears to be more of a historical footnote at this point. They have now given up a total of 45 points in their last four games, and that includes 20 that were scored on short fields created by a

turnover or in garbage time of a blowout long since decided.

Before the season, the answer seemed to rest in whether their defense could hold its own weight.

During the season, the potential fatal flaw has often appeared to be injuries.

But what now, with the defense showing a month’s worth of consistency and the offense stepping closer to the best version of itself?

Following the Chiefs has always meant preparing for some galactic failure at the precise moment your hopes peak, but if they can pair this offense with this defense in the postseason, the better question might be who would want to play them?

Sam Mellinger writes for the Kansas City Star.

LET’S PLAY 2

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Linebacker Trevathan enduring recovery process

Veteran spreads holiday cheer while rehabbing elbow injury

BY COLLEEN KANE

Danny Trevathan huddled with a pair of Clearview Elementary School third graders at a cafeteria table in Waukegan and started cracking up as one of them showed him his YouTube channel on Trevathan’s phone.

The Bears inside linebacker is sure to have a lot to think about as the calendar flips to the new year.

He still is recovering from a gruesome elbow injury he suffered less than six weeks ago, and once the season wraps up, he will head into free agency.

But on Tuesday afternoon, Trevathan’s mind was on something else — the kids and 100 pairs of new boots. He helped hand out the boxes of boots wrapped in Christmas paper to the students as the Bears partnered with Kicks 4 the City for one of the team’s many recent holiday community events.

“I always dreamed of giving back,” Trevathan said. “I’m big on that. That’s the way I was raised. Just to see a little kid smile this time of year, that’s what I really signed up for. ... You never know how you can affect a kid.”

Trevathan has stayed around the Bears as he rehabs from the injury that occurred when his elbow bent the wrong way as he was taking down Lions quarterback Jeff Driskel on Nov. 10.

He said “obviously it sucks” to miss the last five games, but he’s also familiar with injury recovery. He went on injured reserve with knee injuries in 2014 with the Broncos and 2016 with the Bears.

“I know it’s a process,” Trevathan said. “It’s all about getting back. I’ve had to work muscles I never knew I had. That’s a good thing about it. I’m right where I need to be, probably even better. I’m taking it day by day and chasing greatness.”

The Bears have a decision to make about their injured players now that they’re out of playoff contention.

They could shut down Trevathan, right tackle Bobby Massie (ankle) and wide receiver Taylor Gabriel (concussion) for the year. Akiem Hicks, who came back from an elbow injury to play through discomfort Sunday against the Packers, acknowledged Tuesday that without the postseason hunt it “changes perspective” on playing again. He said the Bears will make “the smartest move for the team going forward.”

Coach Matt Nagy said the Bears foster “togetherness (in) all that, so we’ll talk through everything and we’ll make sure that it’s the right decision for all parties included. I think that’s the only way to go about it.”

It’s not clear whether a return is even an option for Trevathan, whom the Bears so far have declined to put on injured reserve. He was coy when asked if he would practice again for the Bears this year.

“Gotta wait,” Trevathan said. “You might get it for Christmas.”

While he has been out, Trevathan has helped by advising backups Nick Kwiatkoski and Kevin Pierre-Louis. He said



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Bears’ Danny Trevathan distributes gift bags to students Tuesday at Clearview Elementary in Waukegan.

he is proud of the way they have filled in for him and Roquan Smith, who tore his pectoral muscle two weeks ago against the Cowboys.

“Our linebacker core is honestly the best room I’ve ever been a part of,” Trevathan said. “We take pride in one another and have each others’ backs, and when we’re out there, we’re playing for one another. So when me and Roquan got hurt, guys took it upon themselves to go out there and execute. It’s all about opportunity, and they made the most out of it. I’m proud of those guys, and I’m proud to be a Bear.”

It’s uncertain whether he might be a Bear for much longer.

As far as his upcoming contract situation, Trevathan said he’s focusing on getting through the next two weeks with the Bears before turning his attention to his next move. He signed a four-year, \$28 million contract with the Bears in 2016, and as the Tribune’s Brad Biggs noted, should be seeking one more solid payday ahead of turning 30 in March.

In his eighth NFL season — four with the Broncos, four with the Bears — he had 70 tackles, two for a loss, a sack, a forced fumble and a pass defended in nine games this year. That’s on top of 102 tackles, two sacks and two interceptions over 16 games last year.

The Bears must weigh whether they want to bring him back at the price he’ll command.

“It’s not my first rodeo,” Trevathan said. “I know (free agency) will come. I know I want to be here. I’m a Bear, so that’s all that’s on my mind, is being here and focusing on these last two games for these guys.”

Trevathan earned at least one more fan Tuesday.

Joseph Allen showed Trevathan the YouTube videos, of him talking animatedly, along with his classmate Kayden Abston. He said his favorite Bears player is Mitch Trubisky — so much so that he wanted to turn the games off when Trubisky was hurt earlier this season. But he was pretty excited to meet Trevathan too.

“My dad, he was born when football started, so he’s the most hugest fan of football,” Allen said. “Wait till I get home. I’m telling my dad I met Danny.”

BEARS



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Packers tackles Bryan Bulaga, left, and Billy Turner double-team the Bears' Khalil Mack on Sunday in Green Bay.

Pack silence Mack attack, run game

BY RICH CAMPBELL

The Bears' 21-13 loss to the Packers helped seal their playoff fate Sunday and stamp this season as a colossal disappointment. Instead of taking the next step from last year's NFC North championship, either the Packers or Vikings will reclaim the division throne.

More troubling is the Bears scored only one touchdown on 24 full possessions against the Packers this season. Suddenly, the Bears are back on the wrong side of the chasm that stood between the teams for so long.

Here are four observations from rewatching the game using the Fox telecast and the coaches' film via the NFL Game Pass subscription service.

1. Khalil Mack was too quiet, and the Packers did their part to silence him.

To beat the division leaders on the road in December with your season on the line, stars have to be stars. They have to make game-changing plays, not just affect the game in subtle ways. Mack didn't register in the box score until the Packers' final offensive snap. That left a lot to be desired, especially after the Bears went without a take-away for the fifth game this season.

Mack had chances to make a bigger imprint on the game than his one tackle for a loss. Meanwhile, the Packers made a concerted effort to ensure he didn't.

Mack was on the field for 20 rushes, but only three went anywhere near him. The Packers' determination to avoid him seemed very similar to the Rams' plan of attack on Nov. 17. That's probably not a coincidence — Packers coach Matt LaFleur and Rams coach Sean McVay are good friends dating to their time together on the Redskins staff in the early 2010s.

By my count, Mack had about 20 chances to rush Aaron Rodgers. That total is a bit subjective, accounting for the Packers' quick game, which Rodgers engineers as well as any quarterback in the league. It's an effective way to mitigate a pass rush, and it worked against Mack.

Mack encountered multiple blockers on about half of his pass rushes and was singled up on half. Right tackle Bryan Bulaga deserves special mention for how well he blocked Mack one-on-one. At 6-foot-5, 314 pounds, Bulaga used his length, strength and balance to absorb Mack's bull rushes and anchor against Mack's power.

"He's a damn good player," Bulaga said.

Center Corey Linsley and left tackle David Bakhtiari also won single pass blocks against Mack.

Mack's only stat was a tackle for a loss when Rodgers gave himself up on a bootleg with 1 minute, 27 seconds remaining as the Packers were trying to drain the clock.

"You'd love to be able to see that stat sheet where he's all over it all the time," Nagy said. "I don't know how real that is all the time. Sometimes there are outliers."

Nagy believes, stats aside, players can affect the game in many ways by carrying out their responsibilities within the team concept, ways that might be invisible to people who aren't privy to the design of a play call and the game plan.

"They're running away from you, or they're chipping you, or they're doing some check at the line of scrimmage," Nagy said. "That's going to happen. That's never going to change for the rest of his career. Would we love to be able to see more (stats)? Yeah, but none of it is because of effort or scheme or anything like that. That's just the way it was (Sunday)."



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The Bears' Akiem Hicks had four tackles in his return against the Packers.

Some of those subtle plays include a first-and-10 with 8:09 remaining. Mack lined up with his hand down on the left edge of the defense, and he deliberately rushed with a shallow angle toward the center. His intent was to occupy Bulaga and drag him inside, freeing the edge for blitzing safety Eddie Jackson. It worked — Jackson ended up winning a one-on-one block against running back Aaron Jones and forcing an incompletion.

Mack drew a holding penalty against Bulaga on the ensuing snap. That helped stall the Packers drive and get the ball back for the offense in their comeback attempt.

Mack also forced Rodgers to throw the ball away on a third-and-5 in the second half when the Packers left him unblocked on the edge. Here's guessing their protection scheme was misaligned.

Another detail Mack will get credit for is maintaining his outside rush lane on Nick Kwiatkoski's 11-yard sack that moved the Packers out of field-goal range on the possession after Trubisky's interception.

Rodgers eluded the rush and escaped the pocket several times in the game. We've heard Bears pass rushers over the years discuss the importance of containing Rodgers to the pocket and not letting him extend plays. Well, Mack did that to help Kwiatkoski come up the middle, run over Jones and haul down the quarterback to keep it an eight-point game in the fourth quarter.

Overall, Mack was a contributing member of a defense that limited the Packers to 5 yards per play, their fifth-lowest average this season. But his performance wasn't up to his playmaking standard, and he probably would be the first to say that.

2. Akiem Hicks with one good arm is better than many players with two.

The Pro Bowl defensive lineman made his presence felt in his return from a grotesque left elbow injury. The rust was evident at times in his pad level or the suddenness of his movements. But Hicks still was credited with four tackles and two hits on Rodgers.

Hicks flashed his elite trait — power — and was dogged in pursuit of the ball. He brought energy to the defense. And that's to say nothing of his toughness and pain tolerance, which were tested on the multiple occasions he came out of the game, only to return. Hicks described the painful feeling of bones in his arm moving unnaturally while in the game.

"He was unbelievable," Nagy said. "I thought he played lights out. Even all the stuff, fighting through the aggravations of the injury throughout the game, the way he played and the plays he made (Sunday), that was fun. We missed that. That was fun to watch."

3. The Bears rushing attack regressed against one of the NFL's worst run defenses.

Coach Matt Nagy made it clear Monday this was the Bears' biggest problem, more detrimental than quarterback Mitch Trubisky's inconsistency throwing the ball.

The Packers entered Week 15 allowing 4.7 yards per carry, sixth worst in the NFL. But the Bears averaged only 2.4 yards on 15 designed runs before the Packers took a 21-3 lead in the third quarter, at which time the Bears were forced to play catch-up through the air.

A disappointing detail within that mealy output: The Packers had at least five defensive backs on the field for each of those 15 runs. Defensive coordinator Mike Pettine was so confident in his unit's ability to beat the Bears' run blockers that they played with a fifth or sixth DB in place of a lineman or linebacker.

That's Pettine's approach in a lot of games. He prioritizes defending the pass, so the Packers will play with three safeties and do their best to stop the run. But as the rankings show, it doesn't work very well. That is, until Sunday. And in Week 1 against the Bears.

Nagy cited poor execution on some runs and poor play-calling on others.

Of the Bears' 15 runs before the three-score deficit, only three gained more than 3 yards. Only two were with Trubisky under center, while 13 came out of the shotgun. The Bears didn't use the I-formation on any. The Packers generally controlled the line of scrimmage despite light fronts, and they pushed around Bears blockers.

The collective failure was a nightmarish flashback to earlier this season.

Tarik Cohen lost 3 yards on the first carry of the game when nose tackle Kenny Clark swam past inside left guard James Daniels. Daniels wanted to pin Clark inside, while center Cody Whitehair pulled behind him as a lead blocker for Cohen. But Clark pushed Daniels back into Whitehair, and the collision caused Daniels to lose his leverage. Clark dragged Cohen down by the jersey in the backfield.

On the third series, the Packers held the Bears to no gain on runs on second-and-4 and third-and-4. On both, they used a big-nickel personnel grouping with three linemen and one inside linebacker (instead of two linemen and two inside backers).

On second down, Clark occupied a double team, which enabled inside linebacker Blake Martinez to flow to the ball. Lineman Tyler Lancaster extended his arms against Bears right guard Rashad Coward, then shed Coward's block to help Martinez make the tackle.

On third down, the Bears appeared to run it as part of a run-pass option. Right tackle Cornelius Lucas and Coward were stood up and pushed back at the point of attack.

NFL POWER RANKINGS

Saints, Chiefs move up

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune



1. Ravens 12-2 (last week: 1): Lamar Jackson likely sealed up the MVP last week. Playing with a quad injury, he threw five TD passes and rushed for 86 yards.



2. Saints 11-3 (3): Drew Brees moved past Peyton Manning as the NFL's all-time leader in passing TDs on Monday. He has 541 TD passes, two more than Manning.



3. Chiefs 10-4 (4): The Chiefs are starting to roll at the right time. They've won four straight, including Sunday's 23-3 rout of the Broncos in a driving snowstorm.



4. 49ers 11-3 (2): Conventional wisdom was the 49ers were due for a letdown after a grueling three-game stretch. It came in the form of a stunning loss to the Falcons.



5. Seahawks 11-3 (6): With Rashaad Penny out for the season, Chris Carson carried the load against the Panthers. He ran for 133 yards and two TDs in the win.



6. Patriots 11-3 (7): The Patriots bounced back from a home loss to the Chiefs by blowing out the Bengals in Cincinnati. Still, Julian Edelman's injury is a concern.



7. Packers 11-3 (5): Despite their record, there are questions about how good the Packers are and there are doubts about the team's viability in the postseason.



8. Vikings 10-4 (8): Running back Dalvin Cook is banged up, and that's concerning as the Vikings prepare for an NFC North showdown against the Packers on Monday.



9. Bills 10-4 (11): The Bills have taken full advantage of a weak schedule, but they managed to beat a solid team in the Steelers to secure a trip to the postseason.



10. Texans 9-5 (12): The seesaw Texans bounced back from an embarrassing home loss to the Broncos by beating the Titans to take the lead in the AFC South.



11. Titans 8-6 (9): The Titans were in hot pursuit of the Texans, but it's unlikely they will catch them for the division title. The Titans still can make a run at a wild card.



12. Steelers 8-6 (13): The Steelers lost for just the second time in the last nine games. They currently hold the No. 6 seed in the AFC playoffs, but it's tenuous.



13. Cowboys 7-7 (15): The Cowboys ended a three-game skid with a rout of the Rams, giving them some momentum as they prepare for a showdown with the Eagles.



14. Rams 8-6 (10): Just when you thought the Rams might be figuring things out, they showed the kind of inconsistencies against the Cowboys that have marred this season.



15. Buccaneers 7-7 (16): There's no carryover from one NFL season to the next, but the Bucs can enter the offseason with some momentum and confidence.



16. Eagles 7-7 (17): The Eagles rallied to beat the Redskins on the road and can take a big step toward winning the NFC East with a home win over the Cowboys.



17. Bears 7-7 (14): The offense got rolling at Lambeau after the Bears trailed 21-3, but it was too little, too late. The offense has been wildly inconsistent all season.



18. Falcons 5-9 (24): The Falcons won for the fourth time in their last six games. And some are wondering if coach Dan Quinn has a chance to save his job.



19. Jaguars 5-9 (27): It will be interesting to see how young QB Gardner Minshew is viewed after what is expected to be a change in leadership for the franchise.



20. Colts 6-8 (20): The Colts' second-half fade continues as they were manhandled by the Saints. The offense got nothing going in the team's fifth loss in six games.



21. Broncos 5-9 (19): Another long season has taken a toll on Von Miller, the Broncos' best player, and that bubbled to the surface after their road loss to the Chiefs.



22. Browns 6-8 (18): Another ugly loss for the Browns and another sign that coach Freddie Kitchens will be one and done. He got into a sideline spat with Jarvis Landry.



23. Chargers 5-9 (21): Philip Rivers had four interceptions against the Vikings, giving him 18 — three shy of his career high. He's in the final year of his contract.



24. Raiders 6-8 (22): Fans in Oakland feel jilted with owner Mark Davis taking the team to Las Vegas, and that clearly led to the outpouring of anger after Sunday's loss.



25. Cardinals 4-9-1 (28): The Cardinals' six-game skid ended as QB Kyler Murray outduelled ex-Oklahoma teammate and fellow Heisman winner Baker Mayfield.



26. Jets 5-9 (23): After winning four of their previous five games, the Jets ran into an opponent they couldn't stay close with, falling to the Ravens 42-21 on Thursday.



27. Panthers 5-9 (25): The Panthers reportedly will turn to rookie Will Grier at QB for the final two games after Kyle Allen struggled again in a loss to the Seahawks.



28. Giants 3-11 (31): In what could have been his final home start, Eli Manning walked off the field a winner after a big second half against the Dolphins.



29. Dolphins 3-11 (26): The Dolphins have churned the roster all season — they've had 80 players on their 53-man roster at some point. That's evidence of a big rebuild.



30. Redskins 3-11 (29): Urban Meyer showed up at FedEx Field to watch the Redskins on Sunday, which sparked rumors he could be the team's next coach.



31. Lions 3-10-1 (30): The Lions lost for the seventh straight time Sunday as their defense was shredded by Jameis Winston and the red-hot Bucs.



32. Bengals 1-13 (32): The Bengals can lock up the No. 1 pick with a loss to the Dolphins. It's likely they'll choose Heisman winner and Ohio native Joe Burrow.

SPORTS

NFL NOTES

GM, Patricia will remain in Detroit

Associated Press

The Lions are sticking with their leaders in the front office and on the field, hoping continuity helps the franchise have success that has been elusive for several decades.

The Lions announced that general manager Bob Quinn and coach Matt Patricia will be retained for the 2020 season and suddenly ended speculation about their plans with them.

"I'm always appreciative when things like this come out," Patricia acknowledged Tuesday.

The decisions to keep Quinn and Patricia was made on a day off for players, but it didn't take them long to hear the news.

"It's good for them that they'll have another year to prove what they're all about," Lions offensive guard Graham Glasgow said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "The amount of people who got hurt this year didn't help our cause."

Most significantly, the Lions have been without injured quarterback Matthew Stafford for six games and they won't have him back until next season.

The Lions (3-10-1) have lost seven in a row — for the first time in seven years — and 10 of 11 games after a 2-0-1 start.

Hodges will start: The Steelers are sticking with rookie quarterback Devlin "Duck" Hodges.

Coach Mike Tomlin said that Hodges will make his fourth straight start Sunday when the Steelers (8-6) visit the Jets (5-9). Hodges threw four interceptions in a 17-10 loss to the Bills last weekend, including picks on each of the Steelers' final two drives. Tomlin said the undrafted rookie free agent — who's 3-1 as a starter — had earned the right to bounce back.

"It's reasonable to expect him to learn from those negative experiences," Tomlin said.

Broncos' Jackson gets ban: The NFL suspended Broncos safety Kareem Jackson for the final two regular season games for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

Jackson was arrested Sept. 19 on suspicion of driving under the influence. He pleaded guilty Monday to one count of driving while alcohol impaired, according to the Denver district attorney's office. He was sentenced to 12 months of supervised probation, 24 hours of public service and participation with Mothers Against Drunk Driving's victim impact panel.

Bears

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In the official fan voting that ended last week, Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson was the leading vote-getter by a wide margin, amassing 704,699 votes, well ahead of Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson (539,768) and Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (468,838).

Jackson was one of 12 Ravens named to the Pro Bowl. The Ravens became just the third team in league history to have at least a dozen players selected to the game, joining the 2007 Cowboys (13) and 1973 Dolphins (12).

Last year the Bears had five players, including four defenders who were named to the Pro Bowl at the initial announcement. It was a fitting reward for a team that had surprised the league with a 12-4 run to the NFC North championship. The production of Mack, Jackson, Fuller, Cohen and defensive lineman Akiem Hicks was properly recognized at the end of the 2018 season.

Quarterback Mitch Trubisky and offensive linemen Charles Leno and Cody Whitehair, meanwhile, were later selected to play in the game as alternates.

This season has been a much different story, however, a year in which the Bears offense has struggled mightily while the defense's game-changing production has also dipped.

While still ranking third in the NFL in scoring defense this season (18.1 ppg) and eighth in total yardage allowed (324 ypg), the Bears have only 31 sacks and 16 takeaways. A year ago, the Bears had an NFL-best 36 takeaways while leading the NFC with 50 sacks.

Still, the respect that Mack and Jackson have earned is evident in their selection Tuesday to the Pro Bowl.

Receiver Allen Robinson, meanwhile, seemed like a logical candidate to at least earn alternate status as he finishes a season in which he has recorded 83 catches, 1,023 yards and seven touchdowns through 14 games.

But among NFC receivers, Robinson's receptions, yards and touchdowns totals rank fourth, 10th and ninth respectively. The receivers selected Tuesday to the NFC team were Julio Jones of the Falcons, Michael Thomas of the Saints and the Buccaneers duo of Mike Evans and Chris Godwin.

The choices at outside linebacker in the NFC were Mack, Chandler Jones of the Cardinals and Shaquil Barrett of the Buccaneers. The NFC safeties are Jackson, Harrison Smith of the Vikings and Budda Baker of the Cardinals.

The Pro Bowl will be played Jan. 26 at Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Fla.



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Blackhawks left wing Dominik Kubalik goes after the puck during a game against the Hurricanes on Nov. 19.

Kubalik leads group of kids with potential

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

The way the Blackhawks were constructed in the offseason, it's a bit odd that they have been using six rookies on most nights recently. But here we are.

Injuries have played a big role in why Adam Boqvist, Dennis Gilbert and Matthew Highmore have joined forwards Dominik Kubalik, Kirby Dach and Alex Nylander over the last couple of weeks.

Here's a ranking of the six rookies on the roster based on their performance.

1. Dominik Kubalik

Kubalik, 24, is a rookie only because NHL eligibility rules say so. He played in more than 300 games professionally in Europe before signing with the Hawks in March.

The transition to the NHL hasn't been completely smooth, but he easily has been the best of the Hawks rookies. Kubalik has eight goals and five assists in 32 games while not getting much time on the power play.

At 5-on-5, Kubalik's success is even more apparent. He's 15th on the team in ice time yet has the third-most goals (six) and is tied for fourth with Jonathan Toews with 58 shots on goal despite playing more than 100 fewer minutes.

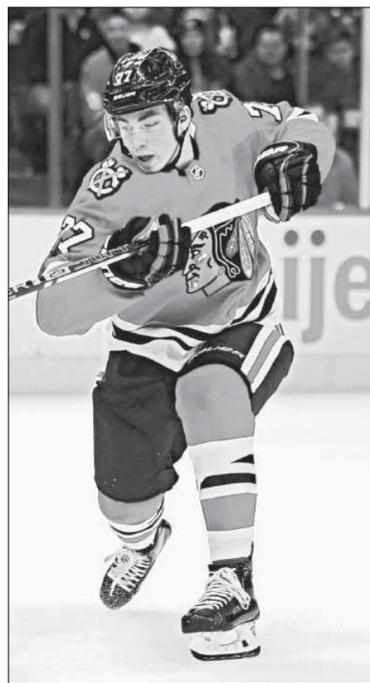
■ **Looking ahead:** Kubalik's ice time has increased the last five games, including a season-high 15 minutes, 24 seconds against the Golden Knights last week. If he doesn't get fatigued from playing an 82-game season for the first time, he has an excellent shot at reaching 20 goals and 40 points.

2. Kirby Dach

The No. 3 pick in June has been just about what you'd expect from an 18-year-old who arrived with big expectations. His enormous talent is evident from time to time, but he has been inconsistent for the most part.

Over five games in mid-November, Dach had four goals and three assists and appeared to be ready to break out. But he hasn't registered a point over his last 13 games while putting only 17 shots on net. He has five goals and five assists in 28 games after missing the start of the season with a concussion.

■ **Looking ahead:** Once Dach adjusts to the speed of the NHL and stops trying to force plays that used to work for him in junior hockey, he'll start to shine on a nightly basis.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Blackhawks rookie center Kirby Dach had a strong start, but he has gone without a point in the last 13 games.

3. Dennis Gilbert

The defenseman's physical play has opened eyes and helped him overtake Slater Koekkoek on the depth chart since playing in seven straight games after his latest call-up from Rockford. Gilbert, 23, has done nothing but improve his stock and shown he has a future in the NHL.

Whether going after the Coyotes' Jason Demers when he boarded Alex DeBrincat was the right time and place, it was a moment to remember and won Gilbert accolades from the coaching staff and in the locker room.

There have been learning moments — such as when he went to the corner to help and left the slot open on a tying goal against the Bruins — but rookies tend to make mistakes.

■ **Looking ahead:** With Calvin de Haan (right shoulder) possibly out for the season, Gilbert could have a consistent spot in the lineup even with Duncan Keith's impending return.

4. Alex Nylander

When Nylander, 21, scored twice in his first three games, it appeared he was on his way to proving the Hawks were smart in acquiring him from the Sabres last summer for defenseman Henri Jokiharju.

But the wisdom of that trade is very much up in the air. Nylander has two goals in his last 30 games — both during garbage time in a blowout win against the Predators — and has only one more goal than Jokiharju, who is not known for being an offensive defenseman.

Nylander's mistakes tend to draw attention, but he has the support of coach Jeremy Colliton and hasn't been a healthy scratch since the third game of the season.

■ **Looking ahead:** The Hawks are still enamored with Nylander's talent, and he should keep getting opportunities to prove he can be an impact player.

5. Adam Boqvist

The Hawks' top pick in the 2018 draft is still very much a work in progress. At 19, it wouldn't be fair to expect Boqvist to be an effective NHL defenseman immediately — and he isn't yet.

After a six-game stint in November in which he scored his first NHL goal, Boqvist was called up again from Rockford as insurance when Olli Maatta had an illness and stuck around after de Haan's injury.

Boqvist is averaging just 15:25 of ice time, and the Hawks aren't asking him to do too much, which is probably wise. He's a minus-4 and has one assist since in four games since being recalled.

■ **Looking ahead:** Boqvist could be headed back to Rockford when Keith comes off injured reserve. He has played 10 games, burning the first year of his entry-level contract, but if the Hawks keep Boqvist under 40 games this season, they would put off him becoming an unrestricted free agent for another season.

6. Matthew Highmore

The Hawks have had a rotating group of forwards going back and forth between Chicago and Rockford, and none has stood out.

Highmore, 23, hasn't found the score-sheet while averaging 9:39 of ice time and putting two shots on goal in five games.

■ **Looking ahead:** The Hawks seem to like Highmore, but he is purely a reserve and doesn't have a safe spot in the lineup.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tar Heels point guard Anthony out 4-6 weeks

News services

North Carolina star freshman point guard Cole Anthony is expected to miss four to six weeks after having arthroscopic knee surgery.

The school says Anthony had the procedure Monday to treat a partially torn meniscus in his right knee. He had missed Sunday's loss to Wofford due to the injury, with UNC saying then that he was out indefinitely as treatment options were being evaluated.

Widely regarded as a potential NBA lottery pick if he enters the draft after one season, Anthony is averaging 19.1 points to rank second nationally among freshmen and has been the Tar Heels' best player at creating his own shot. He led the team in scoring in six of his nine games this season, starting when he had 34 points against Notre Dame for the most points ever by an Atlantic Coast Conference freshman in his first game.

Anthony is also averaging 6.3 rebounds and 3.6 assists, though he's shooting 36.8% from the field.

The Tar Heels (6-4) are unranked for the first time since February 2014 after three straight losses. They visit No. 2 Gonzaga on Wednesday night before facing UCLA on Saturday in Las Vegas for the CBS Sports Classic.

■ **NCAA rules on Coach K violation:** The NCAA accepted Duke's self-reporting of a Level III violation committed by coach Mike Krzyzewski last month and the matter is resolved, The Raleigh News & Observer reported Tuesday.

The Hall of Fame coach violated an NCAA rule Nov. 8 by mentioning DJ Steward, a Chicago prep basketball star who had committed to play for the Blue Devils. Steward had yet to sign his National Letter of Intent at that time.

During a news conference following Duke's 89-55 win over Colorado State at

Cameron Indoor Stadium, Krzyzewski, a Chicago native, was asked about recruiting in his hometown.

"I just enjoy recruiting anywhere there's a good player, great kid who wants to come to Duke," Krzyzewski said. "We've had a few of those in Chicago, one that's there right now in DJ, and we're happy that they stopped the teacher's strike so he could go to Whitney Young and qualify to come here, although he's qualified. Chicago's a great town and I always love going back."

NCAA bylaw 13.10.2.1 allows a member institution to comment publicly "only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete."

■ **Powell out indefinitely:** Seton Hall star guard Myles Powell has been ruled out indefinitely, the school announced Tuesday.

Powell suffered a concussion during the first half of the Pirates' 68-48 loss to in-state rival Rutgers on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	20	8	.714	-
Boston	17	7	.708	1
Toronto	18	8	.692	1
Brooklyn	15	12	.556	4½
New York	7	21	.250	13

SOUTHEAST

Miami	19	8	.704	-
Orlando	12	15	.444	7
Charlotte	13	17	.433	7½
Washington	8	17	.320	10
Atlanta	6	22	.214	13½

CENTRAL

Milwaukee	24	4	.857	-
Indiana	19	9	.679	5
Detroit	11	16	.407	12½
Chicago	10	19	.345	14½
Cleveland	6	21	.222	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST

W	L	PCT	GB	
Dallas	18	8	.692	-
Houston	18	9	.667	½
San Antonio	10	16	.385	8
Memphis	10	17	.370	8½
New Orleans	6	22	.214	13

NORTHWEST

Denver	17	8	.680	-
Utah	16	11	.593	2
Oklahoma City	12	14	.462	5½
Portland	11	16	.407	7
Minnesota	10	15	.400	7

PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	24	4	.857	-
L.A. Clippers	21	8	.724	3½
Sacramento	12	15	.444	11½
Phoenix	11	16	.407	12½
Golden State	5	23	.179	19

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Charlotte 110, Sacramento 102
Indiana 105, L.A. Lakers 102
New York 143, Atlanta 120
Brooklyn 108, New Orleans 101, OT
Utah 109, Orlando 102
L.A. Clippers 120, Phoenix 99
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Charlotte at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 6 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Denver, 8 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 9 p.m.

KNICKS 143, HAWKS 120

ATLANTA: Hunter 8-19 3-4 19, Parker 4-9 2-210, Jones 0-1-2-22, Young 16-29 3-4-42, Huertler 5-14 2-3 14, Reddish 3-8 2-2 9, Fernando 0-0 0-0 0, Len 4-5 0-0 9, Crabbe 0-4 0-0 0, Bembry 0-1 0-0 0, Carter 5-9 1-3 15. Totals 45-99 15-20 120.
NEW YORK: Morris Sr. 6-11 7-22, Randle 7-15 3-4 17, Gibson 1-2 0-0 2, Ntilikina 1-2 0-0 3, Barrett 10-13 5-8-27, Knox 11 7-14 0 17, Portis 4-7 1-2 11, Robinson 9-13 4-4 22, Payton 2-7 1-2 5, Smith Jr. 3-5 1-2 8, Dotson 3-6 2-2 9. Totals 53-95 24-31 143.

Atlanta	27	26	31	36	-120
New York	41	36	32	34	-143

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 15-43 (Young 7-13, Carter 4-7, Huertler 2-7, Len 1-2, Reddish 1-3, Crabbe 0-3, Parker 0-3, Hunter 0-5), New York 13-28 (Morris Sr. 3-5, Knox 11-9, Barrett 2-3, Portis 2-4, Ntilikina 1-1, Smith Jr. 1-2, Dotson 1-3, Randle 0-1). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Atlanta 36 (Hunter, Parker, Len 5), New York 55 (Robinson 13). **Assists**—Atlanta 20 (Young 8), New York 30 (Payton 9). **Total Fouls**—Atlanta 21, New York 21. **Technical**—Randle, A.—18, 268 (19, 812).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	21	7	4	99	118	90
Buffalo	16	12	7	39	110	108
Montreal	16	12	6	38	108	108
Toronto	17	14	4	38	115	112
Tampa Bay	17	12	3	37	114	103
Florida	16	12	5	37	115	109
Ottawa	14	18	3	31	94	113
Detroit	9	24	3	21	79	141

METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	24	6	5	53	125	100
N.Y. Islanders	22	8	2	46	95	80
Carolina	21	11	2	44	113	89
Pittsburgh	20	10	4	44	114	90
Philadelphia	18	11	5	41	105	100
N.Y. Rangers	16	13	4	36	105	106
Columbus	14	14	6	34	87	101
New Jersey	10	17	5	25	77	115

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
St. Louis	21	8	6	48	107	95
Colorado	21	9	3	45	119	91
Winnipeg	20	12	2	42	104	97
Dallas	19	12	4	42	91	82
Nashville	16	12	3	37	115	106
Minnesota	16	14	5	37	107	115
Chicago	13	15	6	32	94	110

PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Arizona	20	12	4	44	100	86
Vegas	19	13	5	43	112	85
Edmonton	19	13	4	42	108	110
Calgary	18	14	4	40	96	108
Vancouver	16	15	4	36	111	108
San Jose	16	12	3	34	98	125
Los Angeles	15	18	3	33	94	114
Anaheim	14	16	4	32	88	101

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Tampa Bay 4, Ottawa 3, OT
Toronto 5, Buffalo 3
Los Angeles 4, Boston 3, OT
Nashville 8, N.Y. Islanders 3
Philadelphia 4, Anaheim 1
Columbus 5, Detroit 3
Carolina 6, Winnipeg 3
Pittsburgh 4, Calgary 1
Montreal 3, Vancouver 1
Vegas 3, Minnesota 2
Arizona 3, San Jose 2
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Anaheim at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.
Vegas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

LIGHTNING 4, SENATORS 3 (OT)

Ottawa	1	2	0	0	-3
Tampa Bay	2	1	1	1	4

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Tampa Bay, Kucherov 11, 7:27, 2, Ottawa, Borowiecki 3 (Tierney, Námestnikov), 11:05, 3, Tampa Bay, Paquette 4 (Maroon, Gourde), 17:22.
Penalties: None.

SECOND PERIOD: 4, Tampa Bay, Point 13 (Stankovs), 3:32, 5, Ottawa, C. Brown 6 (Branstrom, Tierney), 4:01, 6, Ottawa, Duclair 19, 15:46. **Penalties:** Vasilevsky 17, served by Stankovs, (tripping), 1:23; Tampa Bay bench, served by Verhaeghe (too many men on the ice), 16:32; Tkachuk, OTT, (interference), 17:11.

THIRD PERIOD: None. **Penalties:** Stankovs, TB, major (high sticking), 9:51.

OVERTIME: 7, Tampa Bay, Cirelli 7 (Point), 4:41. **Penalties:** None.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Ottawa 11-8-7-2—28. Tampa Bay 12-14-9-5—40.

POWER PLAYS: Ottawa 0 of 4; Tampa Bay 0 of 1.

GOALIES: Ottawa, Hogberg 0-1-1 (40 shots-36 saves). Tampa Bay, Vasilevsky 14-9-1 (28-25).
A: 19,092 (19,092). **T:** 2:31.

TENNIS

WTA OPEN BLS DE LIMOGES

R1 at Limoges, France; indoor-hard

#3 Alison Van Uytvanck d. Sara Sorribes Tormo, 6-4, 6-4

#4 Jennifer Brady d. Kalina Kanepi, 6-2, 6-3

#6 Anna Blinkova d. Natalia Vikhlyantseva, 6-3, 7-5

#8 Bernarda Pera d. Chloe Paquet, 6-3, 6-2

Aliaksandra Sasnovich d. Isabella Shinikova, 6-2, 6-1

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Kansas (9-1) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Villanova, Saturday.
2. Gonzaga (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Wednesday.
3. Louisville (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Miami (Ohio), Wednesday.
4. Duke (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Woford, Thursday.
5. Ohio State (10-1) beat Southeast Missouri 80-48 State. Next: at No. 6 Kentucky, Saturday.
6. Kentucky (8-1) did not play vs. Utah, Wednesday.
7. Maryland (10-1) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Thursday.
8. Oregon (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Montana, Wednesday.
9. Virginia (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Stony Brook, Wednesday.
10. Baylor (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. UT Martin, Wednesday.
11. Memphis (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Jacksonville State, Saturday.
12. Auburn (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Thursday.
13. Dayton (9-1) beat North Texas 71-58. Next: vs. Colorado, Saturday
14. Michigan (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. Presbyterian, Saturday.
15. Michigan State (7-3) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday.
16. Arizona (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Saturday.
17. Butler (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.
18. Villanova (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Kansas, Saturday.
19. Florida State (9-2) beat North Florida 98-81. Next: vs. South Florida, Saturday.
20. San Diego State (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego Christian, Wed.
21. Tennessee (7-2) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Wednesday.
22. Washington (8-2) beat Seattle 81-59. Next: vs. Ball State, Sunday.
23. Penn State (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. CCSU, Friday.
24. Texas Tech (7-3) did not play. Next: vs. UT Rio Grande Valley, Saturday.
25. West Virginia (9-1) did not play. Next: at Youngstown State, Saturday.

TUESDAY'S SCORES

EAST

American U, 82, Mt. St. Mary's 76
Florida 83, Providence 51
Georgetown 81, UMBEC 55
Manhattanville 72, York (NY) 71
Princeton 90, Iona 86, OT
Robert Morris 83, Cent. Michigan 79

SOUTH

Austin Peay 80, McKendree 61
Campbell 60, Elon 46
E. Carolina 71, Md.-E. Shore 57
Kent St. 85, NC A&T 71
Lipscomb 78, Tennessee Tech 60
Louisiana College 91, Loyola NO 84
La. Tech 69, NC Cent. 60
UAB 63, N. Alabama 56
UNC Asheville 78, Stetson 76
Winthrop 93, SIU-Edwardsville 73

MIDWEST

Clarke 105, Briar Cliff 86
Dayton 71, N. Texas 58
Drake 92, Mt. Marty 74
E. Michigan 60, Northeastern 55
Marquette 93, Grambling St. 72
N. Dakota 109, Northland 50
Oral Roberts 97, Chicago St. 59
Saint Louis 82, Maryville (Mo.) 69
UMKC 72, Toledo 57
Wright St. 92, MVSU 50

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Stanford (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Tennessee, Wednesday.
2. UConn (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Sunday.
3. Oregon (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
4. Oregon State (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Northern Arizona, Wednesday.
5. South Carolina (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Duke, Thursday.
6. Louisville (10-1) did not play. Next: at UT Martin, Thursday.
7. Baylor (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas State, Wednesday.
8. Florida State (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. North Florida, Wednesday.
9. N.C. State (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Chattanooga, Thursday.
10. UCLA (9-0) did not play. Next: at Georgia, Thursday.
11. Texas A&M (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Friday.
12. Indiana (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 UCLA, Sunday.
13. Maryland (8-2) did not play. Next: at Georgia State, Wednesday.
14. Kentucky (10-1) did not play. Next: at California, Saturday.
15. Mississippi State (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. South Florida, Thursday.
16. DePaul (2-2) did not play. Next: at Loyola of Chicago, Friday.
17. Gonzaga (10-1) beat Wyoming 65-54. Next: vs. No. 20 Missouri St., Fri.
18. Arizona (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. UC Santa Barbara, Saturday.
19. Michigan State (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Friday.
20. Missouri State (9-1) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Gonzaga, Friday.
21. Arkansas (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Little Rock, Saturday.
22. West Virginia (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Michigan State, Saturday.
23. Tennessee (8-1) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Stanford, Wednesday.
24. Michigan (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Florida State, Sunday.
25. South Dakota (12-1) did not play. Next: at No. 5 South Carolina, Sunday.

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FCS SATURDAY'S SEMIFINALS

Montana St. (11-3) at North Dakota State (14-0), 1 p.m.
Weber State (11-3) at James Madison (13-1), 5:30 p.m.

NCAA DIVISION II SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP

in McKinney, Texas
Minnesota State (14-0) vs. West Florida (12-2), 2 p.m.

NCAA DIVISION III FRIDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP

in Shenandoah, Texas
North Central (Ill.) (13-1) vs. Wis.-Whitewater (13-1), 7 p.m.

UPCOMING BOWL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Bahamas: Buffalo (7-5) vs. Charlotte (7-5), 1 p.m. (Nassau)
Frisco (Texas): Utah State (7-5) vs. Kent State (6-9), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY
Celebration: NC A&T (8-3) vs. Alcorn State (9-3), 11am (Atlanta)
New Mexico: Cent. Mich. (8-5) vs. San Diego St. (9-3), 1 p.m. (Albuquerque)
Cure: Liberty (7-5) vs. Georgia Southern (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (Orlando)
Boca Raton (Fla.): SMU (10-2) vs. FAU (10-3), 2:30 p.m.
Camellia: FIU (6-6) vs. Arkansas State (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (Montgomery, Ala.)
Las Vegas: Boise State (12-1) vs. Washington (7-5), 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans: UAB (9-4) vs. Appalachian State (12-1), 8 p.m.
MONDAY
Gasparilla: UCF (9-3) vs. Marshall (8-4), 1:30 p.m. (Tampa, Fla.)
TUESDAY, DEC. 24
Hawaii: BYU (7-5) vs. Hawaii (9-5), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY, DEC. 26
Independence: Miami (6-6) vs. Louisiana Tech (9-3), 3 p.m. (Shreveport, La.)
Quick Lane: Pittsburgh (7-5) vs. Eastern Michigan (6-6), 7 p.m. (Detroit)
FRIDAY, DEC. 27
Military: North Carolina (6-6) vs. Temple (8-4), 11am (Annapolis, Md.)
Pinstrip: Wake Forest (8-4) vs. Michigan St. (6-6), 2:20 p.m. (New York City)
Texas: Oklahoma State (8-4) vs. Texas A&M (7-5), 5:45 p.m. (Houston)
Holiday: Iowa (9-3) vs. USC (8-4), 7 p.m. (San Diego)
Cheez-It: Air Force (10-2) vs. Washington State (6-6), 9:15 p.m. (Phoenix)

NFL

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
x-New England	11	3	0	.786	372	181	5-1-0	6-2-0	7-3-0	4-0-0	4-0-0
x-Buffalo	10	4	0	.714	291	222	4-3-0	6-1-0	7-3-0	3-1-0	3-1-0
N.Y. Jets	5	9	0	.357	247	343	4-3-0	1-6-0	2-8-0	3-1-0	1-4-0
Miami	3	11	0	.214	241	435	2-5-0	1-6-0	2-8-0	1-3-0	1-4-0

SOUTH

W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV	
Houston	9	5	0	.643	341	330	5-2-0	4-3-0	8-3-0	1-2-0	4-1-0
Tennessee	8	6	0	.571	339	279	4-3-0	4-3-0	6-5-0	2-1-0	2-3-0
Indianapolis	6	8	0	.429							

COLLEGES

As commissioner, Delany's moves were big and bold

Delany, from Page 1

We haven't even gotten to some of Delany's other signature moves, such as pioneering instant replay and bowl tie-ins, helping to create the Big Ten-ACC Challenge and the Gavitt Tipoff Games, pushing and sometimes relenting on Friday night football games, adding Johns Hopkins for men's lacrosse and Notre Dame for men's hockey.

"No risk, no reward, no guts, no glory," Delany said during the opening stretch of an 80-minute interview at Big Ten headquarters in Rosemont.

Here are 10 takeaways from the interview:

1. Jim Delany, 71, is ready to bounce.

Asked if he felt melancholy as he walked off the field in Indianapolis, Delany replied: "Not at all. Some people go 20 or 25 years. I've had the chance to go 30 and could have gotten longer. I told our presidents in '13: I'll go to '15. In '15 I said I'll go '18. At '18 I'll go to '20."

"I just had a sense that this was a good time. I can't tell you why that's the case. I don't want there to be confusion between Jim Delany, the commissioner, and the Big Ten Conference. The Big Ten is the Big Ten. It predated me by 90 years and it will postdate me by 100 years."

"I've had a chance to be impactful. I love working with the people I've worked with. Once I decided, the next decision was whether I'd try to influence the search process. I was adamant about that. Nobody influenced the search process when I was hired and I shouldn't try to influence it."

2. He feels bullish about his successor.

The Big Ten's transition to Kevin Warren began Sept. 16, and the former Minnesota Vikings executive already has developed a fantastic reputation in the building — friendly, inclusive and quick to pick up lunch tabs.

Although his first day marked a momentous occasion in college sports given that he's the first African-American commissioner of a Power Five conference, Big Ten officials strangely have kept him out of public view.

Warren has made no public comments or appearances since his introductory news conference in June. Conference officials have taken it to such extremes that last week after I asked for permission to say hello and shake his hand, the request was denied.

Warren has been meeting with key figures that orbit the Big Ten — TV partners, bowl officials, commissioners from other conferences. He is getting to know presidents and chancellors.

"He is ready," Delany said.

The simplest way to describe his task?

"Our job as a commissioner is to identify problems and potential solutions and then to rally support for those solutions," Delany said. "If there's no support for those solutions, we don't do it."

3. His tenure was marked by bold moves.

"If you don't venture out," Delany said, "you never gain anything. I don't want to go back and read all the articles about (criticism for) the Big Ten Network or instant replay or expansion. You have to do what you think is right. And if you make mistakes, you course correct or you double down."

Take expansion. The Big Ten added Nebraska in 2011 and achieved the right number of teams for a conference title game. But Delany wanted to go bigger.

"We had a tremendous competitive advantage for 50 or 75 years demographically, but when other conferences got larger, our advantage was mitigated," he said. "If you look at simple demographics, through 2030-2040 (the Midwest is) growing at 1 to 1.5%. (Another conference) might be 3.5 to 4%. You can't move this operation to Arizona. But you can move it to the East Coast because it's contiguous, and you have major research institutions."

OK, but haven't the 2014 additions of Rutgers and Maryland been a flop? The two were dismal this fall, combining to go 1-17 in Big Ten play (someone had to win their matchup) and were outscored 731-195. And with rampant cord cutting among millennials, isn't the quality of content more important than market size?

Delany wouldn't budge, saying: "My view is that it's absolutely the right decision and absolutely the right place for us to be. I expect that Maryland will continue to be competitive in a lot of sports. Rutgers' hiring of Schiano is a bold stroke."

"I don't think people should evaluate this in the short term. But in a 25-year or 50-year period, I think they're going to be very competitive. They are added value. And if the Big Ten had stayed at 10 and not taken on any of the risk associated with expansion, we probably would be tied for the fourth-largest conference."

"Rutgers is a fabulous institution, as is Maryland. And the corridor they occupy with Penn State might be the most important in the Western world — great students, political institutions, financial institutions. So we're not only recruiting students to play basketball but students overall."



4. He wishes to return to the Big Apple.

The New Jersey native who played for North Carolina's Dean Smith reveres Madison Square Garden. He spearheaded the decision to move the 2018 Big Ten men's basketball tournament there even though teams had to play a condensed schedule with the Big East having dibs on the second weekend in March.

"It was debated and decided," Delany said. "I thought it was the right thing to do because it was part of something much larger, our Eastern initiative. I mean, (Johns) Hopkins doesn't (join) by happenstance. We couldn't get to New York except a week earlier. We have an office there."

"While it was painful to jam so many games into such a short period of time, the tournament itself was successful. We sold out a variety of sessions. The players and coaches loved it. It's a piece of history for the Big Ten. And even though Madison Square Garden has extended (the Big East Tournament) through 2026, our next extension should leave that possibility open (for a return)."

5. He expresses few regrets.

I asked the golf nut to name something for which he would take a mulligan. Delany paused 12 seconds before answering that in his first year, he didn't collaborate properly with university athletic directors and faculty members regarding Penn State's integration: "That hurt me in my ability to build trust."

Hmmm ... he wouldn't take back the "open letter" he wrote in 2017 after Florida spanked Ohio State in the BCS title game, the one in which he wrote: "I love speed and the SEC has great speed, especially on the defensive line, but there are appropriate balances when mixing academics and athletics. ... I wish we had six teams among the top-10 recruiting classes every year, but winning our way requires some discipline and restraint."

Delany got filleted for it.

"Yeah, this is one of the things I've learned," he said. "Anybody with access to a microphone who says things that are negative, it tends not to work out in the long run. I do feel good that we've had 30 selection processes in the NCAA Tournament. And I think if you check the record, you wouldn't find anything negative (I've commented) about that."

6. He wants to remind America of the Big Ten's academic prowess.

We walked to a wall at Big Ten headquarters that displays the conference's Nobel laureates. Saul Bellow, for example, has graduate degrees from Northwestern and Wisconsin.

"There's probably not another conference in the country that can produce 25-30% of this," Delany said.

So the SEC doesn't have this many?

Delany didn't respond audibly. "You can't quote silence, can you?" he asked.

7. The quote that defines his tenure: 'Consider them rolled.'

Delany met with ESPN executives in 2004 with the intention of extending the Big Ten's media-rights agreement. But when vice president Mark Shapiro low-balled him, Delany threatened to create his own network.

Shapiro: "If you don't take our offer, you are rolling the dice."

Delany: "Consider them rolled."

Turns out the conference had been studying the formation of a network since the late '90s, but the dot-com bubble put that on hold.

"ESPN's position was: You've got these five (major) conferences and they all make about the same (revenues). I didn't think that was true," Delany said. "But you can't just think it's not true. You have to act like it's not true. And then you may be right or you may be wrong."

"I gave the full opportunity for our presidents and ADs to say: Just negotiate it out and do the best you can. But for me the offer was not acceptable and (the threat to create BTN) was not a head fake."

"Then you have to execute. It was very difficult (sparring with Comcast). But everybody stayed the course. Nobody turned their back on the idea. And they all benefited from it."

Thanks in part to the network, Big Ten revenue surged to a record \$759 million in 2018, \$99 million more than the SEC.

8. He is big on protocol.

When thirtysomethings Pat Fitzgerald and Bret Bielema entered the conference as head coaches in 2006, Delany told them to look around the room at future Hall of Famers Joe Paterno, Jim Tressel and Lloyd Carr.

"Give me a sense," Delany asked them, "of how many times you think they've called me on any matter?"

Maybe 10, they responded.

"No," Delany replied. "Try zero. We have a supervisor (of officials). I might talk to an athletic director. There is a chain of command."

As Delany stood by a wall of classic Sports Illustrated covers, he reflected on Indiana's Bob Knight, saying he "played his own music, his own tunes."

Knight opposed the creation of the Big Ten Tournament, believing there should be one conference champion determined by a full slate of games.

Delany officially won that battle in 1998.

Knight and Ohio State's Jim O'Brien protested the creation of the Big Ten-ACC Challenge, with Knight claiming his future schedules were set: "I am adamantly opposed to having to call someone and say, 'We're not going to play.' Then they have to go and find another game."

Delany's compromise: With nine ACC teams and — at the time — 11 in the Big Ten, Ohio State and Indiana sat out the challenge.

Asked to reflect on Knight, Delany said: "I'd say from 1975 to 1990, he was the (game's) best coach. He won three national championships and I think changed how basketball is played in the Big Ten, from very fast-paced to more disciplined. Never broke the rules. Good on compliance. The students graduated. As a coach he was rough and tough."

Jim Delany's tenure as Big Ten Commissioner is winding down after 30 years.

KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

9. He is open to both playoff and conference expansion.

Will it ever make sense for the Big Ten to expand beyond 14 schools?

"That's hard to say," Delany replied. "The tectonic plates underlying expansion have cooled off considerably. But there are also some very definitive and big things likely to occur in the next decade — from media agreements to congressional activity. Institutions may have to make choices about how they align and do things. I couldn't speculate on it, but it wouldn't shock me. I'm not saying there's an absolute size that makes sense. But even at 14, it's hard to keep round-robin competition."

What is the best number for the College Football Playoff? After the Big Ten failed to get its champion in the playoff in 2018 for the third straight season, Delany declared an openness to discuss new structures.

Last week Delany put it like this: "I don't mind being left out (in a four-team playoff), but I do think that the compromise we fought for has not been well-administered."

"The eye test was never mentioned in the instructions for the selection of the team. The résumé was mentioned over and over and the strength of schedule over and over and the conference championships over and over and common opponents over and over. But the eye test was never mentioned."

Delany said if a structural change is made before the 12-year agreement ends in 2026, it would be very complicated because of TV and bowl contracts. Plus he pointed to a "games issue" and "date issue."

Are 16 games too many for non-salaried players? Is it wrong to play quarterfinal games around finals or extend the season past mid-January?

"It would be a compromise with various points of view," he said. "But I won't be engaged in that compromise."

This much is clear: Big Ten officials were steamed a year ago when the College Football Playoff committee ranked Georgia fifth and Ohio State sixth. The Buckeyes won their conference title game; the Bulldogs lost theirs.

10. He has more mountains to climb.

Delany has hiked Machu Picchu and scaled Mount Kilimanjaro. An Everest base-camp jaunt (approx. 17,000 feet) is the next goal.

"It's a great way to test yourself, to see another culture," he said. "It's fun to travel. And it gives you an objective, puts you on a three- to four-month period of training."

Delany will be moving to Nashville, Tenn., and plans to lecture at universities.

He's a scrappy golfer who thrives under pressure, especially when he's getting shots because of his high handicap.

"A lot of people call me '5-for-4' because, at best, it's usually a net birdie," he joked. "You can take away the winning, just don't take away the competition."

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Clemson coach Dabo Swinney celebrates after last year's national championship. With two titles in three years and a playoff berth this season, Clemson is winning at recruiting too.

SUCCESS BRINGS TALENT

Clemson's recent titles leading to more recruiting victories

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
Associated Press

Clemson's impressive run of recent success on the football field is paying dividends on the recruiting trail.

After winning two of the last three national titles, Clemson is putting together its highest-rated recruiting class ever as high school seniors across the country finalize their college selections during the early signing period that begins Wednesday.

Clemson has verbal commitments from seven of the nation's top 29 prospects according to composite rankings of recruiting sites compiled by 247Sports. Clemson leads the 247Sports team recruiting rankings.

"This class is just ridiculous," said Mike Farrell, the Rivals national director of recruiting.

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney has signed plenty of elite players before. Clemson's current roster features seven former five-star prospects, including quarterback Trevor Lawrence.

But the Tigers have never assembled a class quite like this one. The 247Sports Composite team rankings go back as far as 2008, and Clemson has never finished higher than seventh. This year,

Clemson is competing with Alabama and LSU for first place.

247Sports director of scouting Barton Simmons notes that Clemson typically doesn't have as much roster attrition as other powers, so the Tigers often end up with smaller classes. Simmons also says Clemson sometimes pursues prospects whose star ratings might not accurately measure how they'll fit into the program.

"In order to ensure they're getting the right guys from a culture standpoint, they're willing to take prospects who from a talent level, the Alabamas of the world don't want," Simmons said. "This year those guys (who fit) happen to be players who are really good as well."

Five-star prospects committed to Clemson include defensive tackles Bryan Bresee (ranked No. 1 overall) and Demonte Capehart (No. 24), defensive end Myles Murphy (No. 3), quarterback DJ Uiagalelei (No. 13), running back Demarkcus Bowman (No. 16), cornerback Fred Davis II (No. 26) and outside linebacker Trenton Simpson (No. 29).

Murphy says he isn't surprised about the talent Clemson has accumulated.

Although the defensive end from Powder Springs (Georgia)

Hillgrove says he grew up an Alabama fan, Murphy indicates he started thinking about Clemson after visiting the campus before his sophomore year. Murphy called Clemson "the type of school where they try to make it as much like home as possible."

"They make it family oriented," Murphy said. "The parents of all the athletes love it there. If the mom and dad like it, that will have a big influence on the athletes. That's why I'm really not surprised they have a good class like this."

Clemson recruit Bryn Tucker, a four-star offensive lineman from Knoxville (Tennessee) Catholic, also praised the program's family atmosphere but acknowledged that Clemson's impressive performance in its College Football Playoff championship game victory over Alabama last year played a role in his decision.

"That was probably Alabama's best team that they've had over a long time," Tucker said. "For (Clemson) to just beat them down like that was proving a point to me, that this team is for real. I want to be part of a winning team, that wins national championships. They'll work me and get me better, bigger, stronger and faster. That's what I want to be a part of."

Here are some other stories to

watch as the early signing period kicks off.

Who's left

Five of the top seven prospects according to the 247Sports Composite already have verbally committed to schools: Bresee (Clemson), wide receiver Julian Fleming (Ohio State), Murphy (Clemson), quarterback Bryce Young (Alabama) and offensive tackle Paris Johnson Jr. (Ohio State).

The top uncommitted prospects are No. 4 Justin Flowe and No. 5 Jordan Burch. Southern California and Oregon are among the schools pursuing Flowe, a linebacker from Upland, California. Burch, a defensive end from Columbia, South Carolina, is considering Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Clemson and LSU.

Team standings

Clemson is first in the 247Sports Composite team standings heading into the early signing period, followed closely by Alabama and LSU. Ohio State, Texas A&M, Georgia, Florida, Oklahoma, Auburn and Texas make up the rest of the top 10.

West Coast players head east

Four of the top six prospects in the state of California have verbally committed to SEC schools or Clem-

son: Young (Alabama), Uiagalelei (Clemson), running back Kendall Milton (Georgia) and wide receiver Jermaine Burton (LSU).

Moving on up?

USC is currently 82nd in the 247Sports Composite team standings, a remarkable turn of events for a program that has never finished outside the top 20. USC could move up quite a bit by February as it remains in play for several notable players.

New coaches weighing in

The early signing period makes it difficult on new coaches who only have a few weeks to salvage their recruiting classes while they also try to put together their staffs. One new coach to watch is Florida State's Mike Norvell as he tries to restore the Seminoles to national prominence.

Norvell already took one big step forward last week by getting a verbal commitment from three-star quarterback prospect Tate Rodemaker. Florida State didn't sign a high school quarterback in either of its last two recruiting classes.

AP sports writer Pete Iacobelli in Clemson, South Carolina, contributed to this report.

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Playing captain Tiger Woods and members of the the U.S. team pose with PGA Commissioner Jay Monahan and the trophy after winning the Presidents Cup on Sunday in Australia.

New TV deal; Barrow to step down

Janewattananond locks down a Masters spot

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — CBS Sports, which already has gone through additions and subtractions going into its golf season, had one of the biggest changes when Lance Barrow announced he was stepping down as producer after the 2020 season.

Barrow will be succeeded by Sellers Shy, who will increase his duties next year.

Shy will be only the third coordinating producer for golf at CBS over the last 60 years. Frank Chirkinian had that role from 1959 until he retired in 1996 and was replaced by Barrow.

Barrow first joined CBS in 1976 as a spotter and researcher for Pat Summerall during NFL games. In addition to golf, he was coordinating producer of the NFL and lead producer from 2004 to 2017, along with producing four Super Bowls. He has won 12 Emmy Awards at CBS.

Barrow stays on in an advisory role.

“For over 40 years, Lance has embodied the tradition and history of CBS Sports golf and set the standard of excellence in golf production,” said Sean McManus, chairman of CBS Sports. “He is a golf institution and has been a tremendous ambassador of the sport on behalf of CBS Sports.”

Shy first worked with CBS as a spotter during the 1987 Danny Thomas Memphis Classic in Memphis. He has produced the PGA Tour, NFL, NCAA basketball and highlight shows for the Masters and PGA Championship during his career at CBS. Shy currently produces the Asia Pacific Amateur and Latin America Amateur.

Over the last few months, the contracts of Peter Kostis and Gary McCord were not renewed. Davis Love III is joining CBS in an analyst’s role. Frank Nobile will go to CBS Sports on a full-time basis, with additional roles for Mark Immelman and his brother, former Masters champion Trevor Immelman. CBS also has hired Michelle Wie.

TV deal

Sports Business Journal is reporting on a new television contract with the PGA Tour that looks similar to the one in place now, with one big change at the end of the year.

In a daily newsletter, John Ourand of Sports Business Journal cited multiple sources in reporting that CBS and NBC have agreed on broad terms that would keep them as the main networks for PGA Tour coverage. SBJ says

the rights fee would increase by about 60% and that the deal would be another nine-year agreement through 2030.

SBJ also reported the tour has agreed to terms with Golf Channel.

The change, according to the newsletter, is that CBS and NBC would alternate years covering the FedEx Cup playoffs. Currently, CBS broadcasts the first playoff event, with NBC having the BMW Championship and Tour Championship. That would be the first time for CBS to broadcast the Tour Championship, which previously was shown only on ABC and then NBC during the FedEx Cup era.

Any deal is not expected to be finalized or announced until the first quarter of next year.

Still to be determined are digital rights for PGA Tour coverage, which currently belong to NBC Sports as part of the live streaming “PGA Tour Live” of featured groups before network coverage begins. SBJ says ESPN and Discovery are part of the negotiations; Discovery currently has international rights.

Another part of the puzzle is what this deal means for the LPGA Tour, which is having the PGA Tour negotiate its next TV contract. Golf Channel broadcasts the majority of LPGA events, and there were times that LPGA events were shown on tape delay. Golf Channel also has a current deal to air the PGA Tour Championships and Korn Ferry Tour events.

Masters push

With most of the attention on the Presidents Cup last week, Jazz Janewattananond won the Indonesian Masters for his third Asian Tour victory of the year and secured a spot in the real Masters.

The 24-year-old Thai moved to No. 45 in the world ranking and is guaranteed to finish among the top 50, one of the criteria used by Augusta National for its Masters field.

This is the final week of tournaments around the world, with Australian PGA Championship in Gold Coast and the Thailand Masters on the Asian Tour.

That means Victor Perez of France (No. 44), Andrew Putnam and Erik Van Rooyen are assured of finishing in the top 50 and securing spots in the Masters.

This week will determined another spot. Adam Hadwin is projected to finish the year at No. 50, but he could get bumped if two-time Australian PGA champion Cameron Smith finishes in a two-way tie for third of better.

That would put the field at 87



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Jazz Janewattananond of Thailand won the BNI Indonesian Masters last week in Jakarta. The victory guaranteed he will finish the year in the top 50 of the world rankings and earn a trip to the Masters in April.

players, with the Latin American Amateur Championship in January. Winners of PGA Tour events that offer full FedEx Cup points will be eligible, along with the top 50 published a week before the Masters.

Lost in translation

One of his best weeks in golf ended on a sour note for Abraham Ancer, not just because he lost his singles match to Tiger Woods, but because of scrutiny to his reply in Mexico last month about the Presidents Cup.

Asked during the Mayakoba Classic about his debut in the matches, specifically singles, Ancer said he’d like to play Woods, “but the truth is that our objective is do everything we can to win. Winning a match in the singles would be very special, so we need to try to get the Cup.”

The match turned on the 14th hole when Woods made a 6-foot par putt and Ancer missed from just inside that to fall 2 down. Woods closed him out with a birdie on the 16th hole, turning to remove his cap just as the ball reached the center of the cup.

“Abe wanted it — he got it,”

Woods said during the winner’s press conference.

Ancer says the question in Mayakoba was in Spanish and the tone wasn’t presented the right way.

“It was never like cocky or challenging or anything like that,” he said. “At the moment I thought it would be a great experience, which it was. No matter what, with the outcome of the match, I would have gained a lot. I would have become a better player just from being in that situation.”

Woods was asked later if he was aware of the comment and replied, “Yes,” before the reporter finished asking the question. As the question resumed, Woods simply said, “Next.”

Ancer, meanwhile, went 3-1-1 for the week, sharing with Sungjae Im the largest points contribution for the International team. He made a prophet out of Adam Scott, who said on the eve of Ancer’s first Presidents Cup, “I’ll be shocked if he’s not a big points-earner for us this week.”

Divots

Stewart Cink’s wife, Lisa, is caddying for him in the Austral-

ian PGA Championship. ... Phil Mickelson fell out of the top 50 for the first time in nearly 26 years at the HSBC Champions. He is now at No. 62 and is projected at No. 70 by the end of the year. Mickelson is playing at least four straight weeks starting in January — The American Express, Torrey Pines, Saudi International and the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. ... Curtis Thompson and Braden Thorberry shared medalist honors at Korn Ferry Tour qualifying, meaning both will be fully exempt the entire season. ... The ANA Inspiration has created a new category to invite the highest-ranked player not already eligible from the Japan LPGA.

Stat of the week

Justin Thomas has yet to sit out a match in two Presidents Cup and one Ryder Cup appearances. He has a 10-3-2 record.

Final word

“This is the ultimate in golf. It is like an Open Championship with Augusta greens.” — Tiger Woods on Royal Melbourne.



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Joonas Suotamo, from left, as Chewbacca, Oscar Isaac as Poe Dameron, Daisy Ridley as Rey and John Boyega as Finn in a scene from "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker."

'STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWALKER' ★★★

Space saga flies right

Cameos abound as Episode 9 plays the ending safe

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

"Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" does the job. It wraps up the trio of trilogies begun in 1977 in a confident, soothingly predictable way, doing all that cinematically possible to avoid poking the bear otherwise known as tradition-minded quadrants of the "Star Wars" fan base.

Thanks to Daisy Ridley, primarily, director and co-writer J.J. Abrams' safety-first approach to rounding out this clump of Disney's crucial income stream retains something like a human pulse. There's nothing as cute as Baby Yoda or anything in "The Rise of Skywalker," for the record. But I do like the droid BB-8's new droid pal. So that's one thing you can't get at home on "The Mandalorian."

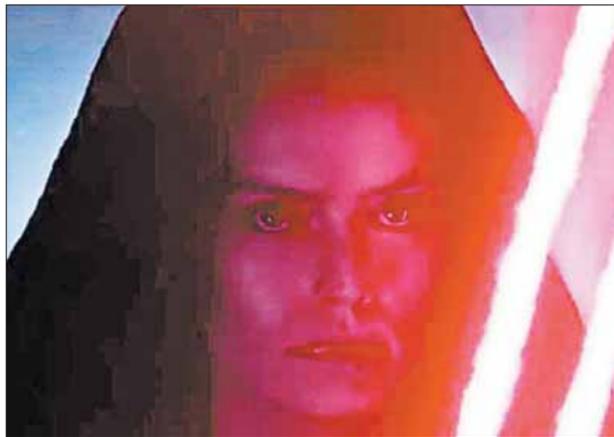
In the musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," the mail-room clerk who sings "The Company Way" pays tribute to his lifelong credo: "bold caution." That's "The Rise of Skywalker" in two words. It's well-crafted and heavy on nostalgic cameos from familiar spirits gone by. It embraces and supercharges the serial cliffhanger tradition creator George Lucas loved enough to embark on a remake of "Flash Gordon" two generations ago. When he

couldn't secure the rights, Lucas went ahead and made his own "Flash Gordon." And now our household has a half-dozen semi-operative lightsabers in the basement and a set of "Star Wars" sheets and pillowcases in the laundry basket.

In brief, because spoiler vigilantes roaming the internet come from the planet Touchy:

The first three words of the title crawl are: "The dead speak!" Somehow, somewhere, a phantom version of Emperor Palpatine, ruler of the First Galactic Empire, is sending a signal that he's back in business. The Resistance now must face an adversary known as the Final Order. Ridley anchors a busy yet simple narrative as Rey, the "last hope of the Jedi," who remains in psychic deadlock with Supreme Leader and bad boy Kylo Ren (Adam Driver).

The gang introduced in large part by Abrams' entertaining 2015 trilogy-starter, "The Force Awakens," remains in prominent position here, and comports itself as more of a straightforward rooting interest than it was in the most recent and controversial "Star Wars" movie, "The Last Jedi" (2017). Finn (John Boyega), dear old shambling shag-rug Chewbacca (Joonas Suotamo, underneath it all) and take-charge Poe Dameron (Oscar Isaac, a dashing asset as always) are joined by various newcomers. The most notable is the bow-and-arrow huntress Jannah, played by the splendid Naomi Ackie. Where's her movie? I want her movie!



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Daisy Ridley dons a Dark Side cloak in "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker."

As for poor, sidelined Rose (Kelly Marie Tran) ... her radically reduced presence from "The Last Jedi" feels suspiciously like a bone thrown to the previous film's myriad haters. Here she's essentially "third anonymous female with a blaster on the left." She has barely a dozen lines, most of them on the order of: "Where's Finn?"

The script by Chris Terrio and director Abrams litters the narrative with clues and gadgets and chapter-enders: a Sith inscription on a knife here, a lengthy lightsaber battle on a storm-tossed spaceshipwreck there. The movie takes its sweet time revealing a standard-issue revelation regarding Rey's ancestry. The cameos and victory-lap encores

are the selling point in "The Rise of Skywalker." Billy Dee Williams returns as Lando; certain aggravating forest creatures from "Return of the Jedi" (1983) get a quick close-up (for me, not quick enough). And strictly for fans of fine actors stuck in minuscule roles, good old Denis Lawson — forever cherishable for, among other earthbound pictures, Bill Forsyth's "Local Hero" — pops up for a second or two, too.

As stated in this review's opening crawl: The movie does the job. Abrams keeps it on the straight and narrow, though there is a brief, middle-distance same-sex kiss off in a corner in the finale. In the main, "The Rise of Skywalker" allows itself no risk, or any of that divisive "Last Jedi" mythology-

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for sci-fi violence and action)

Running time: 2:21

bending, with its disillusioned, cynical Luke Skywalker, or some of the nuttier detours favored by that film's writer-director, Rian Johnson.

On the other hand, nothing in Abrams' movie can hold a candle to the Praetorian throne room battle scene in "The Last Jedi." The "Rise of Skywalker" director frames and shoots for the iPhone, by Jedi-like instinct. Johnson knows more about filling out and energizing a widescreen action landscape, interior or exterior. Abrams and company get around the "Last Jedi" fan base blowback the easy way: by making a movie, a pretty good one, essentially pretending there never was a "Last Jedi."

My favorite bit in "The Rise of Skywalker" is a throwaway sight gag, involving the rise not of a Skywalker, but of a couple of Storm Troopers. In this film, they're equipped with the equivalent of jet packs, in addition to hovercrafts and all the rest of the stuff now on sale at Target. "They fly now?" one of our heroes says. It's not a memorable line. Then again, no one's going to mount a feverish online boycott against it.

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Chance the Rapper performs at the United Center in September. Now his "Big Tour" has been canceled.

Why did Chance the Rapper cancel his 'Big Tour'?

Industry experts have offered their theories, but here's what he says

BY ALLISON STEWART

Three months after postponing most of the dates on his "Big Tour," Chance the Rapper announced on Sunday that he was canceling the outing altogether, bookending a rough professional period for the artist.

In an Instagram post, the rapper blamed the cancellation on a desire to be with his family. "Hey guys I've decided to cancel the Big Tour," he wrote. "I know it sucks and it's been a lot of back and forth with reschedules and rerouting, but it's for the best. I'm

gonna take this time to be with family, make some new music and develop my best show to date."

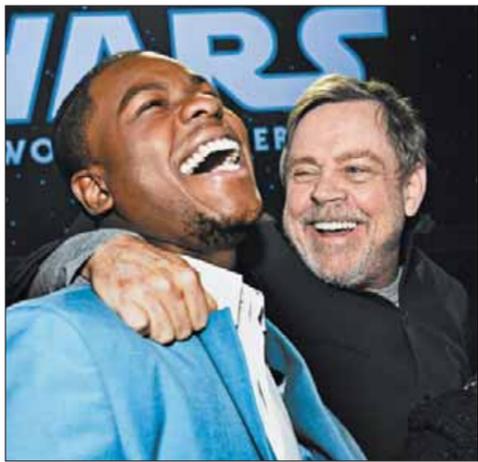
It was an on-brand excuse: Chance married his longtime girlfriend Kirsten Corley, who recently gave birth to their second child, in a ceremony earlier this year, and his latest album, "The Big Day," was a mostly fuzzy ode to domesticity. The rapper even joked about the canceled tour when he subbed for James Corden on "The Late Late Show."

But in the music industry, it's an article of faith that tours are almost never canceled for any reason other than low ticket sales. "One of two things is happening," says George Howard, a professor

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Franchise stars John Boyega, left, and Mark Hamill at the premiere of "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker."

'Skywalker' premiere gets standing ovation

LOS ANGELES — Audiences rose to their feet, giving the latest "Star Wars" film a standing ovation after the credits rolled at the end of the franchise's third trilogy.

Cheers erupted with enthusiasm throughout the viewing of "The Rise of Skywalker" on Monday night. The film was met with a slew of positive reviews despite director J.J. Abrams telling the audience beforehand that he was "mostly terrified" to show the movie. Seated in the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood were Mark Hamill, who played Luke Skywalker, and director Steven Spielberg, whom Abrams specifically thanked.

Comedian-actor Seth Green, who attended the world premiere with his wife, Clare Grant, said he enjoyed watching how the latest film closed the final chapter of the Skywalker saga.

"I loved it," Green said. "I'm going to be unpacking this for a while. It's dense, it's deep, it's full of awesome stuff. To me, it's a satisfying finale of this saga."

Fans turned the premiere into a living tribute to various eras of the space epic franchise, with some dressed up like Hamill's Luke and Carrie Fisher's Princess Leia from the 1977 original film, while others opted for the look of the characters' mother, Queen Amidala, and many donned the armor of Stormtroopers, bounty hunters and Darth Vader.

Attendees were treated to a blue carpet spectacle that included appearances by the droids C-3PO and R2-D2, and Chewbacca stepping out of a black sport utility vehicle and posing for photographers with long arms stretched in the air.

Guests included Harrison Ford and actors made famous by the newest trilogy: Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Oscar Isaac and Kelly Marie Tran.

"Rise of Skywalker" arrives in theaters Friday.

— Associated Press



KAMRAN JEBREILI/AP

All I want for 25 years: Mariah Carey's original holiday classic, "All I Want for Christmas Is You," has reached the No. 1 spot on the Billboard Hot 100 chart 25 years after its release. Billboard announced that the song topped this week's chart, giving Carey her 19th No. 1 of her career. She is behind the Beatles, who have had 20 songs top the Hot 100 chart. "All I Want for Christmas Is You" — from Carey's 1994 album "Merry Christmas" — was the first holiday song to top the Hot 100 chart since "The Chipmunk Song" in 1958-59.

STEMusic: Ciara returned to the city where she launched her music career to surprise students at an Atlanta-area STEM high school Monday. The R&B artist sat in on a class at Paul Duke STEM High School, which focuses on science, technology, engineering and math education. Students have been using computer coding skills to remix her songs "Melanin" and "Set." Ciara spoke to the class and watched students rework her music as they participated in Amazon's future engineer competition.

Dec. 18 birthdays: Actor Roger Mosley is 81. Guitarist Keith Richards is 76. Director Steven Spielberg is 73. Movie critic Leonard Maltin is 69. Guitarist Elliot Easton is 66. Actor Ray Liotta is 65. Actor Brad Pitt is 56. Wrestler-actor Stone Cold Steve Austin is 55. Actress Rachel Griffiths is 51. Singer Alejandro Sanz is 51. Country singer Cowboy Troy is 49. Rapper DMX is 49. Singer Sia is 44. Actor Josh Dallas is 41. Actress Katie Holmes is 41. Singer Christina Aguilera is 39. Actress Ashley Benson is 30. Singer Billie Eilish is 18.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Boyfriend believes he's bisexual

Dear Amy: I have been with my current boyfriend for a year. After hitting it off at a party, he immediately asked me out. He seemed very into me during the initial dating phase, and then we made it official in April.

Halfway through the summer he admitted to me that, based on his "behavior with guys at parties," he thought he was bisexual. Although he says he has never been in a relationship with a man, or (apparently) had sex with a man, he claimed that his feelings toward men had been increasing and leaving him feeling overwhelmed with erotic fantasies.

I can't help but feel duped by the fact that he waited to tell me this until I told him I loved him.

He has been yo-yo-ing between wanting to be in a relationship with me and breaking up, because he says he doesn't know whether he could pursue a long-term relationship with anyone until he knew more about his sexuality.

In the past, we have spoken about moving in together. We have even speculated about what our children might look like. We have also spoken about breaking up to enable him to explore his sexuality. I would find being in an open relationship emotionally destructive.

I don't know whether encouraging him to stay with me is selfish, as it is not allowing him the space to discover who he really is. I am lost, hurt, confused, and I don't know what to do. What's your take? Am I being too close-minded?

— Lost

Dear Lost: You don't

sound close-minded, and you don't sound particularly selfish. You sound like someone who is trying hard to be in a steady and monogamous relationship with a man who is telling you that he wants (and needs) to explore.

You two are headed in opposite directions. You are thinking about cohabiting and babies, and he is thinking about ... a lot of other things, most of which seem to point him toward other people and other relationships.

You do not have the option of forcing him to stay with you. Nor should you coerce him to stay with you. You need to let him go, and — because being in an open relationship wouldn't be healthy for you — you should love and support him as a friend while he figures out who he is and what he wants.

Dear Amy: I pride myself on being a good listener.

While not a fast talker, my speech pattern is not halting. However, I have several friends who finish my sentences along with me and/or cut me off to talk about whatever they want.

I feel dismissed by these actions. I have handled their finishing my sentences by saying, "Oh my God, that is exactly what I was going to say" or, "Nope, that is not what I was going to say," which leads them to guess, out loud. When they cut me off, I let them have their say and continue on with "Is it OK if I continue with what I was talking about?"

Yet the behavior continues. These are good people with good manners, but I

am made to feel invisible by their actions. What is your advice to help me get my message across?

— Dismissed and Invisible

Dear Dismissed: You've been patient and polite, as you have waited out these interruptions from your friends. You might kindly help them to refrain from engaging in this very bad habit. And they likely do this to other people.

When someone talks over you, you might raise your hand: "Oops, you're interrupting me. You're talking over me. Do me a favor and let me finish my thought, OK?"

Tell your friends, "I'm going to do a better job of NOT being invisible, but I need your help. I'm going to stop you when you interrupt me. I sincerely believe that this will help all of us to communicate better."

Dear Amy: "Frustrated Millennial" didn't like her old-fashioned parents' views. I could not believe my eyes when you suggested that she say, "OK Boomer!"

That is dismissive and offensive to an entire generation!

— Upset

Dear Upset: First of all, I suggested that she say this to herself. Second, I think the baby boom generation (to which I belong) should accept this trend with a rueful smile. It has been ever thus.

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Chance

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of Music Business/Management at Berklee College of Music and a former record label president. "Either he genuinely needs to spend time with the family, and anybody who is a parent knows that's a very real thing, or ticket sales (aren't great). When ticket sales are going great, you find a way to take the family on the road, and when they're not, family can be a convenient excuse."

Though precise information on ticket sales is hard to come by (and Chance's manager, booking agent, and representatives from a half-dozen affected venues did not respond to requests for comment), there were early indications that things were not going well. Citing family issues, Chance announced the initial post-

ponement of the "Big Tour" five days before its mid-September kickoff, though he did play one of two scheduled United Center dates on Sept. 28. A second, originally set for the next night, was never rebooked.

After the initial postponement, new opening acts (Lil Yachty and Chance's brother Taylor Bennett) were announced, often a sign that sales need goosing, and 2-for-1 tickets were even offered in November during an unusual Cyber Monday promotion. "If he had to cancel the tour, it's likely because the concert promoters were facing a serious loss," says Billboard's Senior Director for Touring and Live, Dave Brooks, who stresses that no one but those closest to the rapper knows the real reason for the tour's cancellation. "He tried to buy himself some time (with the postponement). When a tour is at an inflection

point where the sales are not good, they can either push through and try to break even, or it's so bad they cancel."

The tour had focused mostly on arenas, an idea that didn't initially seem unreasonable. When Chance toured arenas in 2017 in support of his Grammy-winning mixtape "Coloring Book," many dates sold out. But arena tours generally favor legacy artists with extensive back catalogs from which they can draw onstage, or newer acts with current smashes.

Chance considers "The Big Day" his first official album, and though it debuted on the Billboard chart at No. 2, it has not proved enduringly popular. Fans and critics who usually praised Chance's mild Every Guinness, his almost unrelenting positivity, now saw him as musically unadventurous and treachery. "There's very little nuance

in talking about the strains of marriage, and raising a kid with somebody," says Heather Mack, who co-hosts "Make It Stop: A Bad Music Podcast," which featured "The Big Day" in a September episode. "He really doesn't wrestle with any of those themes. It's all very surface level, and very corny."

Online reaction to the news tour's cancellation has been mixed, with many fans praising Chance's emphasis on family. Others weren't so understanding. "You just lost a fan," wrote @toocoolclin. "I hope you happy cause I'm crying and this ain't fair ..."

In the social media age, tour cancellation announcements are increasingly tricky things to navigate. When Justin Bieber canceled dates on his 2017 "Purpose" tour, his marked indifference to online fan suffering ("I'm sorry for anyone who feels, like,

disappointed or betrayed... have a blessed day") extended the news cycle for days.

A successful cancellation can engender goodwill at a time when artists most need it. In a weirdly delightful Instagram video in October, singer T-Pain broke the news of his own tour's demise. Blaming slow ticket sales and his own lack of attention to detail, he broke down the mechanics of his aborted run. "Most artists lie," he said. "Whenever concerts get canceled or tours get canceled, it's for low ticket sales, it ain't about whatever ... reason they say."

Chance is still scheduled to perform at the Something in the Water festival in Virginia Beach, Virginia, in April. "I promise to come back much stronger and better in 2020 and hope to see some of you guys there," he wrote on Instagram. "I don't think it's the end

for him," says Brooks. The short term costs of the tour's cancellation might be at least partly borne by the promoter, depending upon how Chance's deal was structured, but the bad feelings engendered by the repeated cancellations and postponements might pose a longer term danger to his brand. "If I were representing him, I would quickly move to start playing some free shows in areas where he has a whole lot of support," says Howard. "He needs to go out and remind people what made him special." A small venue tour, oversold, might help restore some of Chance's luster. "He needs to be careful, because you can just disappear these days."

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Chance the Rapper subs for James Corden, jokes about canceled tour

By TRACY SWARTZ

Chance the Rapper added to his growing late-night resume by guest-hosting "The Late Late Show with James Corden" on Monday.

The Chicago rapper — who asked to go by "Host the Rapper" and briefly donned a British accent — easily filled out the hour-long program with goofy sketches. He approached strangers on the street and asked them to cry for \$100 and had his celebrity guests — "Empire" actress Taraji P. Henson, "Old Town Road" singer Lil Nas X and Chance's own brother, Taylor Bennett — nuzzle Christmas-themed objects such as a gingerbread house and a reindeer.

He also put his own spin on news headlines, including one about himself. Chance, born Chancelor



TERENCE PATRICK/CBS

Chance the Rapper was the guest host for "The Late Late Show with James Corden" on Monday night.

Bennett and raised on the South Side, announced this week that he's canceling his 2020 tour to spend time with his wife and two kids and work on new music. Chance joked that he's actually canceling his tour so he can focus on being with his family and becoming a late-night host.

He mentioned Chicago a few times. He praised "Em-

pire" for creating black jobs here and asked Henson if she will miss filming the Fox network show. This is the show's final season, and the fall finale is scheduled to air at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

"It's bittersweet, of course. It's been an incredible ride. It's going to be hard to say goodbye to the cast and the crew because obviously, you know, we've been working together for six years now," Henson said.

At the end of the program, Chance performed "Roo" with his brother, and vowed the two would tour.

"The Late Late Show" airs at 11:37 p.m. weeknights on WBBM-Ch. 2. Guest hosts will continue to fill in for Corden this week, as they did last week, while the late-night host promotes his role in the "Cats" film.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Wilco, Jeff Tweedy go inside the music

Group mixes it up during Winterlude at Chicago Theatre

BY BOB GENDRON

Glenn Kotche deserves a big, fat raise. The Wilco drummer, along with guitarist Nels Cline, made even the most low-key songs sound interesting Monday at Chicago Theatre for the second of the local band's four-night Winterlude residency. While the pair's efforts couldn't entirely salvage some recent fare from excessive insularity and plodding tempos, their color-outside-the-lines creativity and contagious energy fueled the 140-minute concert.

(Per protocol, the Tribune originally planned to cover Wilco's opening performance on Sunday. Two days before the show, the group's publicist indicated a band member would likely miss it for personal reasons and requested we review another night to hear the complete sextet. However, the absence didn't occur, and no more information was provided. Wilco played with its full lineup on Sunday.)

Having just commemorated its 25th anniversary, the Wilco of today bears just a passing resemblance to the mid-90s collective once saddled with an Americana label. The stark differences extend beyond the lineup and to the music itself, which continues to evolve. Released in October, the group's "Ode to Joy" album finds Wilco operating in an introspective, headphone-ready mode that tends to come across more as the latest in a series of solo efforts from leader Jeff Tweedy.

Free of the sparse studio approach and afforded the advantages of live band interaction, several works from the new record — particularly the warm-blanket comfort provided by "Love Is Everywhere (Beware)" — blossomed into rich sound paintings that demanded contributions from everyone on stage. Others, like the ruminative "Bright Leaves" and plain "White Wooden Cross," struggled to fight a built-in loneliness and transcend a downcast nature underscored by Tweedy's quiet, sung-spoken deliveries. At one point, he even cracked, "Let's get back to our regularly

programmed sadness."

Fortunately, such ruts happened sporadically during a set that, aside from the newer songs, drew sparingly from the band's past 14 years. Wilco often followed a slightly subdued route, occasionally puncturing tranquility with contrasting dynamics and controlled noise. The group intentionally bookended the basic, power-pop-based "Box Full of Letters" with the multifaceted "Everyone Hides" to showcase how drastically its approach has changed over the course of two-plus decades. No matter the simplicity or complexity involved, Kotche and Cline proved invaluable.

With Tweedy serving as affable host, and John Stirratt a steady presence on bass, the percussionist and guitarist took command of the songs' arc and flow. Combining striking power with unfussy finesse, Kotche was as thrilling to watch as hear. His arms and torso moved with the smoothness, beauty and skill of a ballerina. He used mallets, brushes, shakers and bare hands to conjure a variety of textures and colors — always mindful of the ma-



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Wilco frontman Jeff Tweedy performs with the band Monday at the Chicago Theatre. Spencer's son, Spencer, manned the drums for "The Late Greats."

terial at hand. On "Via Chicago," Kotche single-handedly engendered a sonic thunderstorm that erupted in the midst of a peaceful afternoon. During "Company in My Back," his off-kilter rhythms suggested the behind-the-curtains presence of an additional drummer.

Cline, whose unassuming disposition belied the magnitude of his ability, seemed to savor every opportunity he got to deliver needed electric jolts. His lengthy, slow-build solo anchor to "Impossible Germany" earned him a deserved ovation — and

special acknowledgment from Tweedy. Equally impressive, his instrument blew the aural equivalent of butterfly kisses throughout "Hummingbird" while on "Handshake Drugs" it doubled as an impatient taxi interrupting the early-morning calm with a blaring horn.

Wilco would have likely benefited from allowing a few more unhinged, turbulent moments to bleed into the arrangements. True to Winterlude tradition, the group offered up a couple of surprises (Tweedy's son and birthday boy, Spencer, manned the drums for

"The Late Greats") and collaborated with the opener (Robyn Hitchcock, who sang the Beatles' "I Am the Walrus" with an authentic British accent).

"I can't escape my domain," Tweedy sighed on "One and a Half Stars." But the statement rang hollow. Even when it fell short, Wilco was intent on challenging the comfort zones of its fans — and itself.

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A boldness in condemning workplace hostility

Social media helps talent put pressure on TV networks

BY STEPHEN BATTAGLIO AND MEREDITH BLAKE
Los Angeles Times

Not so long ago, a star fired from a TV show would disappear quietly, without complaining about — or contesting — the circumstances of their dismissal. Public complaints of mistreatment could mean never working in Hollywood again.

But the #MeToo movement and its supporters on social media have blown up that long-standing paradigm. TV networks have been pushed into a new era of accountability as talent becomes bolder about publicly airing allegations of inappropriate behavior, racism and sexism. The shift is underscored by reports that actress Gabrielle Union confronted a hostile work environment on NBC's "America's Got Talent" before she was cut from the reality hit after a single season along with fellow first-year judge Julianne Hough.

Union, who joined the series as a judge earlier this year, was allegedly told by "AGT" producers that her hairstyles were "too black." She also reportedly objected to a joke made by Jay Leno about dogs being served as a dish in Korean restaurants (a recycled gag he has been criticized for using on TV before) and spoke up about her discomfort over a white "AGT" contestant mimicking black performers. She also reportedly complained that "AGT" executive producer and star Simon Cowell ignored the smoking ban on the show's set, requiring her to move to another dressing room.

Union received strong support from other stars on social media. Activist group Ultra Violet praised Union's willingness to raise her concerns with her employer and condemned NBCUniversal, saying that the company had created "an atmosphere that is dangerous and toxic to women."

David White, national executive director of SAG-AFTRA, which is also investigating Union's complaint, said there has been an uptick in members coming forward with issues of discrimination or mistreatment in their workplaces. But not every performer has the confidence or financial wherewithal to go public with it.

"We are receiving more complaints as a result of the



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Gabrielle Union recently issued a tweet indicating she was pleased that her concerns about the alleged hostile work environment at "America's Got Talent" are being heard.

increased confidence that people will be believed and something will be done to stop the conduct and deal with the issue," White said. "But make no mistake there remains a palpable fear of retaliation that can harm a performer's career as they go forward and we still have a great deal of work to do."

NBC and the show's production company Fremantle said in a statement that they are committed to diversity and promised to look into Union's concerns but said the lineup of judges and hosts has been regularly "refreshed" over the years. Ratings for the long-running "AGT," which premiered in 2006, fell by 29% this season.

The statement did not mollify some of NBC's own talent, such as "Will & Grace" star Debra Messing and "Hollywood Game Night" host Jane Lynch, both of whom backed Union and publicly criticized the network's record on workplace issues.

This willingness to blame NBC before Union's complaints were investigated demonstrates how media companies have become targets for activists galvanized by #MeToo, Time's Up and other social movements. (An outside law firm was brought in to meet with Union and assess her complaints last week, and will question all parties involved with "AGT.")

The celebrity-studded rush to side with Union reflects the growing skepticism about the handling of workplace complaints involving some of the biggest names in front of the camera and in the executive suite — and whether networks are doing enough to investigate them.

NBC News has been

criticized for not using an outside law firm to investigate the harassment allegations against fired "Today" co-anchor Matt Lauer. News division staffers were particularly angry when they learned in Ronan Farrow's book "Catch and Kill" that Brooke Nevils, a former NBC employee, said she was raped by Lauer, an allegation he has vehemently denied.

While NBC is in the hot seat, it is hardly the only broadcast network accused of not doing enough to foster a change in culture and create a system in which complaints of sexual misconduct and race or gender-based discrimination are handled appropriately.

The scrutiny has been especially intense for CBS, which last year had to pay actress Eliza Dushku a \$9.5 million settlement after she complained that "Bull" star Michael Weatherly made sexually inappropriate comments to her on the set. The payment was authorized by ousted CBS chief Leslie Moonves, who was fired in September 2018 over sexual harassment allegations made against him.

Current leadership at CBS maintains it has become more vigilant about protecting the workplace. The company has put staff members through sensitivity training and provided more mechanisms for employees to report misconduct.

Social media has put the network on notice for incidents that occur on its reality shows. Recently, producers of the long-running CBS reality show "Survivor" were criticized by the show's Twitter followers for not intervening when a male contestant

was accused of inappropriately touching female competitors. The contestant, Dan Spilo, was warned by producers; on Wednesday, viewers learned he was removed from the program for his involvement in another off-camera incident that was not disclosed.

Contestant Kellee Kim, who called out Spilo for his behavior as early as the season premiere, posted a lengthy statement on social media saying CBS should have acted sooner.

"CBS and 'Survivor' were on notice of Dan's behavior from the very first days of the game," she wrote. "And, as 'Survivor' fans know, shortly after I spoke up on camera, I was voted off the show. Since then, I've accepted genuine, heartfelt apologies from fellow castaways, but I've continued to feel disappointed by how this pattern of behavior was allowed to occur for so long."

Meanwhile, ABC was put on the defensive this summer when actress Afton Williamson announced via Instagram she was leaving the police drama "The Rookie" after alleged incidents of sexual harassment and racial discrimination on set. She also claimed that showrunner Alexi Hawley failed to take her complaints seriously or report them in a timely fashion.

An independent investigation by studio Entertainment One "concluded that those identified in Ms. Williamson's allegations did not conduct themselves in an unlawful manner or demonstrate behavior inappropriate for the workplace." It also found that Hawley and producers acted responsibly and with reasonable speed, though Williamson pushed back

via social media, alleging that efforts were made "to deceive, lie and cover up the truth."

For a number of legal and privacy reasons, reports on how such situations are handled are rarely made available to the public, increasing skepticism and bolstering the perception of a cover-up. An internal investigation conducted at NBC following Lauer's firing in 2017 cleared network executives of wrongdoing, but Farrow's book has led to calls for a second investigation, which NBC has thus far resisted.

A top network executive, who requested anonymity in order to speak freely on the matter, said it's naive for companies to expect complaints to quietly blow over anymore as millennials, powered by social media platforms, will no longer tolerate inappropriate behavior that might have been accepted or ignored in the past.

"Previous generations were hesitant to rock the boat because, OK, maybe you'd get your claim heard, [but] you'd probably never work again," the executive said. "If your dream was to work in entertainment, that was probably a bridge you didn't want to cross. Now, there is more of a willingness to post something on social media or a willingness to call a reporter or simply just file a complaint."

How media companies handle the complaints is another matter. NBCUniversal now has to navigate Union's complaints against one of its most popular shows — one partly owned by Cowell, who generated a ratings turnaround on "AGT" when he joined its judges panel several years ago.

Experts say the power of a single individual on a hit program often leads networks to try to avoid confrontation when a problem arises on set.

Weatherly likely survived the scandal at "Bull" because his firing would have ended the series, which is a global hit for CBS. Executives have said Weatherly was given a second chance because he agreed to undergo sensitivity training and the company had received no other complaints against him during his long employment with them. (Before "Bull" he costarred for 13 years on the long-running series "NCIS").

Likewise, NBC would be loath to part ways with Cowell, who is the linchpin in "America's Got Talent," one of the few mass appeal

shows left.

"The initial conversation was candid and productive," NBC said in a statement following a five-hour meeting with Union and her representatives last week. "While there will be a further investigation to get a deeper understanding of the facts, we are working with Gabrielle to come to a positive resolution." Union also issued a tweet indicating she was pleased that her concerns were heard.

People at the network say "America's Got Talent" has a record of hiring diverse cast members and producers. But hiring people from an array of backgrounds does not guarantee harmony.

"Don't just get a token person," said Kimberlé Crenshaw, a professor of law at UCLA and Columbia University. "Really reshape the industry and reshape the workplace."

Although networks have made long-overdue strides in hiring diverse casts, some problematic attitudes on set remain, especially when it comes to the delicate issue of hair. A number of black actresses have begun to speak out about the pressure to alter their hair to conform to narrow beauty standards — and about a lack of knowledgeable on-set stylists.

"As women, they are subjected to aesthetic demands that men aren't; and as black women, they are subject to policing of their hair and features in a way that white women are not," said Crenshaw. "Black women entertainers are fully aware of these double binds, yet the ways that race and gender equity are discussed rarely if ever address this kind of discrimination."

NBC sources maintain that their concern about Union and Hough's hair was continuity, not aesthetics — "AGT" episodes are shot over multiple days, so the appearance of judges has to remain the same over the course of shooting.

What happens if the pending investigations over Union's concerns are found valid? Sensitivity training for "AGT" producers — and Cowell — would be likely. Union could also get a financial settlement or more. She has a series in development at NBC called "Black Girl Magic," and the network will decide soon on producing a pilot episode. The project's chances of moving forward have probably greatly improved.

Said the former NBC executive, "I would be dumbfounded if that pilot doesn't get made."

Our 12 best gift books of the year

Of course, the real trick is to match pages to the person

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

A perfect gift book is not for reading. Not now. You don't want to give someone a book, watch them flip through monochromatic text, put it aside with a flat smile then promise to let you know what they think — five days, six months, nine years, from now? Do this right and they'll curl into the pages, blocking you out immediately. Which isn't to say avoid giving book books this holiday — books that tell stories, rely on literature, letters and sentences — but rather, a perfect gift book offers a bit more, a personal connection, a history, a quirk, a tasteful box bidding together a complete something or other, or just a shape or size so unusual the person receiving the gift has no choice but to bond with it.

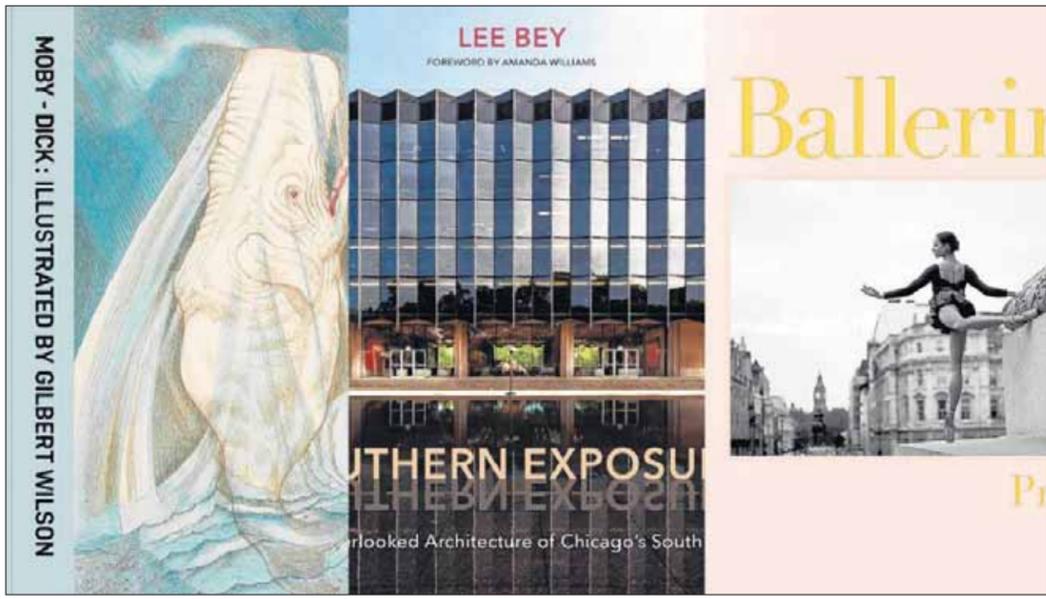
This needn't get expensive.

A couple of times I've given my daughter a book from British publisher Folio Society, which offers some affordable keepsakes of classics like "Anne of Green Gables" (in the \$50-ish range). She can't read yet but she stares at the illustrations (created exclusively for Folio editions), and my hope is she owns these books for generations, carrying them through life. Which is the trajectory of the perfect gift book — it sinks into someone's personal woodwork. But to achieve this, you need to pair the right book to the right person. That's the tough part.

To help, what follows are some favorite recent gift books, paired to an ideal recipient:

For the Cousin Who Swears She'll Read Moby-Dick This Year: "Moby-Dick: Illustrated by Gilbert Wilson" (\$60, Hat & Beard). A largely forgotten Indiana painter (best remembered for his Indiana University murals), Wilson was never satisfied with Rockwell Kent's woodcuts of Melville's classic. So, as shown in these obsessive pages, he spent a lifetime re-imagining the book, planning an opera, even working on the 1956 John Huston adaptation. Most of that work would remain personal and became obscure. But this book, filled with Wilson's haunted Diego Rivera-like illustrations (and lots of white space, perfect for the 19th century-literature adverse), is a generous corrective.

For the Friend Who Really Needs to Stop Checking Instagram: "Ballerina Project" (\$40, Chronicle) traces 25 years (some on Instagram, where



From our list, "Moby-Dick: Illustrated by Gilbert Wilson," "Southern Exposure: The Overlooked Architecture of Chicago's South Side" and "Ballerina Project."

it's a must-follow) of grace and inspiration from Dane Shitagi, who has been photographing ballerinas against backdrops like city beaches and machine shops and subway stations. The book doesn't offer much beyond the images themselves, but is consistently lovely.

For the Lifelong, Old-School Chicagoan: Couple of ideas. Former Chicago Sun-Times architecture critic Lee Bey's "Southern Exposure: The Overlooked Architecture of Chicago's South Side" (\$30, Northwestern University Press) is a warm embrace of structures that don't make many (or any) architecture tours, from the cruise-liner-like Pride Cleaners on 79th Street to the '50s homes of African American architect Roger Margerum. One complaint: This book begs to be bigger (and hardcover). Next, speaking of Folio: Though not just a local book, "Working" (\$99) from Studs Terkel — arguably, THE Chicago book — has a remarkable new edition; it's large, hardcover, and studded with images from the National Archives of workaday Americans.

For the Literary-Minded Movie Aficionado: This slender, pocket-sized edition of Jordan Peele's Oscar-winning screenplay for "Get Out" (\$19.95, Inventory Press) has 15 pages of his annotated thoughts on scene after scene, including the script of an alt-ending. Putting it in context, an excellent essay from black-horror historian Tananarive Due. More unexpectedly revealing: "The Hollywood Book Club: Reading With the Stars" (\$16.95, Chronicle), about 100 pages of images of movie stars just reading. Some of the portraits are promotional (Gregory Peck reading "To Kill a Mockingbird") but then there's actors breaking up on-set tedium with a good

book, Sammy Davis Jr. at poolside with a paperback, James Dean at an Indiana kitchen table reading poetry.

For the Contemporary Art Monster With an Eye on History: Performance art is notoriously hard to pin down, yet "member: Pope.L: 1978-2001" (\$40, MoMA), the catalog for a new retrospective of William Pope.L at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, makes a furious, unsettling case that a book of interviews and essays might do the trick. The University of Chicago associate professor has crawled for blocks, buried his body in holes and generally provoked (the book itself has a small physical hole at its center), all laid bare with unexpected clarity. On the cover of "Great Women Artists" (\$59.95, Phaidon), "Women" is crossed out, a nod to the dueling need to both celebrate female artists and erase labels. It's an addicting resource of a doorstop. The weight is on artists from the recent past, but then, the fact that this is a fairly thorough survey of important women artists (dating back centuries, allowing each a big piece of art and critical profile) and the whole thing runs 445 pages, provides its own critique.

For the Chicago Architecture Junkie Sick of Hearing About Frank Lloyd Wright: "Midwest Architecture Journeys" (\$40, Belt) is the ho-hum title for this vibrant, funny and consistently interesting road trip through the built environment of the Midwest. Yes, you get Louis Sullivan — but mostly Louis Sullivan in central Ohio — along with essays (from assorted critics, historians and journalists) on the Hobbit-like homes of Lake Michigan, the legacy of Midwest Futurism, an appreciation of grain silos, the parking

lots of Flint. (Unlike a lot of coffee table books, you will actually find yourself reading this.)

For the Melancholy Time Traveler: "Holiday: The Best Travel Magazine That Ever Was" (Rizzoli, \$85) — full of socialites, periodicals and midcentury intellectuals — can feel like an elegy for a lost America, the magazine business itself, the days of public smoking. It's also a salute to a magazine that, in the decades after World War II, implored Americans to see the world not as full of experiences. It landed Joan Didion and E.B. White, photographers Robert Capa and Henri Cartier-Bresson. It covered the exotic voyage and staycation alike. This giant engrossing book doubles nearly as a portrait of a nation discovering itself. The same is largely true of "Midcentury Memories: The Anonymous Project" (Taschen, \$60), which takes candid, amateur photos of everyday life from the postwar era and, without identifying places or names (hence the title), delivers a cradle-to-the-grave study of ordinary (albeit mostly white) people, as seen at backyard pools, on prom night, watching TV and attending funerals.

For the Fashion Philosopher: The large catalog for the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago's recent blockbuster "Virgil Abloh: Figures of Speech" (\$65, MCA) can look at times as if it's as much of a put-on as the show was itself. We get a "prototype" of an IKEA-receipt rug from the Chicago artist and fashion designer (really a picture of an IKEA receipt), then a comically thorough cataloging of all the hard drives (and digital files) that Abloh turned over for the MCA to draw from. But it's also a portrait of an artist (like Kanye West, his longtime collaborator)

seeing potential everywhere. Which was Bill Cunningham's whole deal. The photographer, whose decades of shooting often prosaic street fashions for the New York Times gets a rich history in "Bill Cunningham on the Street: Five Decades of Iconic Photography" (\$65, Potter). There's lots of chuckles — down-filled quilted evening wear, commuters stepping into knee-high puddles — but the larger mission of enshrining every trend and micro-trend (while simultaneously reminding us of the inward-looking loneliness of his subjects) receives its due.

For the New Yorker Subscriber Needing to Toss Out Some Old Issues: "The Lives of the Artists: Collected Profiles" (\$125, Phaidon) blows past the typical updating of old editions. In this case, art critic Calvin Tomkins' 2008 collection of art-world profiles is expanded from its original 10 pieces to more than 80, then spread across six volumes and held in a box. It lacks visuals (entirely), but as a study of longtime critic (Tomkins is now in his 90s, and the most recent piece here was published this year), it's unmatched.

For the Wiki-Phobic: As you might expect from a title like "The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia: From Abraham to Zabar's and Everything in Between" (\$36, Artisan), there's little here that's orthodox. Which doesn't mean it's slight. Vera Nabokov gets her own entry, but then so does Alicia Silverstone. Bagels are described as "one of the moss controversial Ashkenazi American foods"; while Barbra Streisand is the "most famous, powerful and influential Jewish Woman to have ever lived, including every woman mentioned in the Bible." There's a cultural explana-

tion for the difference between interrupting and "cooperative overlapping," and an argument for Mr. Spock as the most Jewish of "Star Trek" characters. It's all fun, often heady stuff.

For the Aspiring Literary Hoarder: It's not hard to find books on books, but like any self-reflective medium, it's harder to find preaching that carries beyond the chorus. Remarkably, "The Lost Books of Jane Austen" (\$35, Johns Hopkins) by Janine Barchas — a University of Texas English professor and Austen scholar — finds something fresh to say about the exhaustedly-mined author. It's a visual study of Austen's publishing history that, in many ways, provides a wider history of how early popular novels traveled across borders and class. (Among the finds, exclusive hotel editions of "Pride and Prejudice," used unceremoniously as a coaster.) A few of those covers appear in "The Penguin Classics Book" (\$40, Penguin), a country-by-country, decade-by-decade look at the covers of that venerable paperback publishing line. Many more are found in "Biblio-Style: How We Live At Home With Books" (\$35, Potter), which is frankly book porn — but of the nicest kind, a guilt-free peek at personal libraries of authors, collectors and booksellers that range from cluttered to even more cluttered.

For the Serious Pop-Culture Archivist: "Marvel: The Golden Age 1939-1949" (\$225, Folio) is a splurge of a gift, and only for the devoted. Not a history of the publisher, not a tie-in to the movies. This is the comics — coffee-table size reproductions of 1940s appearances of Captain America and pals. Marvel was Timely then; the art and writing is notches below here it stands today. But this is the DNA of our current superhero obsessions, lovingly reproduced. Similarly, despite the title, "It's Garry Shandling's Book" (\$40, Random House) is not the thing itself. It's not a lost autobiography or even the biography the comedian will eventually receive. (Its author, filmmaker Judd Apatow, already made a masterful four-hour-plus Shandling documentary.) This is an archive dump, and a moving one. There's testimonials from his funeral. Post-Its of encouragement he wrote to himself; a thank-you letter to George Carlin; and the text of his very first joke: "I was born in Chicago, Illinois. Then when I was two years old, my parents moved to Arizona — I wish they would have told me."

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Working' ★★★

Setting makes latest version all the more real

BY CHRIS JONES

"This is Howard, as far as this train goes."

So sayeth the CTA prophet at the top of Theo Ubique's new production of "Working," the intensely pleasurable musical celebration of Studs Terkel's everyday toiling folk, from housewives to venture capitalists to industrial cleaners. In this telling, "Working" is very much a Chicago story.

The show, directed by Christopher Chase Carter, is staged on the Evanston side of Howard Street inside Theo Ubique's new, hard-won theater. We see the then-Sears Tower, smell the Portillo's dogs, imagine ironworkers ascending the Loop's high-rises and contractors scrubbing office floors. Even the shared-space design, from Nicholas James Schwartz, represents the hard-edged and sprawling Howard station, just a cold walk away, a few blocks to the east of the theater.

"Working" is an unusual hybrid of a musical, its history steeped in this city. Its origins are in the mid-1970s, when a slew of songwriters from Craig Carnelia to Micki Grant to James Taylor joined Stephen Schwartz and Nina Faso in a project to adapt Terkel's bestselling work of non-fiction, "Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do," which arguably became the most famous work of proletarian oral history of all time.

The resultant musical had its first production at the Goodman in 1977 before moving to Broadway (Patti LuPone and Joe Mantegna both were in the original cast).

The nature of work has changed a lot since the '70s, of course, and "Working" has been much revised, most extensively in 2011 for a new Chicago production from the director Gordon Greenberg at what's now the Broadway Playhouse.

(Lin-Manuel Miranda wrote a new song, based on his real-life experience working at McDonald's.) This is the version Theo Ubique is using, and Carter wisely makes Chicago one of the show's leading characters.

Chicago is full of "Working" fans and I'm among them. For those of us who appreciate Terkel's book and the gritty way it was theatricalized, this relatively simple new staging adds the attraction of Theo Ubique-style intimacy and a band led by Jeremy Ramey that feels very much part of what is being expressed.

Carter has put tables for his audience all around the space with different staging areas for his working actors, none of whom is phony or flashy and all of whom are in concert with the resilient determination of the material. Kiersten Frumkin does a lovely job with "Just a Housewife," the most famous song in the show, and I especially liked



Loretta Rezos, Kiersten Frumkin and Cynthia F. Carter in "Working" at Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre in Evanston.

Stephen Blu Allen's treatment of Miranda's "A Very Good Day," which is a piece about a fast-food worker who views the chance to go out on a delivery as a great grab for the freedoms of biking through a city.

But everyone here is richly grounded: Cynthia F. Carter, Jared David Michael Grant, Michael Kingston and Loretta Rezos all know how to articulate the dreams of blue-collar

workers, especially the ones involving their children.

If you remember the book, of course, you'll recall one of Terkel's most moving themes: how so many of us go to work for our kids, if only so they don't have to do a similar job. In some ways, the class-conscious "Working" is out of step with today's jukebox and lefty-elitist musicals forged by the privileged and overeducated. It does not entirely

When: Through Jan. 26

Where: Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre, 721 Howard St., Evanston

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: \$42-\$57 (optional dinner is additional \$29) at 773-347-1109 or www.theo-u.com

speaking the language of identity-fused politics either. In this show, work is what defines identity, whether we intend it so or not.

I think this piece, though, holds a unique and rather lovely niche in the canon of American musicals. It lives most happily in this kind of Chicago production: honest, emotional, raw, close-up and sincere. "Working," you might say, is home for the holidays.

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Norman Lear

“Live in Front of a Studio Audience: All in the Family and Good Times” (7 p.m., ABC): Last May, ABC blew the roof off the ratings with a special that assembled a cast of current stars to recreate one vintage episode each of “All in the Family” and “The Jeffersons.” The success of that venture, which also won an Emmy as Outstanding Variety Special (Live), inspired this 90-minute follow-up, co-produced by Norman Lear and Jimmy Kimmel.

“Survivor” (7 p.m., CBS): Officially, Season 39 of this venerable reality competition series was dubbed “Island of the Idols,” but it’s also likely to be remembered as “The Season of MeToo,” given the accusation from contestant Kellee Kim among others that one of the male players, Dan Spilo, was doing some “inappropriate touching” during the competition, an allegation that was addressed within the course of the game.

“Born This Way” (8 p.m., 11:03 p.m., AE): The cast of this Emmy-winning docu-series reunites to celebrate the holiday season in their series finale, “A Very Born This Way Christmas.” As they reassemble, the principal featured “characters” reflect on their personal growth over the show’s four-season run, as well as the impact this series had on how society views people with disabilities. Ultimately, everyone involved leaves the experience appreciating the journey they have taken.

“Guy’s Grocery Games” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Host Guy Fieri probably isn’t closely associated with the healthy eating movement, but he kicks off Season 23 of this food competition show with a premiere called “Resolution Royale,” in which he welcomes four chefs and issues an opening challenge to make a burger and fries without using any of the usual burger ingredients.

“Finding the Way Home” (8 p.m., 2:20 a.m., HBO): Emmy-winning filmmakers Jon Alpert and Matthew O’Neill shine a spotlight on the tireless work of “Harry Potter” author J.K. Rowling’s Lumos Foundation, a charity devoted to ending the systematic institutionalization of children in impersonal orphanages in favor of finding sustainable, stable and community-based alternatives.

“Vikings” (9 p.m., 1:02 a.m., History): In a bleak new episode called “All the Prisoners,” Lagertha (Katheryn Winnick) leads her village’s response to the recent attacks. Despite the most valiant effort by her and her forces, however, when the inevitable retaliation from their foe comes, the results are tragic. Meanwhile, King Olaf (Steven Berkoff) has a bold new plan for the future of Norway.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Conan O’Brien welcomes celebrity guests and draws comedy from poignant news stories and politics.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Paul Reiser; actress Helen Hunt; singer Dua Lipa; James Blake performs.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Charlize Theron; TV personality Martha Stewart.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Brie Larson; actor Jamie Foxx; author Bryan Stevenson; TV personality Molly Hopkins; Yola performs.*

* Subject to change

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BROADCAST	CBS	2	Survivor (Season Finale) (N) ©			Survivor: “Reunion Special.” (N) ©		News (N) ▶
	NBC	5	Ellen’s Greatest Night of Giveaways ©	Ellen’s Greatest Night of Giveaways ©		Ellen’s Greatest Night of Giveaways ©		NBC 5 News (N) ▶
	ABC	7	Live in Front of a Studio Audience: All in the Family and Good Times (N)		(8:32) black-ish	(9:01) mixed-ish	mixed-ish ©	News at 10pm (N) ▶
	WGN	9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3’s Comp.
	Court	9.3	♦ Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan ©			
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: “Snowbound: Animals of Winter.” (N) ©		NOVA (N) ©	SuperNature ▶
	CW	26.1	Grandma Got Run Over		Masters of Illusion (N)		Broke Girl	Broke Girl
	The U	26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops ©
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ▶
	Bounce	26.5	The Game	The Game	Family Time	Family Time	Little Man (PG-13,06) ** ©	
	FOX	32	The Masked Singer: “Road to the Finals; Season Finale: And the Winner Takes It All and Takes It Off.” (Season Finale) (N)				Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family
	Ion	38	Blue Bloods: “Your Six.”		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood ▶
	TeleM	44	El sultán (N) ©		Decisiones: unos (N)		El señor de los cielos (N)	Chicago (N)
	MNT	50	Chicago P.D. ©		Dateline: “Deadly Desire.”		Dateline ©	Chicago ▶
UniMas	60	Enamorándonos				Noticiero (N)	Apocalipsis	
WJYS	62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach’s Cor.	Paid Prog.	
Univ	66	Ringo (N)		La Rosa de Guadalupe		El dragón (N)	Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Court Cam	Court Cam	Born This Way (Series Finale) (N) ©		Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam ▶
	AMC	Elf (PG,03) *** Will Ferrell, James Caan. ©				Mrs. Doubtfire (PG,93) *** ©		
	ANIM	Extinct or Alive (N)		(9:01) Extinct or Alive (N)				(9:02) Fear Island ▶
	BBCA	Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (PG-13,91) ** Kevin Costner. ©						Percy J ▶
	BET	♦ Madea’s Family Reunion		Tyler Perry’s Sistas (N)		Tyler Perry’s Sistas (N)		Copwatch
	BIGTEN	College Basketball: Michigan State at Northwestern. (N)				Postgame	BIG Show	BIG Show
	BRAVO	Housewives/NJ (N)		Real House. (Season Finale) (N)		Housewives/OC (N)		Watch (N)
	CLTV	Larry Potash	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ▶
	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily (N) ▶
	DISC	Alaskan Bush People (N)		(8:01) Man vs. Bear (N)		(8:58) Man vs. Bear ©		Alaskan ▶
	DISN	Raven	Roll With It	Gabby	Jessie ©	Coop	Sydney-Max	Raven
	E!	♦ (6:13) Going on 30 ***		Pretty Woman (R,90) ***		Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. ©		
	ESPN	♦ NBA Basketball: Heat at 76ers (N)				NBA Basketball: Celtics at Mavericks (N) ▶		
	ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: North Carolina at Gonzaga. (N)				Basketball
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Guy’s Grocery Games		Guy’s Grocery Games (Season Premiere) (N)		Food Truck Race (Season Finale) (N)		Grocery ▶
	FREE	♦ Home 2		(7:20) Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG,00) **				700 Club ▶
	FX	American Made (R,17) *** Tom Cruise, Domhnall Gleeson. ©				American Made (R) *** ▶		
	HALL	Holiday Date (NR,19) Brittany Bristow. ©				(9:03) The Mistletoe Secret (19) © ▶		
	HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		Hunt Inti (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunt Inti (N)
	HIST	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		Vikings (N) ©		Forged ▶
	HLN	Real Life Nightmare ©		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	♦ (6:15) Gremlins (PG,84) *** ©				(8:45) Tommy Boy (PG-13,95) ** Chris Farley. © ▶		
	LIFE	Merry Little Christmas (NR,19) Kelly Rowland. ©				(9:03) No Time Like Christmas (19) ▶		
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	The Challenge: “Reunion Part 1.” (N) ©				Special ▶
	NBCSCH	♦ NBA Basketball: Bulls at Wizards (N)		Postgame		Bulls (N)	Blackhawks	Postgame (N)
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
	OVATION	♦ (6) Crazy for Christmas		Point Break (R,91) *** Patrick Swayze, Keanu Reeves. © ▶				
	OWN	To be announced		To be announced		To be announced		TBA ▶
	OPY	Snapped ©		Snapped ©		Snapped ©		Snapped ▶
PARMT	♦ (6:30) John Wick (R,14) *** Keanu Reeves. ©				John Wick (R,14) *** Keanu Reeves. ▶			
SYFY	xXx: Return of Xander Cage (PG-13,17) ** ©				(9:05) Edge of Tomorrow (14) *** ▶			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N)	
TCM	The Yearling (G,46) *** Gregory Peck, Jane Wyman. ©					Born Free (PG,66) *** ▶		
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: “Jeanne’s Story.”				My 600-Lb. Life: “Angie J’s Story.” ▶			
TLN	Baptist	King	Christmas	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanity ▶	
TNT	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©				Battleship (PG-13,12) ** © ▶			
TOON	Apple	Gumball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	UFOS: The Lost Evidence (N) ©				Paranormal Ca. (N)		Bigfoot ▶	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©				(9:08) WWE 24 (N) ©		Mod Fam ▶	
VH1	Black Ink: Chicago (N)		Black Ink Crew: Chicago		Love & Hip Hop ©		Hip Hop ▶	
WE	The Polar Express (G,04) *** Voices of Tom Hanks.				The Polar Express (G,04) *** © ▶			
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	MAX	Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13,05) ** Brad Pitt. ©				BlackKkLansman (R,18) *** ▶		
	SHO	The Fugitive (PG-13,93) *** Harrison Ford. ©				(9:10) American Gangster (07) *** ▶		
	STARZ	♦ A Boy. A Girl. A Dream.		Adventureland (R,09) *** Jesse Eisenberg. ©				Superfly ▶
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Architecture books for the holidays

A wealth of offerings on urban visions, an iconic suburban campus, an intimate garden, ballparks and more

By BLAIR KAMIN

Still searching for the perfect holiday gift for your favorite architecture buff?

Here are six recommendations.

“City on a Hill: Urban Idealism in America From the Puritans to the Present” by Alex Krieger (Bellknop, 464 pages, \$35)

Growing up in Chicago, Krieger, a future Harvard urban design professor, was bitten by the architecture bug when he saw houses designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. But Krieger’s focus would be much broader, as this illuminating new book shows.

His subject is the utopian streak in the planning of America’s cities, towns and rural areas. Thomas Jefferson foresaw an America of self-sufficient farms, laid out on a Cartesian grid, that would form a backbone of democracy. Confronting a Chicago that was growing in numbers but not in its quality of life, Daniel Burnham’s 1909 plan for the city illustrated “a glorious future” of lakefront parks, a grand civic center and efficient, double-decked streets.

Krieger’s historical analysis is perceptive and pointed, scholarly yet readable. He also speaks to the contemporary world, addressing the energy-wasting sprawl and development that plague today’s metropolitan regions.

A “different utopian predisposition must take hold,” he writes. “Rather than continue to set sail, we must now finally resolve to stay, and improve.”

“Where Today Meets Tomorrow: Eero Saarinen and the General Motors Technical Center” by Susan Skarsgard (Prince-

ton Architectural, 256 pages, \$60)

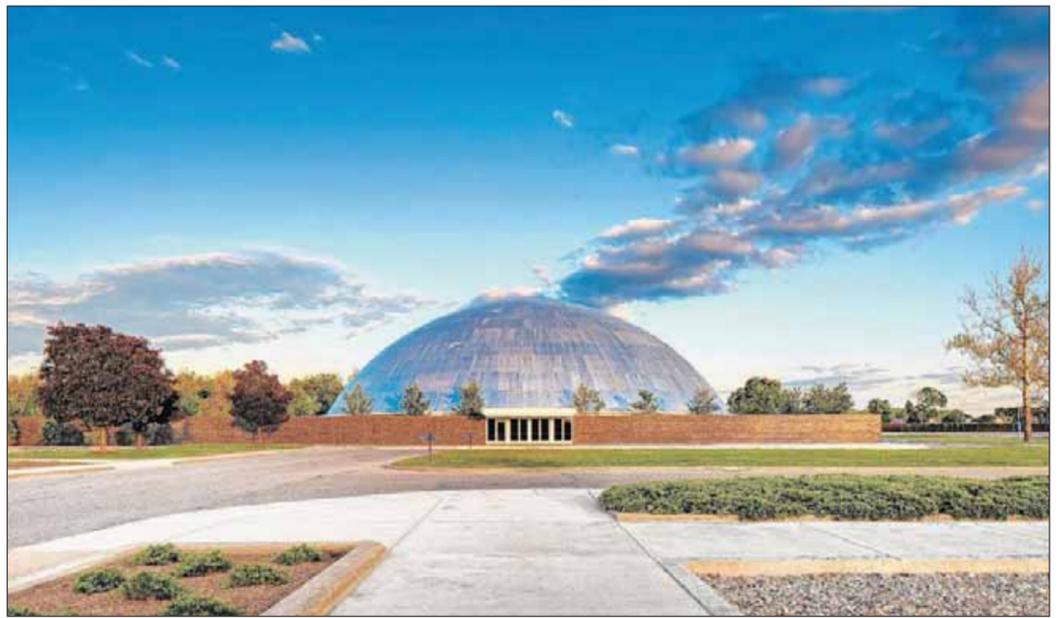
Krieger’s wide-ranging survey can only devote two pages to the General Motors Technical Center, the legendary mid-20th century suburban campus designed by architect Eero Saarinen. Skarsgard, founder of the GM Design Archives & Special Collections, devotes an entire book to the center, which one journalist dubbed a “Versailles of Industry.”

The center, which consisted of five major buildings in Warren, Michigan, grouped around a rectangular lake and glistening water tower, set the standard for all corporate campuses that followed. Its overall design reflected the propensity of postwar America to spiral out from decaying city centers to freshly built, automobile-oriented suburbs. Its low-slung Miesian architecture evoked the precisely honed metal and glass cars that came off GM’s assembly lines. Iconic buildings such as the domed Styling auditorium and details such as spiral staircase in the Research administration building’s lobby are still revered.

Drawing on a wealth of historical documents and captivating photography, Skarsgard offers an engaging account that brings to life the central figures, key concepts and design execution that created this American masterpiece.

“A Chronology of Architecture: A Cultural Timeline from Stone Circles to Skyscrapers” by John Zukowsky (Thames & Hudson, 272 pages, \$29.95)

If you’re looking for a non-intimidating but authoritative introduction to architecture, this book, by the former chief curator of architecture at the Art Insti-



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Architect Eero Saarinen’s design of the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, Michigan, is the focus of a book by Susan Skarsgard, founder of the GM Design Archives & Special Collections. Pictured is the iconic Styling auditorium.

tute of Chicago, should fit the bill.

With handsome color photographs, short blocks of text and a timeline that stretches across the bottom of most pages, the survey covers a vast array of buildings, from Stone Age monuments to contemporary skyscrapers. The result is a well-illustrated, lucid primer — what the author calls a “visual time-travel trip of humanity’s accomplishments” in architecture.

Even veteran building observers may learn something, I did. (Please note that this book has a Jan. 14 publication date, so you’ll have to pre-order.)

“Designing a Garden: The Monk’s Garden at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum” by Michael Van Valkenburgh (Monacelli, 208 pages, \$40)

Chicagoans know Van Valkenburgh, an esteemed landscape architect with offices in Brooklyn and Cambridge, Mass., as the designer of the popular

Maggie Daley Park and The 606 bike and pedestrian trail.

In this delightful little book, he chronicles the development of a much-smaller project, the so-called “Monk’s Garden” at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. Set alongside the museum’s Venetian-inspired palazzo, the garden is an intimate landscape of winding brick paths and a grove of gray birch and paperbark maple trees.

The book opens a window onto Van Valkenburgh’s creative process and the wisdom he’s accrued over the decades. This one is highly recommended for lovers of landscape architecture, though I wish it had contained an orienting map for those who’ve never been to the Monk’s Garden.

“Ballpark: Baseball in the American City” by Paul Goldberger (Knopf, 364 pages, \$35)

Buying for a baseball fan who’s also an architecture buff? This is the book you

want.

The author, a Pulitzer Prize-winning architecture critic and contributing editor at Vanity Fair, offers a serious yet accessible examination of ballparks past and present. It encompasses everything from the early 20th-century golden age that produced Wrigley Field to the monstrous, multiple-purpose “concrete doughnuts” of postwar America to the recent wave of retro ballparks such as Baltimore’s Camden Yards.

Goldberger’s aesthetic judgments are sharp, and he flavors his account with piquant, revealing details that illustrate one of his broader themes: The ballpark presents an illusion of the lush countryside within the hard-edged confines of the city.

“Southern Exposure: The Overlooked Architecture of Chicago’s South Side” by Lee Bey (Northwestern University, 192 pages, \$30)

This eye-opening account combats the harsh

stereotype that Chicago’s South Side is little more than an urban wasteland of shootings, gangs and vacant lots. Bey, formerly the architect critic at the Chicago Sun-Times and now an editorial writer at the newspaper, deploys a compelling combination of handsome photography, jargon-free analysis and moving personal narrative.

The South Side native gives us truly overlooked gems, such as the monumental Prairie Style edifice of James H. Bowen High School, as well as better-known buildings, such as Saarinen’s University of Chicago law school, a work of pleated-glass, mid-20th-century modernism that graces the book’s cover.

The outcome is an informative tribute to the South Side’s architectural treasures.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 18): Take charge in order to make things happen this year. Maintain profitable routines with consistent dedication. Find new treasures this winter before dealing with shifting priorities in shared finances. Summer presents a personal redirection that feeds a golden phase for a joint endeavor.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Gamble? Not today. Choose stability over illusion. You can see the finish line. Stay focused to avoid hidden dangers. You can get what you need. **Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Protect what and who you love. You can see what wasn't working. Collaborate with someone who sees your blind spot. Reaffirm commitments.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Expand your comfort zone. Make home repairs and renovations, especially with plumbing. Use long-lasting, high-quality materials. Improvements support family harmony. Take practical actions. **Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. A distant acquaintance sparks your imagination. Consider a persuasive argument carefully. Don't publicly launch a creative project without practical polishing. Clarify details.

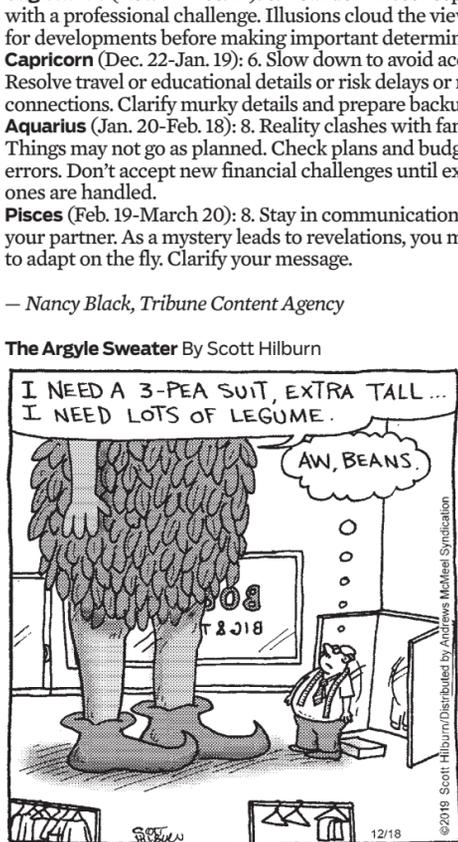
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Stick to stable income sources. Fantasies prove elusive. Avoid depleting savings or increasing debt. Postpone expensive purchases. All is not as it appears. **Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Consider who you want to be. A fork in your path offers a choice. Watch for personal pitfalls and obstacles. A truth could be revealed, shifting your options. **Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Focus on practical priorities. Fact and fantasy clash. Aim for clarity as you shuffle options and choose your path. Declutter and edit. Less is more.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Share what you're learning with friends. Strengthen networks and communication channels. Agreements made now can have long-lasting benefits. Coordinate plans with your team. **Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Abandon misconceptions with a professional challenge. Illusions cloud the view. Wait for developments before making important determinations. **Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Slow down to avoid accidents. Resolve travel or educational details or risk delays or missed connections. Clarify murky details and prepare backup plans. **Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Reality clashes with fantasy. Things may not go as planned. Check plans and budgets for errors. Don't accept new financial challenges until existing ones are handled.

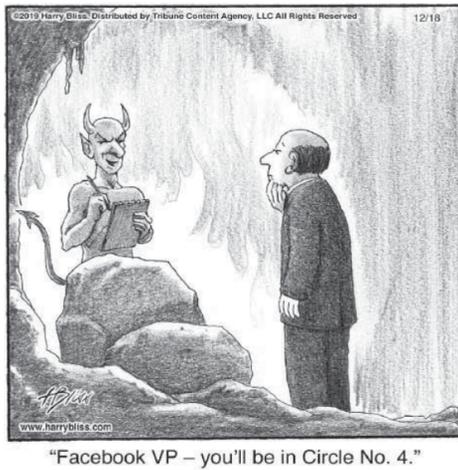
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Stay in communication with your partner. As a mystery leads to revelations, you may need to adapt on the fly. Clarify your message.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, East deals

North

- ♠ A 7 5 3 2
- ♥ Q
- ♦ 7 6 3
- ♣ K 8 5 4

East

- ♠ Q 4
- ♥ A J 9 7 6 5 3
- ♦ A 4
- ♣ 9 7

West

- ♠ J 10 9 8
- ♥ 8 2
- ♦ Q 9 8 5
- ♣ 10 6 3

South

- ♠ K 6
- ♥ K 10 4
- ♦ K J 10 2
- ♣ A Q J 2

Choosing to defend three hearts, doubled, would have earned a useful penalty, but not as much as the value of a vulnerable game. Could South find a way to make it?

East chose to duck the opening heart lead, so dummy's queen held the first trick. Declarer led a low diamond and East played low. What to do? It seems normal to play the jack, but West would win with the queen and continue hearts. East would have his suit set up and still have the ace of diamonds as an entry. South would only have eight tricks.

The bidding:

	East	South	West	North
1♥	1NT	Pass	2♥*	
3♥	Pass	Pass	3NT	

All pass

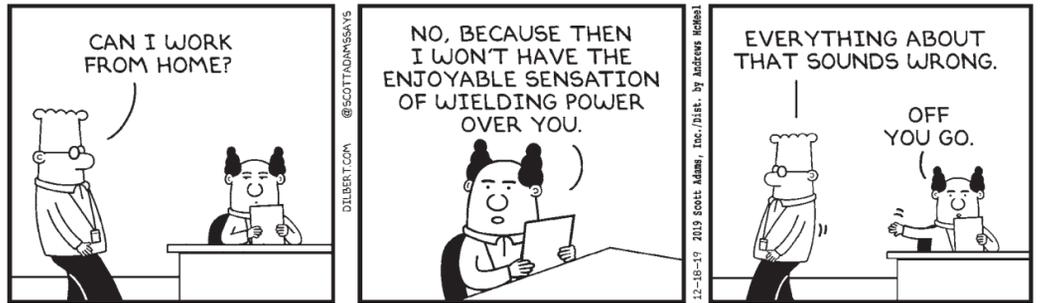
*Transfer to spades

Opening lead: Eight of ♥

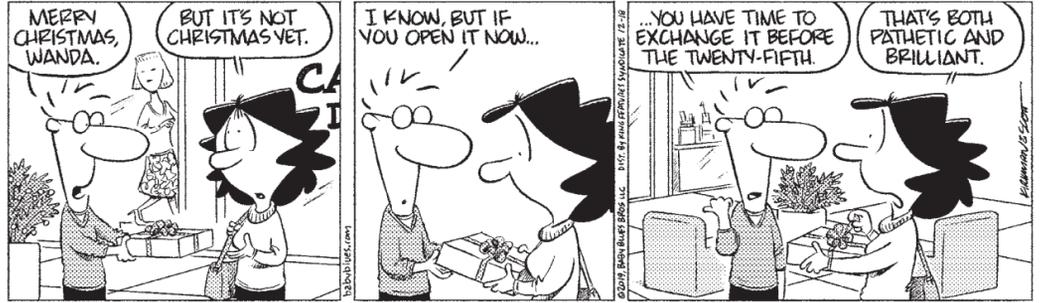
South decided to play East for the card he was sure to hold - the ace of diamonds - and played his king. The normal looking continuation of the jack of diamonds would see East win and shift to the queen of spades, leaving declarer with no route to nine tricks. Instead, South crossed to dummy with a club and led a diamond from there. The ace of diamonds now "beat air" and South was in control. Whether East continued hearts or shifted to spades, South could win and lead the jack of diamonds. The defense could not prevent him from establishing a ninth trick. Well done!

— Bob Jones
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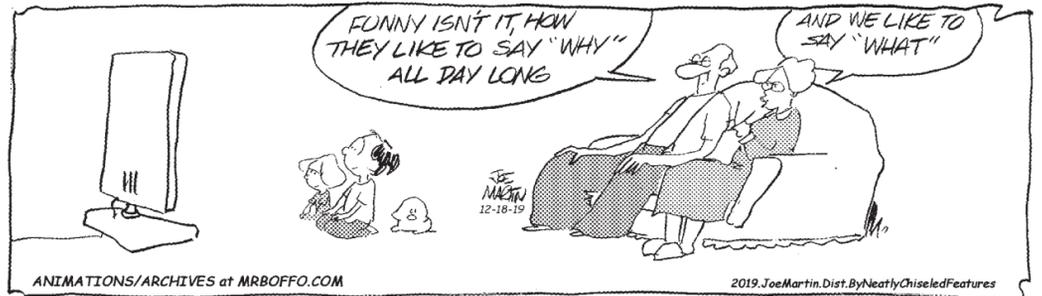
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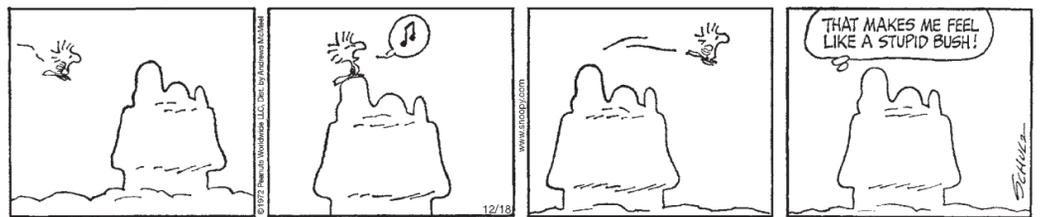
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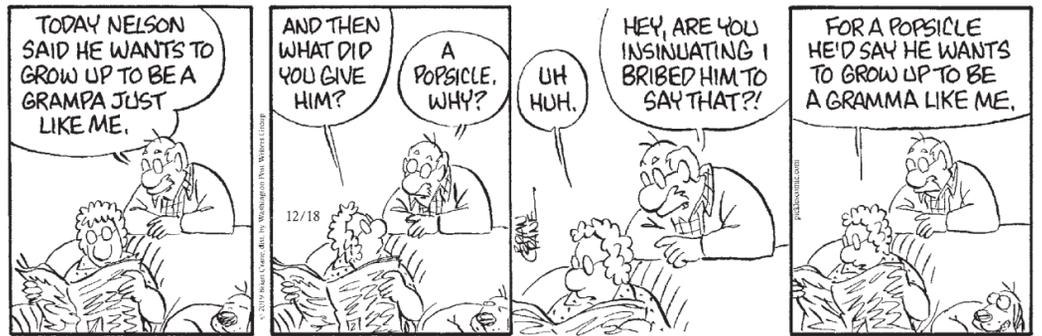
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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

NORMAL HIGH: 34°

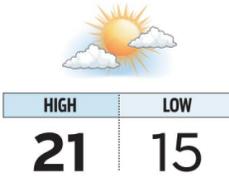
NORMAL LOW: 20°

RECORD HIGH: 62° (1877)

RECORD LOW: -11° (1983)

Cold air overhead today with warm-up ahead

LOCAL FORECAST



With a NW 110 mph jet stream overhead, the southern edge of cold arctic-source high pressure surges into our area for one day.

Early morning temps bottom out in single digits across the Chicago area.

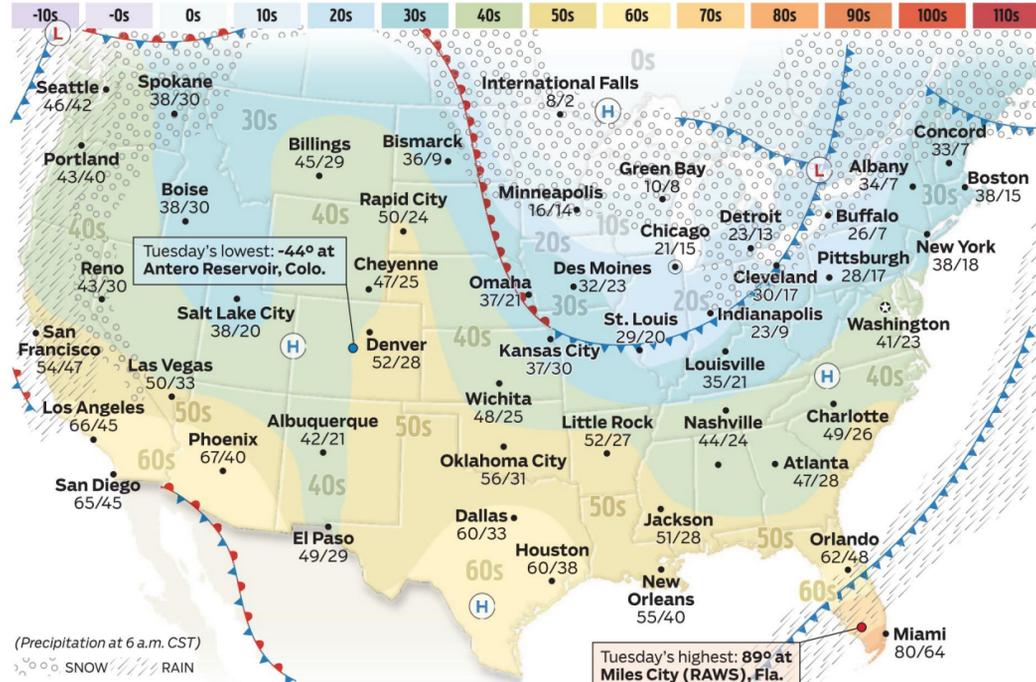
Mostly sunny skies during the forenoon with a gradual increase in high and mid-level clouds later in the afternoon.

High temps in the chilly upper teens to lower 20s, some 13° below normal.

Partly cloudy skies overnight keep temps in the teens.

NW winds 12-20 mph diminish overnight.

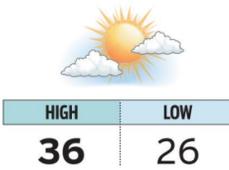
NATIONAL FORECAST



The core of bitterly cold arctic-source air will be positioned across the northern Great Lakes Wednesday with Chicago situated on the southern edge of the very cold air. The center of this cold high pressure will move east of our area Thursday with winds swinging around to the southwest, beginning a warming trend that will likely persist into at least the first part of next week. High temperatures should reach into the 40s by Friday and could top out in the lower 50s Sunday and Monday.

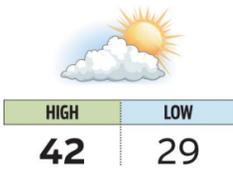
The severe storm activity Tuesday that hit southern Georgia and northern Florida with a potentially strong tornado touchdown in Mystic Georgia is expected to sink into southern Florida Wednesday. In our area conditions appear to be precipitation-free from now right on up to Christmas Day.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19



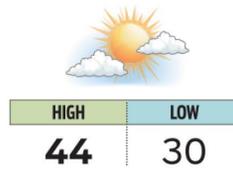
Mostly sunny with breezy winds out of the SW 15-24 mph. Not as cold with afternoon highs in the middle 30s – the warming trend begins. Partly cloudy skies overnight as winds diminish.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20



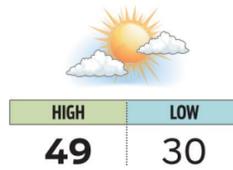
Partly cloudy and a little warmer. Afternoon highs in the lower 40s. Scattered clouds overnight. Southwest winds.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21



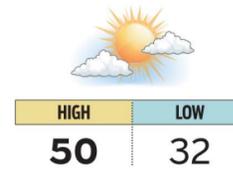
Mostly sunny with afternoon highs in the middle 40s. Generally clear skies at night. Southwest winds.

SUNDAY, DEC. 22



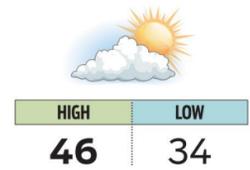
Another mostly sunny day with temps climbing into the upper 40s – possibly lower 50s in some spots. Clear skies overnight. Southwest winds.

MONDAY, DEC. 23



Mostly sunny skies and continued unseasonably mild with afternoon highs around the 50 degree mark. Partly cloudy skies overnight. Southwest winds.

TUESDAY, DEC. 24



Christmas Eve. Partly cloudy with high temps in the mid to upper 40s. Partly cloudy skies overnight. SW winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What percent of the continental U.S. usually has snow cover at Christmas and what percent is still dreaming come the holiday? Thanks.
Ron Underwood
Belvidere

Dear Ron,
The truth is that less than a quarter of the nation can reasonably dream of getting the white Christmas that Irving Berlin wrote of in 1941. Loosely defined as having one inch of snow on the ground on Christmas Day, the Chicago area experiences a white Christmas about 45% of the time, with the odds increasing to about 60% into southern Wisconsin and dropping to less than 40% in southern Illinois. The only areas guaranteed a white Christmas in the Lower 48 are in the western mountains, on the higher peaks in the Appalachians and in the Lake Superior snow belts of Wisconsin and Michigan.

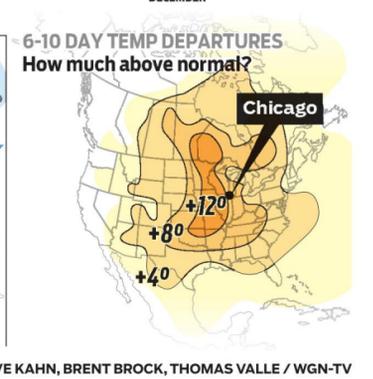
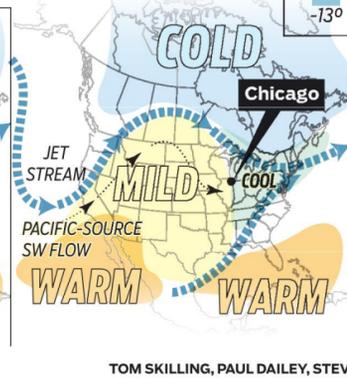
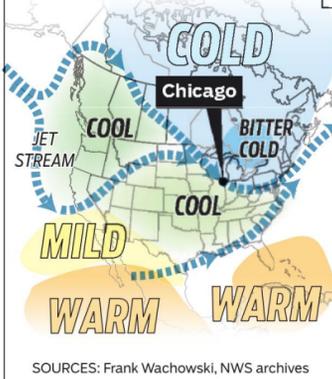
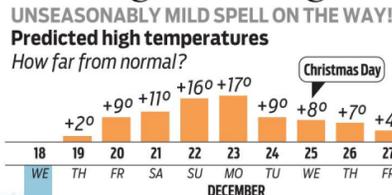
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Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Cold Wednesday, then jet stream shift brings warming

WEDNESDAY SET-UP
Bitter cold arctic air just a bit north of Chicago
Wednesday Setup - Upper-level 30,000-ft jet stream flow and low-level/surface temp distribution. Core of bitterly cold air just to our north across northern Great Lakes.

SATURDAY SET-UP
Chicago rests on the edge of mild air over the Rockies and western Plains
Northern branch of the jet stream shifts north of our area, pushing the cold air far to our north across central and northern Canada.



MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	34	22	pc	46	26
Carbondale	su	24	14	pc	46	26
Champaign	su	24	14	pc	37	21
Decatur	su	26	16	pc	32	22
Moline	su	25	19	pc	42	26
Peoria	su	27	19	pc	43	25
Quincy	su	30	23	pc	47	27
Rockford	su	27	18	pc	40	23
Springfield	su	27	18	pc	43	25
Sterling	su	22	16	pc	41	22
Indiana	pc	27	15	pc	40	24
Bloomington	pc	24	14	pc	37	21
Evansville	pc	23	13	pc	32	18
Fort Wayne	pc	22	9	pc	36	17
Indianapolis	su	22	11	pc	34	18
Lafayette	pc	21	15	pc	37	22
South Bend	pc	21	15	pc	37	22
Wisconsin	pc	10	8	pc	26	17
Green Bay	pc	10	8	pc	26	17
Kenosha	pc	20	15	pc	39	24
La Crosse	pc	18	17	pc	36	25
Madison	pc	17	15	pc	37	22
Milwaukee	pc	17	14	pc	36	24
Wausau	pc	7	5	pc	23	16
Michigan	pc	23	13	pc	30	20
Detroit	pc	23	13	pc	30	20
Grand Rapids	pc	19	13	pc	33	23
Marquette	sh	11	6	pc	22	16
St. Ste. Marie	ss	0	-7	ss	19	13
Traverse City	ss	16	13	pc	31	21
Iowa	pc	29	18	pc	43	26
Ames	pc	29	18	pc	43	26
Cedar Rapids	pc	25	18	pc	41	24
Des Moines	su	32	23	pc	45	28
Dubuque	pc	24	19	pc	40	23

OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	su	57	28	pc	55	39
Albuquerque	pc	42	21	pc	42	23
Amarillo	su	54	24	pc	50	26
Anchorage	cl	24	20	pc	22	10
Asheville	su	40	21	pc	48	25
Aspen	pc	37	10	pc	32	7
Atlanta	su	47	28	pc	50	29
Atlantic City	pc	41	20	pc	31	22
Austin	pc	62	32	pc	61	45
Baltimore	pc	32	23	pc	32	23
Billings	pc	45	29	pc	43	32
Birmingham	su	48	27	pc	53	31
Bismarck	pc	36	9	pc	28	14
Boise	pc	38	30	pc	39	38
Boston	pc	38	15	pc	25	17
Brownsville	pc	64	44	pc	61	42
Buffalo	cl	26	7	cl	15	5
Burlington	pc	30	5	pc	13	4
Charlotte	su	49	26	pc	47	27
Charlottesville	pc	52	33	pc	50	36
Charlottesville WV	pc	31	17	pc	38	24
Chattanooga	su	49	26	pc	50	28
Cheyenne	pc	47	25	pc	40	28
Cincinnati	pc	28	14	pc	41	21
Cleveland	pc	30	17	pc	31	22
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Columbus	pc	26	11	pc	33	17
Concord	pc	33	7	pc	19	8
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Munaf Patel, 43, who has had two heart attacks, walks outside his office in Glenview during his lunch hour.

At a higher risk

South Asians make up 60% of heart disease patients

BY KATE THAYER

Munaf Patel is an active husband and father. He plays cricket, basketball and volleyball, and runs around with his young kids in the family's yard near the city's Far Northwest Side.

So when he had an "uneasy" feeling in his chest in September 2015, he took some aspirin and followed up with his doctor. He was concerned but didn't expect to hear what test results showed — at age 39, Patel was having a heart attack.

Despite the placement of a stent to unblock his artery, a quick recovery and watching what he ate, Patel had his second heart attack just eight months later.

"I was very active, and you don't think about it when you're young," he said. "At the age that I am at, you don't expect those things."

But a part of him knew to be vigilant about his health; Patel, who is Indian, has an extensive family history of heart disease that many South Asians share. His family represents the heightened risk carried by South Asians, who experts say



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Dietitian Srisakthi Ramanathan helps shopper Leena Joshi, of Roselle, with a healthy diet plan at Patel Brothers grocery store in Schaumburg.

are about four times more at risk for cardiovascular disease — the leading cause of death in the U.S. — than other groups, and are stricken at younger ages.

As a young boy, Patel lost his father, who died in his 40s after a heart attack. Several other close relatives have had heart attacks at young ages, and one needed a heart transplant.

Researchers continue to probe why it seems that, in the South Asian community, everyone knows someone who has had a heart attack. Experts say that while the group represents about a quarter of the world's

population, it accounts for about 60% of heart disease patients.

The alarming risk has prompted researchers to study South Asians in the long-term Mediators of Atherosclerosis in South Asians Living in America study, known as Masala (meaning spice blend), in part because medical guidelines physicians historically use come from data derived from white men. Yet South Asians, researchers say, often do not show some of the typical signs of cardiovascular disease and need their own guidelines. Experts also say it's important

to distinguish South Asians — those from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and other countries in the region — from other Asian groups because their risks differ.

This work has led to a shift in recommendations last year from the American Heart Association and other medical organizations, directing physicians to consider ethnicity when assessing patients' cardiac health. The move recognized that South Asian patients tend to carry lower levels of good cholesterol in their blood, among other health distinctions.

There's also an effort to educate South Asians about the risk they carry that might be surprising or go unnoticed, but possibly could be offset by diet and exercise. At Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's South Asian Cardiovascular Center, clinicians have amped up their efforts with a video series that provides heart healthy recipes and encourages sound lifestyle choices.

Dr. Shoeb Sitafalwalla, a cardiologist and medical director of the center, works with a team that treats South Asian patients and also goes into the community, spreading the word that healthy eating and exercise could help offset their genetic predisposition. That includes regular visits to speak

at churches, mosques, restaurants and grocery stores that sell ingredients used in South Asian recipes.

To expand its audience, the group created a video series, called "Dil Se," a Hindi phrase that means "from the heart." The first seven in the 25-video series launched over the past few months.

Sitafalwalla said that while South Asians likely have heard of this risk because of knowing others affected, it's not talked about enough.

"You talk about how your daughter got into law school," he said. "You don't talk about how your son just had a heart attack."

The advocacy work of the cardiovascular center "started as a grassroots operation, going into communities ... taking our message of health and wellness," he added. "But we were limited in scale. There are 300,000 South Asians living in Illinois. We needed to find a way that could help us bring that message to a greater amount of people."

The team came up with the video series concept as a way to "interact with the community, especially where their eyes are most — their mobile phones," Sitafalwalla said. A grant from Boehringer Ingelheim

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Authors team up to keep AIDS in dialogue



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Celeste Watkins-Hayes and Victoria Noe were strangers to one another, each hundreds of miles from home, when they found themselves at neighboring booths at Septem-

ber's U.S. Conference on AIDS in Washington, D.C.

"Here we are in this mix of activists and advocates and policymakers and people from the private sector," Watkins-Hayes said. "Out of thousands of people we managed to be in adjacent booths, both from the city of Chicago. I just think it was kismet that we were brought together."

Both women were at the conference signing their new books. Watkins-Hayes, a professor of sociology and

African American studies at Northwestern University, is the author of "Remaking A Life: How Women Living With HIV/AIDS Confront Inequality." Noe, a longtime activist and author, wrote "Fag Hags, Divas and Moms: The Legacy of Straight Women in the AIDS Community." Both books focus on the lives of women within the AIDS movement — as activists, fundraisers, healers and those living with HIV.

At a time when AIDS has

fallen off many people's radar, Noe and Watkins-Hayes are fighting to keep the epidemic in the national dialogue. Their books arrive shortly after Chicagoan Rebecca Makkai's "The Great Believers," a 2018 novel about AIDS in 1980s Chicago.

"Chicago is really becoming a hub of writers on the HIV epidemic," Watkins-Hayes said.

"Remaking a Life" is based on interviews with more than 100 Chicago

women living with HIV from 2005 to 2015 and explores the ways racial and class inequities are intertwined with the disease. Among all U.S. women with HIV diagnoses in 2015, Watkins-Hayes writes, 61% were African American.

"To be clear," Watkins-Hayes writes, "racism has been a pernicious catalyst in the AIDS epidemic. From a policy standpoint, the weak public health response to the needs of

black and brown communities undermined the capacity to build a strong HIV prevention and treatment infrastructure from the early years of the epidemic."

Her reporting, she said, showed her how inequality shaped women's ability to protect themselves from HIV transmission. Over and over, she met women who had limited access to health care, women who

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Efforts to move needle on flu shot rates stuck

Flat immunization rates worry public health officials

By PHIL GALEWITZ
Kaiser Health

It's free and available everywhere. Yet most Americans skip the annual flu shot — with the number of dispensed vaccines barely changed in the past decade, despite government removal of cost and access obstacles.

"We are kind of spinning our wheels trying to reach a larger portion of the population," said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious-disease specialist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, and medical director of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

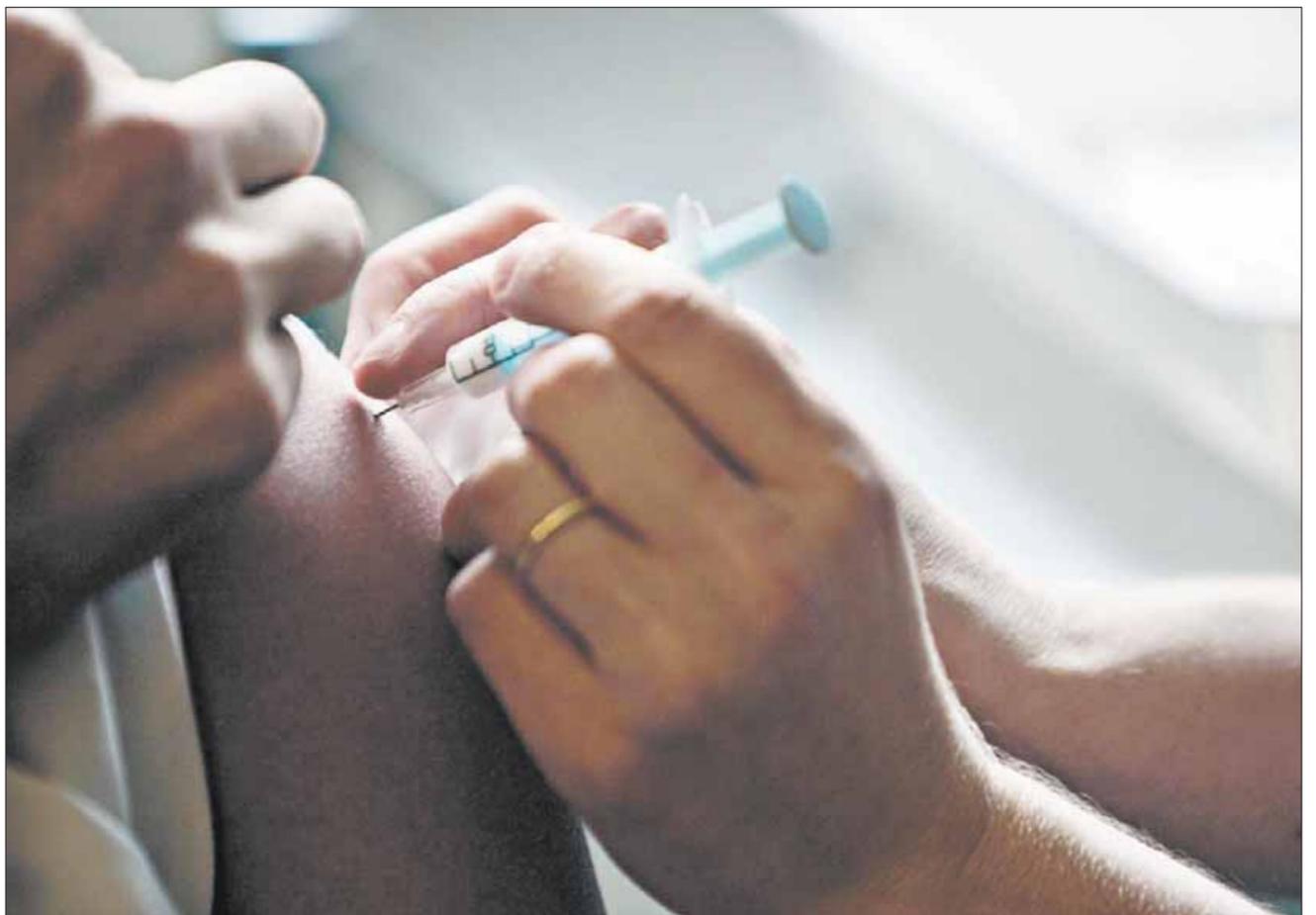
Public health officials recommend that nearly all people get the flu shot.

The 2010 Affordable Care Act required all insurers to waive out-of-pocket costs for plan members for the vaccinations and, in the past few years, all states allowed pharmacists to administer the shots, which have made them available in drugstores, grocery chains and big-box stores.

The flat immunization rates worry public health officials who say the vaccine is the best weapon to prevent the flu, which caused as many as 61,000 deaths during the last flu season and hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations.

"The number of Americans being vaccinated is not optimal," Dr. Daniel Jernigan, director of the influenza division at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recently told the House Science, Space & Technology Committee.

A key reason people choose not to get the flu vaccine is they perceive it doesn't work, Jernigan said, although studies have found it is usually 40% to 60% effective. CDC and



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Flat influenza immunization rates worry public health officials, who say the vaccine is the best weapon to prevent the flu.

other officials at the hearing stressed that even when the vaccine doesn't prevent infection, it can still reduce complications that land people in the hospital and cause death.

About 45% of adults received the flu shot last year, up from about 41% in 2010, according to CDC data. Immunization rates have stayed in the 40% to 45% range for the past decade. Among people 65 and older, who are most at risk for complication of the flu, 68% were inoculated last year, up from 67% in 2010.

Vaccination rates, however, have risen for children — increasing to 73% last year from 64% in 2011.

While getting a flu shot generally takes less than 10 minutes — most of that time just filling out forms — having to get the immunization each year makes it challenging compared with other vaccinations, which can last a decade or more. Public health officials remake the flu vaccine each year to keep up with its constantly mutating versions of the virus.

The federal government is working on creating a long-acting flu vaccine that can work against all known strains of the virus, but it's at least several years away. The first human testing began on a small scale this year at the National Institutes of Health.

Another factor that limits people from getting vaccinated is they don't realize how dangerous flu and its complications, such as pneumonia, can be.

"There is a perception that flu is a little worse than the common cold and there is not a huge level of worry," said Dr. Jeff Salvon-Harman, chief patient safety officer at Presbyterian Healthcare Services, an integrated health plan in New Mexico with 590,000 health plan members.

People with flu often have high fever and muscle aches that make even the healthiest individuals feel tired for up to a week.

In addition, flu can make chronic medical problems

worse. For example, people with asthma may have attacks while infected with the flu.

Public health officials said they face other long-standing challenges, such as myths that the vaccine can cause the flu (it can't) and that it contains dangerous levels of mercury (it doesn't — and people can request vaccines with no mercury).

Ge Bai, who holds a doctorate in accounting and is an associate professor of health policy at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, doesn't get the flu shot.

"I think I can make myself much less vulnerable to flu by eating right, resting

well and working out," she said. "I don't think the incremental reduction of the estimated chance for me to get flu is worth my time to get the shot."

Health care workers also often skip the vaccination, and if they become infected, they can spread the flu to people they treat, who likely already have serious health issues.

"We need to do a better job of producing convincing messages" about the importance of the flu shot, said Dr. Sharon Watkins, the Pennsylvania epidemiologist and president of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. "We had hoped the rates would have changed."



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Authors Celeste Watkins-Hayes, left, and Victoria Noe are fighting to keep the AIDS epidemic in the national dialogue.

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were grappling with poverty, women who were suffering the aftermath of childhood sexual trauma.

Noe's book focuses on the role of straight women — including herself — who entered the HIV community in the 1980s as staff or volunteers. The women she profiles, she said, represent thousands more whose stories have gone largely untold.

"Of course, not every straight woman hurried to the side of a person who had just been diagnosed," Noe writes. "Some women initially rejected the infected. Only after facing down their own fears would they come around. Some never did. To imply that all straight women rushed in with nonjudgmental support is to ignore the damage done by women like first lady Nancy Reagan."

But the stories of those who were there, Noe said, help complete a portrait of the early days of the HIV/AIDS landscape that is often told by, and about, men.

"In the HIV community, a lot of reflection is going on right now," Noe said. "People are looking for meaning in what they went through and what they

witnessed, whether they're HIV-positive or HIV-negative."

An estimated 1.1 million people in the United States have HIV, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including about 162,500 people who are unaware of their status. Young people ages 13 to 24 made up 21% of new HIV diagnoses in 2017, according to the CDC, but research indicates the risks and realities remain far from young people's minds.

"It's not even on young people's radar," Carlos Malvestutto, medical director of the Family AIDS Clinic and Education Services (FACES) program at Nationwide Children's Hospital, told Pediatrics Nationwide. "They didn't live through the 1980s and 1990s. They haven't lost anyone to AIDS. And no one is talking about it."

That's not limited to young people. Noe said she attended an author fair at a public library in Princeton, Illinois, when a man who appeared to be in his 50s approached her table.

"He said, 'So, whatever happened to AIDS?'" Noe recalled.

Since their chance encounter in Washington, Noe and Watkins-Hayes have been teaming up to help promote each other's books and share each

other's communities. They're planning a joint appearance in March, Women's History Month, when they hope to bring together a broad spectrum of Chicagoans for a moderated discussion on HIV and AIDS, followed by a book signing.

"What I didn't expect to find in my research," Watkins-Hayes said, "was the way women talk about the significance of the HIV community in helping them move from what I call 'dying from' to 'living with' to 'thriving despite.' Viki's book really communicates where that safety net comes from and how women have helped develop that strong social support network."

"We need books like Celeste's because you don't just get facts, you get stories," Noe said. "You meet these women, and that's how lives and minds change."

Watkins-Hayes closes her book with a plea.

"In order for us to continue to make the gains that will eradicate this devastating and costly epidemic," she writes, "we must stay vigilant in the fight."

That means telling, and hearing, the stories of the fighters and those they're fighting for.

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Ads mislead those most at risk for HIV, advocates say

By KATE THAYER

HIV prevention advocates say widespread social media advertisements that misrepresent side effects of a preventative drug could do serious harm in the fight to eliminate the disease, especially among those most at risk who also might not trust the medical community.

"It's causing undue duress and alarm, and frankly could result in people exposing themselves to HIV unknowingly," said David Ernesto Munar, chief executive officer at Howard Brown Health in Chicago.

The organization is among several that signed an open letter to Facebook last week, urging the company to remove ads circulating on its platforms about class-action lawsuits over Truvada PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis), a medication used to prevent HIV. The ads are from law firms targeting the LGBTQ community and seek plaintiffs who use the drug and have experienced side effects affecting kidney function and bone density.

"This is not rooted in science," said Kristin Keglovitz Baker, chief operating officer and physician's assistant at Howard Brown Health.

Facebook has not removed the ads from its site, or Instagram, which it also owns, and released the following statement: "We value our work with LGBTQ groups and constantly seek their input. While these ads do not violate our ad policies nor have they been rated false by third-party fact-checkers, we're always examining ways to improve and help these key groups better understand how we apply our policies."

Baker said she's had numerous patients come to

her, worried after seeing the ads, and they're typically those most at risk for HIV, including men of color and trans women.

"Also when you look at the communities most impacted by HIV, those are the very same communities who have mistrust with the medical community," she added.

Baker said she's changed her strategy from answering patients' questions after they see the ads and instead brings it up herself to assure them PrEP is safe and side effects are rare, and to make sure they know what the studies actually show.

"But I also want to bring it up because I want to engage in that conversation so they know there's no conspiracy," she said.

Dr. John Schneider, associate professor of medicine and epidemiology at the University of Chicago and director of the University of Chicago Center for HIV Elimination, also treats patients at Howard Brown. He said he's rarely seen the side effects described in the ads. The ads worry him because young adult men — prime candidates for the drug — are already hesitant to take a daily pill and regularly see a physician.

"I've spent the majority of the last five to seven years developing public health campaigns and ways to promote PrEP, and it's really hard," Schneider said. "These are young people who have many other priorities. Many are just trying to get by."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a report recently that showed about 18% of the 1.2 million people who could benefit from PrEP have a prescription; it also showed that use is especially low among young people, African Americans



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

Public health officials said the medication Truvada PrEP is a vital part of a federal initiative aimed at eliminating HIV's spread.

and Latinos.

Public health officials have said use of PrEP is a vital part of a federal initiative aimed at eliminating the spread of HIV by the year 2030.

"If we're really going to end an epidemic in Chicago, those rates (of PrEP users) need to be much, much higher," Schneider said. "Getting this medicine out there and getting people interested ... we're struggling with that. And on top of that, there's a new misinformation campaign? It's definitely not helpful, and in fact it's harmful."

Erica Gafford, data specialist manager of the HIV services program at the Center on Halsted, said the social media ads are furthering stigmas and misrepresentation surrounding HIV, the LGBTQ community and PrEP. She said that, when the drug was introduced, people assumed it would increase risky sexual behaviors, similar to historical outrage over the birth control pill.

The misinformation campaign is the latest hurdle to the work of public health advocates trying to educate those who are at risk and anxious about contracting HIV.

"PrEP is provided so people do not have to live with this paralyzing fear," she said.

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Pharmaceuticals helped fund the project.

Some of the videos resemble rapid-fire cooking videos popular on social media, and include facts on wise food choices for those concerned about cholesterol or blood sugar. South Asians are also at a greater risk for diabetes, Sitafalwalla said.

Others tackle myths or home remedies Sitafalwalla said are common within South Asian communities, from drinking apple cider vinegar to unblock arteries to rubbing lemons on skin to get rid of dark spots on the skin — a sign of diabetes.

Dietitian Srisakthi Ramanathan said the video recipes for healthier versions of South Asian cuisine include a mock-up of a nutrition label for the dish. “That’s hard to find in Indian recipes. That’s a big gift.”

During community demonstrations, Ramanathan said, she’ll hear from South Asians that it’s eye-opening to learn about the nutritional makeup of certain foods, as well as portion control, especially with oil.

South Asians have a cultural connection with oil, she said, as well as a desire not to waste it. “Even now, my mom will hide the oil because they don’t want us to find it and throw it away.”

“When you’re entertaining or serving your family, adding more oil is considered a sign of generosity,” added Sitafalwalla. “So when the pot of curry sits down on the table, if there isn’t an oil slick you can see, it’s not generous. What you don’t realize is you’re also being really generous in how you’ll clog up their arteries.”

But educating the community doesn’t mean wiping away traditions, he said, and the team tries to be culturally sensitive. “All of the choices that we lay out ... are pragmatic ones.

We’re under no illusion that people are going to give up staple items that are culturally ingrained.”

Given the inherited risk, eating right and exercising are especially important for South Asians, Sitafalwalla said, and it’s important to learn from a young age, noting that 25% of heart attacks among South Asians occur before age 40, and half occur before 50.

Dr. Namratha Kandula, a Northwestern University researcher involved in the ongoing, long-range Masala study, said it’s vital to better understand why the group has these risks “because they don’t fit the typical pattern of someone at risk of heart attack and stroke.”

South Asians are typically not overweight and do not use much tobacco, common risk factors for heart disease.

But through the ongoing study, researchers have learned the group has other risk factors, like high blood pressure, less lean muscle mass and a tendency to store fat in the liver and abdomen.

Kandula said there are also cultural differences, like not regularly exercising. Yet “exercise is very important because of the South Asian body type,” she said.

“The goal isn’t really to lose weight,” but to build lean muscle, she said.

Kandula promotes this and other healthy concepts in another study she’s leading: the South Asian Healthy Lifestyle Initiative, or Saheli (meaning friend), which helps participants change behaviors by incorporating exercise and healthy foods into their lives. The 16-week program, in its third year, works with community partners and so far has recruited more than 300 South Asian participants in the area. The goal is to reach about 550 in the next couple of years, Kandula said.

While members of the South Asian community are aware of these risks, they might be reluctant to discuss and seek guidance,

Kandula said.

“Everyone knows somebody who has had a heart attack at a young age. It’s very common,” she said. “But how do you get support to help manage them? It’s sort of your own problem.”

Saheli study participant Ravi Natarajan, 48, of Naperville, enrolled in the study last fall after hearing about it at his temple. While Natarajan said he’s “pretty healthy,” his father had a heart attack at 68, and he also has had friends in their 30s experience heart attacks.

“I wanted to learn more about prevention,” he said.

Through the study, he learned to keep food logs, received regular cholesterol and blood sugar checks, and talked about ways to manage stress. Natarajan said he now incorporates more fruit and healthy grains into his diet, and added strength training to his walking and running routine.

The result is lower cholesterol and he shed a few pounds, but Natarajan said he also has benefited from awareness of his risks, now leading a healthy life and setting an example for his sons.

“My sons are watching me,” he said. “We cannot control ... some of the family history. What we can control is the exercise as well as the food habits.”

Patel, now 43, said he’s doing well and is fully recovered from his two heart attacks. He said he remains active and only indulges in fried shrimp and some of his other less nutritious favorites every once in a while.

He also tries to talk to others in his community about their shared risks, especially those hesitant to pay attention to markers like high blood pressure, or those who don’t get regular doctor checkups.

“It can happen to anyone; it doesn’t matter how old,” Patel said. “You get worried about your family, your kids, yourself.”

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PEOPLE’S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Apple cider vinegar may remedy your acid reflux

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
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Q: I took prescription meds for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) for 10 years. Finally, I tried apple cider vinegar after my evening meal. Although it seemed counterintuitive, it worked!

I also sleep with the head of my bed raised. I use the things they sell to raise all bed legs for under-bed storage, but only put them under the headboard feet.

I’m happy to be med-free so I don’t need to worry about side effects. I didn’t go cold turkey with the meds but weaned off them gradually. We have stomach acid for a reason — to digest our food. If we don’t digest it properly, we can’t absorb the nutrients in it.

A: Thanks for sharing your story. Apple cider vinegar is a popular remedy for acid reflux. Although it has not been studied in a clinical trial, doctors are beginning to take notice of its use (Current Gastroenterology Reports, July 10, 2019). Naturopaths have adopted the use of apple cider vinegar and deglycyrrhizinated licorice (DGL) to treat reflux (Integrative Medicine, August 2018).

Not everyone benefits from this treatment. Occasionally, people report that vinegar makes their heartburn worse.

Q: I read that pycnogenol could help heal eczema. I’d been struggling with this skin condition for months, so I bought some and started taking it. Within a couple of months, my eczema was gone. Do you know if I need to keep taking it



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Although apple cider vinegar hasn’t been studied in clinical trials, it’s a popular solution for acid reflux.

every day, or only when I have another flare-up?

A: We appreciate your report. Pycnogenol is a compound derived from French maritime pine bark with antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activities.

We could find no clinical trials of pycnogenol for eczema, but scientists have confirmed that it calms inflammation in skin cells called keratinocytes (Free Radical Biology and Medicine, Jan. 15, 2000). Investigators have determined that this dietary supplement can improve skin barrier function (Skin Pharmacology and Physiology, February 2016).

Usually, more robust barrier function means less eczema. Unfortunately, however, we don’t have an answer to your question. If you experiment on yourself, please let us know what you learn.

Q: I went to the emergency room with severe

abdominal pain last month. I thought it might be a recurrence of hiatal hernia, but it turned out to be bowel obstruction.

I was discharged after two days and went home with partial obstruction. The doctors said I should manage it with diet and laxatives. After nine days of bloating, cramping and a distended belly, I searched the web and found your article on lisinopril causing abdominal obstruction. I immediately stopped taking lisinopril and notified my cardiologist. After a few days, my symptoms diminished dramatically. I’m now back to normal.

A: ACE inhibitor blood pressure drugs like lisinopril can trigger a condition called angioedema. Emergency physicians are familiar with symptoms such as swollen lips, tongue and throat. If not treated promptly, angioedema can become life-threatening because the airway may close.

Health care professionals are far less familiar with intestinal angioedema. ACE inhibitors can also cause swelling of the small and large intestines leading to bowel obstruction. This, too, can be a life-threatening complication.

Doctors may have trouble diagnosing abdominal angioedema because symptoms may mimic many other digestive disorders. Nausea, diarrhea, bloating and intermittent abdominal pain are common complaints. We’re glad you were able to discover the source of your distress.

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'Forest bathing' walks benefit mind and body

Japanese therapy aims to connect you with nature

By **KEN GORDON**
Columbus Dispatch

Saundra McBrearty felt awkward, with her eyes closed and one hand touching a tree.

She was participating recently in the practice of "shinrin-yoku," also known as "forest bathing," a form of structured nature therapy.

The nine participants stood around a huge Osage orange tree in woods surrounding McKnight Outdoor Education Center, and guide Elizabeth Olate had just instructed everyone to "fly like a leaf" away from the tree.

"I was like, 'OK, am I going to do this?'" said McBrearty, a Delaware resident. "But as soon as the moment hit, (and I decided), 'Yeah, I'm going to let go of the tree and start to fly like a leaf,' a leaf basically landed in my hand, and that was like, 'Yeah, I'm in the right spot.'"

Shinrin-yoku, which originated in Japan in the 1980s, is one form of forest therapy, a growing practice nationwide.

In general, forest therapy is the idea that connecting with nature in an intentional way can be beneficial, both emotionally and physically. In some ways, it resembles yoga, with its focus on calming the mind and concentrating on one's surroundings.

"It's profoundly simple," said Pamela Wirth, director of partnerships and community with the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy. "You don't have to believe in anything, and it's accessible to most levels of physical ability. It's about inviting people to make a connection through the sensory body to really become fully present and connect with nature."

Wirth's group was founded in 2013. Based in



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Participants of shinrin-yoku observe their surroundings and then share what they noticed at Indian Village Outdoor Education Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Santa Rosa, California, it focuses on training and certifying people to lead forest walks. According to its website, more than 700 guides had been certified by the end of 2018.

Olate and Scott Sheets were certified earlier this year and co-lead a number of outdoor experiences in central Ohio, including hiking, paddling (kayaking/canoeing), outdoor meditative walks and shinrin-yoku.

Olate is a psychotherapist, and she said she sometimes incorporates outdoor experiences into her practice with some of her clients.

But she stressed that, "from a clinical perspective, forest bathing is completely not psychology."

On a recent Sunday, the nine participants gathered in a parking lot outside the McKnight Outdoor Education Center, a Columbus Recreation and Parks facility on the west bank of the Scioto River. It was sunny and in the mid-40s as Olate introduced herself and Sheets as guides, adding, "but really, the forest is the guide."

The group then strolled into the woods. Shinrin-yoku is not about walking for distance or physical exercise. It's about immersion into nature. The structure involves a series of "invitations," which Olate explained at the first stop. She invited everyone to find a leaf "that speaks to you."

After several minutes,

participants sat with their chosen leaves, then took turns explaining why they picked that leaf. The explanations included metaphors for life: old leaves that still had some life in them, for example, or one leaf tucked into another, providing protection.

Next, Sheets led the group farther down the path, but he walked slowly. The idea was to force everyone to slow down and truly notice their surroundings. Again, the group then shared their thoughts, although that is not mandatory — participants can choose not to speak.

"It's hard to share at first," Olate said, "and then I feel like slowly people start thawing, getting more comfortable with each

other."

The orange tree provided a base from which participants scattered into the nearby woods, then gathered to discuss what they had experienced. They came together a final time for a tea ceremony. Olate served hot herbal tea from a thermos, and the first cup was poured onto the ground, "in gratitude for sharing the landscape with us."

Afterward, the group slowly dispersed, though not before more discussion of their experience.

Adam Wilson of Galloway was a first-time shinrin-yoku participant. He said being outdoors is not in his comfort zone, so it took time to "get calm and feel grounded." He also was

nervous about sharing his thoughts. But he said he would do it again.

"It helps me notice other parts of my life that I can dwell on that aren't as negative," he said. "I have a stressful work life that I'm dealing with right now, and this is kind of a nice break from that."

McBrearty went on several shinrin-yoku walks earlier in the year with Olate and Sheets. Despite occasionally feeling awkward, McBrearty said she is increasingly enjoying her experiences.

"It's a journey," she said. "It's a beautiful way to connect with nature. They say it's really good for you, and it feels really good for me, so it all seems to work out."

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A boneless center-cut pork loin roast is far less expensive than beef tenderloin or a standing rib roast, yet still celebratory.

Festive feast

Christmas pork roast smells like the holidays with an orange-anise rub



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

Several generations will gather at my home to celebrate Christmas. The midweek holiday precludes many from attending. Instead, we'll celebrate the weekend before.

Loved ones (and their additions to the meal) arrive as their schedules and travels allow. Often, we do not sit down to eat at the same time. Gifts need unwrapping, group photos arranged and stories shared. I skip a formally set table and opt to stack

plates on the kitchen island, fill a jar with forks and set out a basket of paper napkins. Some folks fill a paper plate and stand in the kitchen to eat and talk. My mother prefers a chair in the dining room and a china plate. Others opt for the family room counter so they can crank up the music or check a team score. Those who like refills sit at the kitchen table.

I plan menus that taste equally delicious at room temperature as hot from the oven. My nieces and nephews love to cook and always contribute. My sister bakes amazing breads. We plan substantial side dishes that double as vegetarian main courses. Nibbles need to take no time to prepare. Same goes for dessert. Nearly everyone brings their own beverages.

While the formality of a holiday meal has melted into a relaxed assembling, I still believe in the revelry of a holiday roast. Roasts from the center of the pork loin and the beef loin

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REVIEW Time Out Market Chicago ★★

Everything you should try at Chicago's new food hall

BY LOUISA CHU AND NICK KINDELSPERGER

Enormous, audacious and expensive. Those three words best describe the city's latest food hall, Time Out Market Chicago, which features 18 food concepts and multiple bars sprawled over 50,000 square feet and three floors.

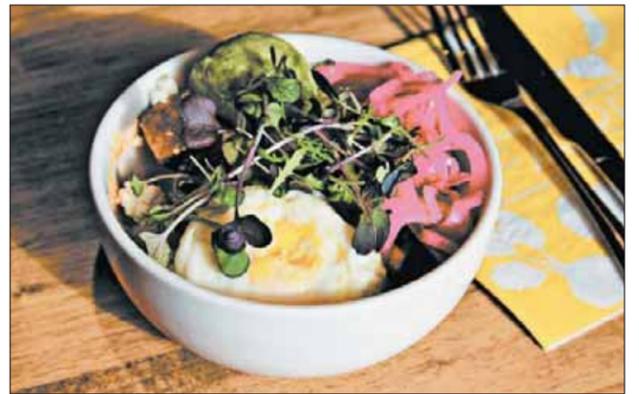
Step foot inside the West Loop location and it's easy to feel bewildered, not to mention a little confused. After all, until a few years ago, Time Out was simply a culture magazine with outlets in many major cities in the U.S. and Europe. But it has pivoted hard to food halls where its staff picks the restaurants included. (Time Out prefers to refer to them as "editorially-curated eateries.") The first opened in Lisbon, Portugal, back in 2014, though now you can find outlets in London, New York, Miami, Boston, Montreal, Dubai and Prague. More are in the works.



Caramelized pork dumplings by chef Bill Kim.

Of course, the food hall trend has been popular in Chicago for a few years now. Revival Food Hall (125 S. Clark St.) kicked off the craze when it opened in the Loop back in 2016, bringing together a clutch of top-quality neighborhood restaurants, like Smoque

BBQ and The Budlong. Since then, the slightly smaller Wells Street Market (205 W. Wacker Drive, #100) also managed to add some vibrancy to the Loop's lunch scene, and four more have opened in the city. But the Time Out Market



Breakfast egg bowl at Fare inside Time Out Market Chicago.

Chicago has much different ambitions. Not only is it roughly twice the size of Revival, it's aiming to be far more than just a crowded lunch spot. With hours stretching from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day of the week, it wants to be your all-day hot spot.

This means it's less worried about shuffling Loop business workers in and out with speed. Instead, the Time Out Chicago crew selected some of Chicago's most acclaimed chefs to create a

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Candy shopping, old school

Stores still making tasty treats and personal connections

BY GRACE WONG

Sometimes, the grocery store checkout line chocolate bar is just not good enough. Just ask any of the thousands of patrons who frequent Chicago's old-school candy shops.

For years, these candy institutions have been more than a place to satisfy a sweet tooth, but a destination for date nights and family outings. There's just something different about being greeted when you walk through the door while your nostrils fill with the scent of melted chocolate and caramel. And there's something special about perusing the antique penny candy display cases for that obscure, retro sweet you hear your grandmother mention from time to time.

While many have closed because of skyrocketing rent and other economic pressures, some longtime shops dating back decades, and one nearly 100 years, are still turning out hand-dipped chocolate-covered creams and nut clusters, mini chocolate Christmas trees and chocolate barks. To celebrate their lasting role in our candy-filled holiday dreams, we visited four of these iconic Chicagoland candy stores: Gayety's Chocolates & Ice Cream in Lansing, Old Fashioned Candies in Berwyn, Margie's Candies in Logan Square, and relative newcomer, at only 36 years old, Windy City Sweets in Lakeview. From seasonal confections to hand-dipped chocolates, these shops are on a first-name basis with their customers and are woven into the very fabric of their communities.

Gayety's Chocolates & Ice Cream (est. 1920)

For Laurene Lemanski, it was love at first taste. Her mother had told her about Gayety's Chocolates & Ice Cream her whole life but she never had the opportunity to try it until that day in 1987 when she had her first hot fudge sundae at the age of 16. From then on, she couldn't seem to get away, working there through high school, college and even after graduation, on top of a full-time job elsewhere. There was just something about it — the old-world feel or the owners' personalities, perhaps — that kept her coming back to the candy shop, now in Lansing, throughout her life.

After Gayety's filed for bankruptcy for the second time in 2018, Lemanski cried in the courtroom when she attended the hearings with the owners. The bankruptcy was the culmination of financial mismanagement over the years — not because there weren't enough customers — but the shop couldn't stay open unless someone bought it. So she did.

"I told them, 'I want to buy everything,'" she said.

She reopened Gayety's in April 2019 after the original owners closed it in October 2018. She kept everything, from the chrome candymaking equipment and recipes to the pink chairs with twisted wire heart backs. She cut viewing windows in the bright yellow walls so customers could watch the candy dippers work on the next batch of chocolate-covered nuts and creams or Muddles, commonly known by their trademarked name of Turtles and cleverly renamed after turtles playing in the mud.

When the shop first opened in 1920 at East 92nd Street and South Commercial Avenue, it was a South Chicago tradition to stop in on the way to The Gayety Theatre. Customers would pick up some candies to sneak into the show or stop in afterward to share an ice cream sundae topped with fruit salad. Chances are, they would bump into James Papageorge, the Greek immigrant who opened the shop, known for his gruff yet warm demeanor and for smoking cigars. These days, you can buy chocolate cigars at the shop and take a photo with a life-size poster of Papageorge, who passed the shop on to his nephew Lee Flessor. Flessor was the person who hired Lemanski in 1988, shortly after the store moved to 172nd Street and Torrence Avenue.

Gayety's moved to its current location in Lansing in 2003. Despite the change in ownership, not much has changed since then. They still see lines out the door for housemade ice cream in the summer, caramel apples in the fall and chocolate Santas at Christmastime. Even though it's been eight months since the reopening, people of all ages still stop in to thank Lemanski for saving the store. They eagerly share memo-



Laurene Lemanski, owner of Gayety's Chocolates & Ice Cream, in Lansing, with a platter of Muddles.



Owner John Manchester creates a chocolate Christmas tree at Windy City Sweets in Chicago.

ries about their first dates at Gayety's and excitedly introduce their children and grandchildren to the treats behind the glass.

"I bought a legacy of not just the Flessor family, but a legacy of all these customers who come in to tell their stories," Lemanski said.

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Margie's Candies (est. 1921)

You can spot Margie's bright yellow sign with red cursive lettering from a mile away. There are few candy shops more well known in Chicago than this one, where lines form for its comically oversized sundaes in the summer and its festive displays of a dancing Mr. and Mrs. Claus in the winter. Inside, the shop is tiny, with cappuccino-colored vinyl booths jutting out from the wood-paneled walls. Each booth has its own jukebox and colorful stained-glass hanging light. During this time of year, the giant mirrors have festive wreaths hanging from them. Christmas music completes the holiday vibe. It's the kind of place where nostalgia seems to pervade the very air you breathe, or maybe that's just the smell of melted chocolate ready to smother some nuts, or caramel ready to coat an apple.

While the shop was originally opened as an ice cream parlor in 1921 by Peter George Poulos, it became Margie's Candies in 1933, when his son George renamed the store after his wife, whom he had met at the shop when they were younger. After his death in 1954, she took over the store and was frequently seen creating the candies herself. The store hosted celebrities such as the Beatles, Liz Phair and, allegedly, the infamous Chicago mobster Al Capone.

Peter Poulos took over from his grandfather and his grandmother in 1995. The Logan Square shop itself doubles as a candy shop and time capsule, complete with old photographs of celebrity patrons and newspaper clippings mounted proudly on the wall. An unlit neon sign that reads "Margie G. Poulos 'Thank you!'" hangs near the doorway, as if Margie herself was still watching over the store. Boxes of chocolate with red silk bows precariously perch on top of the glass display in the middle of the store, which is filled with chocolates, gifts and more photographs. And on top of the floating shelves that line the perimeter of the room? More photographs, awards, memorabilia and newspaper clippings.

The best-known candy is the

months, they reopened, adding fresh-spun cotton candy of every color and gourmet caramel and cheese popcorn to their already impressive roster of sweets.

White, Figatner and Greenwald's parents took over a shop called Morkes Chocolates at 26th and Trumbull in 1969, buying its molds, display cases, recipes and equipment and renaming the store Old Fashioned Candies. In 1976, they moved the store to Berwyn. The sisters still have a tarnished brass register that goes up to only \$3.99 because that's the most chocolates would cost when the store opened in 1969. It's just one of the original pieces from when the candy shop was still Morkes Chocolates. When their mother and father died in 2002 and 2003, the three sisters took over the business.

While the shop has been making chocolate bark, fudge and holiday treats for decades, the oldest recipe is for the French creams, which now come in flavors like maple and mint, or seasonal flavors like eggnog and blueberry. Typically, Greenwald makes the filling, White dips them and Figatner puts the final touches on them, such as a swirl to indicate which flavor of cream it is. Then, White's son Danny takes photos and puts them online.

"The difference with our centers and ones from a mass-produced place is that ours are hand-dipped, so ours are able to be a softer, smoother flowing cream," White said.

What Old Fashioned Candies is best known for, however, are its chocolate-covered strawberries. But you may never find them if you just look at the display. Regular customers know to walk straight to the register and ask if there are any left. The trick to procuring some is to come right when the shop opens, White said. The strawberries are impossibly juicy, thanks to "their guy" who goes to the market each morning and selects them by hand. Combined with a smooth milk chocolate exterior, it's easy to see why they sell out daily.

The shop has managed to keep up with the times via an edible image machine, which prints an image on wafer paper, which is then attached to bars of chocolate. And to keep generations of customers returning, they have an email club with coupons and consistently post things on Instagram and Facebook. But they say nothing beats word of mouth and the experience customers have when they come into the store.

"It's our personal connection," White said. "You come here, you're buying something, you're connecting and there's almost always a relative that's here. You get personal attention."

From birthdays, to graduations, to weddings, to funerals, Old Fashioned Candies has been an integral part of many people's big days, White said. They meticulously make sure colors match and flavors are available, whether it's white, dark, milk or sugar-free chocolates. And for those wanting a pop of nostalgia, they can find treats like candy cigarettes and marshmallow cones in the penny candy display case that survived the fire.

"You shouldn't have to get something you don't want," Greenwald said.

6210 Cermak Road, Berwyn, 708-788-6669, oldfashionedcandiesinc.com

Windy City Sweets (est. 1983)

Open since 1983, Windy City Sweets has made a name for itself in Lakeview as a place where nostalgia reigns and there's always some new fudge or chocolate-covered something to try. John Manchester is the second owner, having bought the business in 2001 from Jerry Sherwood, who, despite retiring, still shows up and helps out from time to time.

Columns of by-the-pound candies seemingly flow out of the wood-paneled southern wall, facing the ice cream counter, where Manchester also whips up smoothies and milkshakes. Toward the back is where you can find the chocolates, chocolate-dipped treats and the English toffee, a recipe from his grandmother. The shop is cozy, bright and doesn't have a ton of room for seating inside, which is why the patio is heavily utilized in the summer. Windy City Sweets carries general line candies, gourmet chocolate, fudge made in-house and nostalgic candies, like wax bottles, candy dots and Satellite Wafers. At any given time, there are 1,200 kinds of candy in the store, not including the special orders of chocolate bars with custom designs and logos.

"One thing about a candy store is it really invokes memories," Manchester said. "You'll have family members come in and it doesn't matter if they're 8, 38 or 88, they'll say 'remember when.'"

For the holidays, he's been putting in extra hours to complete gift baskets and custom orders. There are three Jewish temples nearby, so he also has chocolate candles and menorahs in time for Hanukkah, and kosher candy is specially marked year-round. Not all the candies and chocolates are made in the store, so Manchester works with about 90 vendors, distributors and manufacturers to source the candies, with a heavy emphasis on small, local businesses.

One of the newer additions to the chocolates made in store is the waffle cone bark, which was created when an order of waffle cones arrived shattered, damaged during transport. Manchester didn't want them to go to waste, so he decided to coat them in chocolate and let customers sample them to see if they liked them. Obviously, they did. This is a common practice for the store — putting out new, experimental items to get customer feedback — and is something that Manchester said helps people feel a part of the business.

"Economics are tough," he said. "Everything is going up. Labor is going up. We're just trying to hold on. We give great service at a good price and we try to greet everyone who hits the door."

It's the personal touch and customization that keeps people coming back, he said, and the shop accommodates for flavor preferences and dietary needs, whether it's a box of chocolates in February or an Easter bunny in April. He's currently working on a line of dog-friendly treats and is constantly on the hunt for new and novel candies to add to the inventory. And if you see something missing from the store, all you need to do is ask.

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Toast the season with sparkling wine

BY DAVE MCINTYRE
The Washington Post

The holidays are for celebration. With joy in our hearts and our smiles, we raise our glasses to toast friendships old and new, the accomplishments of the year now ending and the possibilities that lie ahead. Our glasses most likely contain liquid joy, a wine that sparkles with promise, its bubbles lifting our spirits as they climb steadily, inexorably from the bottom of the glass. Nothing can keep them down. As the famous Benedictine monk Dom Pérignon exclaimed while enjoying his own Champagne, “I’m drinking stars!”

Here are five things to know about sparkling wine as you prepare to toast your loved ones.

1. It ain’t Champagne unless it comes from Champagne.

Those of us of a certain age tend to call any bubbly Champagne, the way we used to call any cola Coke or any copier a Xerox machine. But true Champagne comes from the Champagne region of northern France, where producers have been zealous about protecting their brand.

What makes Champagne the world’s top sparkling wine? Marketing is the cynical answer. We’ve all seen those Belle Epoque-era posters showing Champagne as the luxurious drink of the upper class.

Winemaking is important too. In the Champagne method, now more commonly called the traditional method (because “Champagne method” allows other regions to link their wines with Champagne), the bubbles are formed during a second fermentation in the bottle.

Other sparkling wines are made in the charmat, or bulk, method. Essentially, they are carbonated under pressure with carbon dioxide in large tanks. This is obviously cheaper. Prosecco is made this way, and can be quite good.

2. Vintage isn’t (always) important.

Many sparkling wines do not carry a vintage date on the label. They are nonvintage wines, or as some producers prefer, “multi-vintage,” blending wines from



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several harvests.

The multi-vintage blending practice developed as a hedge against Champagne’s uncertain northern climate, but also because producers wanted to develop a consistent house style. By blending reserve wines from older vintages with the new harvest, they could guard against the excessive ripeness of a hot year or the more anemic wines of a rainy vintage. Some producers use a solera system, similar to what’s used in making sherry or aged tawny port. A solera is a blend of several vintages; each year, a portion is used to add complexity and an aged character to the new blend, while some fresh wine is added. It’s rather like a sourdough leaven for bread.

Vintage-dated sparkling wines are from better years, or more consistent climates. Vintage

Champagnes are aged longer to give the complexity that reserve wines add to a multi-vintage blend. They are priced accordingly.

3. Wine is the noun, sparkling is the modifier.

We tend to value sparkling wines for their bubbles and the celebrations they mark. But bubbly is — first and foremost — wine. This is especially true of the finest Champagnes, which show as much depth, complexity and aging ability as the great Bordeaux and Burgundies.

If you get hooked on Champagne, you can spend some glorious days divining the terroir nuances of the Cotes des Blancs, where the vibrant fruit of chardonnay reigns supreme, or the more minerally wines of the Montagnes de Reims, based on

pinot noir and pinot meunier. Or the wines of the Marne Valley, where the sandier soils have their own softer expression.

If you want to explore the region, start with Peter Liem’s masterful work, “Champagne” (complete with topographical maps). And then check your bank account — this will be expensive research.

4. Because it’s not just about the bubbles, it’s not just about toasting.

“Bubbles go with everything” is my mantra. (Well, one of them.) Sparkling wine is extremely food-friendly, because the bubbles and acidity refresh your palate. A rich Champagne can accompany a fancy meal, while a lighter Spanish cava pairs well with tapas and appetizers. Bubbles also have an affinity

for fat, salt and crunch. Fried chicken, french fries and even popcorn. If you want to be truly decadent, in a wine geek way, try Champagne with a Popeye’s fried chicken sandwich.

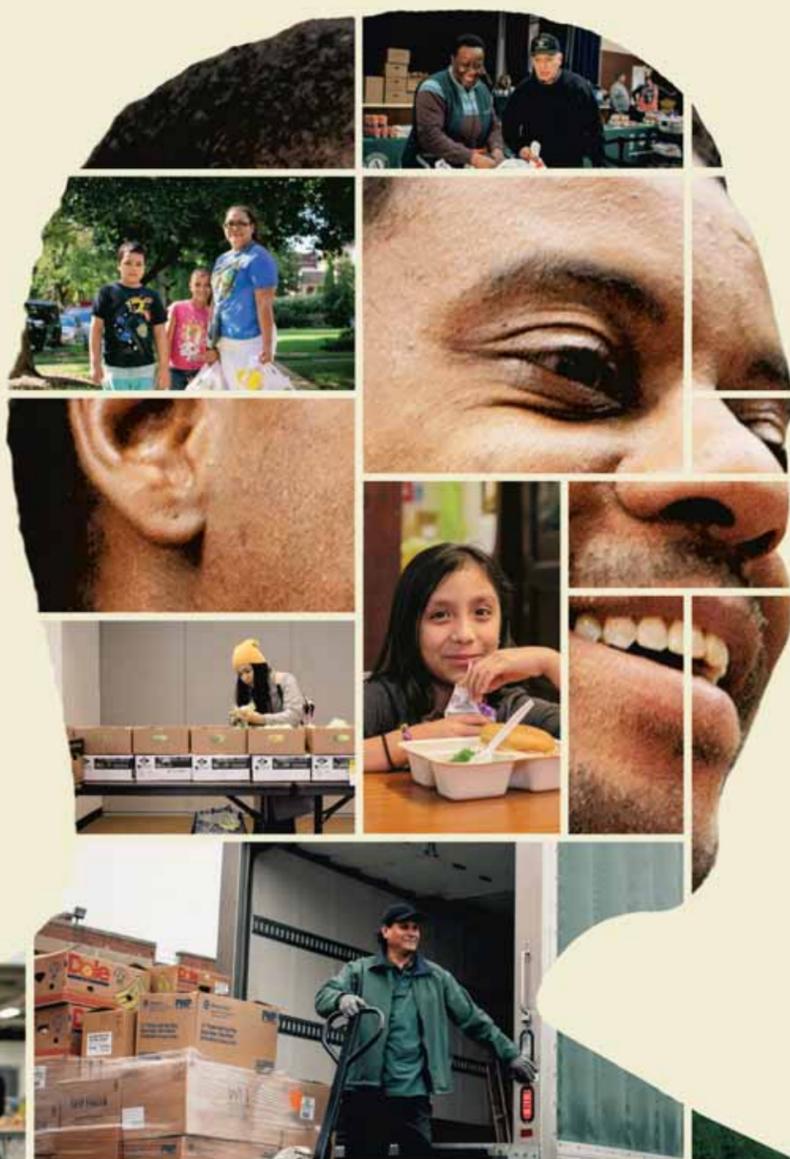
5. Don’t drink it in a coupe.

Does anyone have coupes today? These are the wide, shallow glasses in those Belle Epoque posters. Tall, narrow glasses called flutes are more common now. Flutes channel the bubbles directly to the top. They’re great for toasting, but if you want to enjoy your sparkling wine as wine (see above, Nos. 3 and 4), use a tulip-shaped glass.

With these points in mind, I hope you have a wonderful, bubbly holiday season.

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Switch up your Hanukkah menu with this olive oil cake.

The essence of Hanukkah

Celebrate the holiday anew with olive oil in a lemon cake, tapenade

BY PEGGY WOLFF

Hanukkah, which begins Sunday evening, is an eight-day holiday commemorating the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after the small army of Maccabees defeated the Syrian-Greek enemy. As one tale goes, wrote Gil Marks in his “Encyclopedia of Jewish Food,” “the priests found only a single small vial of ritually untainted olive oil, enough to burn in the Temple’s seven-branched candelabra for barely one day.”

It burned for eight days, which allowed enough time to find more fresh olive oil of the purest quality to keep the candelabra continuously lit. (The candelabra is called a *hanukkiyah* by Sephardim and a *menorah* by Ashkenazim.)

To excavate history, I enlisted Shmuel Veffler, an Orthodox rabbi who owns Galilee Green, a small olive oil business in the Lower Galilee region in Israel. Their olives are pressed from the orchards in Kibbutz Degania Alef.

“According to Torah law,” Veffler emailed, “it is preferable to light the Hanukkah menorah with *shemen zayit zach* pure olive oil. Many people both in Israel and in the diaspora choose to use olive oil for their hanukkiyah.” It produces a clear flicker-free flame.

“But another universal custom in Jewish homes around the world is to eat foods made with olive oil,” Shmuel continued. “It’s another way to commemorate the holiday.”

Although Jewish people have celebrated the miracle of the oil for centuries by deep-frying various doughs and batters — in Israel *sufganiyot*; in Spain and Mexico *bunuelos*; in India *jalebi* — it is the olive oil, not the cooking method, that is honored.

But, you say, the latke is my traditional Hanukkah fare. Traditional? No. It is relatively new! The Maccabees never saw a potato, much less a potato pancake.

And that potato? It didn’t even appear in Eastern Europe until the late 1800s. Only then, with the mass migration of Ashkenazi immigrants who fled Eastern Europe, did the potato latke arrive at our shores.

But let’s shift the culinary narrative back to the oil, because Hanukkah is not about the cooking method. It is about the olive oil, which is why this

year we are offering recipes that highlight it.

A few years ago, the folks at the University of California, Davis were predicting a bumper crop of olives, so I volunteered at Margaret and Jim Foley’s Petrichor Vineyards, outside Santa Rosa, California. Surrounding the thousands of vines of grenache and syrah grapes that were already harvested — the real business of Petrichor — there was an olive orchard of organic manzanillo and mission trees.

It’s a tedious farm job: Every olive is picked by hand; it takes three to four hours of labor to fill one bin. Then, the entire crop is rushed to a nearby mill to be quickly pressed into a thick, golden elixir, which is sold mostly in bulk gallons to restaurants.

Olives, no matter manzanillo or mission, start out green and then mature. In their prime, they are black. The black olive is simply the ripened green one.

The Foleys choose the precise time when the crop is about 60% green before it’s picked, along with the mature black, and pressed in batches. The timing of harvest is the mark of any grower’s palate — theirs was tangy and peppery.

Test olive oils for yourself at boutique food shops that stock extra-virgin varieties from different countries. Down a shot of different oils and read through the geeky tasting notes. Is it round and fruity with gentle hints of unripe almonds? Grassy? Or perhaps bold with artichoke notes?

Hanukkah lasts for eight days, plenty of time to prepare your Ashkenazi gold standard latke and recall your ancestors. But try following a newer culinary path that focuses on foods that highlight the oil.

You can drink from both wells.

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Pair this delicious olive tapenade with plain crackers, crostini or sliced baguette.

Olive tapenade

Prep: 25 minutes **Makes:** $\frac{2}{3}$ cup to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup

This recipe from Dorie Greenspan’s “Everyday Dorie: The Way I Cook” is a blend of olives, garlic and herbs — with citrus and anchovies as boosters. Do not sub anchovy paste packed in a tube or your dish will be *killer* salty. Use a canned anchovy, it will add another layer of flavor. You can refrigerate the tapenade in a well-sealed jar for at least three days. Stir before using and serve with plain crackers, plain crostini or a sliced baguette.

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup (113 grams) packed, pitted, oil-cured black olives, coarsely chopped

1 oil-packed anchovy, drained, coarsely chopped

$\frac{1}{4}$ garlic clove, germ removed, coarsely chopped

Grated zest (about 1 teaspoon) and juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon (about 5 teaspoons)

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon herbes de Provence or $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dried thyme, or more to taste

Pinch of cayenne pepper, or more to taste

3 tablespoons olive oil

1. Using a blender or a food processor — a mini works great — put all the ingredients in the bowl; process, scraping down the sides frequently, until the olives and garlic are pureed. Make the tapenade chunky or smooth — the choice is yours.

2. If it is too salty for your taste, stir in an additional teaspoon each of fresh lemon juice and olive oil.

Nutrition information per serving: 42 calories, 4 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 1 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 0 g protein, 82 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Lemon olive oil cake

Prep: 20 minutes **Bake:** 25–30 minutes **Makes:** 10 servings

This Hanukkah cake recipe is light and mouthwatering, imparting a blast of lemon that partners well with extra-virgin olive oil. The recipe is adapted from one that Yaël Wiesenfeld, a fashion designer in Israel, submitted to Jonathan Katz’s website flavorsofdiaspora.com. Always use a good quality extra-virgin olive oil. If you don’t like the flavor for dipping bread or drizzling on salads, you won’t like it in your baked goods. If you grease the pan with olive oil, place a baking sheet under the pan while baking, in case any oil leaks.

Cake:

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar, plus 2 tablespoons (to sprinkle inside pan)

1 $\frac{1}{3}$ cups cake flour

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons baking powder

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt

3 eggs

3 to 4 lemons, zested

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup fresh lemon juice

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons vanilla extract

1 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Syrup:

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup fresh lemon juice

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup powdered sugar

Whipped-cream topping:

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup heavy whipping cream

1 to 2 teaspoons sugar

1. Put a rack in the center of the oven; heat to 350 degrees. Spray the inside bottom and sides of a 9-inch springform pan with olive oil spray. (Alternatively, grease the pan with 1 tablespoon olive oil.) Sprinkle bottom and sides with 2 tablespoons sugar.

2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

3. In a stand mixer — or using a hand mixer — beat the eggs, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar and zest until thickened and pale in color. Blend in the vanilla extract and lemon juice until the mixture is thicker and bright yellow, about 30 seconds.

4. With the mixer on medium-low, drizzle 1 cup olive oil around the edge of the bowl; mix until the oil is incorporated, stopping once to scrape down the sides, about 2 minutes. Mix in the flour mixture until combined. Transfer the cake batter to the pan.

5. Bake until the top is golden and a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean, 25–30 minutes.

6. Meanwhile, prepare the syrup. In a small pan over low to medium heat, stir the lemon juice with the powdered sugar until the sugar dissolves and the glaze thickens into a syrup, about 10 minutes.

7. Take the cake out of the oven and immediately poke holes all over with a toothpick. As soon as it pulls away from the sides, remove the ring. Place the metal base on a platter; drizzle the glaze over the top.

8. For the topping, whip the cream in a bowl until stiff, adding 1 teaspoon of sugar at a time for desired sweetness.

Nutrition information per serving: 409 calories, 28 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 69 mg cholesterol, 38 g carbohydrates, 22 g sugar, 4 g protein, 220 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Nonna's tasty treat: Taralli

How to put the crunch in this Italian snack

BY JOE GRAY

Thousands and thousands (tens of thousands? millions?) of nonnas can't be wrong.

They're the ones rolling and shaping taralli, in their cute little kitchens in Puglia (or Sicily or Napoli or ...). With quick, deft movements they work, talking about how easy they are to make. How good they taste. How they're the perfect bite with a cold glass of white wine. How they're so traditional. How their grandmothers used to make them too. Just look for the nonnas on YouTube. You'll see.

OK, so, not only nonnas make taralli. (That's Italian grandmothers. And, yes, I know the proper plural would be nonne, but who says it that way over here?) Of course not. But they're the ones, usually, who pass the traditions to the rest of us. And they're right.

Taralli are a crispy ring-shaped Italian snack, made of flour, olive oil, salt, water and not much else. (But fennel or anise seed and black pepper are often used, to very good effect.) You've maybe seen them bundled up in cellophane bags and tucked in among other snacks at an Italian grocery. They're akin to a crisp breadstick in texture, but not quite that. They're hard to describe to the uninitiated. They're not a cracker. Not a biscuit, using the British meaning, though they're sometimes called that, because they're usually twice cooked (the root meaning of that word).

I see them in non-Italian groceries more often these days, but not so much that people really know them. When you put them out at a party, they'll exclaim with curiosity, then, after tasting them, with joy. Which is why you should make them, whether you have a nonna or not. The store-bought, usually imported,



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versions are quite good. But they're so much better freshly made.

And, again, the nonna contingent is right. They are easy. About as hard as making cookies, once you get going. Yet I shrank from trying my mom's recipe for years. I was afraid of it. Afraid they wouldn't turn out. Afraid her cryptic recipe, very short on details, would hide its secrets. And she's 10 years gone, so she couldn't help. But after consulting with my sister, who had made them often, I made it a project.

And they turned out beautifully the first try. After tinkering with them and remaking them several times to get the instructions right, I have the recipe here. Bake up a batch yourself, for a snack with a glass of wine, perfect for holiday parties coming up.

Your nonna (or momma) would be proud.

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Taralli

Prep: 1 hour **Rise:** 1 hour **Bake:** 20-25 minutes **Makes:** 64 taralli

Though many recipes boil the taralli before baking them, my mom's does not. (Her recipe comes from her aunt; they were all from Campania, in southern Italy.) And it uses yeast. The dough is pretty oily, which makes for crisp taralli. It also means you won't need to flour the board for rolling the taralli. The taralli take on other flavors with aplomb. Mix in a tablespoon or two of anise or fennel seed, if you like.

1 package (¼ ounce) yeast

½ cup plus 2 tablespoons warm water (105 to 110 degrees F)

1 pound flour (3 ⅔ cups)

2½ teaspoons coarse salt, plus more for sprinkling

Freshly ground black pepper

½ cup olive oil

1. Stir the yeast into ½ cup warm water in a small bowl until dissolved; allow to proof until foamy on top, 10 minutes.

2. Mix the flour, salt and pepper to taste in a stand mixer with the hook attachment on low speed just to combine. Add water and yeast mixture and the oil. Mix to combine, scrapping down sides of bowl as needed. Turn mixer to medium; mix until dough comes together into a ball. If the dough is not coming together, you may need to add up to 2 more tablespoons warm water. (Alternatively, mix in a large bowl with a wooden spoon.)

3. Turn out the dough onto a dry wooden board; you won't need to flour it. Knead until dough has a springy consistency, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a bowl, cover with a kitchen towel, and leave to rest in a warm place until nicely risen, about 1 hour. (It will gain about 50% in volume.)

4. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Turn dough out onto a dry board. Flatten slightly with your hands. Using a bench scraper, section dough into 4 long portions. Cut those into pieces about the size of a whole walnut. Roll a piece into a log about ⅜-inch wide and 12 inches long. Cut the log in half. Shape each log into a ring, twisting ends into a loose knot (really just turn the ends over each other). Transfer to a baking sheet, leaving a little room between them. They don't expand much. Sprinkle with a little coarse salt. Continue with remaining dough.

5. Bake until nicely golden brown and crisp, 20 to 25 minutes. The taralli keep in a covered container for a couple of weeks and freeze beautifully.

Nutrition information per piece: 42 calories, 2 g fat, 0.5 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 5 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 1 g protein, 75 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Roast

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engender ooohs and aahs for their handsome appearance. Lean and easy to carve, boneless roasts prove welcoming to the addition of herbs, spicy rubs and tangy fruits. Wrapped in fresh rosemary, seasoned with chiles or splashed with orange — these are the roasts of holiday memories.

This holiday, I'm cooking a boneless center-cut pork loin roast — it's far less expensive than beef tenderloin, or a standing rib roast, yet still celebratory. I'll season the mild-tasting meat with a fresh orange and anise seed rub that just smells like the holidays.

During this season, many supermarkets sell whole boneless pork loins weighing 6 to 8 pounds. (They also sell boneless, top loin double pork roasts — actually two pieces of loin tied into a compact shape — difficult to cook, so I avoid this preparation.) When the large roasts are on sale, I cut them into two roasts and cook one or two as needed. A 3-pound roast proves perfect for a gathering of 6 to 8 guests. Cook two roasts side by side for a gathering of 12 to 16.

I'm seasoning this year's roast with a sugary rub containing fresh orange zest. I find it amazing just how much orange flavor penetrates the lean meat. To enhance the rub, a bed of orange chunks, fresh fennel and onion serve as a roasting rack for the meat. Once cooked, the roast is set aside to make a quick pan sauce with the vegetables, red wine and broth. Think of the sauce as more of an orange-flavored au jus than a gravy. Of course, you can thicken the pan juices with a little flour if you like.

No matter what the main course is, I opt for side dishes that satisfy the vege-

Coconut rice with quinoa and black beans

Prep: 10 minutes

Cook: 30 minutes

Makes: 6 to 8 servings

You can also cook the mixture in a medium saucepan over very low heat for 15 to 20 minutes.

1 ⅓ cups jasmine rice

⅓ cup red quinoa, rinsed, drained

¾ to 1 cup unsweetened shredded coconut

3 cloves garlic, crushed

1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained, rinsed

½ teaspoon salt

Hot red pepper sauce

1. Put rice and quinoa in a 6-cup rice cooker. Add 2 ⅔ cups water, coconut and garlic; stir well. Cover; cook according to manufacturer's instructions.

2. Put black beans in the bottom of a large serving bowl. Top with the cooked rice and salt; toss gently to mix. Serve hot. Pass hot pepper sauce.

Nutrition information per serving (for 8 servings): 229 calories, 6 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 40 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 6 g protein, 222 mg sodium, 5 g fiber

tarians and vegans in the group. I also look for do-ahead steps to free up my kitchen time when my friends and family are nearby. Better yet, send the recipes to volunteers and share the cooking.

The coconut rice with quinoa and black beans can be made a day in advance; simply cool it down on a



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Roasted rainbow carrots and cauliflower

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 30 minutes

Makes: 6 to 8 servings

2 pounds rainbow carrots, ends trimmed, peeled

3 to 4 loosely packed cups cauliflower florets, about 12 ounces

1 large red onion, halved, sliced into ¼-inch thick wedges

¼ cup expeller-pressed canola oil or safflower oil

1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon mild chili powder

Finely grated zest and juice of 1 small lime

2 to 4 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees on convection or 400 degrees on conventional. Have 2 rimmed baking sheets ready.

2. Slice carrots on the diagonal into ½-inch thick pieces. Put half of the carrots, cauliflower and red onion on each baking sheet. Drizzle vegetables with the oil; toss well to coat. Sprinkle with the salt. Toss to mix. (Can stand up to 2 hours at room temperature before proceeding with recipe.)

3. Roast, stirring and turning vegetables over once or twice, until carrots are tender when pierced with the tip of a knife, 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from heat.

4. Transfer vegetables to a large serving bowl. Add chili powder and lime zest and juice. Toss. Serve sprinkled with cilantro.

Nutrition information per serving (for 8 servings): 117 calories, 7 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 13 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 2 g protein, 374 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

baking sheet and then pack it into a covered container. To reheat, scoop the rice into a microwave-safe bowl and cook on high stirring every 2 minutes, until steamy hot.

Same goes for the roasted

vegetables — they can be cut and seasoned in advance.

The whole idea is to minimize the kitchen time and maximize the holiday time with family and friends.

Orange, anise and brown sugar rubbed roast pork

Prep: 20 minutes **Marinate:** 1 to 48 hours

Cook: 55 minutes **Makes:** 6 to 8 servings

1 navel orange

3 tablespoons dark brown sugar

1 tablespoon sweet paprika

2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper

½ teaspoon garlic powder

½ teaspoon anise or fennel seed, finely crushed

3 pound boneless center-cut pork loin roast (not tied)

1 large sweet onion, halved, very thinly sliced

1 bulb fresh fennel, trimmed, diced

3 tablespoons olive oil

½ cup red wine

½ cup beef broth or chicken broth

Cilantro or parsley sprigs, for garnish

1. For rub, finely grate the orange zest (colored part only) into a bowl; you should have about 1 teaspoon. (Reserve the orange to use later.) Stir sugar, paprika, salt, black pepper, garlic powder and anise into the zest.

2. Pat meat dry; place on a platter. Coat meat on all sides with rub. Refrigerate loosely covered at least 1 hour or, preferably, 24 to 48 hours.

3. Cut the reserved orange into large chunks. Mix orange pieces, onion, fennel bulb and oil in the bottom of a roasting pan. Top with the pork roast. Scrape any juice from the marinating dish over the meat. Let meat stand at room temperature while the oven heats (or up to 1 hour).

4. Heat oven to 375 degrees on convection or 400 degrees on conventional setting. Roast pork about 20 minutes per pound or until an instant-read thermometer registers 135 to 140 degrees, 50 to 60 minutes. Transfer the pork to a cutting board. Tent loosely with a piece of foil; let stand 10 minutes. Temperature should rise to 145 degrees.

5. Meanwhile, set the roasting pan with its contents over a burner. Heat over medium and stir in the wine. Heat to a boil while scraping up all the browned bits. Cook and stir to reduce the mixture by half. Stir in the broth and boil again to slightly thicken the pan juices. Remove from heat. Use tongs to fish out and discard the orange pieces. Pour the pan juices with the onion and fennel into a serving bowl.

6. To serve, slice pork thinly. Serve with the pan juices and garnished with parsley.

Nutrition information per serving (for 8 servings): 298 calories, 12 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 101 mg cholesterol, 9 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 37 g protein, 702 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Time Out

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space where you'll want to linger and maybe order a cocktail or two. It's hard to argue with any of the chefs selected. No other place in town has collected Abe Conlon (Fat Rice), Bill Kim (Urban Belly), Dana Salls Cree (Pretty Cool), Thai Dang (HaiSous) and Brian Enyart and Jennifer Jones Enyart (Dos Urban Cantina). Just know you'll pay for this convenience.

Walking around requires suppressing almost constant sticker shock. To start with, it's the only food hall I know with a car valet, especially one that costs \$17. (I'd advise taking essentially any other form of transit to get there — bike, train, scooter, pogo stick — as reliable street parking might as well not exist.)

Inside, it's nearly impossible to order a filling dish for under \$10, and don't be surprised if lunch costs well over \$20 per person. Of course, the market is in the West Loop, where affordable restaurants have mostly vanished. But you're also leaving behind any semblance of service. Here you'll have to order at a counter, get a buzzer, find a spot to sit at a communal table, and then return to get your food when the buzzer goes off. Want a glass of tap water? You'll have to fight your way to the bar, and let's just say that the bartenders are less than thrilled to hand out hundreds of free glasses of water each day.

We also question the market's claim that it offers "the best of the city under one roof," considering there isn't much representation on the marquees from chefs in Chicago's black or Latino neighborhoods. We don't know who was asked and couldn't participate, but it seems like an oversight.

But pile this many quality local chefs together, and enticing food is inevitable. My colleague Louisa Chu and I managed to make our way through all of the stalls except Tortello, which isn't open full time. (Arami also plans to open on the second floor soon.) Below are our thoughts on each, including must-try dishes and ones you might want to avoid. The stalls are listed in alphabetical order. Some of the restaurants you'll recognize, while some chefs, like Abe Conlon, have created completely new concepts under their own names. We also visited at a number of different times of the day, to get a sense of how it felt as the day went on.

As you'll be able to tell from our write-ups below, Time Out Market Chicago is not a total success, but incredible food awaits if you know where to look.

— Nick Kindelsperger

Abe Conlon

Get the porco Alentejana (\$20) and you will be rewarded with what seems to be sauteed clams in a crazy good wine sauce. The Portuguese dish does indeed traditionally include tender slices of pork and shellfish too, but Conlon also adds char siu linguica sausage. It's emblematic of the possible heights of his deep-roots exploration at this stall. The arroz de grelos, while a nice bowl of rice and greens, did not achieve any promised creaminess despite a lump of sheep's milk cheese, no small disappointment at \$18. — Louisa Chu

The Art of Pizza

The most affordable stall by far is this pizza joint, where a hearty slice costs only \$5.99. The stuffed slice here tastes better than any I've tried at the original location. The cheese is still abundant, but it's also tangy and creamy and never becomes tiring. The sauce is also pleasantly chunky, acidic and bursting with tomato sweetness. And the crisp crust has a nicely browned exterior. Steer clear of thin crust, but if you're looking to experience thick-crust, Chicago-style pizza, this is a fine introduction. — N.K.

Band of Bohemia

Band of Bohemia is probably best known as the first brewpub to score a Michelin star, so definitely don't come here expecting typical pub grub. Instead, you'll find octopus served with hummus (\$15) and walleye crudo (\$16). While the dishes feature high quality ingredients, the coating on the fried eggplant on naan (\$7) fell off with one bite, while the Calabrian chile cavatelli (\$14) tasted almost medicinal. — N.K.

Bill Kim

If money were no object, I might order nothing but plate after plate of Bill Kim's caramelized pork dumplings (\$9 for seven), testing the limits of my obsession for every sticky, crisped, umami-laced, endorphin-releasing bite. The orecchiette (\$15), spicy little ear pasta stir-fried with peanut pesto, tomato sauce, smoked Gouda

cheese and broccolini, crosses borders beautifully, as has the Korean-American chef. The lamb fried rice (\$16) though seems more of a smothered lamb over rice dish missing a smoky wok toss. The katsu udon noodle soup (\$14) offers a big filling bowl, but a green herbal paste overpowers any chicken in the pho broth. — L.C.

Brian Fisher

You're going to love or hate the chicken katsu sandwich (\$12). Count me as a fan. Fisher could've just used dark meat or white, but makes chicken mousseline instead. Think fancy French chicken Spam. Japanese shokupan white bread holds panko-breaded fried poultry, fermented blueberries and Kewpie mayo too. A butterscotch stuffed and marshmallow fluffed croissant was dreamy, but at the pretty price of \$7. The peanut butter egg rolls with duck confit (\$7 for two) broke my heart completely with their bland filling. Do note the Chicago style egg rolls are included with the whole roasted duck at this ambitious Asian-ish stall. I've yet to try the \$99 meal, the highest priced item at the food hall. — L.C.

Decent Beef

Kevin Hickey tackles the Italian beef, the iconic Chicago street food, at Decent Beef. While most beef joints use a tough cut that needs to be slowly cooked and then thinly sliced, Hickey picks prime rib. This makes each sandwich expensive (a regular is \$12.99, while a double beef is \$22.99!), and when tossed into a plain roll, it's hard to initially taste where that money has gone. But here's the thing about prime rib: It makes incredible jus, the meaty juices that develop during cooking. If you ask for the sandwich to be dipped, a necessary Italian beef order, you'll get a sandwich where each bite is absolutely saturated with a complex beefy flavor. Add to that spicy giardiniera and sauteed sweet peppers, and you have one of the most fascinating, if pricey, Italian beefs in town. — N.K.

Dos Urban Cantina

I realize paying \$12 for two tacos sounds like the epitome of West Loop price gouging, but the carnitas tacos are some of the most satisfying bites in the whole market. Like the best carnitas in Chicago, each bite of pork is richly meaty and so luscious it could make you swear off Chipotle's bland so-called carnitas for life. Plus, the kitchen adds strips of skin and other tasty bits from the fried pig, amplifying the porkiness. Nearly as great is the carne asada (\$19), which features grilled steak set on a complex black garlic pasilla salsa with a side of outrageously crispy potatoes. — N.K.

Duck Inn Dogs

Kevin Hickey is the only chef with two stalls. Here you can find his distinctive beef and duck fat sausage topped with all manner of different things, from spicy duck chili to basil cucumber lemongrass relish. But start with the original Chicago (\$10), which reconstructs the classic Chicago-style hot dog for the 21st century. All the components are here (mustard, relish, onion, pickle, tomato, celery salt and hot peppers), but they are streamlined to fit snugly on the excellent poppy seed crusted bun. Only issue? While undoubtedly juicy and well made, the sausage itself tastes mild to me. I miss the pure meaty rush of Hickey's all-beef hot dog from when he ran Allium. — N.K.

Fare

Fare, one of only two stalls open for breakfast at 8 a.m., does a nice job with the breakfast egg bowl (\$7.50), served with sweet potato chunks, feta cheese crumbles and pink pickled onions. Add avocado or bacon for \$2 more. If you're feeling wild, build your own grains and greens bowls. Of course there are smoothies and avocado toast. All dishes are variations on the contemporary salad bar theme mixing and matching the same components. — L.C.

John Manion

John Manion is closing his beloved Brazilian West Loop restaurant La Sirena Clandestina because the rent was about to skyrocket due to booming real estate prices in the area, but thanks to the Time Out Market, located one block away, he does have a food stall. Fortunately, he has a wood-burning stove in the kitchen, allowing him to impart all the dishes with an unmistakable smoky aroma. That's true of the grilled oysters (\$14), which feature the plump smoke-kissed seafood topped with a creamy sweet potato aioli, spicy pimen-



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The original at Mini Mott inside Time Out Market Chicago.



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Grilled oysters are featured at John Manion's stall.



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Princess cake by Lost Larson chef and owner Bobby Schaffer.



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Canh ga bo xoi (fried sticky rice chicken wing) by chef Thai Dang.



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Seasonal pumpkin pocket pie by Sugar Cube.

ton hot sauce and crunchy potato crumble. I was also impressed with the tender chimichurri chicken served atop a kale salad (\$14) coated in slightly spicy poblano green goddess dressing. — N.K.

Lost Larson

At the only other stall open for breakfast, I wondered for a moment if princess cake (\$9 per slice) first thing in the morning was too much, until the pale green marzipan touched our royal fork. Bobby Schaffer, one of the best pastry chefs in the country, keeps it classic with vanilla sponge cake and tart raspberry jam, adding a lovely layer of feuilletine, the French crispy bits like crushed wafer cones, on the very bottom of the cake. He's been personally stocking the case every morning with his exquisite croissants, quiche, cookies and more. As the only coffee vendor in the whole food hall, Lost Larson pours a full range from drip (\$3 small, \$3.50 large) to espresso (\$3) and delicately spiced campfire lattes (\$6.25 small, \$6.75 large). — L.C.

Mini Mott

The West Loop was already home to two of Chicago's most popular burger purveyors, Au Cheval and The Loyalist. Now with Mini Mott, it has a third. This is the same acclaimed burger that you can find at the Logan Square location, though you will

pay an additional \$2.05 here for the privilege. The original (\$12) includes two griddled burger patties topped with cheese, crunchy sweet potato frizzles and a sweet and savory hoisin aioli. It's a truly unique creation that deserves the buzz. — N.K.

Pretty Cool Ice Cream

The Chicago Mix fancy pop (\$5.50) draws inspiration from Garrett's famous caramel cheese corn. Only in our town could chef Dana Salls Cree dip salted caramel ice cream in her own popcorn studded cheese Magic Shell without question. We appreciate the complexity of those messy tastes translated gracefully to ice cream form. Check the small board for daily flavors, especially the orange Dreamsicle, Bang Bang collaboration piecicles and vegan plant pops. All prices are the same as the flagship Logan Square shop, including \$2.50 puppy pops for dogs, but Chicago Mix will only be available at the food hall. — L.C.

The Purple Pig

The Purple Pig is one of the busiest restaurants on Chicago's busiest tourist street (Michigan Avenue), so having an outlet in the West Loop is welcome news. Its pared down menu focuses on cheese, charcuterie, salads and sandwiches, but don't think of this as The Purple Pig lite. You can't go wrong with the restau-

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rant's excellent coppa and wagyu bresaola, all sliced to order. But the must-order item is the duck prosciutto, pistachio butter and jelly panino (\$12), a deliriously funky spin on the classic peanut butter and jelly sandwich, bulked out with fatty cured duck. — N.K.

Secret Sound

Spoiler alert: There is no tiny Tiki bar within the market, but you will see lots of confused castaways trying to open what seems like a door to get into Secret Sound. It's an illusion that starts with you ringing a real ship's bell to open a sliding window revealing a tropical paradise portal. Lost Lake co-owners Shelby Allison and Paul McGee created the cocktail theater with a menu of 10 tropical and rum drinks (\$15 each), including low alcohol and spirit-free too. The Parchita mixes Spice 94 by Seedlip, makers of the distilled spirit-free spirits, with passion-fruit, pineapple and tonic water for a fanciful nonalcoholic cocktail. Do note the stall opens after 5 p.m. or so, depending on imaginary island time. — L.C.

Split-Rail

Chef Zoe Schor's fried chicken restaurant is an ideal fit for a food hall. Each bite of the chicken is juicy and aggressively seasoned, while the coating stays extra crunchy. You can order it by the piece (\$4.50), grab a sandwich (\$12) or get the Split-Rail package deal (\$16), which includes chicken, one side and an excellent flaky buttermilk biscuit, which arrives slathered in a sweet and spicy chile-maple butter. — N.K.

Sugar Cube

Pocket pies (\$3.50 each), the pastries formerly known as Pop-Tarts by chef Christine McCabe at her dearly departed Interurban Boathouse cafe, have risen again as flaky as ever. Colorful icing and sprinkles hint at fillings from strawberry vanilla bean, blueberry orange, apple cinnamon and recently the terrific seasonal pumpkin nutmeg. Crisp meringues (\$6 for 6) and an impressive array of cakes and pies will tempt you further. Hot chocolate and golden turmeric milk are coming soon. — L.C.

Thai Dang

Winner winner sticky rice chicken wing dinner. Dang's canh ga bo xoi wins hands down as my favorite food at the market and top pick for the best deal. Five bucks for one wing seems outrageous until you see the pterodactyl-sized piece. Each one gets wrapped in sticky rice, deep fried until golden, then finished with chile-flecked caramelized fish sauce. Dang's take on Vietnamese street food shatters gloriously with your first bite of the scorched rice crust. Pro tip: Order it fried hard. This might be Chicago's fanciest food court, but Harold's rules still apply. — L.C.

Time Out Market Bar

Walk in either entrance and you can't miss the Time Out Market Bar, which is nearly as wide as the whole building. Here you'll find a collection of local beers on tap, along with cocktails pulled from local mixologists and some original creations like the Blue Line Negroni, which is named for Detroit City Distillery Blue Line Gin. Paying \$12 for a cocktail is honestly reasonable for the area, and the service is quick. While the rambunctious atmosphere might not work for a romantic drink with a potential mate, the setup is ideal for a large group. — N.K.

Tony's Bar

You'll find this bar, named for the magazine's founder Tony Elliott, on the third floor. In the summer, it'll have a large outdoor patio, but currently it's more secluded and serene than the downstairs bar. The drink menu is the same. — N.K.

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REVIEW Phodega ★★

Savor Chicago's best bowl of pho south of Argyle Street

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER

Need Korean face masks, a can of Spam and a bowl of pho? Have I got the place for you. Phodega's name promises a strange marriage of the Vietnamese noodle soup pho (pronounced "fuh") with a bodega, or small grocery store. That's exactly what it is, although with a hipster's eye for style.

Walk into the Wicker Park shop, and you'll find shelves to the right with a truly random assortment of goods, from basic toiletries and tins of Cafe Du Monde coffee to ramen noodles and Sriracha. Everything feels like it's been placed on the shelf not with any organizing principle, but by how aesthetically pleasing they work as colors and shapes. I wouldn't plan my next major shopping trip here, but if you desperately need paper towels and a bottle of hoisin sauce, you're in luck.

But continue to the back, and the real reason to visit becomes clear. There you'll find a counter fronting a minuscule kitchen where the chefs are whipping up bowls of steaming pho.

Pho fanatics in Chicago know that most of the city's best pho comes from a small stretch of Argyle Street in Uptown, where dozens of Vietnamese restaurants crowd around the Red Line station. Ordering the dish from a restaurant south of that street almost always ends in disappointment — the broth never tastes as meaty, the noodles clump together and the fillings feel tired and bland. For what it's worth, my personal favorite pho in the city can be found at Pho 5 Lua (6261 McCormick Blvd.), which is located even farther north.

Phodega changes all that. It's not my absolute favorite



Hainan-style chicken rice is a rare dish in Chicago restaurants. Phodega carries it because one of the owners had it growing up, made by his Singaporean mother.

Phodega

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Tribune rating: ★★

Open: 11 a.m.-8 p.m.,
Tuesday-Sunday

Prices: \$3.50 appetizers,
\$10 to \$13 entrees

Noise: Conversation
friendly

Ratings key: ★★★★★ outstanding; ★★★★ excellent; ★★★ very good; ★ good; no stars: unsatisfactory. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

pho in the city (see: Pho 5 Lua), but it's competing admirably with the Argyle crew and, most important, crushing the nearby competition.

Part of the reason why most pho below Argyle fails to deliver is that restaurants stretch their resources thin by stuffing their menus with too many other dishes. Phodega's menu is blissfully simple. Along with two kinds of pho, you'll find there are just three appetizers, two kinds of Hainanese chicken rice, some dried noodle options and beverages. That's it. "We wanted to stick to a few things," says co-owner Nate Hoops

over the phone. "I'd rather have four things done really well, instead of 15 OK things."

The restaurant is the first project for Hoops and Anthony Ngo, but the two have extensive restaurant experience. Hoops worked in the Chicago Lunchbox food truck, while Ngo's family runs the Vietnamese restaurant, Pho Ha, in suburban Glendale Heights. "Both the beef and chicken pho are his family's recipes, with slight tweaks," says Hoops. "And it's all made from scratch."

You can tell. Each sip of the beef-based pho bo (\$12) is deeply meaty and comforting, but also clean and unfussy. This isn't some chef-y take on pho; instead, it's a straightforward version of the classic, which nonetheless still requires hours of simmering to make the broth. Each bowl comes loaded with bouncy meatballs and thin slices of brisket and rib-eye, along with crunchy beans sprouts, a few lime wedges and aromatic basil and cilantro. The only twist comes with the noodles. Instead of super thin rice noodles, Phodega goes with a thicker cut, the size usually reserved for pad thai.

The appetizers range from the traditional to the



Pho Bo (beef noodle soup) is among the entrees at Phodega in Wicker Park.



A lit board underscores that Phodega has purposely kept the menu tight and focused.

purposefully cheeky. Considering how labor-intensive pho is to create, it's hilarious that they also decided to serve pre-made pizza puffs (\$3.50) by Il-taco. "It's just one of our favorite snacks," said Hoops, laughing. You'll also be able to find excellent thin Vietnamese-style shrimp egg rolls (four for \$6), where whole shrimp are wrapped up tightly in rice paper and fried until crackly. Even better are the crispy chicken skins (\$3.50), which come out fiercely hot, crunchy and irresistible.

While pho gets the top billing, the other main entree option is Hainan-style chicken rice. Once again, it's inclusion comes down to a family connec-

tion. "My mom is from Singapore, so I had the dish growing up," says Hoops. "I feel like it's a dish you can't find at many places."

Hoops is right. I make the dish often at home because it's hard to find at restaurants. Its scarcity in Chicago might have to do with its appearance, because to the uninitiated, it looks monumentally boring. Each order consists of unsauced sliced chicken set on a pile of white rice with a bowl of broth. Besides some cilantro and sliced cucumber, the range of color goes all the way from white to beige. But the dish has much more going on than you might think. The chicken is poached in a liquid with lots of aromatic ginger and scallions, while

the rice is sauteed with chicken fat and cooked with some of the poaching liquid. That makes each bite taste extra meaty and complex.

Plus, when the dish reaches your table, it's not done. Think of what rests in front of you as a blank canvas. On the side, you'll find ginger garlic sauce, chile garlic hot sauce and sweet soy, just waiting for you to drizzle on top. By the end, you're eating a vibrantly colored dish where every bite alternates between meaty, spicy, fragrant and sweet. Phodega serves a classic version with poached chicken (\$10), along with one with crunchy fried chicken (\$10). Both are worth trying, which is why you'll probably want the combo chicken rice (\$13).

Phodega could have fallen for the classic hipster mistake of picking style over substance. Instead, Hoops and Ngo created a trendy and comfortable space to showcase some of their favorite family dishes. And if you happen to need some Tide laundry detergent, you can pick that up too.

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