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Bitter cold brings dire threat

GOVERNOR DECLARES DISASTER AS POLAR VORTEX HITS

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A man walks along an icy breakwater at sunrise at 31st Street Beach in Chicago on Tuesday. Wednesday is expected to see air temperatures ranging to minus 26 degrees.

When brutal chill has you on leash, can dogs cope?

BY TONY BRISCOE
Chicago Tribune

While this week's cold weather will keep most people shuttered indoors, those with pets will likely have to make special considerations for their four-legged friends.

Seasoned dog walker and business owner Kari Langmyhr is one of the few brave Chicagoans who will be strolling with her furry friends as an arctic air mass overtakes the city starting Tuesday.

Langmyhr, who started Pet Conscious Service in 2003, has been through brutal winters before, including the polar vortex that brought bitter cold in 2014 and temperatures as low as minus 16.

There is no hard and fast rule for pets because breed, health and age play a role in how much cold certain dogs can tolerate.

Here are a few things Langmyhr takes into consideration:

Timing: There is no special threshold for how long dogs can be outdoors. But whenever temperatures drop below freezing, owners should keep a close eye on their pets.

Between Tuesday and Thursday, temperatures will remain below zero for the better part of 60 hours with lows as cold as minus 24 and wind chills, at times, near minus 50. Exposure to this extraordinary cold can cause frostbite to set in, in as little as 5 to 10 minutes for humans, according to the National Weather Service.

Animal advocates say if proper precautions aren't taken by pet owners, they can be

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Region hunkers down as temps flirt with record low

BY HANNAH LEONE AND ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

A fresh blast of frigid arctic air sent temperatures plummeting overnight and produced dangerously cold conditions that prompted schools, cultural institutions and government buildings including courthouses to call off business for Wednesday.

All of northeast Illinois, northwest Indiana and southern Wisconsin was under a wind chill warning starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday until noon Thursday, with a wind chill advisory in effect until the warning period begins. Wednesday was expected to see air temperatures that range from minus 15 to minus 26, according to the National Weather Service.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation Tuesday to provide resources to officials across the state.

"This storm poses a serious threat to the well-being of people around the state, and we will use every tool at our disposal to keep our residents safe," Pritzker said in a statement. "This disaster proclamation ensures that the state of Illinois has the flexibility to effectively and efficiently respond to the needs of local governments during this extreme weather event."

During a news conference Tuesday at one of the city's two 24-hour shelters, Mayor Rahm Emanuel said the declaration will help the city recover funds for the additional services it's providing, which range from indoor activities at park field houses for children to warming buses for the city's homeless.

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Whispers about speaker revived

Madigan's public, private roles are back in spotlight

BY JEFF COEN AND RAY LONG
Chicago Tribune

The intersection of Michael Madigan's dual roles as Illinois House speaker and private property tax appeal lawyer gained the spotlight once again Tuesday, as the veteran politician was dragged into a burgeoning City Hall influence-peddling scandal.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported that Madigan was secretly recorded while pitching his property tax appeal services during an August 2014 meeting with an associate of a developer who wanted to build a Chinatown hotel. The meeting at Madigan's law office was arranged by Ald. Daniel Solis, whom sources said has worn a recording device as part of the investigation that led to an attempted extortion charge against veteran Ald. Edward Burke this month.

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House Speaker Michael Madigan, right, chats in 2015 with Ald. Edward Burke, who's now charged with attempted extortion. Madigan has faced many probes over the years.

Madigan, who has not been charged, was quick to answer Tuesday with a statement that provided him some wiggle room as the scope of the federal probe at City Hall remains unclear. Madigan acknowledged huddling with Solis several times during the past five years, "including meetings with individuals in need of legal representation."

"If indeed, some of his conversations were being recorded, the speaker did not know that, but he has no concern if they were," Heather Wier Vaught, a

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Ald. Solis paid himself from campaign fund

Records show he received more than $330K since 2004

BY HAL DARDICK, JASON MEISNER AND DAVID HEINZMANN
Chicago Tribune

As a longtime alderman, Daniel Solis makes a salary many Chicago residents would envy — nearly $119,000 a year after the latest pay boost.

Solis

But despite his income, Solis' financial picture has been murky. In recent years, the bank that held the mortgage on his West Side home filed for foreclosure, according to court records. He's taken tens of thousands of dollars in loans from a 25th Ward campaign fund that he chairs, state election records show.

And since 2004, Solis essentially paid himself more than $330,000 from the same fund, receiving regular checks for what was labeled simply "services rendered" or "contractual" work, according to Illinois State Board of Elections records.

Solis' finances have come under scrutiny after the bombshell revelation that he's been cooperating with an FBI investigation into City Hall corruption for at least two years.

As part of his cooperation, Solis, until recently one of the city's most powerful aldermen and chairman of the council's Zoning Committee, wore an undercover wire and captured multiple conversations with his colleague Ald. Edward Burke, sources told the Tribune. Burke has since been charged with attempted extortion for allegedly trying to shake down two businessmen

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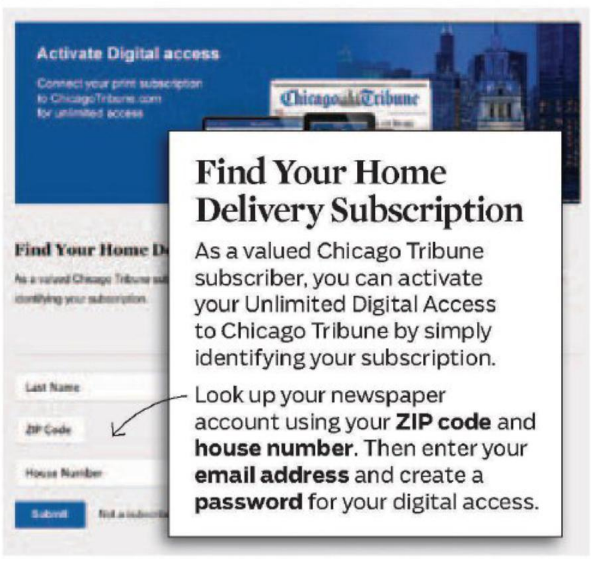

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Ald. Daniel Solis at a City Council Committee on Budget and Governmental Operations meeting in 2015.

John Kass

Ald. Viagra, Boss Madigan and the feds

Some candidates for mayor of Chicago should begin memorizing the following line:

To the best of my knowledge, at this point in time, I can't recall.

That's what politicians say when they're under federal investigation and asked bothersome questions.

And right now, the feds are crawling all over City Hall. They've charged longtime and powerful Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, with extortion. They've wired Ald. Danny "Viagra" Solis, 25th, for sound. According to an affidavit reported on by the Chicago Sun-Times, Solis received Viagra and illegal favors at massage parlors in exchange for his efforts at City Hall.

What's becoming clear is that the target in all of this is the most powerful Democrat in the state, House Speaker Michael Madigan, aka Boss Madigan.

Madigan hasn't been charged with anything.

"To my knowledge, I am not under investigation by the office of the U.S. attorney, and I have not been contacted by the U.S. attorney relative to Dan Solis," Madigan said.

To your knowledge? Really, Boss Madigan?

Madigan was secretly videotaped by the feds as he sought to get real estate tax reduction work from the developer of a proposed hotel in Chinatown, according to the Sun-Times.

It's Chinatown, Jake.

"All it took was a politician as clumsy as Ald. Viagra," mayoral candidate Paul Vallas told me Tuesday. "The FBI snares him and he ensnares the others and dominoes begin to fall. And Chicago is confronted again by this pay-to-play culture. Isn't Chicago sick of it by now?"

I hope Vallas is correct, that Chicago is sick of it.

But looking at the mayoral campaign, at who gets funded and who gets media love (it's not Vallas or Lori Lightfoot), it just might be that Chicago likes getting slapped in the mouth with a dead fish, again and again, decade after decade, while mumbling through numb lips, "Please, sir, may I have another?"

Because the mayoral candidates getting the most media/political/fundraising love are the ones firmly rooted in the city's corrupt pay-to-play culture.

They're the enablers of Boss Madigan. They're the enablers of Ed Burke. They're part of the status quo:

Bill Daley, son of boss, bro of boss; Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle; Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza; and lawyer Gery Chico.

They're each part of the Madigan-Burke-Solis political world. They've each pledged their loyalty to it, publicly. And they're economic and political beneficiaries of the corruption culture.

Some were born into it, like the Daleys, an extended family that has made millions upon millions of dollars through political connections and fortunes in banking, insurance, failed city pension investments and on and on.

Or they got used to it, like Preckwinkle, a onetime reformer who gave Burke's son a $100,000 county job. Burke later raised $116,000 in campaign cash for her at a fundraiser at his home. Some of that cash was extorted in the alleged shakedown Burke's been charged with in court documents.

Or, they climbed the ladder willingly and eagerly, like Mendoza, who came up in the Burke organization and allied herself with Ald. Solis and was part of his clique.

And Chico got his start with Burke.

I don't think Daley-Preckwinkle-Mendoza-Chico are particularly evil. And I have no reason to think they're legally corrupt in a criminal sense. They're good politicians.

But in a moral and political sense, they are corrupt because they are Madigan-Burke enablers. They're part of that team. And they want to be mayor.

And I've argued they should step down from the race. They only got in after Mayor Rahm Emanuel withdrew. In this, they're opportunists, not leaders.

"Yeah, they should step down," said Vallas. "But will they? No. (Russian dictator Vladimir) Putin should take lessons from their behavior. Government is wedded to the political machine, they're like conjoined twins sharing the same organ: money."

At his news conference at City Hall, Vallas ticked off his criticisms of the Madigan-Burke enablers. He called them out by name.

He was reacting to the pungent story in the Sun-Times about a lengthy federal affidavit that detailed aspects of the FBI investigation.

Among the nuggets in the Sun-Times collection?

That Solis — who resigned his post as chairman of the City Council's Zoning Committee Tuesday — thought he might be considered a hero at the end of all this.

Keep dreaming, Ald. Viagra. Keep dreaming.

Also in the report was that he very much preferred Asian women at massage parlors. And that he was always eager to score some Viagra.

"I want to get a good massage, with a nice ending. Do you know any good places?" Solis reportedly said on a wire to a political hack.

A sad part of the story involved Solis having to tell his family, and a "source familiar" with his mind suggested it may have convinced him to help authorities.

I love it when Viagra-crazed Chicago aldermen — who've wired up on their friends — become heroes of their own saga.

Solis also helped set up a meeting between the developers of a hotel that was to be built in the Chinatown neighborhood and Boss Madigan, whose property tax reduction law firm, Madigan & Getzendanner, is the most connected real estate tax reduction law firm in Illinois.

"Well," Madigan is quoted as saying in the report, "our interest would be that we represent buildings like that on the real estate taxes ... And we do a few hotels. And, uh, we have a little different approach on hotels than the other law firms that do the work."

Like what kind of different approach, exactly, Boss Madigan?

Fancy chocolates left on the pillow?

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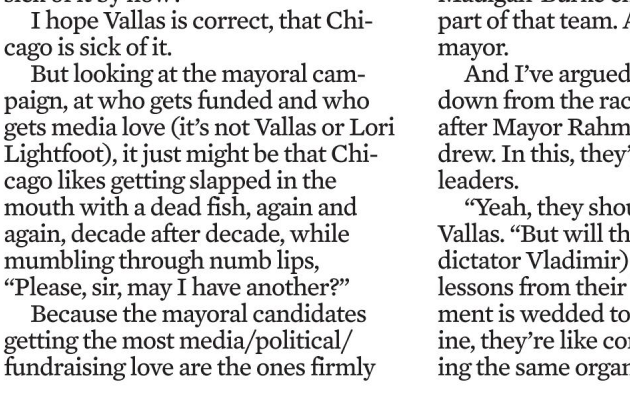

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Could we brave this Arctic blast?

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Chicago's ever seen.

Colder than Antarctica!
And colder — brrr! — than Mars!
Colder than Mount Ev'rest but
At least it's warm in bars.

Very, very, mucho cold
So cold that Trump's been pleading:
Global warming, please come back!
It's you the country's needing.

"What the hell is going on?"
He wondered as he tweeted
Words about the Midwest chill
That left some folks real heated.

What the hell is going on?
We're layered like a cake
Wearing three of everything
And that news isn't fake.

Pants and shirts and scarves and socks
We're dressed below, above
And, dammit, have you really lost
Another bleepin' glove?

Cold, so cold, that many folks
Refuse to leave their beds
Colder than the look Ed Burke
Is giving to the Feds.

What the hell is going on?
We've shut the schools and zoos
Even Lou Malnati's closed!
We've got the pizza blues.

It's colder than Siberia!
We're wrapped in down and fleece
Colder than the look Ed Burke
Is giving Dan Solis.

So very cold your eyeballs sting
And ice fills up your nose
Frostbite nips your fingertips
You cannot feel your toes.

What the hell is going on?
The weather's gone berserk
So cold that ice is hard as steel
And road salt doesn't work.

Danger! Warning! Stay inside!
No time for outdoor sports
And, listen, crazy runners:
YOU MUST NOT GO OUT IN SHORTS.

So cold that flights are grounded
Out at Midway and O'Hare
So cold you can't look pretty
And so cold you do not care.

So cold you keep the dogs indoors
And don't forget the cats!
And save a moment's pity for
The lowly frozen rats.

Cold, so very, very cold
That even tough folk pout
Though optimists keep chirping that
At least the sun is out!

So cold you swear you're moving soon
To Tucson or St. Pete
To somewhere there's no vortex talk
No wind, no snow, no sleet.

Somewhere where the flowers bloom
In air that's always nice
Somewhere where you'd never fear
You'd slip on bleepin' ice.

But now you're here and you'll endure
This frigid weather blip
Go check up on your neighbors
Give the Starbucks clerk a tip.

Be careful if you're driving
Run some water in your pipes
Ignore your friends in Florida
Who make fun of your gripes.

Ignore the Californians
With their sunny Facebook posts
And tell yourself you much prefer
The Midwest's frozen coasts.

What the hell is going on?
We're building self-reliance
While living with the chilling truth
Of climate change and science.

"Stay warm," we say, and hope it's true
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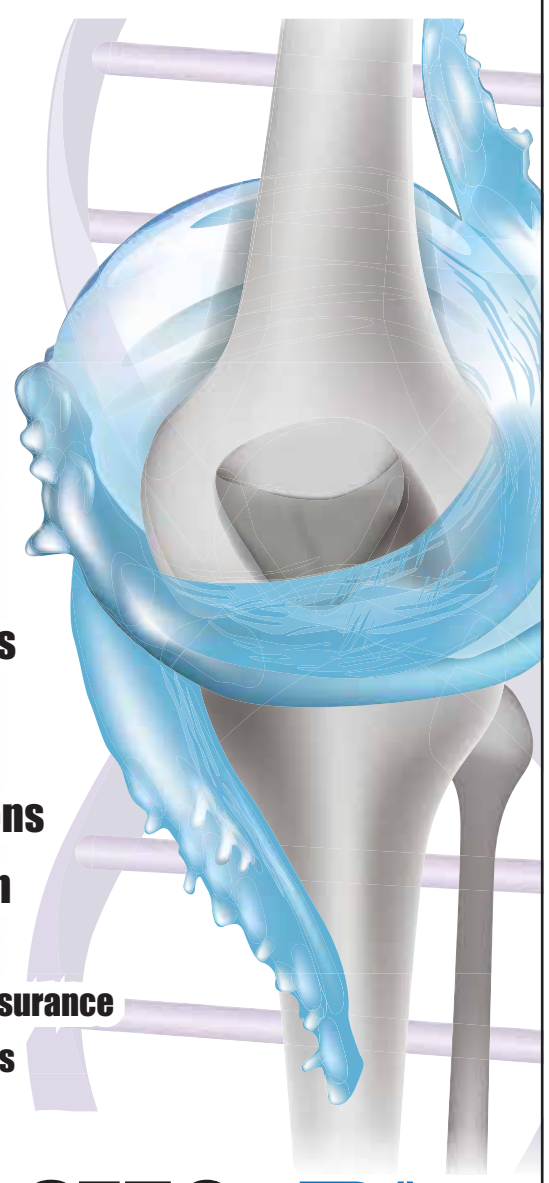

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Photo of inmates in snow sparks backlash

Cook Co. sheriff's office says men shoveled safely

By Morgan Greene
Chicago Tribune

After a dozen days of snow hit Chicago and temperatures began their swift descent to below zero, a photo of inmates shoveling snow outside Cook County Jail with what the poster said was "no real winter gear" went viral.

Now, the sheriff's office is trying to clean up the backlash — and set the record straight — and activists are pushing for greater awareness of challenges faced by incarcerated people during dangerous weather.

"The situation was entirely and intentionally misrepresented," said Cara Smith, chief spokeswoman for the sheriff's office.

On Monday, the photo was posted to the La Villita community Facebook page with the caption: "They got the inmates cleaning with no real winter gear."

By Tuesday afternoon, the photo had been shared almost 11,000 times and had garnered more than 1,000 comments.

There are always concerns about the conditions under which prisoners work, said Sharlyn Grace, co-executive director of the Chicago Community Bond Fund. So when she saw the photo, it raised questions about whether the work was voluntary, safe and compensated sufficiently.

Grace said she later learned the inmates were working under the RENEW program.

As part of RENEW, a vocational program for essentially nonviolent offenders, detainees spend six months in custody and then eight months out in the community doing demolition work to address blight in communities like Ford Heights and Robbins, said Smith.

The people in the photo were provided with insulated jumpsuits from the office, along with gloves, hats and boots, Smith said. There was also a van onsite for warming.

"And we work very hard to get these young men jobs when they graduate from the program," Smith said. "I think our track record for caring about the people that are in custody is pretty solid, and we take that responsibility very seriously."

Workers in RENEW, along with workers in the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program, do not work if temperatures dip below 20 degrees, Smith said.

But Grace questioned how shoveling plays into the program.

"I don't think that anyone is seriously suggesting that shoveling snow is a skilled form of labor that's going to lead to job opportunities upon release," she said.

Grace said she was glad the photo sparked a public conversation about safety issues faced by those incarcerated and how to fairly compensate people.

Smith said the workers were paid "nominally" — $2 for the work assignment — but that's "not really the purpose of the program."

Inside the jail, inmates may also be up against the elements. A tier in Division 6 experienced heating issues Sunday night with the temperature dropping to 66 degrees, which led to the tier closing and inmates being moved, Smith said.

"We'll be vigilant about the temperatures throughout the division in the coming days," she said.

Current policy requires temperatures inside the jail to remain between 68 and 77 degrees. The office monitors temperatures every 30 minutes, said Smith, and moves detainees if temperatures dip below 68 degrees.

"Even when there's not something exceptional like the heat going out, we regularly hear from people that they're freezing in their cells," Grace said. "So certainly the heating is something we've heard people struggling with before."

Nadine Ashford, 68, of Ford Heights, said she went to the jail Sunday to visit a family member and was struck by how cold it was in the bathroom and the waiting area. Ashford said her family member had complained about insufficient heating for weeks. She said she has made multiple calls to the jail about heating issues.

The highs Tuesday were expected to hover near zero degrees in much of the Chicago area, with winds of 15 to 25 mph resulting in wind chills as low as 30 degrees below zero during the day and 55 below Tuesday night through Thursday morning, according to the National Weather Service.

"Nobody wants to be cold," Ashford said. "This is not Russia. They need to pay their debts to the law, but whoever's in charge of the heat could be more humane about it."

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The sheriff's office said this photo, posted to the La Villita community Facebook page, "misrepresented" events.

Court told man in cop death vaped drug

Kenosha driver who hit trooper faces $250K bond

By Brian L. Cox
Chicago Tribune

A Skokie courtroom was packed with uniformed Illinois State Police officials Tuesday afternoon as a Wisconsin man made his first local appearance on charges that his car struck and killed Trooper Christopher Lambert.

Authorities allege that Scott A. Larsen, of Kenosha, had cannabis in his system and attempted to use the left shoulder to pass an accident scene when he struck Lambert, who had exited his police vehicle to man the scene of two earlier crashes along I-294 near Northbrook on Jan. 12 during a snowstorm.

Larsen, identified by his attorney as an accountant, has been charged with felony reckless homicide in connection to Lambert's death, and on Tuesday was ordered to be held on a $250,000 bond.

Larsen has also been charged with violating Scott's Law, which increases potential penalties for those who fail to reduce speed and stay clear of stopped emergency vehicles with their lights on. Named for Chicago Fire Department Lt. Scott Gillen, who was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver on the Dan Ryan Expressway, the charge could add three to 14 years to a sentence should Larsen be convicted of the charges.

Larsen

Lambert, 34, had completed his shift and was on his way home to Highland Park when he stopped to provide assistance, parking his cruiser in the left lane to protect the motorists who were stopped, authorities have said. Lambert, an Ohio native and Army veteran who served in Iraq, left behind a wife and young daughter, and hundreds of people attended his funeral at Willow Creek Community Church.

According to prosecutors, Larsen was driving a Jeep Grand Cherokee and was clocked going 71 mph in a 60 mph zone when he crossed the Touhy Toll Plaza, about 12 miles south of where the crash occurred.

Prosecutors said Larsen attempted to pass the accident scene, driving on the left shoulder between the median wall and the left driving lane, when he struck Lambert. The impact sent the trooper sailing into the air, and he was pronounced dead from his injuries later in the hospital.

Larsen's vehicle also struck Lambert's squad car and other cars that were stopped on the shoulder, according to prosecutors and the criminal complaint against Larsen.

Larsen was also hospitalized after the crash, and authorities said he was found to have cannabis in his system. He admitted to authorities he had vaped the drug the previous day, and a vaping pipe was found in his car, prosecutors said.

"The loss of life in this case is indeed a tragedy," said attorney Ron Neville, who argued that his client was not a flight risk and asked the court to grant him permission to drive to work.

The judge refused, ordering Larsen to surrender his passport and driver's license, and told him he is prohibited from driving should he be released on bond.

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Cops look into report of assault on actor

Seeking leads on incident involving a star of 'Empire'

By Tracy Swartz and William Lee
Chicago Tribune

Chicago police detectives on Tuesday collected footage from city and private cameras in the Streeterville neighborhood trying to gain leads on a report of a "possible racially-charged assault and battery" involving a star of the television show "Empire."

Police said they had not made arrests in the reported attack on Jussie Smollett, who plays Jamal Lyon on Fox's "Empire." Police say two people approached Smollett at about 2 a.m. Tuesday as he was walking in the 300 block of East North Lower Water Street and got his attention by yelling racial and homophobic slurs.

Smollett was hit and an unknown chemical substance was poured on him, according to police. A rope was wrapped around Smollett's neck before the attackers fled the scene, police said.

According to police radio traffic, a dispatcher asked officers to check on a battery report from a caller in an apartment in the 300 block of East North Water Street just after 2:30 a.m. A friend of the actor told responding officers that "a noose was placed over the friend's neck." Police said Smollett took himself to Northwestern Memorial Hospital and is said to be in "good condition."

News of the attack was first reported by TMZ.com and entertainment site ThatGrapeJuice.net.

As of early afternoon Tuesday, detectives had secured video from the area but had not yet identified any suspects in the attack, a police source said. Detectives would comb through the videos, which include police POD cameras and surveillance from nearby hotels, the source added.

"Given the severity of the allegations, we are taking this investigation very seriously and treating it as a possible hate crime. Detectives are currently working to gather video, identify potential witnesses and establish an investigative timeline," CPD spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said in a statement.

Chicago police confirmed that a letter containing an anti-gay epithet and white powder were mailed to the Douglas Park neighborhood Cinespace Chicago Film Studios, where "Empire" is filmed, on Jan. 22. The letter, addressed to one of the show's actors, triggered a hazardous materials call for fire officials, who determined the powder wasn't dangerous. The FBI has since taken over the probe into the letter — as it was sent through the U.S. mail service — while Chicago police continue to look into the attack, authorities said.

"Empire," which premiered on the Fox network in 2015, is a musical drama that films in Chicago for most of the year. The series stars Terrence Howard, Taraji P. Henson and Bryshere Gray. Smollett plays a gay musician, and he also self-identifies as being gay. He has emerged as an activist for LGBTQ rights and HIV education.

In a statement, the Fox network said it is "deeply saddened and outraged." "We will work with law enforcement to bring these perpetrators to justice. The entire studio, network and production stands united in the face of any despicable act of violence and hate — and especially against one of our own," the statement read. A Fox representative would not say if the incident would affect production on "Empire."

Representatives for Smollett did not immediately return a Tribune request for comment. CNN anchor Don Lemon said he spoke to Smollett and a mutual friend who went to the hospital with him. Lemon said Smollett confirmed the incident, and was shaken and angry. Smollett said he fought back. Meanwhile, #JusticeForJussie trended on social media Tuesday as celebrities weighed in.

"Empire" co-creator Danny Strong tweeted, "I'm deeply horrified and saddened by the racist and homophobic attacks against @JussieSmollett. He is a kind and profoundly talented soul whom I respect with all my heart. The terror of racism and homophobia has no place in our society, it is the most indecent way to live ... whoever did this, do not forget that you are nothing but hate filled cowards while Jussie's talent and activism will continue to shine a bright light on to the world for decades to come."

Area Central detectives are asking anyone with information to call 312-747-8382 or report it anonymously to cpdtip.com.

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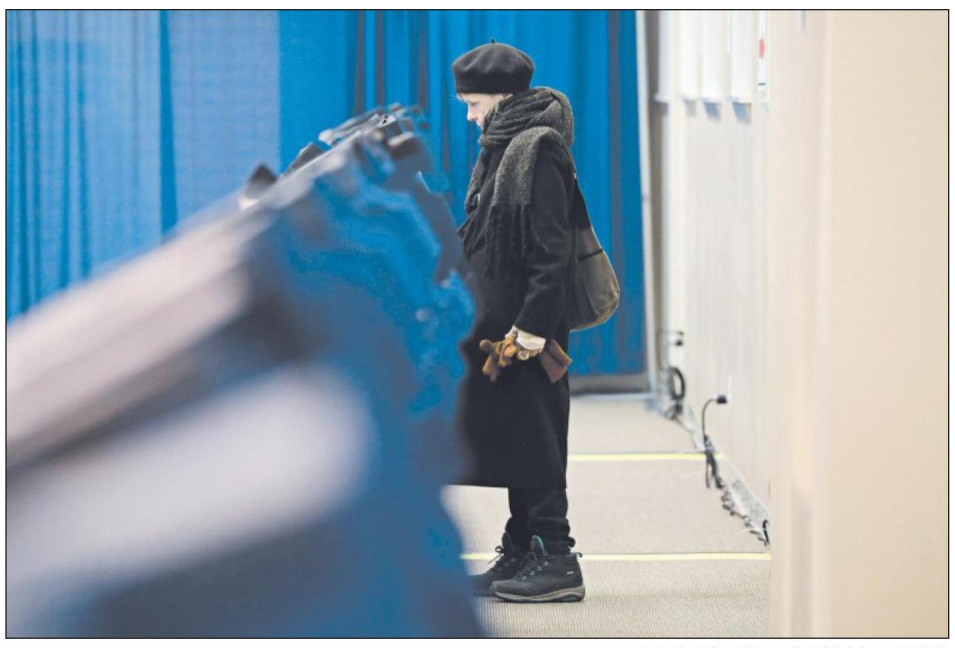
Jussie Smollett during an interview at the Harold Washington Cultural Center in Chicago in 2015.

Watchdog: Elections board unready for hacks

Agency doesn't have emergency plan in place, report says

By Todd Lighty
Chicago Tribune



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Patricia Cloud casts her vote on the first day of early voting on Tuesday at the Chicago Board of Elections Loop Super Site. A city watchdog report was highly critical of the board.

The Chicago elections board can't guarantee the integrity of voting results in the event of a natural disaster or cyber attack, the city's watchdog warned Tuesday in a highly critical report of the agency's operations.

The wide-ranging audit by Inspector General Joseph Ferguson also concluded that the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners does not post many job openings and has not conducted employee performance reviews in at least 10 years. Ferguson said the board was warned a decade ago about many of the financial problems he's uncovered and failed to correct them.

It's the technological vulnerabilities, however, that the inspector general's office found that could attract the most public attention. Governments have become increasingly concerned about computer hacks and the possibility of meddling in elections.

In the 2016 presidential race, Russians hacked into the Illinois State Board of Elections voter registration database, and compromised the names, addresses, birth dates and partial Social Security numbers of about 76,000 voters, federal authorities and election officials have said.

In Chicago, Ferguson found that the elections board does not have an emergency plan in place, has not inventoried its computer hardware and software, and has not conducted any audits or risk assessments during the past dozen years, leaving the outcome of city elections vulnerable to a computer hack or other catastrophe. He said the lack of a list of computer items could impede the election board's ability to recover from disruptions.

"Public faith in elections is essential to a healthy democracy," wrote Ferguson, who recommended that the agency create a detailed contingency plan and keep track of its computer hardware and software. "Taxpayers in Chicago deserve assurance that the resources they devote to the election process are spent in a transparent and accountable way."

In a written response to Ferguson's findings, the elections board asserted it already has "contingency plans in place for various emergency scenarios, including matters consulted with and agreed upon with the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security."

The board agreed to put those confidential plans in writing. The board also said it has begun an inventory of computer hardware and recently hired an elections information security officer that it shares with the county.

Elections board spokesman Jim Allen accused Ferguson of engaging in scare tactics by releasing his report weeks before city voters go to the polls Feb. 26.

"The claim that the Chicago Election Board is not positioned to survive an attack is not only unfounded but highly alarmist, " Allen said.

Allen said every precinct can function with paper ballots and paper poll books so that in the event of a disruption, voting could continue. Further, he said, voting equipment is designed and programmed to operate separately of computer systems running inside the board's main office.

"In other words, if the computer systems at the board were to go down on election day, it would not impact the ability of voters to cast ballots. Nor would it interfere with the ability of the election agency or the campaigns to verify the results later."

The Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, which was created in the 1880s, conducts elections in the city, handles voter registrations and oversees political candidates for city office. The Cook County clerk's office handles suburban election duties.

The watchdog's report could renew talks about merging the county and city election boards into a single agency. In 2011, a committee looking into combining city and county government services estimated that merging the separate election boards could save up to $10 million a year. Mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, revived the merger idea last summer when she called for merging the boards, which serve similar functions during election cycles.

In 2016, the city elections board initially resisted Ferguson's attempts to investigate it, even though the board receives the bulk of its money from the city, and its 118 full-time employees are on the city's payroll and receive the same benefits as city workers. That led to Circuit Court Chief Judge Timothy Evans — who appoints the three election board commissioners — to tap Ferguson to audit the board's operations in 2017.

According to the report, Ferguson found that many of the problems were first uncovered by an outside firm in 2009, yet the board allegedly failed to take action and make changes.

Ferguson's office said it found a host of problems that included sloppy record-keeping, poor budgeting and questionable hiring practices.

The board's hiring and promotion practices are not transparent, which likely could cause employees to view the process as unfair, Ferguson wrote. "Job postings for managerial positions are almost exclusively internal, while hourly vacancies are not advertised and filled solely through word of mouth," he wrote.

Ferguson also found that the board does not have a standardized form for job reviews and has not conducted performance evaluations in over a decade. "The most recent evaluation took place in 2008; prior to that, the last occurred in 2003," he wrote.

In addition, the inspector general found the board has spent taxpayer money on unnecessary business expenses, overpaid three contractors by nearly $325,000 in 2015 and 2016, and regularly overspent money in its personnel budgets.

Ferguson said the unnecessary expenses, which would not have been allowed under city policy, included $7,975 for tickets to events, table sponsorships, and advertisements at galas and other events. He said $847 was spent on breakfast and lunch meetings in the Chicago area, and $246 to upgrade seating on airlines.

Most of the expenses, Ferguson said, were incurred by the election agency's longtime executive director, Lance Gough.

Ferguson found other financial problems. The watchdog office said it uncovered 27 instances totaling $5.7 million in 2016 where the board violated its own policies by either not seeking competitive bids for contracts, by not providing justifications for modifying existing contracts and by not obtaining required economic disclosure statements from contractors.

The inspector general recommended the board "undergo regular independent, external audits; develop and publish financial policies; develop accurate budgets; ensure that its purchasing department is included in all procurement activities; and correct outstanding financial inaccuracies."

The board agreed with some of Ferguson's findings, disagreed with others and asked for an extension until late May — after the municipal elections — to give fuller responses.

Marisel Hernandez, the board's chair, wrote to Ferguson on Jan. 16 and said commissioners will continue working with the city and county governments to ensure money is appropriated and budgeted properly.

"The board completely agrees with the need for audits, transparency and certain recommendations for corrective measures, your deadline imposed on the board to respond ... does not afford the board an adequate amount of time to assess your conclusions and propose a workable solution, if necessary," Hernandez wrote in response to Ferguson's findings.

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U. of I. plans in-state tuition freeze for 5th straight year

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Continuing an ongoing battle to attract local students, University of Illinois will not increase in-state tuition rates for next fall's incoming freshmen, school leaders announced Tuesday.

Base annual tuition for Illinois freshmen would remain $12,036 in Urbana-Champaign, $10,584 in Chicago and $9,405 in Springfield, according to the proposal from university President Timothy Killeen.

Room and board and mandatory fees significantly increase the overall price of school before financial aid; those costs will increase for new students in Urbana-Champaign and Chicago.

Trustees will vote Thursday on the proposed rates and fees. Previous tuition freezes had broad support from trustees throughout the years.

If approved, it would mark the fifth straight year of the same in-state base tuition.

"This proposal helps to keep our doors open wide to Illinois students, providing a world-class education that will change their lives and expand a crucial pipeline of talent that already sends more than 22,000 new graduates into the workforce every year," Killeen said in a statement.

Illinois law requires tuition rates to remain constant for students for four years.

The three-school system is in the midst of a multiyear push to increase overall enrollment by 15 percent but has intensified its focus on wooing Illinoisans, who have streamed out of state to attend college.

As recently as 2002, 29 percent of Illinois high school graduates who ultimately attended a four-year institution chose an out-of-state school. In 2016, the most recent year state data are available, nearly 46 percent of those prospective students left Illinois.

That trend materialized over several years in part because of big tuition spikes at several institutions. The issue has intensified recently as Illinoisans are finding generous scholarships or comparable prices at schools throughout the Midwest and, as the Tribune reported in April, in unexpected places like University of Alabama.

U. of I. officials previously have said the flagship campus is admitting more Illinois students but that generous scholarships from other schools are a big reason they do not enroll at Urbana-Champaign. The university has tried to address that as well by increasing financial aid and unrolling a free tuition package for low- and middle-income families. UIC also introduced a scholarship program for high-achieving local students.

Total enrollment across the three campuses nonetheless has broken records for six straight years, primarily driven by massive boons at UIC. Killeen said the three schools enroll 3,345 more Illinois undergraduates than in 2014.

As in past years, mandatory student fees as well as room and board will increase for most students.

Annual fees would increase by about 1 percent in Urbana-Champaign to $3,086 and by 3.6 percent to $3,308 in Chicago. The larger increase at UIC is in part because the Near West Side campus is planning significant expansions and upgrading existing facilities to accommodate its substantial growth.

Room and board for a standard double occupancy room in Urbana-Champaign will go up by 1.5 percent to $10,774 per year. This would be the first time in three years that cost is increasing.

The same type of room and board at UIC will run $11,260 a year, a 1.7 percent increase. Fees and room and board at Springfield would not change under the proposal.

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Speaker's public, private roles are in spotlight

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private attorney for Madigan, said in a statement. "The speaker has no recollection of ever suggesting that he would take official action for a private law firm client or potential client."

Madigan has faced several probes over his decades in office, including into allegations of government staffers doing political work, patronage hiring at Metra, and a university union contract dispute involving a top campaign donor. While critics have raised questions about Madigan's ethics, he has never been charged.

But it's Madigan's public career as House speaker and private career as founder and rainmaker of one of Chicago's top property tax appeals law firms that has come under the most consistent scrutiny over the years. The Tribune's 2010 "The Madigan Rules" series showed that in some cases, Madigan took public actions that benefited his private clients, and he and the firm have faced criticism over the years for representing clients that also have business before the state.

For those who have wanted to be a fly on the wall at the influential firm of Madigan & Getzendanner, the latest report offered the opportunity.

Citing a federal court affidavit used to secure search warrants for Solis' homes and offices, the Sun-Times reported that Madigan told the hotel developer's associate: "We're not interested in a quick killing here. We're interested in a long-term relationship."

After the meeting, Solis told the developer's associate that "if he works with the speaker, he will get anything he needs for that hotel," according to the report.

The affidavit reportedly included an FBI agent stating that he understood Solis to mean the hiring of Madigan's firm "would ensure that Solis and Madigan would take official action benefiting (the developer) in their capacity as public officials."

The newspaper's recounting of the meeting highlighted in the federal paperwork did not appear to indicate any specific offer by Madigan of a quid pro quo.

Experts including former federal prosecutors said it's important to note the type of recording Madigan showed up on: one made by a cooperator wearing a wire and body camera.

That kind of federal recording, made with one party's consent, does not require prosecutors to show a judge that they have gathered preliminary evidence. The cooperator can capture all manner of conversations related generally to the investigation at hand without those captured on tape specifically being a target of a federal probe.

"To wire up a cooperating witness, there doesn't have to be probable cause that a crime is being committed or any of the more formal legal requirements you would have to present to a judge" to get a wiretap on a telephone, said former federal prosecutor Eric Sussman, now in private practice at the Chicago office of Reed Smith.

Experts also noted most federal crimes have a statute of limitations of five years, although that can lengthen if a continuing conspiracy is alleged. In addition, there are many challenges beyond just the initial capturing of conversations.

"Corruption cases are very hard to prosecute because more often than not, the evidence is people's words, and those are subject to multiple interpretations," said Steven Block, a former federal prosecutor now with the Thompson Hine firm.

Proving whether any politician is leveraging his or her office for private gain through some kind of bribe or kickback still comes down to intent, and often a specific agreement to trade an official act for some benefit.

"Let's put it this way, 'The Chicago Way' is not a federal crime," Block said. "The federal crime is wire fraud or mail fraud or something in a statute. That's why these cases are difficult."

Much of Madigan's law firm business involves appealing the decisions of the Cook County assessor's office, which sets the value of property for tax purposes.

Madigan is a founding partner in a firm that has filed appeals on nearly $8.6 billion in assessed value from 2011 to 2016 under then-Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios, a Madigan ally, according to a ProPublica Illinois-Chicago Tribune analysis of tax appeals published in December 2017. Madigan & Getzendanner won reductions of 20 percent from the initial values of their clients' properties, totaling nearly $1.7 billion, the analysis found.

Some of Madigan's decisions as speaker have the potential to affect someone who has hired Madigan's firm in hopes of having a tax bill lowered.

The Tribune has reported that as a public official, Madigan got a private road behind a shopping mall repaved, helped secure state funding for an expanded tollway interchange and intervened for a developer looking for state cash. In each case, Madigan was a private lawyer for businesspeople who stood to benefit.

Madigan has declined interview requests on the intersection of his two careers, but in 2010 he defended his actions in a statement. "My personal code of conduct and compliance with a wide range of government ethics provisions have ensured that I have maintained ethical standards."

That code of conduct states that Madigan will not offer state benefits to get a client, will not intercede with a state agency for a client and will recuse himself from involvement in a bill "if a client of the law office expresses an interest in legislation such as to create a conflict of interest."

Chris Mooney, a political science professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said Madigan has long been seen as inscrutable.

"When you're involved in the sausage-making process for as long as he has been, then you have to have a strong moral compass because you're going to run across people all along the line who want to slice it a little fine, do things that might be dubious ethically and legally," Mooney said. "You have to be able to say, 'No, this is how far I'll go and no further.' "

Madigan also has come under scrutiny at the Capitol.

In July 2014, the Tribune revealed details of a secret report put together by the Illinois legislature's watchdog after a Metra scandal. The report was based on an analysis by then-Inspector General Thomas Homer and his interviews of Madigan, his political allies and other government officials.

The analysis described how Metra's board chair entered Madigan's Capitol suite to talk about state issues impacting the transit agency and left with a yellow Post-it note bearing names of two workers the speaker wanted to see promoted.

In another meeting, a Metra lobbyist who was a longtime top Madigan aide was spotted leaving the speaker's office with two resumes.

A third account in the report detailed how Madigan simply called the cellphone of one of his "better" precinct captains to tell him about an opening for a state job.

Homer delivered a cautionary note when Madigan announced the Metra investigation was closed.

"A decision to close an investigation based on insufficient evidence does not constitute a Good Housekeeping seal of approval or a best practices award," wrote Homer, a former Fulton County state's attorney, Democratic state representative and appellate court judge.

In addition, federal authorities investigated Madigan over allegations that he misused state resources and abused his power for political purposes. The questions centered on House staff members who were dispatched to legislative districts during the 2000 campaign. In turn, Madigan aides said the staffers merely were bolstering the legislators' abilities to provide constituent services, not providing political help to vulnerable candidates. No charges were filed against Democrats.

Another federal inquiry unfolded in spring 2002, as prosecutors subpoenaed Madigan's office, Eastern Illinois University and the Illinois Board of Higher Education seeking documents related to a labor dispute involving the school and its unionized steam plant workers.

At the time, Madigan said his office did nothing improper in trying to mediate a labor dispute involving members of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399, one of Madigan's top political donors.

No charges were filed.

On Tuesday, with the extent of Solis' federal cooperation unclear, Madigan downplayed the report of him being recorded.

"To my knowledge, I am not under investigation by the office of the U.S. attorney, and I have not been contacted by the U.S. attorney relative to Dan Solis," Madigan said in a statement issued through a spokesman.

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Solis got thousands from campaign fund

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seeking to renovate a Burger King restaurant in his ward.

Solis agreed to wear the recording device after he was confronted by law enforcement with evidence of his own alleged misdeeds — including seeking sexual services at a massage parlor, the sources said.

Solis, 69, has not been charged with wrongdoing and could not be reached Tuesday for comment. He announced abruptly in November that he was retiring after nearly 25 years as alderman of his ward, which encompasses the largely Hispanic neighborhood of Pilsen as well as parts of Chinatown, the West Loop and South Loop.

"I have no regrets. I think I did my part. I made a difference," Solis told the Tribune at the time. "Some people will agree with me on that, some people won't, but in my heart I know what I've done. I'm happy about it."

Five days later, the FBI raided Burke's City Hall and ward offices.

The news of Solis' cooperation, first reported by the Chicago Sun-Times, has rocked the City Council and the race for mayor, where candidates quickly seized on the Burke and Solis reports to boost their own candidacies — or fought to deflect their relationships with Burke and Solis. Meanwhile, incumbent aldermen called for changes they say will prevent such an episode from happening again.

Speaking at the King Center in Bronzeville, Mayor Rahm Emanuel said he has "as many questions" and "as few" answers as reporters. Later, Emanuel announced that Solis was resigning from his post as chairman of the Zoning Committee, saying in a statement that Solis "has recognized that he cannot effectively preside over the matters" the committee oversees.

Citing a 120-page federal search warrant affidavit, the Sun-Times on Tuesday reported that Solis was investigated for soliciting campaign donations from a politically connected family that owns a major street-sweeping company and was seeking help on changing the city's system for water billing to save money.

The FBI was listening in on numerous wiretapped conversations between Solis and a lobbyist for the company, who agreed to provide Viagra pills as well as sexual interludes at massage parlors, the Sun-Times quoted the affidavit as saying.

The affidavit also laid out an alleged scheme involving a developer who in 2015 provided Solis with "free weekend use of a 180-acre Indiana farm" to hold a graduation party for Solis' son, the Sun-Times reported. The same developer later benefited by Solis participating in city approval of real estate projects and proposing a city ordinance "favorable" to his business interests, the newspaper reported.

The affidavit depicted Solis as being in dire financial straits during the time he was being recorded. One call intercepted by the FBI came from a debt collector about an overdue $12,000 debt. Solis allegedly told the collector he was "out of a job" and couldn't pay, according to the Sun-Times.

According to city records, Solis makes an annual salary of $118,550. But since 2004, the 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization campaign fund — of which he is the chairman — has issued him checks several times each year, according to Illinois State Board of Elections records. In total, the fund has paid him more than $333,000, for both "services rendered" and "contractual" work, the records show. Separately, over the years, the fund also loaned him money, totaling tens of thousands of dollars. Records indicate he's paid back all but $1,500 of the loans.

Exactly what the fund was paying Solis for is not clear from the documents he's submitted to the state. And the state has never asked him for additional information, said Matt Dietrich, spokesman for the state board.

It's not illegal for aldermen to pay themselves from a campaign fund, but there are guidelines.

"The only limitations on paying a salary from committee funds would be, it cannot be 'clearly in excess of the fair market value' and it must be 'for services actually rendered,' " Dietrich said.

Additionally, the expenditure would have to be for "customary and reasonable expenses" of running the ward organization office or campaign, Dietrich added. There is no specified amount or cap, and no proof is required. But if it looks like the payments are too high, the board could ask for documentation — a step it has not taken.

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Ald. Daniel Solis attends a City Council meeting in 2016. He will resign his post as chairman of the Zoning Committee.

Grace Perales, the treasurer for the campaign fund, told the Tribune she could not talk because she was in the hospital. Solis, as chairman of the fund and Democratic committeeman for the ward, would essentially need only his own approval to make the payments.

The affidavit depicted Solis as being in dire financial straits during the time he was being recorded.

Cindi Canary, a longtime government reform advocate who helped rewrite the city's ethics code, said it's much less common for politicians to pay themselves from their campaign funds than it used to be.

"They sometimes set themselves up as billing consultants," Canary said. "It's somewhat unusual. And the question is, if he's taking the money, is he paying taxes on it. The IRS cares more than the State Board of Elections."

A text message to Solis on Tuesday asking what the payments were for and whether he paid taxes on the money was not returned.

In addition to Solis' income, his wife, Mary Jane Solis, is now paid $84,722 a year as a Chicago Public Schools bilingual kindergarten teacher at Florence Nightingale School in Gage Park. A bank in late 2012 filed a notice of foreclosure on their former Near West Side home, according to documents filed with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds. The property was conveyed to a trust in 2014, and the couple was released from the $369,967 mortgage on the property.

In May 2014, Solis bought a South Loop condominium in the River City development. He purchased the apartment for $200,000 in a private transaction with a mother and daughter.

Bing Tie said she and her mother, Feng Xia Gao, owned two units in the building and wanted to sell one of them because the assessments were too high. She said she knew Solis as her alderman, but had no other connection to him. However, state records show her mother donated $2,000 to the 25th Ward organization in 2011.

According to Cook County land records, they sold the condo to Solis on an installment plan, without him securing a mortgage for the property. He paid $40,000 down and then was to make monthly payments of $1,066, according to the records. The contract called for Solis to pay off the remainder of the sale price by May 2015.

Tie said Solis lived in the apartment and his monthly payments were interest-only. In January 2016, media reports surfaced revealing a real estate company's interest in buying the River City building and converting its condos back into rental apartments. In a shaky condo market, the deal promised a good deal for owners to be bought out. Marc Realty closed on the building last year, and Solis sold the unit to the company for $394,500, Recorder of Deeds records indicate.

The financial disclosure form Solis filed with the city last year lists both the 25th Ward political organization and Solis Enterprises LLC as outside sources of income that netted him more than $1,000. He also listed his interest in the condo at River City as a property he owned other than his "principal place of residence."

As the head of the city's Zoning Committee, Solis wielded significant power over real estate projects, including many large developments planned in his own ward.

In 2013, the committee granted approval of an ultimately unsuccessful plan for three towers around the Old Main Post Office straddling the Eisenhower Expressway in Solis' ward. Last year, the Tribune reported that the developer of that project, architect Joseph Antunovich, and his namesake firm had donated more than $43,000 to Solis' 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization in the previous five years. When FBI agents raided Burke's office in November, records they seized included a file involving the post office renovation, according to records released by City Hall last week. Antunovich, meanwhile, has denied there was anything improper about the donations.

"If someone wanted to say there was a quid pro quo, people who know me know absolutely not," he said. "I give consistently to these great public servants who have come along with us."

Burke, 75, is seeking reelection despite the federal charges against him. A criminal complaint unveiled Jan. 3 accused him of using his position as alderman to threaten to shut down the renovation of a Burger King at 40th Street and Pulaski Road unless executives for the company that owned the franchise hired Burke's law firm to handle tax appeals for dozens of its restaurant sites in the Chicago area.

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City's animals could face fight for survival

But populations likely to escape lasting damage

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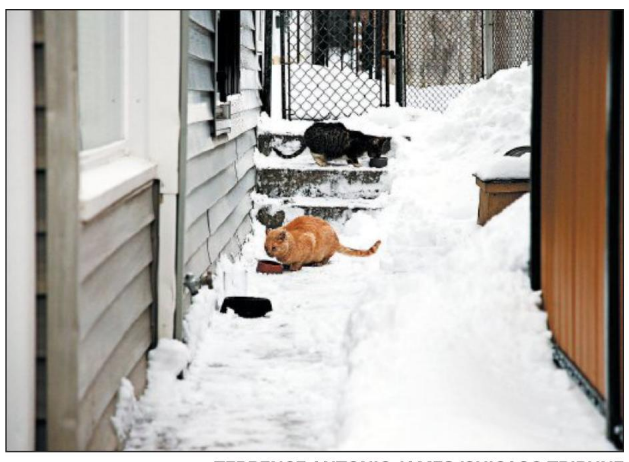
The brutal cold expected to descend upon Chicago this week could be deadly for many animals that live outdoors, but experts say it's likely that the populations of everything from stray cats to stink bugs will escape lasting damage.

That's because animals have strategies to endure all manner of harsh weather, even cold that might break Chicago's record low of 27 degrees below zero. They bore into trees, burrow beneath the frost line or find refuge in abandoned houses. And even if they don't make it, plenty of others will, and they'll rapidly restore their numbers once the weather improves.

"These things have been here since the glacial times," said Michael Jeffords, a retired entomologist with the Illinois Natural History Survey. "Their genetic memory is like, 'Ah yeah, this will pass.' If we had (extreme cold) for weeks and weeks, it would have an impact, but I think they'll be OK."

Feral cats are among the



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Feral cats eat near the home of Laurie Maxwell, of PAWS Chicago, after Maxwell put out food for them on Monday.

critters endangered by the cold. There are an estimated 200,000 in Chicago alone, and some are cared for by "colony caretakers" trained by organizations like PAWS Chicago.

Laurie Maxwell, PAWS' director of community outreach, said cats are exceptionally resilient, finding shelter under cars or dumpsters and inside vacant buildings. During extreme cold, they save energy by hunkering down and remaining still.

Even so, people who care for strays can increase the animals' chances of survival by making sure they have food and water — heated water bowls prevent freezing, as do bowls that are exceptionally deep — along with rudimentary shelter. Maxwell said people can build a cheap and simple cat refuge by cutting a small hole in a plastic storage tub, lining it with foam insulation and layering the bottom with straw.

Another option, for those who can do it, is to let feral cats wait out the worst of the cold in a spare room or even a screened porch.

"With the wind chills we're facing, even if it's (minus) 40 degrees on your porch, if they're protected from the wind, that can save their lives," Maxwell said.

Other species don't get that sort of consideration, but they're equally adept at enduring unforgiving conditions.

Lawrence Heaney, the Negaunee curator of mammals at the Field Museum, said hibernating animals like chipmunks have adequate body fat and insulated hiding places that allow them to survive the cold. But animals like deer, squirrels and coyotes that stay active during the winter could be in trouble.

Monday's relative warmth, soon to be followed by a deep freeze, means their shelters could end up coated in ice, he said.

"The places where they hide under the brush, it's all getting wet, and now it's going to drop down to close to 20 below," he said. "That combination is really, really hard on them."

But even if there is a significant die-off in some species, he said, the populations will quickly grow once winter passes. Fewer deer, for example, means more food for those that remain, giving their babies a better chance at survival.

"Pretty much every species produces more offspring than is needed to replace their parents," he said. "Even with bad weather, disease or predation, they fill in the space really quickly."

The same is true, regrettably, with insect pests.

Jeffords said while the stink bugs that emerge during mild winters could be "knocked back" by extreme cold, he would expect their numbers to rebound swiftly. Mosquitoes, meanwhile, protect themselves by spending the winter in urban sewers and steam tunnels.

Insects like the emerald ash borer that gnaw their way into trees are even harder to kill. Phil Nixon, a retired entomologist with the University of Illinois Extension, said they won't die in substantial numbers until the temperature drops to 30 degrees below zero.

He noted, though, that one insect can be endangered by extraordinary, long-lasting cold.

"Three consecutive days with highs no higher than 20 degrees below zero will kill most overwintering gypsy moth eggs," he said. "The Chicago area came close to that in the mid-1980s, and (the) gypsy moth was severely impacted. (A single) overnight low of minus 21 will have little effect on them."

On the other end of the animal kingdom, a few species might actually enjoy record-setting low temperatures.

Both the Lincoln Park Zoo and the Brookfield Zoo say they will allow their polar bears to remain outside during the worst of the chill (they'll still have access to heated spaces indoors). The animals are native to climes that experience cold well below zero, so the week's freeze won't be anything they can't handle, said Mike Murray, curator of mammals at the Lincoln Park Zoo.

"It really doesn't get too cold here in Chicago," he said. "Even with the arctic blast coming up, they'll be outside."

Brookfield Zoo has other hardy species like snow leopards and bison that will have the chance to brave the cold, too, but other animals, such as kangaroos and wallabies, will be barred from going outside, said Bill Zeigler, senior vice president of animal programs for the Chicago Zoological Society.

"Even though these animals may have fur on them, their toes can experience frostbite," he said. "We're just not going to be taking that chance."

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Bitter winter weather has come

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"Everyone of us have a role to check on somebody, that may be a neighbor on the block who is elderly or needs extra help," Emanuel said.

On Monday, Cook County logged the 20th death attributed to cold weather since Oct. 30. A 39-year-old man was pronounced dead Monday at Evanston Hospital. On Tuesday, officials determined he died of hypertensive cardiovascular disease with obesity and hypothermia as contributing factors, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. His death was ruled an accident.

The potentially record-setting temperatures come after 13 consecutive days with at least a trace of snow at O'Hare International Airport, according to the weather service. More snow could be on the way, with a chance of light snow Wednesday morning and again Thursday night.

The last time the area recorded 13 consecutive days of snow was from Nov. 26, 1978, to Dec. 8, 1978— the same winter as the blizzard of '79, the weather service reported. But that stretch saw much more snow, with 23.5 inches recorded.

Frigid temperatures

The prolonged cold snap in much of the Midwest and East Coast is due to a disruption in the polar vortex. The cold front moved into the area from Monday night to Tuesday morning. By Tuesday afternoon, the area was expected to feel wind chills as low as minus 20 to minus 30, according to the National Weather Service. And the wind chills would drop to 50 to 60 below zero overnight.

As a second, even more brutal cold surge moved in Tuesday evening, temperatures Wednesday could reach 20 degrees below zero or colder, according to the weather service.

"It certainly gets cold in Chicago wintertime, but this is going to be record-breaking cold," said Kevin Donofrio, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

The stretch of subzero temperatures, flirting with Chicago's all-time low, is expected to last into Thursday, with the temperature at O'Hare possibly not rising above zero degrees until early Friday.

As of Tuesday afternoon, it appeared the area had more of a chance of hitting the record low early Thursday rather than early Wednesday, said Casey Sullivan, a meteorologist for the weather service. The low for Wednesday morning was expected to be minus 24 while the low for Thursday morning was expected to be minus 26, Sullivan said.

The lowest temperature ever recorded in Chicago was 27 below zero on Jan. 20, 1985.

For updates on the forecast, check the Tribune's weather page.

Closings

Chicago Public Schools canceled all classes and activities that were scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

Alonzo Williams, from the Chicago Park District, said park field houses across the city will be offering free drop-in programs for students. The programs will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and include activities like basketball and arts and crafts. Parents have to register on the district's website or in person.

Warming shelters

Two warming centers operated by the city's Department of Family and Support Services will be open 24 hours. On the South Side, the King Center is at 4314 S. Cottage Grove Ave., in Bronzeville, and on the West Side the Garfield Center is at 10 S. Kedzie Ave., in the Fifth City neighborhood.

Lyft, the ride-sharing app, was offering free rides with a value of up to $25 to Chicago residents trying to get to one of the city's warming centers, according to an email from the company. Users should use the code "CHIJAYDEN19," for the offer that will remain valid until Friday. A complete list of warming centers can be found on the city's data portal.

Lisa Morrison Butler, commissioner of the family and support services, said Tuesday that senior centers across the city have extended hours to 8 p.m. during the cold snap. An additional 500 beds were being sent to shelters, Morrison Butler said. Five CTA buses were being used as warming buses for those without shelter, Morrison Butler said.

"No one should be on the street during this weather," Morrison Butler said. "We have and will continue to add resources so that every Chicagoan that needs them has the opportunity to get them."

The city is also coordinating with religious leaders to reach out to vulnerable populations — senior citizens and those with disabilities — to make sure they make it through the frigid temperatures, Morrison Butler said.

Trinity United Church of Christ, 400 W. 95th St., sent out an email to its congregation saying they were planning to open a makeshift warming center.

Park District field houses, which often have evening hours, are for the first time this winter formally among the buildings used as warming centers.

Additional warming centers for suburban Cook County can be found on the county's Homeland Security website. The county was also using courthouses in Markham, Bridgeview, Maywood, Skokie and Rolling Meadows as warming centers from Tuesday night to Thursday, according to a news release from Cook County.

Other areas, including DuPage and Will counties, also have lists of warming centers.

Enforcement of heating ordinance

The city's department of buildings conducted more than 500 heating inspections since Thursday, said Judy Frydland, the department's commissioner. On Tuesday, a team of 25 city inspectors were out checking on buildings and monitoring complaints from 311.

Landlords are required to maintain buildings at 68 degrees during daytime hours and 66 degrees overnight from Sept. 15 through June 1, Frydland said. She advised tenants to contact their landlord first about a heating issue. But if the issue isn't immediately resolved, Frydland said residents should contact 311. She also gave a stern warning to landlords, noting that they have taken 12 cases to Cook County Circuit Court.

Travel and transit

Illinois road conditions are updated on the Illinois Department of Transportation's website.

The CTA and Metra often experience mechanical difficulties in extreme cold. Metra planned to operate on a modified schedule Wednesday because of the frigid temperatures, according to officials.

The agency also was working to keep its switches from freezing. In extremely cold weather, Metra uses gas flames to keep snow and ice from building along switches. It also puts direct flames on tracks during cold weather to help with repairs.

Chicago airports had more than 1,400 flights canceled Monday because of weather. The city's Aviation Department was reporting almost 500 flight cancellations, with departure delays averaging less than 15 minutes at O'Hare and Midway airports by 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. The department has delay and cancellation information on its website, and links to individual airlines' flight information.

What to do

Frostbite can start quickly — anticipated wind chills may cause exposed skin to become frostbitten in just five minutes, forecasters warn — so it's crucial to bundle up before going outside through Thursday afternoon.

"If you don't have to be outside, don't go outside," Donofrio said. "This is not the time to mess around."

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Dog walker Eddie Pedroza takes Birdie out for a stroll in the cold weather Tuesday in Chicago.

Can your canine handle the cold?

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putting their dogs at risk if they're outside too long.

"The biggest issue is going to be frostbite, because exposure to this level of cold, it can set in quickly," said Dr. Brian Dent, the medical director for the Anti-Cruelty Society. "Just think of it this way: If you're cold, they're cold."

Langmyhr said she will be braving the cold for several scheduled walks this week. However, she said she will likely be shortening the duration or carrying them out in increments.

Breed: Cold weather and northern breeds like Alaskan malamutes and Siberian huskies might be genetically equipped to handle extreme cold, but Langmyhr said she makes sure to bundle up her clients, like Zoe the Chihuahua, with extra layers, including jacket, socks and balloon-like dog shoes.

"You have to know your dog," Langmyhr said. "Sometimes the breed, whether it's a chow or a husky, can handle a little more cold weather. But you have to watch for signs of discomfort. You don't want to continue if they are whining or lifting their paws up."

Age: Langmyhr also said that you need to consider a dog's age. Young dogs, especially those who haven't experienced snow or cold, typically will want to explore, but they might not know their limits.

"A lot of times puppies look so happy to play in the snow, but you have to know it's too cold," Langmyhr said. "It's like with your child."

On Monday, Chicago resident Patti Kozlowski took her 13-year-old terrier Sami for a walk near Horner Park on the city's Northwest side — but not before wrapping her up in a jacket for her arthritis and dog booties to protect against salt and ice.

Even though getting ready can sometimes take longer than the actual walk, Kozlowski said Sami appreciates the brief hiatus outdoors after being cooped up inside.

"You can tell the dogs are getting cabin fever, because they get so excited when they see each other, like 'Oh my God, it's another dog!' "

Accessories: Dent, of the Anti-Cruelty Society, said he's normally not an advocate of pet outerwear. But during extraordinary cold, he said jackets and other layers will certainly help protect smaller and short-haired breeds.

Though the pads of canine paws are capable of withstanding extreme cold, they, too, have their limits.

Dent said booties could provide a necessary barrier from the cold and also from rock salt that can get lodged in a dog's paws and cause a chemical burn.

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Intel chiefs, Trump differ on threats

Security officials contradict president on North Korea, ISIS, Iran to Senate panel

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CIA Director Gina Haspel and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats did not mention the southern border Tuesday.

WASHINGTON — Directly contradicting President Donald Trump, U.S. intelligence agencies told Congress on Tuesday that North Korea is unlikely to dismantle its nuclear arsenal, that the Islamic State group remains a threat and that the Iran nuclear deal is working.

The chiefs made no mention of a crisis at the U.S.-Mexican border for which Trump has considered declaring a national emergency.

Their analysis stands in contrast to Trump's almost singular focus on security gaps at the border as the biggest threat facing the United States.

Top security officials, including FBI Director Christopher Wray, CIA Director Gina Haspel and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, presented an update to the Senate intelligence committee Tuesday on their annual assessment of global threats. They warned of an increasingly diverse range of security dangers around the globe, from North Korean nuclear weapons to Chinese cyberespionage to Russian campaigns to undermine Western democracies.

Coats said intelligence information does not support the idea that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will eliminate his nuclear weapons and the capacity for building more — a notion that is the basis of the U.S. negotiating strategy.

"We currently assess that North Korea will seek to retain its WMD (weapons of mass destruction) capabilities and is unlikely to completely give up its nuclear weapons and production capability because its leaders ultimately view nuclear weapons as critical to regime survival," Coats told the committee.

Coats did note that Kim has expressed support for ridding the Korean Peninsula of nuclear weapons and over the past year has not test-fired a nuclear-capable missile or conducted a nuclear test.

The "Worldwide Threat Assessment" report on which Coats based his testimony said U.S. intelligence continues to "observe activity inconsistent with" full nuclear disarmament by the North. "In addition, North Korea has for years underscored its commitment to nuclear arms, including through an order in 2018 to mass-produce weapons and an earlier law — and constitutional change — affirming the country's nuclear status," it said.

The report said Kim's support at his June 2018 Singapore summit with Trump for "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" is a formulation linked to an end to American military deployments and exercises involving nuclear weapons.

Trump asserted after the Singapore summit that North Korea no longer poses a nuclear threat. However, Coats and other intelligence officials made clear they see it differently.

Plans for a follow-up Trump-Kim summit are in the works, but no agenda, venue or date has been announced.

The intelligence report predicted that security threats to the United States and its allies this year will expand and diversify, driven in part by China and Russia. It says Moscow and Beijing are more aligned than at any other point since the mid-1950s and their global influence is rising even as U.S. relations with traditional allies are in flux.

"Some U.S. allies and partners are seeking greater independence from Washington in response to their perception of changing U.S. policies on security and trade," the report said, without providing examples or further explanation.

The report also said the Islamic State group "remains a terrorist and insurgent threat" inside Iraq, where the government faces "an increasingly disenchanted public."

The intelligence assessment, provided annually to Congress, made no mention of a crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border, which Trump has asserted as the basis for his demand that Congress finance a border wall. The report predicted additional U.S.-bound migration from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, with migrants preferring to travel in caravans in hopes of a safer journey.

In Syria, where Trump has ordered a full withdrawal of U.S. troops, the government of Bashar Assad is likely to consolidate control, with Russia and Iran attempting to further entrench themselves in Syria, the report said. Asked for her assessment, Haspel said of ISIS: "They're still dangerous." She added that they still command "thousands of fighters in Iraq and Syria."

The intelligence agencies said Iran continues to work with other parties to the nuclear deal it reached with the U.S. and other Western nations. In doing so, they said, it has at least temporarily lessened the nuclear threat. In May 2018, Trump withdrew the U.S. from that accord, which he called a terrible deal that would not stop Iran from going nuclear.

The intelligence assessment of Afghanistan, more than 17 years into a conflict that began after the 9/11 attacks on the U.S., projected a continued military stalemate. Without mentioning prospects for a peace deal, which appear to have improved only in recent days, the report said, "neither the Afghan government nor the Taliban will be able to gain a strategic military advantage in the Afghan war in the coming year" if the U.S. maintains its current levels of support. Trump has ordered a partial pullback of U.S. forces this year, although no firm plan is in place.

Coats told the committee that Russia and perhaps other countries are likely to attempt to use social media and other means to influence the 2020 U.S. presidential election.

"We expect our adversaries and strategic competitors to refine their capabilities and add new tactics as they learn from each other's experiences, suggesting the threat landscape could look very different in 2020 and future elections," the intelligence report said.

McConnell wants deal without 'dysfunction'

GOP doesn't want emergency measure or another shutdown

By Alan Fram and Andrew Taylor
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Mitch McConnell speaks Tuesday after the Senate's weekly strategy meeting at the Capitol.

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Tuesday criticized both tactics that President Donald Trump has threatened to wield if congressional bargainers fail to craft a border security deal he supports: 1) triggering a fresh government shutdown; or 2) declaring a national emergency so he can divert federal funds into building his border wall.

"I'm for narrow or broader," McConnell, R-Ky., told reporters when asked to describe the breadth of a bipartisan border security accord that he'd back. "I'm for whatever works that would prevent the level of dysfunction we've seen on full display here the last month and also doesn't bring about a view on the president's part that he needs to declare a national emergency."

The remarks by McConnell, who seemed to include Trump in his intended audience, underscored the GOP's eagerness to put the past month's confrontations between Trump and Congress behind them without more jarring clashes. Reporters had not specifically asked McConnell about a shutdown or a possible emergency declaration, and it was noteworthy that the guarded lawmaker volunteered his opinions.

McConnell spoke three days after the end of a record 35-day partial federal shutdown, which Trump initiated after Democrats refused his demand for $5.7 billion to build segments of his long-sought Southwest border wall.

The president surrendered last Friday and agreed to reopen government for three weeks so negotiators can seek a border security deal, but with no commitments for wall funds. Polls show that people chiefly blame Trump and Republicans for the shutdown and the proposed border wall with Mexico is unpopular.

House-Senate bargainers from both parties plan their first negotiating session for Wednesday.

Some lawmakers have suggested broadening whatever package emerges, such as adding protections from deportation for young "Dreamer" immigrants in the U.S. illegally or making it harder for future shutdowns to occur.

McConnell was one of many Republicans signaling a desire to lower the intensity level of the conflict.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., told reporters Tuesday that any agreement does not need to include the word "wall." The comment signaled the GOP's latest rhetorical retreat from a battle cry — "Build the wall!" — that Trump made a keystone of his presidential campaign.

"It could be 'barrier.' It doesn't have to be a wall," McCarthy told reporters.

Trump has retreated increasingly from "wall" as it became apparent that he lacked the votes in Congress to win taxpayer financing for the project, which he initially said would be financed by Mexico.

Democrats have repeatedly said they would refuse to finance the wall, which House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has called "immoral." In recent weeks, they've expressed support for fencing or some physical barriers but have left ambiguous exactly what they would support. They've said they want to spend money on more border patrol agents and technology such as scanning devices and drones.

Members of both parties have opposed Trump declaring an emergency on the Mexican border. They say it would set a dangerous precedent for future presidents who might use the strategy to push their own agendas that stall in Congress. If he issued the declaration, it would trigger near-immediate lawsuits that might block the money anyway.

"There's no appetite for government shutdowns and there's not much appetite for an emergency declaration. For a lot of reasons, our members are very wary of that," said No. 2 Senate GOP leader John Thune of South Dakota.

Acting Defense Secretary Pat Shanahan said Tuesday that "several thousand" more American troops will be sent to the southern border to provide additional support to the Department of Homeland Security, as for the first time he provided new estimates for the next phase of the military aid.

He said the troops will mainly be used to install additional wire barriers and provide a large new system of mobile surveillance and monitoring of the border area. Plans call for about 150 more miles of concertina wire placed mainly in the gaps between ports of entry.

It's still not clear how many of the roughly 2,400 active duty forces currently working the border mission will go home and not be replaced, but the Pentagon estimates that the total number of forces deployed there over the coming months will exceed 4,000.

Trump dismisses ex-staffer's tell-all book as 'made up stories'

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is dismissing — and potentially bolstering sales — of a new tell-all book by a former White House aide, calling it "made up stories and fiction."

The book by Cliff Sims, called "Team of Vipers," is the latest in a series of insider accounts by journalists and former Trump staffers who paint an unflattering picture of life in the West Wing. In it, Sims, the former director of White House message strategy, engages in score-settling with former internal rivals, fingers other administration officials as "leakers" and casts the president as disloyal to his staff.

Trump, in a tweet Tuesday, dismissed Sims as a "low level staffer" who had written "yet another boring book."

"He pretended to be an insider when in fact he was nothing more than a gofer," said Trump, who claimed Sims had signed a non-disclosure agreement.

Michael Glassner, chief operating officer of Trump's re-election campaign, tweeted that the campaign was preparing to file suit against Sims for violating the agreement. Trump and his associates have a habit of announcing legal action and not following through.

Sims responded with his own tweet that included a series of photographs of him at the White House — including speaking with the president and in the Oval Office.

"Team of Vipers: My 500 Extraordinary Days in the Trump White House" is out today, written by the most famous "gofer" in the world! Enjoy!" Sims tweeted.

Sims' book was officially released Tuesday, the same day as another account of Trump's team by former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, an informal Trump adviser and longtime friend. The book, titled "Let Me Finish: Trump, the Kushners, Bannon, New Jersey, and the Power of In-Your-Face Politics," paints a sympathetic picture of a president who has been ill-served by what he describes as a "revolving door of deeply flawed individuals — amateurs, grifters, weaklings, convicted and unconvicted felons — who were hustled into jobs they were never suited for, sometimes seemingly without so much as a background check via Google or Wikipedia."

Christie, who challenged Trump for the GOP nomination in 2016 but endorsed Trump after dropping out, oversaw Trump's transition team until he was fired shortly after the November election, allegedly at the urging of Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser. Christie, during his tenure as a federal prosecutor, sent Kushner's father — businessman Charles Kushner — to prison after winning his conviction for witness tampering, tax evasion and other crimes.

Roger Stone lives for the limelight

Self-defined political trickster is a bridge spanning U.S. scandals across decades

By Manuel Roig-Franzia and Robert Costa
The Washington Post

Roger Stone loves things. Antique cigarette holders, martini shakers by the dozens, framed ads from vintage men's fashion magazines. Cab Calloway suits. Homburg hats. He can't get enough.

But the thing he loves most is housed behind an unmarked door in a dreary, no man's land of a strip mall, way off the main drag in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. There, in a locked glass cabinet at Stone's office, he keeps a bong shaped like Richard Nixon's head.

It matters not to Stone that Nixon, his mentor and idol, left the presidency in disgrace. Actually that's the point.

"It's better to be infamous than not to be famous at all," Stone said one recent blustery afternoon as special counsel Robert Mueller seemed to be homing in on him.

Stone's pre-dawn arrest Friday on charges of witness tampering, obstruction of justice and making false statements only adds to the legend of a self-defined political trickster seen by his enemies more as a profane scoundrel and hatchet man.

Ever the showman with a sense of the moment, a smiling Stone emerged from a Fort Lauderdale courthouse Friday in a blue polo T-shirt and flung his arms wide, flashing dual victory signs in a scene reminiscent of Nixon's final gesture after resigning as president. Some in the crowd that was gathered outside chanted "Lock him up" as Stone proclaimed his innocence and vowed that he would not testify against President Donald Trump.

Stone earned the dirty trickster moniker as a lowly, 20-something Nixon staffer in the 1972 campaign. Later, he served on the infamous Committee to Re-elect the President, better known as CREEP, that became so entangled in the Watergate scandal that brought down Nixon. Friday's arrest made Stone a bridge between two of modern U.S. history's biggest political scandals.

The aura Stone, now 66, has cultivated has been amplified by his natty suits, flashy glasses, startlingly dyed white hair, enthusiastic embrace of face-bronzing creams, weightlifter's physique — and by the tattoo of Nixon's smiling face on his upper back.

But at its core, the lore of Roger Stone has always been about secrets. He knows untold truths, he's quick to say — clandestine facts.

"P.S. I have no boring clients," he said in an interview with The Washington Post in 2017.

No client has animated Stone more than Trump, a figure with a demeanor and penchant for the outrageous that matched his own. They hit it off when Trump made a donation to Ronald Reagan's 1980 presidential effort and Stone was running Northeast campaign operations.

But some in Reagan's campaign were wary of Stone.

"It became clear that he had difficulty with the truth," said Edward J. Rollins, a Stone critic who managed Reagan's 1984 presidential campaign and worked with Stone in several elections. "You could only trust 10 percent of what he said, and he always needed adult supervision."

Stone cultivated a bad-boy image, but he was also a darling of mainstream Republicans. When he left Reagan's campaign, he formed a revolutionary firm with friends Charlie Black and Paul Manafort that redefined the way business was done in Washington by combining a bipartisan lobbying operation with political campaign consulting. The new firm — Black, Manafort, Stone — was the hottest political shop in town and it counted numerous blue-chip corporations among its clients.

Trump was one of the firm's first clients. When Trump wanted to quash Indian casino competition, he turned to Stone, as he did when he needed special permission to dredge a harbor that could accommodate an enormous yacht he'd bought from the arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi.

Stone left his Washington firm in the mid-1990s after it was sold. He had to drop out of Bob Dole's 1996 presidential campaign when a tabloid published an article asserting that he and his wife, Nydia, had placed an ad looking for sex partners in a swinger's magazine. Years later, he admitted it was true.

Long before Trump announced his run for the presidency, Stone had been trying to persuade him to make a run for the nation's highest office. But his time as a formal adviser to Trump's 2016 campaign was short, and his departure was quintessentially opaque. Trump said Stone was fired. Stone said he quit.

As the campaign progressed, Stone hired bloggers to plant anti-Hillary Clinton rhetoric in the comments sections of articles. But his predictions during the campaign about WikiLeaks publishing material damaging to her campaign would later put him in the crosshairs of the Mueller probe.

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Roger Stone, longtime adviser to President Donald Trump, arrives smiling at federal court in Washington on Tuesday.

Trump ally pleads not guilty in Mueller probe

By Eric Tucker and Chad Day
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WASHINGTON — Roger Stone, a longtime adviser and confidant of President Donald Trump, pleaded not guilty Tuesday to felony charges in the Russia investigation after a publicity-filled few days spent slamming the probe as politically motivated.

The political operative and self-described dirty trickster faces charges that he lied to lawmakers, engaged in witness tampering and obstructed a congressional investigation into possible coordination between Russia and Trump's 2016 presidential campaign.

He was uncharacteristically quiet during Tuesday's brief court appearance, rising to his feet to say, "Yes, your honor," as U.S. Magistrate Judge Deborah Robinson asked if he would agree to the conditions of his release, including restricted travel.

Stone attorney Robert Buschel entered the plea on his client's behalf.

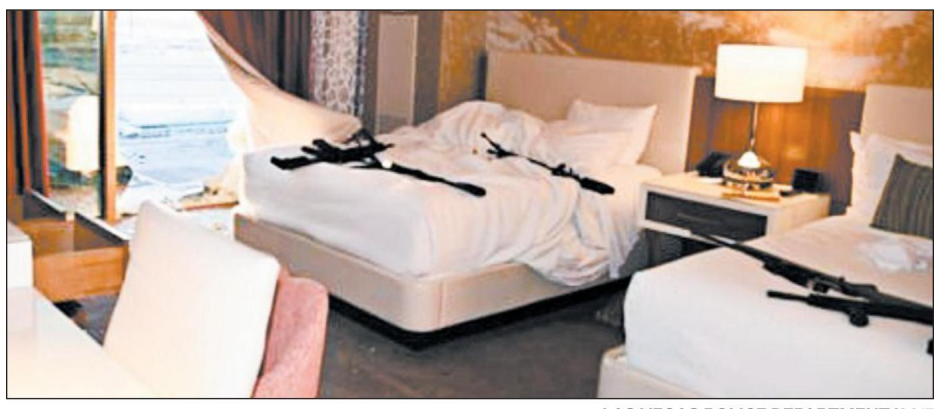
Stone, 66, made no public statements as he arrived and departed the courthouse amid dueling chants of "Lock Him Up" and "We Love Roger."

Stone waved and smiled to the small crowd, some holding up glowing photos of him, and he largely ignored a group of protesters carrying signs reading "Dirty traitor."

Stone, who was arrested last week at his Florida home, is the sixth Trump aide charged in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. The indictment does not accuse Stone of coordinating with Russia or with WikiLeaks on the release of hacked Democratic emails. But it does allege that he misled lawmakers about his pursuit of those communications and interest in them. The anti-secrecy website published emails in the weeks before the 2016 presidential election that the U.S. says were stolen from Democrats by Russian operatives.

Mueller continues to be interested in hearing from Stone aide Andrew Miller, who is fighting a grand jury subpoena, indicating the special counsel could be pursuing additional criminal charges against Stone or others related to the release of hacked material during the 2016 election by WikiLeaks, its founder, Julian Assange, and the online persona Guccifer 2.0.

Miller defied the grand jury subpoena last summer and took his challenge of Mueller's authority to a federal appeals court.



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A report shows the interior of a room that Stephen Paddock used to fire over 1,000 rounds in 11 minutes in October 2017. He killed 58 people and injured hundreds of others.

FBI finds no 'clear' motive in 2017 Las Vegas massacre

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LAS VEGAS — A high-stakes gambler who rained a hail of gunfire down on a crowd of country music fans, killing 58, took any specific motive for the 2017 attack to his grave, the FBI said Tuesday as it concluded the investigation into the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

The agency found no "single or clear motivating factor" to explain why Stephen Paddock carried out the attack from his suite in a high-rise casino hotel. Paddock, 64, fatally shot himself as police closed in.

"It wasn't about MGM, Mandalay Bay or a specific casino or venue," said Aaron Rouse, the agent in charge of the FBI's Las Vegas office. "It was all about doing the maximum amount of damage and him obtaining some form of infamy."

The finding was contained in a long-awaited report compiled by the FBI's Behavior Analysis Unit, a group of experts who spent months examining several factors that might have led to the rampage.

"This report comes as close to understanding the why as we're ever going to get," Rouse said.

Almost 900 people were hurt during the Oct. 1, 2017, attack on an outdoor concert.

Paddock wanted to die in infamy, inspired in part by his father's reputation as a bank robber who was once on the FBI most wanted list, the report said. In many ways, he was similar to other active shooters the FBI has studied. His "decision to murder people while they were being entertained was consistent with his personality," the report said.

The gunman was not directed or inspired by any group and was not seeking to further any agenda. He did not leave a manifesto or suicide note, and federal agents believe he had planned to fatally shoot himself after the attack, according to the report.

Paddock was a retired postal service worker, accountant and real estate investor who owned rental properties and homes in Reno and in a retirement community more than an hour's drive from Las Vegas. He also held a private pilot's license and liked to gamble tens of thousands of dollars at a time playing high-stakes video poker.

His younger brother, Eric Paddock, called him the "king of microaggression" — narcissistic, detail-oriented and maybe bored enough with life to plan an attack that would make him famous. His ex-wife told investigators that he grew up with a single mom in a financially unstable home and he felt a need to be self-reliant.

Police characterized him as a loner with no religious or political affiliations who began stockpiling weapons about a year before the attack. He spent more than $1.5 million in the two years before the shooting and distanced himself from his girlfriend and family.

He sent his girlfriend, Marilou Danley, to visit her family in the Philippines two weeks before the attack and wired her $150,000 while she was there. Danley, a former casino worker in Reno, returned to the U.S. after the shooting and told authorities that Paddock had complained that he was sick and that doctors told him he had a "chemical imbalance" and could not cure him.

Danley, who is Catholic, told investigators that Paddock often told her, "Your God doesn't love me."

The night of the massacre, Paddock used assault-style rifles to fire more than 1,000 rounds in 11 minutes into the crowd of 22,000 music fans. Most of the rifles were fitted with rapid-fire "bump stock" devices and high-capacity magazines. Authorities said Paddock's guns had been legally purchased.

Federal appeals court sides with 'blue water' Vietnam vets

By Ann E. Marimow
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court in Washington sided Tuesday with thousands of Vietnam War veterans who were stationed offshore during the war and developed health problems linked to exposure to the toxic herbicide Agent Orange.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled overwhelmingly for these sailors, finding they are eligible for the same disability benefits as those who put boots on the ground or patrolled Vietnam's inland rivers.

The 9-to-2 decision reverses a decade-old ruling by the court and applies to an estimated 52,000 veterans nationwide. A court majority said Congress clearly intended to extend benefits to sailors who were stationed in the territorial seas and are known as "blue water" Navy veterans.

"We find no merit in the government's arguments to the contrary," Judge Kimberly Moore wrote for the majority.

The two dissenting judges warned against overturning the court's previous decision and said such policy decisions should be reserved for lawmakers.

Similar efforts in Congress to broaden benefits have stalled in recent years. Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie and four former secretaries opposed the legislation, citing cost and the need for further study.

"Recent debates in Congress, which required consideration of the significant cost of the proposed addition of Blue Water Navy veterans underscores why Congress, rather than the courts, should be the one to revisit our interpretation," wrote Judge Raymond Chen, who was joined by Judge Timothy Dyk.

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Mike Yates is one of the "blue water" Navy veterans who served on ships off the coast of Vietnam during the war.

The appeal was brought by Alfred Procopio Jr., who served on the USS Intrepid, an aircraft carrier deployed off the coast of Vietnam. Procopio, 73, was denied benefits for claims related to his diabetes and prostate cancer. Both are ailments the U.S. government has linked to exposure to the infamous herbicide the U.S. military sprayed to destroy crops and reduce cover for enemy forces.

An administrative board found him ineligible because he was not "present on the landmass or the inland waters of Vietnam."

The ruling Tuesday means Procopio and any other veteran who served within Vietnam's territorial sea will now be presumed eligible for disability benefits if they have one of the diseases that is linked to the herbicide.

Procopio's attorney Mel Bostwick called the decision "crucial and long overdue."

"These Vietnam veterans sacrificed their own health and well-being for the good of the country, and the benefits that Congress provided — and which the court's decision now secures — are part of the debt of gratitude we owe them for their service," she said in a statement following the ruling.

"For years, Navy veterans have suffered with the effects of Agent Orange exposure while the VA remained recalcitrant," attorney John Wells, a retired Navy commander, who has led lobbying efforts in Congress, said in a statement Tuesday.

The Department of Veterans Affairs will have to assess Procopio's disabilities before calculating his benefits and evaluate other veterans like him with pending cases.

The government can seek review by the Supreme Court. A VA spokesman, Curt Cashour, said the department is "reviewing this decision and will determine an appropriate response."

During the war, those patrolling Vietnam's coastline like Procopio were referred to as the "blue water" Navy in contrast to the "brown water" sailors who operated on inland waterways.

Advocates for the blue water sailors point to studies that show exposure to Agent Orange occurred through contaminated water funneled into ships' distillation systems and used for drinking, laundry and cleaning. Much of the spraying was on low-lying swamps of the Mekong River Delta that flows into the South China Sea, where they were stationed.

U.S. bristles as Venezuela tries to rein in self-declared leader

By Andreina Aponte, Rachelle Krygier and Anthony Faiola
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National Assembly head and self-declared acting president Juan Guaido said he was unfazed Tuesday.

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuela's chief prosecutor asked the pro-government Supreme Court on Tuesday to prohibit opposition leader and self-declared interim president Juan Guaido from leaving the country and to freeze his bank accounts, prompting the United States, which a day earlier slapped sweeping sanctions on Venezuela's state-run oil company, to say there would be "serious consequences" if Guaido is harmed.

Speaking at the opposition-led National Assembly, which he heads, Guaido responded to the move by dismissing it as "nothing new under the sun." He said it came from "a regime that doesn't give answers to Venezuelans" and whose "only answer is persecution and repression." Guaido added: "The world is clear on what's happening in Venezuela. ... Let's not desist because of threats and persecution. We will continue to advance in our fight."

The United States, which backs Guaido as the legitimate leader of Venezuela, pushed back hard against the chief prosecutor's effort. "We denounce the illegitimate former Venezuelan Attorney General's threats against President Juan Guaido," White House national security adviser John Bolton wrote on Twitter. "Let me reiterate — there will be serious consequences for those who attempt to subvert democracy and harm Guaido."

The chief prosecutor's request came after the United States escalated its efforts to unseat leftist President Nicolas Maduro on Monday by punishing the state oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), in an effort to transfer control over it to the opposition. The U.S. move freezes $7 billion in U.S.-based assets and blocks more than $11 billion in revenue that Venezuela would get from oil sales next year through its U.S.-based company Citgo, which owns three refineries in the United States and employs thousands of workers.

The Treasury Department said money would go to a fund a transitional government headed by Guaido would eventually have access to.

On Tuesday, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo also gave Guaido control over certain Venezuelan accounts at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Revenue from oil sales to the United States and from Citgo, which imports Venezuela's heavy crude oil, refines it and distributes gasoline throughout the United States, is one of the Maduro administration's main sources of income. These oil sanctions, experts say, constitute the biggest blow that the populist Maduro, who rose to power in 2013 after leftist firebrand Hugo Chavez named him his successor before his death, has ever confronted.

"This is not just a big blow to Maduro but also to the Venezuelan people," said Henkel Garcia, head of local consulting firm Econometrica. "It will hit the population hard in the short term with scarcity of food and medicines and even of gasoline."

The sanctions come during a tense week in Venezuela. Overnight protests are surging and are being met with harsh repression. At least 35 people have been killed and more than 800 detained in a week. More protest marches are scheduled this week.

In Washington, speculation about possible U.S. military intervention grew Monday after White House national security adviser John Bolton appeared at a news conference carrying a yellow notepad bearing the handwritten words, "5,000 troops to Colombia."

Speaking to soldiers before they held a military exercise in the Caracas suburb of Maracay, Maduro said the U.S. was leading a coup against him by threatening to send troops to the Colombian border, referring to the Bolton notepad.

"It's an infantile way of leading an imperialist foreign policy," Maduro said.

Separately, the State Department on Tuesday issued a new travel advisory for Venezuela, raising it to "Level 4 - Do Not Travel."

May vows to overhaul Brexit deal, even as EU stands firm

By Jill Lawless
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Britain's Theresa May seeks Parliament's support Tuesday to renegotiate the Brexit deal with the EU.

LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May on Tuesday won a few weeks to salvage a Brexit deal but headed toward a clash with the European Union by promising to overhaul the divorce agreement she spent a year and a half negotiating with the bloc.

Trying to break the Brexit deadlock, May got Parliament's backing for a bid to change an Irish border guarantee in the withdrawal deal — a provision May and the EU both approved, and the bloc insists cannot be changed.

The Brexit process has grown increasingly surreal since Parliament rejected May's divorce deal two weeks ago, leaving Britain lurching toward a cliff-edge "no-deal" departure from the bloc on March 29.

A series of Commons votes Tuesday on next steps submitted by both pro-Brexit and pro-EU legislators ended up sending starkly mixed signals, as lawmakers backed a call to renegotiate the deal, and also approved a rival motion ruling out a no-deal exit.

Parliament's response to May's call to "send an emphatic message" to the EU is likely to leave the bloc even more confused about British aims.

May vowed after the votes that the government would "redouble its efforts to get a deal that the House can support."

But EU leaders have ruled out reopening the Brexit deal. The European Council said the current deal with the U.K. remains the "best and only way" for an orderly Brexit.

French President Emmanuel Macron said the agreement — 585 pages of legally binding text — "is the best accord possible. It is not re-negotiable."

Parliament voted 317-301 to back a call for the border measure to be replaced by unspecified "alternative arrangements." Lawmakers voted on seven Brexit proposals Tuesday.

May acknowledged that the EU had "limited appetite" for changing the Brexit deal. But she believes her agreement can still win Parliament's backing if it is tweaked to alleviate concerns about the Irish border measure, known as the backstop.

The backstop would keep the U.K. in a customs union with the EU in order to remove the need for checks along the border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland after Britain leaves the bloc.

The border is crucial to the divorce deal because it will be the only land frontier between the U.K. and the EU after Brexit, and because the free flow of people and goods underpins both the local economy and Northern Ireland's peace process.

Opposition to the backstop by pro-Brexit lawmakers — who fear it will trap Britain in regulatory lockstep with the EU — helped sink May's deal Jan. 15, when Parliament rejected it in 432-202.

May backed a proposal from a Conservative lawmaker Tuesday calling for the Irish backstop to be replaced. She said it was a chance to "tell Brussels that the current nature of the backstop is the key reason Parliament cannot support this deal."

Ireland's European Affairs Minister, Helen McEntee, said British politicians needed to show "a bit of realism."

"There can be no change to the backstop. It was negotiated over 18 months with the U.K. and by the U.K.," she said.

May's approach drew praise from "hard-Brexit"-backing lawmakers who have often opposed her. Conservative lawmaker Steve Baker, a member of euroskeptic faction the European Research Group, said the group had agreed to back the amendment "to see if the PM can land a deal that will work."

But the idea of renegotiating the deal was scorned by their pro-EU colleagues.

Green Party legislator Caroline Lucas accused May of chasing "heated-up fantasies that have already been rejected by the EU."

Much of the business world says a no-deal Brexit would cause economic chaos by eliminating existing EU trade agreements and imposing tariffs, customs checks and other barriers between the U.K. and the EU, its main export market.

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Interpreters stuck in no man's land

Afghans hounded by Taliban and shunned by U.S.

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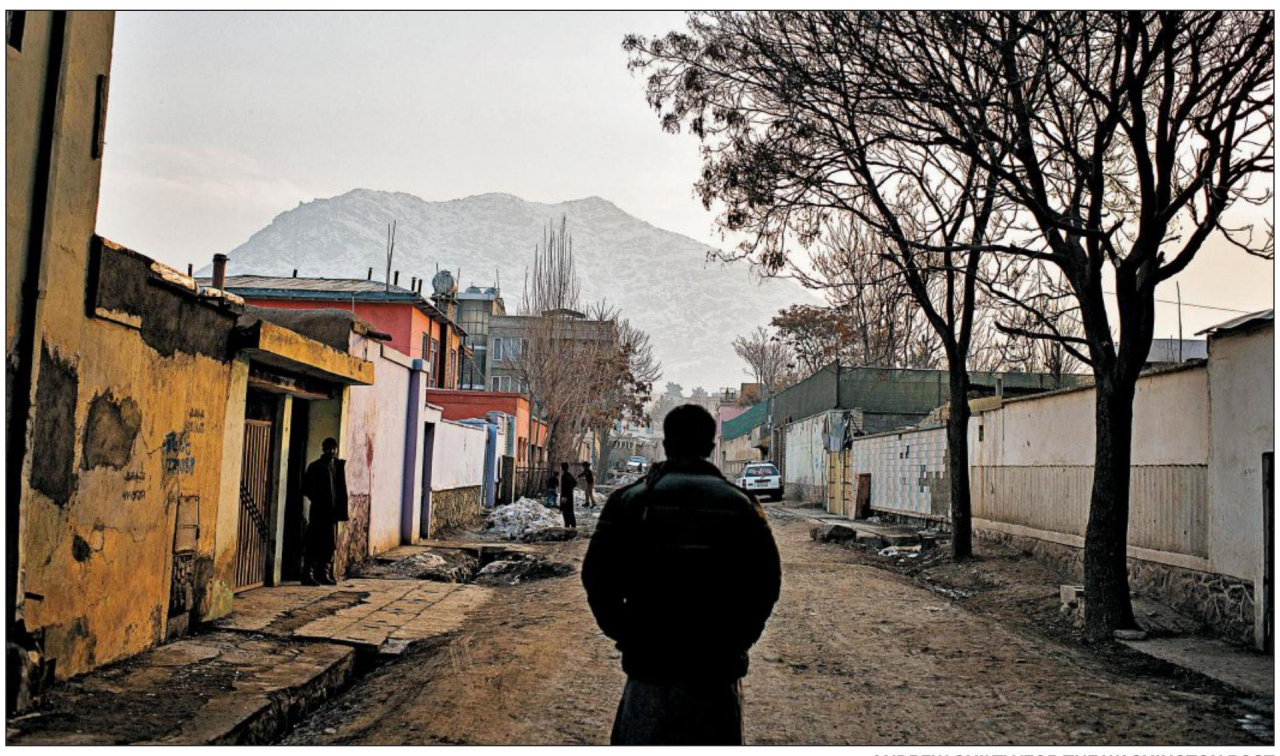

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The future for Naseri, a former interpreter in Afghanistan who remains in hiding, and his family are in limbo.

KABUL, Afghanistan — He does not take unnecessary trips, but before stepping into his car, he contorts his body to inspect the chassis for magnetic bombs.

The man was an interpreter for U.S. troops in Afghanistan for seven years, much of that time with an ear pressed to a radio to intercept Taliban chatter that officers said provided vital intelligence. In 2013, following two militant attempts to kill or capture him, he applied for a special visa for Afghans endangered because of their work for the United States. He spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear for his life.

His plans to settle in Texas have been set adrift amid the Trump administration's heightened scrutiny for issuing visas. Last year, 1,649 such visas were approved for Afghans — a 60 percent drop from the previous year. This was, by far, the biggest decline in the program's 10-year existence.

The challenge to secure such visas is not entirely new. The issuance of special visas dropped by 30 percent in 2015 — a result of changing security measures implemented by the Obama administration, interpreter advocates say.

However, there is a renewed sense of urgency to provide safe haven for Afghans who have been instrumental in helping U.S. forces, advocates say, now that the Taliban has been resurgent in the country amid uncertainty about a potential U.S. troop pullout.

Many interpreters express "a profound fear and imminent threat," said Kirt Lewis, the program director for No One Left Behind, an interpreter advocacy group.

Since the creation of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009, nearly 16,000 principal Afghan applicants have been approved for visas, according to State Department data.

Congress has not allocated new visas for 2019, and advocates warn that continued delays will imperil the 19,000 applicants still waiting.

The delays are significant. Congress required the State Department to take no longer than nine months to complete visa claims in the 2014 defense spending bill, but the average wait time is 23 months, according to the most recent data released last summer.

It is difficult to pinpoint how many interpreters have been targeted and killed, advocates say. In 2014, the International Refugee Assistance Project estimated that one interpreter was killed every 36 hours, but cautioned that the number might be outdated.

"Every day of this slowdown in processing exposes more and more allies to reprisals from the Taliban and other hostile militant groups," said Adam Bates, policy counsel at IRAP, a legal advocacy group.

The interpreter has been frustrated that his efforts to protect U.S. service members have not been reciprocated.

In one nighttime convoy in Helmand province in 2006, a militant leader radioed his men to prepare for an attack. The interpreter passed the message on to the U.S. commander.

Enemy gunfire erupted minutes later, as soldiers watched tracers streak in night-vision green. One U.S. soldier was killed in the ambush, but that kind of advance warning routinely "saved lives," according to Joseph Cannon, who worked with the interpreter as an Army officer.

This interpreter "served his country. He served our country," Cannon said.

Why the United States cannot in turn protect him has perplexed the interpreter.

"This is not justice for those who supported you," he said. "If it takes longer, if it takes years, we will witness more interpreters killed."

Spartacus — the call sign given to one Afghan interpreter — was a casualty. Spartacus was a walking Rosetta Stone, streaming Dari, Pashto and TEnglish between U.S. and Afghan troops during firefights. He worked alongside Special Forces in mountainous Kapisa province in 2007, said Rep. Michael Waltz , R-Fla., a former Green Beret.

"Without (interpreters), you might as well deploy without radios," Waltz said.

Spartacus applied for asylum in the United States, but in 2008, militants dragged him and male relatives out of his home and executed them, Waltz said.

Seemingly trivial bureaucratic foul-ups have also put interpreters in potential danger. Naseri — a different interpreter — had the visa he needed to escape Afghanistan. Then, he didn't.

He survived countless ambushes in the more than five years he spent interpreting for U.S. troops. He carried an AK-47 assault rifle on patrols and fired at ghostlike insurgents attacking coalition troops in the Korengal valley.

But a transfer to Bagram air base led in 2010 to a fateful series of events. He was sent on patrol in his home village nearby. Rumors swirled. When a suspected militant was seized, neighbors accused Naseri of being a spy who outed him.

"They hate interpreters more than Americans," Naseri said of the Taliban. He asked for only part of his name to be used for fear of militant retribution.

He applied for a visa five years ago and received generic denials twice, said his attorney, Amber Murray, though he successfully contested both decisions.

In June 2017, Naseri, his wife and three children were ecstatic: Their visas were issued. Naseri sold nearly everything he had and flew to Dubai with his wife and three young daughters on a flight bound for Houston.

Then he was stopped in the airport. There was a problem with their visas, but no explanation.

"My wife was crying," Naseri said. "She told me, 'If they send you back to Afghanistan, (the Taliban) will know about you going to America.' "

Murray contacted the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, which was unaware of the issue. "Unfortunately, this does happen from time to time," an embassy staff member wrote in an Oct. 5 email.

Naseri was forced to return to Afghanistan days later. Soon after, according to an Oct. 31 email Murray sent to the embassy, "members of the Taliban approached Mr. Naseri's house attempting to climb over the fence where they were fortunately deterred from entry by the barking of Mr. Naseri's dog. When Mr. Naseri's father came to the door, the Taliban affiliates demanded to know Mr. Naseri's whereabouts and threatened to physically harm his son saying they would 'catch' Mr. Naseri son."

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul referred questions to consular officials in Washington, who did not immediately return comment.

"These guys were trusted to be in one of the most austere environments to fight to the death with Americans, if need be," said John Farris, a former Marine officer who worked with Naseri. "We became brothers out there."

Naseri remains in hiding more than a year later. Farris has pressed lawmakers for help to bring him to Houston, where he can help Naseri settle.

"I'll be happy to finally see him on U.S. soil," Farris said.

Farris worries for Naseri, especially if there is a hasty pullout of U.S. forces from Afghanistan.

"Interpreters will be the first ones to die," he said, "and blood will be on the U.S. government's hands for that."

Indians lock horns with sacred cows

As cattle run amok, villagers pen them in schools to force a fix

By Joanna Slater
The Washington Post

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To accommodate stray cattle, officials in northern India created temporary shelters.

EDALPUR, India — Late last month, the government administrator who oversees this area of farmland in northern India was in a meeting when she received a strange phone call.

It was from a middle school principal in Edalpur, a village of 2,000 people surrounded by fields of wheat and potatoes. "There are cows locked in my school and a hundred people outside," said the principal, Bani Singh. "What should I do?"

The next day, the administrator, Jyotsna Bandhu, received a similar phone call from a different village under her supervision. After that, she said, it spread like a "chain reaction."

Before long, about 15 other nearby villages had reported the same phenomenon. Angry farmers locked hundreds of stray cows in public schools, turning them into animal sheds and issuing a challenge to the local government: Fix this.

In India, it is not unusual to see cattle roaming the roads of cities and towns. But across Uttar Pradesh, the country's most populous and politically important state, frustration is boiling over among farmers, who say the number of stray cows has spiked, threatening their crops.

The dilemma is part of India's turn toward Hindu nationalism. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, or BJP, have made protecting cows, considered sacred in Hinduism, a policy priority.

In 2017, Modi installed a radical Hindu monk, Yogi Adityanath, to lead the state of Uttar Pradesh, home to more than 200 million people. Adityanath launched a crackdown on unauthorized slaughterhouses and enforced regulations on the transportation and sale of cattle.

At the same time, the rise of "cow vigilantes" made transporting cattle in Uttar Pradesh a risky, expensive and potentially dangerous task. Hindu extremists have beaten up and even killed people, mostly Muslims, whom they suspect of smuggling or slaughtering cows.

That all adds up to a quandary for farmers. When cows were too old to provide milk and bulls were no longer useful for hauling or generating progeny, many farmers used to sell them. Middlemen would transport cattle to other states or sometimes to slaughterhouses. Now those networks have collapsed. Farmers must either bear the expense of caring for unproductive cattle or simply abandon them. Increasingly, they are choosing the latter.

In Edalpur, stray cows went from an occasional irritation to a constant menace. This winter, farmers organized shifts to conduct all-night vigils in the cold. Armed with sticks and flashlights, they watched for packs of stray cattle that would trample leafy potato plants and chomp on tender new wheat.

No one in the village would say whose idea it was to round up the stray cows and lock them in the school. "When people get pushed so much beyond their limits, what will they do? They will come up with a solution," said Chhetra Pal, 25, who grows millet.

In the village of Bedai in the same district, the middle school had just received a fresh coat of cheerful yellow paint when farmers pushed 200 cows into its gates Dec. 31. The cattle stayed for four days, leaving the school walls splashed with mud and urine. The school remained closed through mid-January, and its 70-odd students were taught instead at a nearby elementary school.

It's not clear how many stray cows there are in Uttar Pradesh: The last official count, in 2012, put the number at more than 1 million. The current state government has "disturbed the natural cycle" and left farmers with little choice but to abandon cows, said Anil Chaudhary, a former member of the state legislature from a regional party.

A state government minister said the challenge posed by stray cattle predated the current regime. "This has been a problem, and it is our government which is trying to find a solution," said S.P. Singh Baghel, the minister of animal husbandry in Uttar Pradesh.

With national elections looming in the spring, the state government has swung into action to defuse an obvious political liability. Adityanath, the chief minister, announced a new 0.5 percent tax on some highway tolls and state-owned enterprises to fund the construction of cow shelters and pledged money to each district to tackle stray cattle.

But the problem is enormous. Bandhu, the local administrator for part of Hathras district, at first moved cows from the protesting villages to government-run shelters. When they filled up, officials quickly opened two temporary shelters nearby. Now they too are full, holding 2,800 cattle.

The current plan is to construct a cow shelter in every village, said Bandhu, whose official title is subdivisional magistrate. "We are working on a war front," she said.

'Stayin' Alive' aids mechanic in helping woman to stay alive

By Alex Horton
The Washington Post

When it came time to save a life, the mechanic turned to the lessons of Michael Scott and Dwight Schrute.

Cross Scott, a tire shop technician, was test driving a customer's vehicle Jan. 11 when he saw a peculiar thing: a sedan pulled over, its hazard lights blinking, according to the Arizona Daily Star. He got out to inspect the vehicle.

There was a woman inside who appeared unconscious as the car crept forward, he told the newspaper. He stuck a rock under the wheel and used another to smash a window, and two women who pulled over dialed 911.

He checked for a pulse. Nothing. Help could be minutes away. He had to act.

But there was one problem. "I've never prepared myself for CPR in my life," Scott told the Star. "I had no idea what I was doing."

Well, that's not entirely true. He had seen Season 5, episode 14 of "The Office."

In a classic scene from the American TV series, Dunder Mifflin regional manager Scott acknowledges his leadership style may have led to a heart attack and, fearing future emergencies, he organizes CPR training for his employees. When he thrusts too fast on the practice dummy, the instructor tells him to sync his rhythm with a well-known disco hit.

"A good trick is to pump to the tune of 'Stayin' Alive' by the Bee Gees," she explains, because at around 100 beats a minute, it matches the recommended tempo to perform chest compression on a patient.

The instruction was seared into Scott's memory.

He crawled onto the woman and began compressions while singing the song, he told the Star, thinking of Steve Carell's character hunched over the dummy and belting "Ah, ha, ha, ha, stayin' alive, stayin' alive."

The woman, later identified as Clare, awoke after a minute and threw up, according to the Star. She was then taken to a hospital. Scott, recalling the words of a paramedic from the Tucson Fire Department, told the newspaper her fate could have been much different had he never intervened.

Of course, experts do not expect a passer-by to shuffle their Spotify playlist to find the perfect beat while someone is in cardiac arrest but rather suggest songs many people know by, well, heart.

The New York-Presbyterian Hospital crafted a list that fits the criteria: "Just Dance" by Lady Gaga, "Rock This Town" by Stray Cats or "Crazy in Love" by Beyonce.

Scott appears to have done the right thing despite a lack of training, said Jonathan Epstein, the senior director of science at the American Red Cross training services.

Epstein has used "The Office" episode in classes as a discussion point. "Stayin' Alive," with 106 beats per minute, is a pretty good candidate for the 100 to 120 sweet spot, he said.

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Stacey Abrams to give Dems' response to State of the Union

WASHINGTON — Democrats have tapped Georgia's Stacey Abrams to deliver the response to President Donald Trump's State of the Union address, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced Tuesday.

Abrams narrowly lost the state's race for governor in November after a lengthy dispute over blocked votes. She will address the nation in a prime-time speech shortly after Trump finishes his address to a joint session of Congress on Feb. 5.

In statements announcing the decision, Pelosi said Abrams "embodies the American Dream," while Schumer praised the Georgia Democrat as "a present and future leader in this country."

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, a former member of House Democratic leadership, will deliver the Spanish-language response.

5 arrests in Brazil dam disaster as death toll rises to at least 84

BRUMADINHO, Brazil — Brazilian authorities arrested five people Tuesday in connection with a dam collapse that killed at least 84 people and left nearly 300 missing, and dead fish were seen downstream floating at the banks of a river that an indigenous community depends on for food and water.

The dam that held back iron-ore waste, owned and operated by big mining company Vale SA, collapsed Friday.

Three of the arrested worked for Vale, the company said, adding that it was cooperating with investigating authorities.

A German company that has inspected the dam said two of its employees were arrested. The Munich-based TUEV Sued company declined to specify whether the arrested staff were from its German headquarters or its Brazilian branch.

Pakistan upholds acquittal of woman in blasphemy case

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's top court Tuesday upheld its acquittal of a Christian woman who spent eight years on death row after being convicted of blasphemy, dealing a blow to radical Islamists who had staged violent mass protests last year calling for her execution.

Aasia Bibi watched from a secret location where she lives under guard as the decision was announced on television, according to a friend who was on the phone with her at the time. He said Bibi's first thought upon hearing the news was that she would soon be able to join her daughters in Canada.

Bibi's ordeal began in 2009 when she brought water to farmhands who refused to drink from the same container as a Christian. Two workers argued with Bibi and accused her of insulting Islam's Prophet Muhammad.

MOHAMED ABDIWAHAB/GETTY-AFP

Soldiers look on as firefighters extinguish a blaze at the scene where a car bomb exploded Tuesday at a gas station near a government building in Mogadishu, Somalia. Authorities said two people were killed and five injured.

Defense in El Chapo trial calls 1 witness, rests in 30 minutes

NEW YORK — After a prosecution that spanned 11 weeks and had its share of bombshells, the defense case at the U.S. trial of Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman clocked in on Tuesday at 30 minutes.

Attorney Jeffrey Lichtman called one witness and entered one document into evidence before resting the defense's case. The jury was sent home for the day with closing arguments set to begin Wednesday.

Guzman could face life in prison if convicted of drug and murder conspiracy charges that his lawyers say are fabricated.

It's not unheard of for defense lawyers to call few or even no witnesses. But Guzman's fleeting defense was striking because it followed a sweeping one by the government that featured 56 witnesses, including colorful cooperators who described how the notorious boss of the Sinaloa cartel ran his cocaine-dealing empire with an iron fist.

There were tales of Guzman running naked through an underground tunnel to evade a manhunt, of hefty cash bribes to top Mexican government and military officials and of the defendant personally torturing and assassinating his enemies in fits of rage.

Prosecutors described the evidence as overwhelming, noting in a court filing Monday that it included witness testimony, text messages, recorded calls, drug seizures and handwritten letters.

During cross-examinations of prosecution witnesses, however, defense lawyers grilled the cooperators about their own criminal backgrounds and the deals they cut with prosecutors that could shorten their sentences.

Man, 67, pleads guilty to 8 murders in Canada

TORONTO — A former landscaper accused of sexually assaulting, killing and dismembering men he met in Toronto's Gay Village district over seven years pleaded guilty Tuesday to eight counts of first-degree murder.

Bruce McArthur, 67, stood up and softly said "guilty" as each charge was read.

Police last year found the remains of seven of the men in large planters at a property where McArthur had worked and used as storage. The remains of the eighth victim were found in a ravine behind the same property in midtown Toronto.

The prosecutor, Michael Cantlon, said the cases ranging from 2010 to 2017 involved sexual assault or forcible confinement and said the bodies were hidden and dismembered. Several of the victims were apparently strangled. Sentencing is set for Feb. 4.

James Ingram, award-winning songwriter, singer, dies

NEW YORK — Grammy-winning singer and songwriter James Ingram, who topped the charts with hits like "Baby, Come to Me" and "Somewhere Out There," has died, according to his close friend, actress Debbie Allen. The musician was 66.

TMZ reported he died after a battle with brain cancer.

Ingram was nominated for 14 Grammys and took home two trophies throughout his decades-long career, which started when he left Akron, Ohio, for Los Angeles at 18.

Ingram's career took off in 1981 when the legendary Quincy Jones included his song "Just Once" on his album "The Dude."

Ingram continued to churn out hits, like the 1982 Patti Austin duet "Baby, Come to Me" and the 1983 duet with Michael McDonald "Yah Mo B There."

Super Bowl pregame: President Donald Trump is bringing back a recent presidential tradition, agreeing to a Super Bowl pregame interview with CBS' Margaret Brennan. The interview became something of a fixture for Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama but was skipped by Trump last year.

Crime confession: The 21-year-old man accused of killing five people in Louisiana, including his parents over the weekend, has confessed, authorities said Tuesday. Dakota Theriot is said to have provided a lot of information about what happened, but authorities haven't determined why the killings happened.

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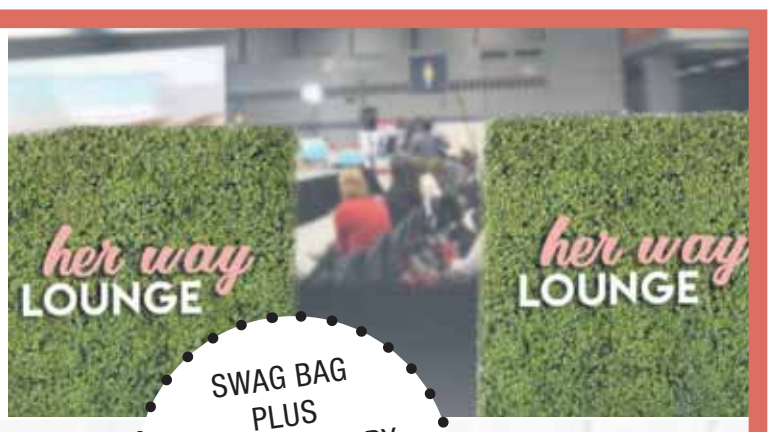

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'Operation Illinois Politics': FBI is on the prowl

The investigation has reached blockbuster status: The FBI has surreptitiously recorded the speaker of the Illinois House as well as Chicago's two most influential aldermen — City Council committee chairmen who've overseen zoning and finances.

At unknown intervals over *almost five years,* one of those aldermen, Danny Solis, has functioned as a government agent under FBI direction and control. He enabled the feds to hear who-knows-how-many conversations with who-knows-which politicians and other supplicants eager to win his favor.

Some of those federally enshrined chats were with the second alderman, Edward Burke, whom the U.S. Department of Justice has accused of attempted extortion. Prosecutors have released only fragments from a few of the thousands of Burke telephone conversations they wiretapped with judicial permission.

Then there's that other pol who spoke into a little microphone. The opening of a news story that reverberated Tuesday through this city's, this state's, corridors of power: *The FBI secretly recorded Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan trying to get business for his private law firm from a developer brought to him by Ald. Danny Solis, who was weighing the developer's request to build a hotel in Chinatown, according to a federal court affidavit obtained by the Chicago Sun-Times.*

SCOTT STANTIS

None of which proves anyone guilty of anything; Burke alone has been charged with a crime. And the story about Madigan doesn't suggest that he helped the developer. But don't let the prominence of the personalities distract you from the astonishing big picture here:

The Justice Department for several years has been methodically exploring the busy intersection of commercial property tax assessment and political clout in Chicago and Illinois. Here's the Sun-Times paragraph that surely had politicians trying to look nonchalant while clutching their chests:

Although Solis hasn't been criminally charged, the affidavit states that "there is reasonable cause to believe that Solis and others have committed" bribery, fraud and other potential criminal offenses "by engaging in a series of transactions that involve the abuse of Solis' position as a public official."

Hmm. "Solis and others have committed"? Which others — and have they, too, been wearing wires to help the FBI? And what "other offenses"?

The ambition and apparent length of the investigation, coupled with the willingness of federal courts to keep approving the Burke wiretap, suggests that the feds were getting useful answers to these questions:

■ Are government officials here exploiting their public offices for substantial private gain?

■ Do pay-to-play schemes extort developers or other taxpayers in return for delivering lower property assessments and other favors from government?

■ If investigators find and follow any evidence of illicit behavior, to how many public officials does it lead?

The Sun-Times says the feds used the illuminating 2016 affidavit to secure search warrants for Solis' homes and offices, and a North Side massage parlor where the alderman allegedly received free sex acts.

During a conversation Solis reportedly recorded on Aug. 18, 2014, Madigan told the developer whose law business he sought, "We're not interested in a quick killing here. We're interested in a long-term relationship." Solis later told an associate of the developer that "if he (the developer) works with the speaker, he will get anything he needs for that hotel," according to the report.

On Aug. 21, the developer's associate called Solis to say the developer had agreed to retain Madigan's law firm. Five days later, Solis reportedly wrote a letter of support for the hotel. But when an FBI agent filed the affidavit in 2016, the developer hadn't retained Madigan's firm. The City Council did approve a zoning change for the hotel, but it hasn't been built.

Madigan said Tuesday that he doesn't believe he's under investigation, and the Sun-Times story doesn't suggest he did anything to benefit the developer. Madigan's lawyer said Madigan "has no recollection of ever suggesting that he would take official action for a private law firm client or potential client."

Until the feds offer a catchier name, let's call this "Operation Illinois Politics." If you're a student of the genre, you know three verities: Smart people are lawyering up and will offer to, um, assist the investigation. Some not-as-smart people risk meeting FBI agents the hard way. And victims who've been illicitly squeezed by any Illinois politician ought to be in touch with the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The Supreme Court returns to gun rights and gun control

It was once called "the lost amendment," because the Supreme Court was almost completely silent on its meaning and because it seemed to have scant effect. But the Second Amendment made a spectacular comeback in 2008, when the court struck down a Washington, D.C., ban on handguns, which it followed in 2010 by overturning a similar Chicago law. For the first time, the justices held that the amendment protected the right of individuals to own guns for self-defense.

The decisions gave the Second Amendment new force but left a lot of issues unresolved. Writing for the majority, Justice Antonin Scalia indicated the court had no problem with "longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms." He added that the right did not extend to "dangerous and unusual weapons."

But in the period since, the court has avoided taking cases involving restrictions on guns. Last year, when the justices declined to hear a challenge to California's 10-day waiting period on gun purchases, Justice Clarence Thomas accused his colleagues of turning the Second Amendment into a "constitutional orphan."

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That complaint may soon be obsolete. Recently, the court agreed to consider a challenge to a New York City law. It allows individuals who have city licenses to keep handguns at home to transport their weapons (unloaded, in locked containers) to gun ranges in the city, but not to ranges (or anywhere else) outside the city. Some residents would like to take their guns to facilities outside New York City, or to second homes upstate, and they see the ban as an infringement on their rights.

But a federal district court and an appeals court upheld the law, accepting the city's argument that it served "a legitimate need to control the presence of firearms in public." Gun owners have seven ranges where they may shoot in the city, the appeals court noted, and those who want to shoot elsewhere may rent guns or buy additional guns and keep them outside the city. The public safety benefits, then, "easily justify the insignificant and indirect costs (the law) imposes on Second Amendment interests."

Will the Supreme Court agree? The court apparently had avoided such cases because four justices were inclined to overturn gun regulations and four were inclined to accept them — and neither cluster could be sure which way Anthony Kennedy, the likely deciding vote, would go. With Brett Kavanaugh taking his spot, the court appears to have a majority skeptical of gun control laws. But Chief Justice John Roberts, who is one of this group, could be a restraining influence.

This case will be the first test. The court could strike the law down on narrow grounds, suggesting it might accept other regulations — such as banning assault weapons or letting police temporarily take guns away from people deemed dangerous to themselves of others. Or it could take a more aggressive approach, casting serious doubt on such laws. It could also uphold the New York City law as a reasonable preventive measure that creates only a minor burden.

Lately, public opinion has shifted toward modest measures aimed at reducing gun violence. Good. The debate on firearms regulations is bound to be an issue in the 2020 elections, with the two parties starkly at odds. We hope the justices will grant the American people and their representatives the space to experiment with regulations in the hope of curtailing both the persistent street crime that occurs in places like Chicago and the mass shootings that have ravaged so many communities.

The basic right to own guns is firmly ensconced in constitutional law. But Americans are assessing how to balance that right with rules that make it harder for dangerous people to terrorize innocents. The court would be wise not to stand in the way.

The other night I was having a drink with a friend who said he believed that the Trump threat was essentially over, as the shutdown took its toll. He noted what might become an inflection point in the polling. He was heartened by the midterms. He might be right. But I think that misses the core point about this presidency.

From my perspective, the Trump threat to liberal democracy is deepening, largely because its racial animus and rank tribalism are evoking a response that is increasingly imbued with racial animus and rank tribalism, in an ever-tightening spiral of mutual hostility. ...

I can understand this impulse emotionally as a response to President Trump's hatefulness. But I fear it morally or politically. It's a vortex that can lead to nothing but the raw imposition of power by one tribe over another. There can be no dialogue here, no debate, not even a State of the Union in which both tribes will participate. And none of us is immune.

What was so depressing to me about the Covington incident was how so many liberals felt comfortable taking a random teenager and, purely because of his race and gender, projected onto him all their resentments and hatred of "white men" in general. ...

Judging — indeed demonizing — an individual on the basis of the racial or gender group he belongs to is the core element of racism, and yet it is now routine on the left as well as the right.

Andrew Sullivan, New York Magazine

Chicago Tribune
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There are 14 people running for Chicago mayor in the Feb. 26 election. They are: Gery Chico, clockwise from top left, Bill Daley, Amara Enyia, Bob Fioretti, La Shawn Ford, Jeremiah Joyce Jr., John Kozlar, Willie Wilson, Paul Vallas, Neal Sales-Griffin, Toni Preckwinkle, Susana Mendoza, Garry McCarthy and Lori Lightfoot. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Undecided in the mayor's race? Join the club!

ERIC ZORN

Who do you like for mayor?

The very question was so audacious that it prompted anticipatory, slightly nervous laughter Thursday from the crowd that had filled the auditorium at the Irish American Heritage Center to hear a debate among the four 39th Ward aldermanic candidates.

As the moderator, I'd stuck until then to the script that organizers had written for me. I decided to freelance because of a conversation I'd had earlier in the day with a group of colleagues — all of us news nerds and political junkies — in which we'd had such difficulty naming our current favorite in the field of 14 Chicago mayoral candidates that we'd allowed ourselves to name two and reserve the right to change our minds.

I offered the candidates the same out. "Who are your top two candidates right now?" I asked. "I'm not going to hold you to it."

"That's a tough one," said candidate Joe Duplechin. "And, you know, it changes every day almost ..."

"This is a race that changes week to week, day to day," said candidate Robert Murphy. "People who you thought were up there are not up there anymore. ... I am not anywhere close to making any decisions."

"This is an awful question!" protested candidate Samantha Nugent. "(My choice) changes every day."

"I agree with my peers, it changes every day," said candidate Casey Smagala.

All four did end up offering at least two names, and if you're curious which names, you can watch video of the forum at the Hollywood-North Park Community Association's Facebook page. The point isn't the names, it's that indecision, even among people so deeply engaged in city politics that they're running for alderman, is right now the clear winner.

And it's not the "hold your nose and vote" or "lesser of evils" indecision that voters typically complain about. The choice isn't "none of the above," but "some of the above."

As I've written before, this is a strong, well-qualified field. Having listened to hours of debate and having read countless news articles and position papers, I have at least a few qualms about each of the candidates but feel at least six of the 14 have the chops — the depth and breadth — to be a very effective mayor.

No, I won't name the six for the same reason I'm unlikely to cast an early vote this time around, the same reason the 39th Ward candidates each articulated as they cringed at the question — things seem to change every day.

Accordingly, I put very little stock in the polls. And I urge voters to ignore the TV commercials and consult any one of the numerous objective resources about the candidates and their positions — the Tribune has an excellent resource at chicagotribune.com/mayorsrace — before casting what ought to be a tough vote.

I'm really glad to see that 11 of the candidates — Gery Chico, Bill Daley, Amara Enyia, Jerry Joyce, John Kozlar, Lori Lightfoot, Garry McCarthy, Susana Mendoza, Toni Preckwinkle, Paul Vallas and Willie Wilson — have so far taken "The Town Hall Pledge" by making a public commitment to hold at least four town hall-style meetings a year if elected.

The pledge is promoted by the Town Hall Project, a national advocacy group formed in 2017 to promote dialogue between elected officials and their constituents. Portland, Ore.-based spokesman Nathan Williams said previous efforts have focused on candidates for the U.S. Congress, and this is the organization's first foray into mayoral contests.

I endorse the emphasis on communication and accountability, though I'm not a particular fan of the town hall format. These big public Q&A sessions too often amplify the loudest and angriest voices. They tend to turn into a form of guerrilla political theater with an emphasis on shaming and frightening politicians and getting viral YouTube clips rather than exchanging views in a productive fashion.

"Congress on Your Corner" too often turns into "Your Congressperson Cornered," in the words of Stanford University political scientist James Fishkin..

What I'd like to see is Chicago's next mayor, whomever he or she turns out to be, sit down for regular grillings by a panel of journalists. At my request Monday, WTTW-Ch. 11 "Chicago Tonight" executive producer Mary Field volunteered half an hour of airtime a month for such sessions.

I put the idea to the campaigns Monday afternoon, and as of Tuesday afternoon, I've gotten thumbs-up from Chico, Enyia, Joyce, Lightfoot, Preckwinkle, Vallas and Wilson.

Whomever you like in this race, you've gotta like the idea of a mayor who'll face the music.

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Brokaw was wrong about immigrants, but not alone

CLARENCE PAGE

Poor Tom Brokaw. It might not seem like it, at first, but the former "NBC Nightly News" anchor may have done us all a favor with his ill-informed comments that "Hispanics should work harder at assimilation."

As blunders go, it was almost the sort of gaffe that in Washington, as journalist Michael Kinsley famously declared, occurs when somebody tells the truth.

I say "almost" because his statement was factually incorrect, yet truthful in its expression of a widely held myth that too many people believe to be true. That's bad news for the national conversation on immigration that led earlier this month to our longest partial government shutdown in U.S. history.

The remarks, for which Brokaw, now a senior correspondent for NBC, later apologized in a series of tweets, sparked a Twitter storm of backlash.

"I also happen to believe that the Hispanics should work harder at assimilation," he said in a roundtable on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. "That's one of the things I've been saying for a long time. You know, they ought not to be just codified in their communities but make sure that all their kids are learning to speak English, and that they feel comfortable in the communities. And that's going to take outreach on both sides, frankly."

No reasonable person should argue with that last part about the need for "outreach on both sides." Unfortunately, that outreach is hampered by the widespread misbelief that today's Hispanic immigrants are somehow different from other waves that have helped build this country throughout its history.

Haven't we all heard similar assertions from others? Former White House chief of staff John Kelly offered one unfortunate example last year, saying during an NPR interview that Central American immigrants "don't speak English and don't integrate well."

You can hear echoes of those sentiments as far back as Benjamin Franklin, who wrote in a 1753 letter that "Those who come hither are general of the most ignorant stupid sort of their own nation. ... few of their children in the country learn English. ... In short, if unless the stream of their importation could be turned from this to other colonies, ... they will soon so outnumber us, that all the advantages we have will not in my opinion be able to preserve our language and even our government will become precarious." Rest easy, Ben.

Franklin wasn't talking about Latinos. He was talking about immigrants from Germany. Fortunately, over time, they fit in quite well. Germans and countless other ethnic groups from around the globe have not only succeeded but enriched our national ethnic gumbo — and helped make this a country where many more people are trying to enter than to leave.

Fortunately, Yamiche Alcindor, the White House correspondent for PBS "NewsHour" and daughter of Haitian immigrants, was on the panel and gently but firmly provided some pushback. "I would just say that we also need to adjust what we think of as America," she said. "You're talking about assimilation. I grew up in Miami, where people speak Spanish, but their kids speak English. And the idea that we think Americans can only speak English, as if Spanish and other languages wasn't always part of America, is, in some ways, troubling."

Indeed, as a number of Brokaw's critics, including the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, pointed out, a Pew Research Center study from 2013 found about 62 percent of Hispanic adults in the United States either speak English or are bilingual.

NAHJ and other critics cited multiple studies that show Hispanic immigrants assimilating as quickly as other groups.

But that's where the outreach on both sides comes in. I have often said that our culture is less of a "melting pot" than a mulligan stew: All of the various meats, vegetables and spices are thrown into the pot, but they don't melt. Each contributes flavors to the mix and also absorbs flavors from the rest of the ingredients.

JASON DECROW/AP 2018

Tom Brokaw made controversial comments about Hispanics on a recent episode of NBC's "Meet the Press."

Brokaw was wrong to say Hispanics resist assimilation, but I believe him when he says some Republicans have told him they were concerned about immigrants voting mostly Democratic when they become citizens. I have heard similar concerns. But outreach to new constituencies, instead of campaigning against them as a threat, is how politics works best in our democratic republic.

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PERSPECTIVE

To the man who murdered my friend Hadiya: We all lost our lives that day

By Klyn Jones

Editor's note: Klyn Jones, a close friend of Hadiya Pendleton, intended to read this statement at the sentencing hearing earlier this month for Micheail Ward, who was convicted of murder in Hadiya's 2013 shooting death. She was unable to attend because she goes to college on the East Coast.

KLYN JONES PHOTO

Klyn Jones, left, with Hadiya Pendleton in 2012, about a month before Hadiya was fatally shot at a South Side park.

I was 15 years old, planning my 16th birthday party that day. Pink dress for me, purple dress for Hadiya. Last time she'd come to my house, she saw this sparkly pink dress my sister sent me from England. I promised Hadiya that since I hadn't worn it yet, I'd save it for the party. Of course we were going to have our sweet 16 party together. Our birthdays were only 10 days apart!

Funny how quickly things happen and change. One minute it's a perfect day, with weather you couldn't believe for January in Chicago.

I'm swinging, talking with my best friend about our birthdays even though it's months away. Then the next minute, it's pouring down and we're hiding out from the rain. And then, then this totally innocuous day at the park somehow becomes the worst day of my life. The day that haunts me. The reason I can't sleep at night. The memory that tightens my chest and snatches my breath. What was supposed to be a good, normal day turned into the day that changed my life forever. It changed with the sound of a gunshot.

After Jan. 29, 2013, the day Hadiya was killed, I could not find the strength to continue my education at King College Prep. Every day was a reminder of her absence, her locker became a shrine, people were constantly asking me, am I OK. I transferred to Jones College Prep, but that was not distance enough. I left Chicago, reluctantly and anxiously, and went to boarding school in Massachusetts. There, I thought I'd escaped. I could pretend that wasn't me, that trauma wasn't mine. I could rebuild myself, I thought. But it was isolating in ways I can't explain. I had experienced something my new peers could not fathom. These were wealthy, sheltered kids who never had to worry about gang violence taking them or one of their friends. They never had to watch their backs, be on guard about anything. One time we were celebrating our friends graduating. After the festivities were done, somebody started to pop the balloons, one after another. I ran out of my dorm crying, having a panic attack. When one of my floormates came out to ask what was wrong and if I was OK, all I could do was cry. Because I knew saying yes would be a lie.

My friend once bought me a dress, a beautiful dress I could never wear, because its color was eerily similar to the shade of mauve I watched Hadiya's lips turn to as we waited for the ambulance. Before that day, I wanted to be a neurosurgeon. But watching her blood pool made me realize just how much there is in one body, how fragile life is. I didn't know I was lying when I said it, but I promised her she'd be OK, and I'd bring her snacks to the hospital every day. Fig Newtons, her favorite, make me nauseous now.

I spent years of my life I will never get back suffering through post-traumatic stress disorder. My innocence lost, that day forced me to grow out of my fantasy: There was no good in the world truly, just good people, and they were few and far between. I wasted time being angry, trying to repress it. Furious at you, Micheail. Being upset at myself for not being able to process it. I wasted time crying myself to sleep. I wasted time trying to force myself to get over something that had not yet even ended. I couldn't believe she was gone. When you're an offbeat person, it's a blessing to find people who respect it and a miracle to find someone who is like you. She was my miracle. She was unique and beautiful. She had an inner beauty that far outshined her physical beauty, and that's truly saying something. She made me feel less alone.

You took her from me, from us, from the world. You took a piece of good from the world.

But I forgive you. I want you to find peace. I don't want you to suffer. I want you to be with your daughter. I want you to learn more. I want you to have good memories. I want you to smile. Like every one of us mortal beings, you one day have to answer to a higher power about the decisions you made in this life. We pretend to know the answers, we pretend that there is objective truth, but there's not. I can't say I know what you were thinking that day, where your head was, or what events brought you to the intersection where our lives met.

But in my heart, I cannot believe you just woke up that day with murder on your mind. We were all at the wrong place at the wrong time, whether that be physically or mentally. I'm sorry, because you lost your life that day too. We all lost the lives we had, that day. So now, it's about what you do with the life you have left. I suggest you do something worth doing. That's my plan, to channel my pain into something positive, something that represents the energy she brought with her. Because no matter what, Hadiya will live on in my heart, and through my work. Even though we are gratefully, finally "closing" this chapter of life, her memory will burn bright for an eternity.

Life is a gift. Every day is a chance to make the most of what we are given. Hadiya will never get that chance again, never get to see the conclusion of her potential. But we still fight to honor her gift everyday. We fight for everyone to have a little more happiness. We fight for victims, and the families that survive them. We fight for the good that is left in the world. We fight for the spirit she left behind to never be forgotten. That's what justice means to me. Fair treatment of a life that had an unfair ending. Love and compassion for everyone in the world, objectively. Honest forgiveness for those who don't deserve it.

Closing you off from the world doesn't give justice. Everyone opening our hearts to the possibility of a better tomorrow does.

Pelosi, Trump have few incentives to compromise, so madness will continue

Jonah Goldberg

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Then-House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi argues with President Donald Trump as Vice President Mike Pence looks on at the White House in December, before the shutdown.

There are those who believe that the president came out the winner in the standoff over the government shutdown. They are what political scientists call very wrong.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi went into that pre-shutdown meeting in the Oval Office in early December on somewhat shaky ground with her own caucus. She had taken flak in the midterms from Democrats to her left and her right, and there was some doubt, perhaps overblown, that she might not get re-elected speaker.

Pelosi left that meeting not just with her own position more secure, but — thanks to an assist from Sen. Chuck Schumer, who successfully goaded the president — with video of the president pre-emptively taking the blame for the shutdown.

Between that and the fact that President Donald Trump's border wall has never been popular, it was over before it began.

Many commentators, eager to bolster Pelosi's own cult of personality, have gushed about how Trump has finally met his match. But while Pelosi is a formidable politician, her real advantages are institutional and positional.

Pelosi might be the first political adversary who is invulnerable to Trump's attacks. Trump is dangerous to his preferred targets — other Republicans — precisely because he can sway his supporters, voters and MAGA media figures alike, to turn on those disloyal to him. He can't do that with Pelosi.

Indeed, in an era of negative partisanship, Trump's attacks make Pelosi stronger with her base and many independents, who split evenly for Clinton and Trump in 2016, and who have largely turned against him and tuned out his appeals.

And because Pelosi controls a Democratic House, she is free to use her institutional powers against Trump in ways that Paul Ryan never could have, even if he had wanted to.

Going forward, this spells trouble for Trump, despite the chorus of supporters trotting out their "he's a chess master!" talking points.

The president has said he would be willing to shut down the government again if Democrats don't give him $5.7 billion in border security funding. But, more significantly, he signaled that if the Democrats don't do what he wants, he will simply declare a "national emergency" and use the military to build the wall without approval from Congress.

"If we don't get a fair deal from Congress, the government will either shut down on Feb. 15 again, or I will use the powers afforded to me under the laws and the Constitution of the United States to address this emergency," Trump said.

Among legal experts, it is debatable whether the president can use the National Emergencies Act to deploy troops on American soil to build a barrier of some kind. That aside, I believe it would be a long-term political and constitutional atrocity to do so. The failure to get your desired legislation through Congress may be a political emergency, but it is not a national security one.

For a century now, Congress has been abdicating its constitutional responsibilities, outsourcing decisions and powers to the executive branch and the courts. The reasons for this are complex, but the most relevant one is that it's usually in the short-term political interest of both parties to toss hot potatoes elsewhere. And I think that's what's going to happen next.

The White House knows another government shutdown would be the political equivalent of Lucy holding the football for Charlie Brown, with Lucy-Pelosi controlling the ball.

And while there are some Democrats and Republicans who would like to reach a compromise, both Pelosi and Trump have few incentives to do anything that will seem like capitulation. Many Republicans have already made peace with the idea of an emergency declaration, because it will let them off the hook for failing to pass wall funding.

Meanwhile, Trump is clearly enamored with the idea, believing it would convey strength and a willingness to fight. Yes, some court somewhere would instantly stay the order, but that would simply give everyone an issue to bleat about.

Trump would save face with his base and have a convenient bogeyman — runaway liberal judges! — to rail against. The move would divide the larger conservative movement while unifying Democrats, who'd scream "dictator!" while quietly noodling about how a Democratic president could use the same powers for a "Green New Deal" or some other fantasy.

All the players win, and everything gets worse.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Bad joke about serious matter

When news broke recently that one of my City Hall colleagues, Ald. Danny Solis, was allegedly cooperating in a federal investigation, I made an off-the-cuff comment criticizing the practice. It was an ill-advised and poorly timed attempt at humor during a conversation I had with reporters. I am a full-time alderman who works hard to deliver honest service to my ward and do it free of any real or perceived conflicts that might come from pursuing personal business interests. As such, I am deeply troubled by any allegations of City Council members using their political influence to enrich themselves. I regret that my comment did not convey the seriousness of the situation.

— Matthew J. O'Shea, Alderman, 19th Ward

Time for reform in city is now

I was appalled by Aldermen Matt O'Shea and Carrie Austin's negative comments regarding Ald. Danny Solis' wearing a wire to record conversations with now-charged Ald. Edward Burke.

When are we as taxpayers going to stop accepting politicians ripping us off by using their political connections and power to enrich themselves at our expense? Is there no end to this? Chicago is a national laughingstock!

Times are changing. Chicago *is* ready for reform, and it begins now.

— Dan Krippner, Chicago

Part of the problem

From what I have read in the Tribune, mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle seems to have a better grasp of how things work in Chicago than any other candidate. But then again, maybe that is the problem.

— E.L. Foertsch, Chicago

'MAGA' not a new phrase

Robin Givhan, fashion critic for The Washington Post, writes in the Friday Chicago Tribune ("The MAGA hat is not a statement of policy") that the "Make America Great Again" hat "speaks to America's greatness with lies of omission and contortion." She writes further that "to wear a MAGA hat is to wrap oneself in the Confederate flag." She is free to make those inferences.

But what does she think about Ronald Reagan using "Make America Great Again" on campaign literature during his 1980 presidential run? What did Bill Clinton mean when he used the same phrase in his 1991 speech announcing his run for the White House? Or when he used it again during Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential primary campaign?

I don't know. They didn't elaborate. But, like Givhan, I can infer. I took the use of the phrase by these men as direct rebukes to their predecessors. Similarly, I take the use of the phrase by Donald Trump as a rebuke to the policies of his predecessor, Barack Obama, and not a call-out to some "sepia-tinged period" of our history.

Givhan claims that "The hat is a provocation." I'm sure it is in deep-blue cities. But the Covington Catholic High School students come from a Kentucky county (Kenton) that voted 60 percent for Trump, 66 percent for Sen. Rand Paul and 69 percent for Rep. Tom Massie, Republicans all, in 2016. I would guess that the hat is not a provocation in their hometown.

— Randall Harris, St. Charles

There is goodness in the world

Our caretaker showed me the letter in the Tribune ("The kindness of strangers," Jan. 15) regarding her concern, as well as that of many others, about William Graddy, of Skokie, who fell outside a bus stop. He broke his nose and was bleeding copiously.

Our caretaker, Mitchelle Campbell, told us about the fall and how so many rushed to help him. We were not surprised that she, a real caretaker, stepped in and stayed with the gentleman until paramedics arrived. She was one of many, including CTA personnel, who showed their concern for Mr. Graddy. There are many good people in this world, and we need to be reminded of those who continue to help others.

— Marian Kurz, Evanston

Not ready for legal pot

I am a school administrator. I know the day will come when recreational marijuana is legalized in Illinois.

Unfortunately, no one is talking about how schools, teachers, school boards and administrators should handle it. Colorado gives us a glimpse of what should happen and how to handle it. Parents and educators are concerned.

— Jerald McNair, Homewood

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Friend of Obama tasked with fixing 3 area hospitals

Los Angeles-based company paid $70 million for Weiss, Westlake and West Suburban

By Lisa Schencker
Chicago Tribune

The new owner of three money-losing Chicago-area hospitals plans to work on turning them around after buying the facilities for $70 million this week.

Los Angeles-based Pipeline Health hopes to make Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park and West Suburban Medical Center in Oak Park more sustainable, said Jim Edwards, CEO of Pipeline and also a part-owner of the for-profit company.

"We're not put out by the fact that these hospitals have some issues and problems from a financial perspective," Edwards said. "We feel strongly with our resources, our finances, our experience we can come in and make a difference, and, for lack of a better way to put it, save these hospitals."

Chicago health care leader Dr. Eric Whitaker, also a part-owner of Pipeline, will work on the project.

Whitaker, a native of Chicago's South Side, previously worked as director of the Illinois Department of Public Health under Gov. Rod Blagojevich. He was also executive vice president and associate dean of the University of Chicago Medical Center where he expanded the Urban Health Initiative, a program to connect South Side patients with primary care doctors and health clinics. He's also a close friend of President Barack Obama, whom he met when they were both graduate students at Harvard University.

Whitaker said his involvement with the three hospitals is in line with his greater career of trying to improve health at the community level.

"From the time I was at the University of Chicago and ran the Urban Health Initiative, I recognized the importance of

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"We should be able to take the best cyclists in the world and put them head to head in an arena and actually sell tickets."

— Eric Min, Zwift's chief executive and co-founder.

ZWIFT

Zwift is the multiplayer cycling video game that can host virtual races in garages, gyms and rumpus rooms around the world.

VIDEO GAME TAKES DIFFERENT PATH

Could virtual bicycle racing revitalize old sport?

By Sam Dean
Los Angeles Times

Fifty-two cyclists assembled at the starting line for a 40-kilometer road race under a perfect blue sky. In the distance, beyond an Italian village loomed the active volcano they would climb in the brutal mountain-top finish.

Forty-four of the competitors were professional racers on teams like Cofidis and Hagens Berman Axeon, certified by the Union Cycliste Internationale, cycling's 118-year-old governing body.

The remaining eight racers were just really good at "Zwift" — the multiplayer cycling video game hosting this virtual race.

In garages, gyms and rumpus rooms around the world, the racers started pedaling furiously on carbon fiber road bikes bolted into stationary trainers. Team Wiggins Le Col set up in a high-end bike shop in London, clad in skin-tight Lycra even though aerodynamics are of little import when pedaling in place.

On screens beyond their handlebars and in a web stream available around the world, the racers' avatars launched off the line and formed a tight group — the classic peloton formation of road racing. What might be the world's first esports competition featuring professional athletes was underway.

The starting pace was punishing, with the pros pumping out a steady 500 watts as they zipped by palm trees at a digitally approximated 60 kilometers per hour. The avatars surged forward to match the force behind each rider's pedal stroke, which is

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Comcast offering free Wi-Fi hot spots during extreme cold

By Robert Channick
Chicago Tribune

Chicagoans will never be far from a free Wi-Fi hot spot as the extreme cold weather descends on the region this week.

Comcast is opening up its Chicago-area Xfinity Wi-Fi network through Thursday, offering broad coverage across the city and suburbs to keep people connected — from Instagramming to emergencies — during the depths of the deep freeze.

"We want to make sure people have connectivity at home, if they lose their electricity or if they lose their service for some reason," Comcast spokesman Jack Segal said Tuesday. "And we want to make sure that they're safe when they're out and about and they have as many options for connectivity as possible."

The polar vortex is expected to bring record cold weather to Chicago on Wednesday, with forecasts calling for temperatures as low as 27 degrees below zero. If you can grip your smartphone, however — and it's not frozen — you will be able to instantly access Xfinity Wi-Fi hot spots, with no log-in credentials required.

There are more than 1.7 million Xfinity hot spots in the Chicago region, which usually require an account and password to sign on. A large part of the network uses existing home modems to send out a separate, publicly accessible wireless Internet service. But only Comcast's 145,000 outdoor and business hot spots will be opened for free public use during the cold snap.

Comcast began building out its Chicago-area Wi-Fi network in 2013, placing outdoor hot spots in locations including shopping centers, commuter stations and parks. Additionally, thousands of Comcast business customers have signed on to serve as public hot spots.

In 2014, Comcast began turning the modems of its Chicago-area residential customers into hot spots as well, bolstering its public Wi-Fi network. Segal said even without access to the dual-mode home modems, free Wi-Fi coverage should blanket most of the Chicago area.

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Through Jan. 31, 2019, the company is opening its Chicago-area Xfinity Wi-Fi network to noncustomers.

"Because our network spans most of the Chicago area and the lion's share of the city, you will be able to get access in most places," Segal said.

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RICHARD VOGEL/AP

Bad weather usually brings ride-share and taxi cab drivers out in droves, but the polar vortex may be less certain.

Cold brings risk for taxi, ride-share drivers

By Corilyn Shropshire
Chicago Tribune

Bad weather usually brings ride-share and taxi cab drivers out in droves. But Wednesday's polar vortex has created a minor winter mystery: Will or won't those drivers brave the streets?

Earlier in the week, when several inches of snow fell on the city, some drivers said they made a killing, steadily making fares that were double, often triple the usual.

Both the Uber and Lyft ride-sharing services experienced surge-pricing on Monday, which occurs when high demand causes prices to spike.

But Wednesday, many offices will be shuttered and schools will be closed. It remains to be seen whether the streets will be deserted, or whether there will be people hailing rides because they don't want to hike to public transit stops in sub-zero temperatures.

Lyft driver Khalid Khamis plans to hit the freezing streets in his silver Hyundai Sonata Wednesday.

"The plan is to drive tomorrow if the road is really clear and there's no ice," said Khamis, who lives in Orland Park. "If the road is slick, forget it. It's not worth it."

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Kohl's, Weight Watchers team up to add muscle

By Lauren Zumbach
Chicago Tribune

Kohl's is joining WW — the company formerly known as Weight Watchers — in its latest experiment with giving shoppers new reasons to come to its department stores.

The retailer is opening a WW Studio in one Chicago-area store and will sell WW Healthy Kitchen products in certain stores and online, Kohl's said Tuesday.

The 1,800-square-foot studio will host workshops for local members and is expected to open this year. Kohl's, which would not identify which location would get the studio, said it will begin selling the WW-brand kitchenware and cookware products in June.

For WW, the partnership is a chance to makes its programs and products more accessible, President and CEO Mindy Grossman said in a news release. "We know the Kohl's customer is also our customer, so offering our Workshops through a WW Studio at Kohl's is a new way for us to meet people where they are," Grossman said.

WW seems like "a natural tie-in" for Kohl's, as they target similar customers, said David Weiss, partner at Chicago-based consulting firm McMillanDoolittle.

WW has been trying to reinvent itself as more lifestyle brand than diet tool and Kohl's offers an outlet for its kitchen products and potential source of new members, he said.

It's also another example of Kohl's teaming up with another company to attract customers.

Dozens of Kohl's stores let Amazon shoppers return items ordered from the e-commerce giant, free of charge. And last year, Kohl's said it planned to work with discount grocer Aldi to test groceries at up to 10 stores.

Chains like Walmart and Target already devote large portions of their stores to groceries, which most customers will shop for at least once a week, Weiss said.

"That's what all bricks-and-mortar retailers are looking for, more ways to get people walking in the door," he said.

Kohl's has been "very aggressive" when it comes to using other brands to draw customers, but so far the partnerships have involved a relatively small portion of its stores, he said.

Kohl's did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Huawei issue could hamper U.S.-China talks

By Gerry Shih, Anna Fifield and David J. Lynch
The Washington Post

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The U.S. Justice Department has filed a host of criminal charges against Chinese telecom giant Huawei.

BEIJING — When Chinese Vice Premier Liu He, the head of the team handling trade negotiations with the United States, landed in Washington on Monday for a critical round of talks, what greeted him wasn't so much a welcome as a broadside.

As his delegation touched down, the Justice Department unveiled allegations that Chinese telecom giant Huawei Technologies had stolen intellectual property from the United States — a long-standing American grievance about China's trade and industrial practices.

Whether the timing was intended or not, the sweeping new U.S. indictment against a globe-spanning Chinese conglomerate is casting a long shadow over a critical round of talks this week between the negotiating teams led by Liu and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer.

The indictment also added to a sense in both capitals that the U.S.-China rivalry is in full swing, and a far-reaching deal that would satisfy Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping may not materialize this week even if the two sides agree to a temporary truce.

Negotiators this week are hoping to at least reach an accord that could avert a new 25 percent levy on $200 billion worth of Chinese goods — tariffs that Trump has ordered to begin March 2.

"I'm not saying that there will be an ugly showdown between the two countries at the end of the talks, but it could be a dormant volcano that becomes active every few months and adds uncertainty to the global trade and economy," said Zhang Yansheng, secretary general of the academic committee at the National Development and Reform Commission, China's powerful economic planning body.

Although China has offered significant purchases of American exports to close the trade deficit and promised to crack down on intellectual property theft — issues underscored by the U.S. indictment against Huawei — it has not yet offered an acceptable mechanism that would let the United States hold it accountable for those promises, according to scholars and trade group representatives who have spoken to U.S. negotiators.

Additionally, the more fundamental American demands for China to open its market and cut government direction and support for state-owned companies — a central tenet of the Communist Party's tightly managed economic model — appear to still be a nonstarter for Beijing.

"There's still a pretty significant gap on structural and tech transfer issues," said one American trade association representative who met recently with Lighthizer. "It doesn't appear that the wide gap that everyone knows exists has been narrowed in any way."

This week's talks will be the first to include Lighthizer, a trade hardliner who is skeptical about China's willingness to change its trade practices and has been dismissive of progress made to date.

Even if there is a temporary deal that includes China buying large quantities of U.S. agricultural products, the question of how to enforce issues such as intellectual property protection remains a key concern. Lighthizer has discussed using the threat of renewed tariffs to ensure compliance, an idea the Chinese reject as creating uncertainty over future trade and investment flows, according to people familiar with the negotiations.

Meanwhile, in China, analysts have reiterated that Beijing will not budge over the deep changes to its economic model that the U.S. is seeking.

"Judging from China's current domestic politics, it can be said that the space of making a very clear promise to the United States, the possibility of making a concession, is relatively small," said Wang Yong, a professor at Peking University's school of International Studies.

Separately on Monday, U.S. officials formally asked Canada to extradite Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou, who is wanted in the United States to face charges that she defrauded banks to evade U.S. sanctions against Iran. Beijing has been outraged by the U.S. pursuit of Meng, who is Huawei's chief financial officer and the daughter of its founder, Ren Zhengfei.

3 Chicago area hospitals sold for $70 million

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the community hospital as an anchor in the community," Whitaker said.

He said Pipeline's purchase of the hospitals will mean more certainty for them and their communities.

"There's been, over the last two, three-plus years, a good degree of uncertainty around the hospitals' (future ownership), and Pipeline, they as a company, get involved for the long term," Whitaker said. "Having a longer period of investment will allow for the development of programs, and there's no quick need for return on the investment."

It's too early to say what specific changes might be made at the hospitals, he said. There are no plans at the moment for layoffs or additional hiring, Edwards said.

"Realistically, we'll look at it and some of the services we're going to want to put more resources into and build them up, and other ones we'll look at and say, 'Are these services that really need to be provided here?'" Edwards said.

Pipeline owns five other hospitals, including four in Southern California and one in Texas.

Edwards said Pipeline has a track record of taking smaller, community hospitals, like the three in the Chicago area, and making "the changes that are necessary."

Weiss has 236 beds, Westlake has 230 beds, and West Suburban has 234 beds.

The purchase, from hospital system giant Tenet Healthcare, marks Tenet's exit from the Chicago hospital market. The for-profit Tenet is reducing its footprint in the Chicago area to focus on places where it has a larger presence and greater market share. The majority of Illinois hospitals are not-for-profit.

Last year, Tenet sold MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn to Loyola Medicine for $270 million.

The deal comes amid a continuing wave of hospital consolidations in Chicago and across the country, with hospital leaders saying that the mergers allow them to improve care and lower costs.

Many hospitals have struggled financially in recent years, with payments from government insurance programs that don't cover the cost of care, rising medication costs and more unpaid patient bills, among other pressures.

Despite those challenges, hospitals remain attractive purchases, especially for private equity-backed groups such as Pipeline, said Allan Baumgarten, an independent health care financial analyst.

"Hospitals generate a lot of revenue, assuming they're performing well," Baumgarten said. "There's also a sense that maybe you can cut costs and improve profitability."

Pipeline may also have seen the purchase as an opportunity to enter another major market at a relatively low price as Tenet looked to unload the hospitals, Baumgarten said.

The deal was originally supposed to close in the fourth quarter of 2018 but was delayed due to its complexity, Edwards said.

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Boom or bust for taxi and ride-share drivers

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Khamis said he picked up a passenger Tuesday who was headed to the office, but decided to head home and work remotely after his train stalled. The passenger said he'd stay home Wednesday too. "There will be a lot of people off tomorrow." Khamis said, "So I doubt there will be any surge pricing."

"Generally speaking, when weather is bad or [there is] a big event or something unusual in the city, history tells us fares will be higher," said Bryant Greening a personal injury lawyer who represents drivers and riders injured in ride-share accidents. "I think it [fares] go one way or another."

After all, Greening added, "You look at these huge skyscrapers and there are going to be people in them," he said. "Just because it's cold in Chicago doesn't mean that the phone stops ringing."

Taxi Town owner Adrian Tudor said the expected freeze is nothing compared to what he endured growing up in Bucharest, Romania, where he walked more than a mile and-a-half in four feet of snow.

His fleet of 370 cars is smaller these days because many drivers go on vacation in January but the rest, he said, will be out to pick up fares. "Tomorrow is an opportunity for whoever drives a cab to make money," Tudor said. "I'm a half-glass full guy. I don't think it will be as cold as they say. And if it is, it'll be okay."

A spokeswoman at Uber said earlier this week that the company would distribute safety tips to drivers as it usually does during inclement weather.

Lyft announced Tuesday that it will provide free rides valued at up to $25 to warming centers.

Meanwhile, Khamis is hoping to make some money. And even if he doesn't find any riders for his Hyundai, he's still leaving the house by 9 a.m. to avoid cabin fever, he said. "If I have to sit in the Starbucks for awhile, I'll take a chance on it."

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Boeing's 787 Dreamliner is rolled out in front of large crowd at Boeing's plant in Everett, Wash., in 2007. In 2019, the airplane-maker must decide whether the time is right to launch a new airplane model.

Boeing's $15B decision: Is it time to build the 797?

By Julie Johnsson
Bloomberg News

It's only January, but Boeing Co. executives are already closing in on one of their most important determinations of the year: whether to plow an estimated $15 billion into a new jetliner family.

The aircraft nicknamed the 797 would feature Boeing's first all-new design since the 787 Dreamliner's unveiling in 2004, while shoring up its product line against recent Airbus advances. The European plane-maker's incoming boss, Guillaume Faury, says he's waiting for Boeing to tip its hand before revealing countermoves. That sets up a likely showdown at the Paris Air Show in June.

Designed for economical flying on midrange routes — think Chicago to Berlin, or New York to Los Angeles — the Boeing jet would have the potential to transform air travel by spawning a new breed of longer-distance budget carriers. But the decision on whether to move forward hasn't been easy. A misfire would cannibalize sales of the 787 Dreamliner and endanger the cash bounty that has made Boeing a darling of Wall Street.

"Every single other Boeing jet has been pretty much a guaranteed home run, even if it wasn't clear at the time," said aerospace analyst Richard Aboulafia. "This is different. They've got to be careful with this."

Boeing's board is expected to review the case for the new program by the end of March, according to people briefed on the matter. For now, the team spearheading the concept, led by former 787 program head Mark Jenks, has been meeting monthly with Chief Executive Officer Dennis Muilenburg and Chief Financial Officer Greg Smith.

The sales force has been fine-tuning the design with airlines for at least five years, creating a "will it or won't it?" drama around the decision on whether to make the plane, known internally at Boeing as the NMA, for new, middle-of-market airplane.

"With some planes, the technology is the 'moonshot'; with this, it's the business case," Aboulafia said. The word "moonshot" is the term Boeing uses for quixotic gambles that it has vowed to avoid after loading the 787 Dreamliner with groundbreaking technology and an unproven production system — then losing money on the first 500 or so planes after extensive delays.

For Boeing and Airbus, committing to an all-new aircraft is a once-in-a-decade event. Costs are prohibitive, delays are the norm and payoff can take years to materialize. Boeing could easily spend more than $15 billion on the NMA, according to Ken Herbert, analyst with Canaccord Genuity, and Airbus may be forced into a clean-sheet design if sales take off.

Airline entrepreneur David Neeleman underscores the potential rewards, and risk, for Boeing. The NMA seems tailor-made for the networks he is weaving together between the Americas and Europe with affordable, yet comfortable flights that skip congested hubs.

"I had a briefing from Boeing and I thought it was great," Neeleman said during a recent visit to Chicago to tout Portugal's TAP airline, one of his holdings. That's noteworthy, coming from an executive who has mostly favored Airbus jets at startups such as JetBlue Airways, Brazil's Azul and Moxy, the code name for his latest U.S. project.

Unfortunately for Boeing, Neeleman is also impatient for Airbus to speed up a cheaper alternative. "They should be at a lot bigger head start," he said of the Toulouse, France-based aerospace giant.

It's a hint of the dynamics that can spoil aircraft bets that sprawl over decades. The sales appeal for a plane family overlapping Boeing's largest single-aisle, the 737 Max 10, and smallest wide-body, the 787-8, is just one question mark.

Another is how much savings the company can reap from a new manufacturing system. Muilenburg is increasingly confident Boeing can shave time and money from development and final assembly through new digital tools that anticipate and track how the plane is built, and then monitor how it is flown.

The planemaker's new military training jet hints at the breakthrough it sees for the NMA. For Boeing's Super Hornet fighter, factory workers in St. Louis need 1½ days to rivet together the two main fuselage sections. On the new T-X trainer, the components are joined in less than an hour, said Leanne Caret, Boeing's defense chief.

If Boeing hesitates, Airbus will woo its customers with capable, if not cutting-edge, jet upgrades. Delta Air Lines and United Airlines, for example, need to replace hundreds of the aging Boeing 757 and 767 jetliners that once dominated midrange flying.

The Airbus plane that sparked Neeleman's interest is a relatively simple upgrade of the A321LR jet that would be ready by 2023, two years ahead of the NMA. Redesigned fuel tanks would give it the longest range of any Airbus single-aisle jet. Faury, who is slated to become Airbus's CEO in April, won't say if a decision on the so-called A321XLR is imminent — or even if it's the likeliest response.

"We don't feel under pressure to react, even before Boeing has moved," he said earlier this month. "Market share for the A321 is very big because there's no real competition, and we'll keep improving this product to serve the low end of the middle-of-market space."

Boeing's design features a slightly oval-shaped fuselage that saves weight and fuel by devoting more space to passengers and less to freight in the plane's belly. A smaller version would seat 220 travelers, while a larger model would seat up to 270 people, with trip costs that are about 40 percent lower than today's wide-body aircraft.

Neeleman is impressed by how Boeing designers "innovatively turned the fuselage, so you aren't carrying all that structure from cargo. They claim they're going to get the seat-mile costs of a narrow-body and have two aisles, which would be sweet if they can pull it off."

Boeing usually staggers the release of variants within an aircraft family by a year or two. But the manufacturer has mulled certifying the NMA models concurrently to avoid missing the replacement opportunity, according to people familiar with the matter.

The 797 will need to be priced somewhere between Airbus' offerings to be competitive. The A321LR goes for about $60 million with all the bells and whistles, while a wide-body A330-800 is typically priced at about $100 million, said George Dimitroff, head of valuations for Flight Ascend Consultancy.

"I have no doubt there will be demand for the aircraft," Dimitroff said, pointing to "new opportunities for low-cost, long-haul service. I think the NMA will take that a step further."

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Google sought to quell workers

Lobbied NLRB to narrow legal protections

By Josh Eidelson, Hassan Kanu and Mark Bergen
Bloomberg News

Google, whose employees have captured international attention in recent months through high-profile protests of workplace policies, has been quietly urging the U.S. government to narrow legal protection for workers organizing online.

During the Obama administration, the National Labor Relations Board broadened employees' rights to use their workplace email system to organize around issues on the job. In a 2014 case known as Purple Communications, the agency restricted companies from punishing employees for using their workplace email systems for activities such as circulating petitions or fomenting walkouts, as well as trying to form a union. In filings in May 2017 and November 2018, obtained via Freedom of Information Act request, Alphabet Inc.'s Google urged the NLRB to undo that precedent.

Citing dissents authored by Republican appointees, Google's attorneys wrote that the 2014 standard "should be overruled" and a George W. Bush-era precedent allowing companies to ban organizing on their employee email systems should be reinstated.

In a statement, a Google spokeswoman said, "We're not lobbying for changes to any rules." Rather, she said, Google's claim that the Obama-era protections should be overturned was "a legal defense that we included as one of many possible defenses" against meritless claims at the NLRB.

If the board did what Google wanted, "it would have a huge chilling effect," said Google employee activist Colin McMillen, one of tens of thousands worldwide who participated in a November walkout following revelations about the company's handling of alleged sexual misconduct.

Google's employee email system played a pivotal role in the organizing for that protest, he said, with more than a thousand workers joining an email list used to plan it. Given that employees are spread around the globe and don't have most co-workers' personal emails, he said, company email is key to facilitating workers' ability to mobilize. McMillen currently works at Google's Cambridge, Mass., office, but said he had quit his job and his last day is in February.

"It demonstrates that Google leadership is not operating in good faith," said McMillen. "They can have a town hall and try to say soothing words and get people to not want to quit, but then if in the background they're not just rejecting carrying out most of the demands of the walkout, but also trying to tamp down our ability to even coordinate and talk to each other about these issues."

Google has long fostered a culture of employee feedback, allowing open debate in meetings and online forums, where staff have advocated for changes to products and facilities over the company's 20-year history. But the last year has seen an unprecedented wave of concentrated and forceful advocacy from employees, often at direct odds with the positions of management.

After Google was awarded a Pentagon contract for using artificial intelligence to analyze drone footage, thousands of employees signed a petition demanding Google remove itself from "the business of war," nine software engineers refused to work on a security feature that could help the company win more military contracts, and in June the company said it wouldn't renew its Department of Defense deal. An employee introduced a shareholder resolution to tie executive compensation to diversity and inclusion, while others wrote a letter to their chief executive officer decrying the treatment of sub-contracted staff as "part of a system of institutional racism, sexism, and discrimination."

On Nov. 1, thousands of Google employees around the world joined a midday walkout urging the company overhaul its handling of sexual misconduct and change its governance, including by adding an employee representative to its board. A week later, CEO Sundar Pichai announced the company would make changes including ending forced arbitration for sexual harassment and assault allegations.

"Even in difficult times, we are encouraged by the commitment of our colleagues to create a better workplace," Pichai wrote in an email to employees.

It was three weeks later, without fanfare, and in a case unrelated to the walkout, that Google's attorneys made their latest filing urging the NLRB undo the 2014 precedent protecting workers' ability to organize.

Google's objections to the legal protection for employees organizing via employee email came in filings defending itself against allegations brought by a regional director of the NLRB. In a 2017 complaint, the agency had accused Google of violating federal labor law, including by maintaining workplace policies that infringe on workers' rights and by making threats against employees. The complaint also alleged that Google violated the law in 2015 by issuing a warning to an employee because of comments made via email and on the company forum G+ "regarding workplace diversity and social justice initiatives, workplace policy viewpoints, and regarding employees' rights to express their opinion on G+."

The name of the employee who was disciplined is redacted in the documents produced via FOIA. His attorney, Noah Peters, said that the employee declined to comment or to identify himself. Peters said that his client was punished by Google for dissenting from the company's "very, very left-wing office culture" and for sticking up for co-workers who didn't conform to the "tribal" political correctness there. Chris Baker, an attorney representing another worker whose claims against Google are part of the same NLRB case, declined to comment. "This case is without merit and we are defending the claim vigorously," Google's spokeswoman said.

Google has denied the NLRB's allegations of wrongdoing. In a filing responding to the NLRB, it says the employee it disciplined had committed misconduct which "interfered with Google's lawful interest in maintaining an inclusive workplace for women and minorities that is free of unlawful bias, discrimination, and harassment."

More in middle class shut out of home buying

By Taylor Telford
The Washington Post

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Existing home sales in December were down 10.3 percent year over year. That represents the biggest decline since the housing market bottomed out in 2011.

Despite an uptick in homes on the market and weakening home sales across the country, home ownership is out of reach for a growing number of middle-class buyers, according to a recent report from real estate brokerage Redfin.

An analysis of U.S. homes on the market in 2017 and 2018 found that the number of affordable homes for sale has decreased in 86 percent of metro areas (of 49 included in the study), even as the number of homes on the market grew.

While buyers normally benefit from better availability in competitive housing markets, it doesn't help if most available homes are priced for the wealthy.

"For the past few years, home prices have gone up faster than wages," said Daryl Fairweather, chief economist at Redfin. "That kind of growth really isn't sustainable. At a certain point, there won't be enough buyers left for the homes left on the market."

Home ownership has long been at the heart of the American dream, a means of accumulating wealth and securing financial stability. But ownership rates have fallen dramatically since the financial crisis — coming in at 64.4 percent in the third quarter of 2018, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau — a telling sign that the traditional markers of middle-class life are getting tougher and tougher to hang onto.

To estimate affordability, researchers used the median income in each metro area, applied standard interest rates and assumed a 20 percent down payment and a monthly mortgage payment of 30 percent or less of the buyer's gross income. Even adjusting for 10 percent down payment, just over half of homes on the market were affordable, according to the study.

According to the National Association of Realtors, existing home sales in December were down 10.3 percent year over year, the biggest drop since the housing market bottomed in 2011. At the same time, the median home sale price was $223,900, according to Zillow's home value index.

Current conditions mirror what happened after the housing market collapsed. Prices tumbled and property was abundant, but the only people who could afford to buy were those who hadn't been crippled by the financial crisis. Years later, a booming economy has yet to restore buying power to middle-class families, as mortgage rates and home prices have climbed. Prices surpassed their pre-crash peak in October 2017. And according to a December report from ATTOM Data Solutions, last quarter was the nation's worst for home affordability in over a decade.

In metro areas, part of the issue is a lack of public investment in affordable housing, Fairweather said. The problem is often exacerbated in cities that serve as hubs to major tech companies, where an influx of highly paid workers has ratcheted up prices and cost of living. It's fueling a flight from the coasts.

Video game takes new path

Biking, *from* ***Page 1***

transmitted to Zwift's servers by the web-connected trainers.

Zwift sells itself to cyclists as a way to reduce the tedium of training indoors — a necessary evil when it's too rainy, dark or dangerous to hit the tarmac. Instead of staring at a wall, users stare at a screen, sharing the animated course with online buddies in dozens of daily events, ranging from friendly group rides to full-gas competitions.

The Long Beach, Calif., company says it has persuaded hundreds of thousands of cyclists to sign up for $14.99 monthly subscriptions. Flush with a recent $125-million round of venture capital cash, Zwift is now looking to expand into the burgeoning world of esports.

The company frames it as a savvy evolution of its business; but for a sport steeped in history that has struggled to attract new fans and racers, online racing could change the game.

"We should be able to take the best cyclists in the world and put them head to head in an arena and actually sell tickets," said Eric Min, Zwift's chief executive and co-founder.

Watching cycling has remained stubbornly free from the sport's inception — anyone can line up along the Tour de France route and cheer as the *maillot jaune* whizzes by. And for the moment, anyone can watch a stream of a Zwift race for free.

"In terms of how we can commercialize a sport and make it more sustainable, I think what we have to offer is super interesting," said Min, an avid indoor cyclist who rides outdoors only for "special experiences."

Players have been racing on Zwift since it launched in beta in 2014, with only a simple 3-mile circuit around a tropical island. With no official events, users would coordinate on forums to meet up at the circuit's starting flag at a certain time to compete.

Soon, though, a whole ecosystem emerged. An independent site, Zwift Power, started pulling data from the game and creating rankings. Leagues like KISS, with which Zwift partnered to launch its first-ever pro series this week, coordinated stage races. Users started logging sections of Zwift courses on Strava, the fitness app that lets users track their times on sections of road. Players even created their own regulatory body, the Zwift Anti-Doping Agency, to keep the virtual racers honest.

While it's impossible to rule out performance-enhancing drug use, doping in the Zwift context typically refers to players underreporting their weight in the game, which can increase speed on climbs.

Pro riders have turned to the platform as well. Former Australian pro Mathew Hayman famously used Zwift to keep fit after breaking his arm, and returned to win the storied Paris-Roubaix classic in his first race back. But few have raced under the colors of their official team, and never have digital races been part of the pro calendar.

Axel Merckx, the *directeur sportif* — bike-speak for coach — of Hagens Berman Axeo, a retired pro and son of cycling legend Eddie Merckx, said that Zwift's proposition for a pro league was immediately appealing.

"It's an old-fashioned sport. In general, there's not a lot of outside-of-the-box ideas out there," Merckx said. "When you're on there and see how many people are actually riding their bikes, it seems like a good place to promote our sponsors and partners and see what kind of response we get."

Min sees the 10-week professional series, which includes men's and women's races, as a first step into a broader future of official Zwift competition.

"To professional teams, we're not just a game, we're a real legitimate platform," Min said. "I think a professional league is inevitable."

MARKET ROUNDUP

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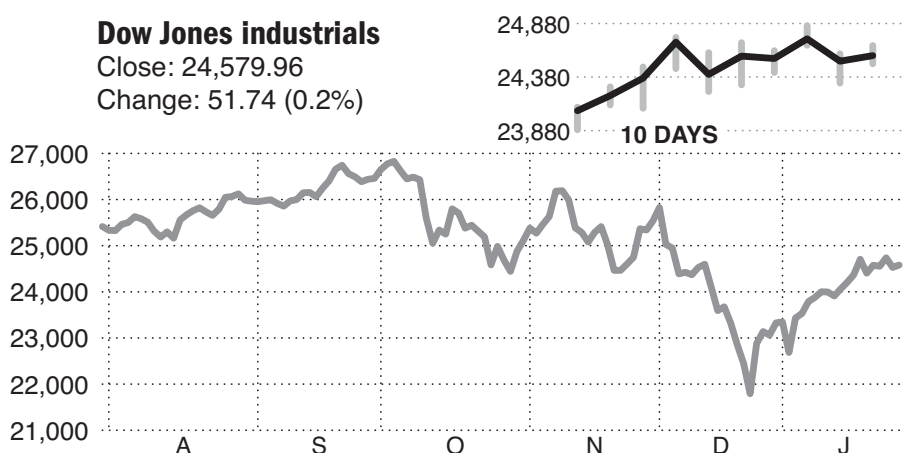

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	-57.40 (-.81%)		-3.85 (-.15%)		-2.09 (-.14%)
Close	7,028.29	Close	2,640.00	Close	1,471.45
High	7,092.29	High	2,650.93	High	1,477.01
Low	7,011.47	Low	2,631.05	Low	1,469.31
Previous	7,085.69	Previous	2,643.85	Previous	1,473.54

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-.03	+6.50	-.08	(unch.)	+1.32
to 2.71%	to $1,308.90	to 109.28/$1	to .8751/$1	to $53.31

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+.72	+.11	+.27	+5.37	+5.92	+5.31	-5.74	-5.05	-6.46

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	517.75	522	510.75	513.25	-5.50
		May 19	525	528.25	517	519.50	-6
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	379.75	380.75	376	377.25	-2.50
		May 19	388	389	384.50	386	-2.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	921.75	922.25	916.75	919	-4.25
		May 19	935.25	936	930.50	932.75	-4.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	30.27	30.29	29.98	30.11	-.19
		May 19	30.58	30.60	30.28	30.43	-.18
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	311.50	312.50	311.10	311.80	-.40
		May 19	315.50	316.30	315.00	315.80	-.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 19	52.12	53.93	51.84	53.31	+1.32
		Apr 19	52.37	54.21	52.14	53.60	+1.31
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	Feb 19	2.925	2.970	2.789	2.935	+.024
		Mar 19	2.893	2.923	2.802	2.903	+.030
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 19	1.3369	1.3801	1.3257	1.3509	+.0178
		Mar 19	1.3558	1.4000	1.3432	1.3722	+.0204

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.
Abbott Labs	N	69.69	+.64
AbbVie Inc	N	77.47	+.33
Allstate Corp	N	86.78	+.29
Aptargroup Inc	N	97.94	+.40
Arch Dan Mid	N	44.21	+.04
Baxter Intl	N	70.25	+.08
Boeing Co	N	364.91	+1.94
Brunswick Corp	N	49.34	-.63
CBOE Global Markets	N	95.54	-1.19
CDK Global Inc	O	51.24	-.07
CDW Corp	O	81.92	-.15
CF Industries	N	42.77	-.20
CME Group	O	181.19	-3.77
CNA Financial	N	44.92	+.02
Caterpillar Inc	N	126.53	+2.16
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	21.39	+.32
Deere Co	N	160.48	+3.99
Discover Fin Svcs	N	66.78	-.58
Dover Corp	N	86.16	+6.92
Equity Commonwlth	N	31.77	+.27
Equity Lifesty Prop	N	103.95	+.90
Equity Residential	N	72.37	+.65
Exelon Corp	N	46.20	+.05
First Indl RT	N	32.33	+.33
Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	43.06	+.62
Gallagher AJ	N	71.92	-1.06
Grainger WW	N	296.16	+7.23
GrubHub Inc	N	77.03	-3.96
Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	98.32	-1.43
IDEX Corp	N	139.10	+3.45
ITW	N	134.94	+3.89
Ingredion Inc	N	98.46	+.52
Jones Lang LaSalle	N	140.44	-.40
Kemper Corp	N	73.96	-.62
Kraft Heinz Co	O	46.88	-.02
LKQ Corporation	O	26.27	-.03
Littelfuse Inc	O	184.36	-2.22
MB Financial	O	45.12	-.42
McDonalds Corp	N	182.17	-1.43
Middleby Corp	O	116.89	+.81
Mondelez Intl	O	43.43	+.31
Morningstar Inc	O	118.54	-.25
Motorola Solutions	N	115.72	+.49
NiSource Inc	N	26.35	+.16
Nthn Trust Cp	O	89.64	-1.21
Old Republic	N	20.04	+.04
Packaging Corp Am	N	93.92	+.50
Paylocity Hldg	O	67.08	-.45
Stericycle Inc	O	43.61	+.34
Teleph Data	N	35.55	-.70
TransUnion	N	59.00	-.40
Tribune Media Co A	N	45.77	-.04
US Foods Holding	N	34.22	+.03
USG Corp	N	43.15	...
Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	288.82	-1.46
United Contl Hldgs	O	85.67	+1.07
Ventas Inc	N	63.54	+.34
Walgreen Boots Alli	O	71.50	-.08
Wintrust Financial	O	72.85	-.63
Zebra Tech	O	170.71	-1.53

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	8.90	-.03
Vale SA	11.48	+.28
PG&E Corp	13.99	+1.98
Bank of America	29.39	-.24
Pfizer Inc	40.77	+1.24
Freeport McMoRan	10.45	+.17
Ambev S.A.	4.75	+.02
Nokia Corp	6.55	+.06
Verizon Comm	53.28	-1.79
GameStop Corp	11.28	-4.22
Square Inc	68.56	-7.66
AT&T Inc	30.70	+.03
Ford Motor	8.76	+.10
Chesapk Engy	2.80	-.02
Aurora Cannabis Inc	6.89	-.21
AK Steel Hold	2.83	+.13
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.64	-.01
EnCana Corp	6.86	-.06
Hewlett Pack Ent	15.37	-.29
Itau Unibanco Hldg	10.17	+.14
Twitter Inc	31.64	-1.49
Barrick Gold	12.93	+.59
Alibaba Group Hldg	156.88	-2.04
Canopy Growth Corp	47.13	-3.64

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Helios and Matheson	.01	-.00
Adv Micro Dev	19.25	-.93
Cronos Group Inc	18.15	-.33
Apple Inc	154.68	-1.62
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.74	-.01
Microsoft Corp	102.94	-2.14
Micron Tech	37.39	-.69
Nvidia Corporation	131.60	-6.41
Trevena Inc	1.27	+.08
Qualcomm Inc	49.40	-1.24
Intel Corp	46.54	-.17
Comcast Corp A	36.08	+.71
eBay Inc	33.69	-.33
MagneGas Applied Tch	.24	+.00
Facebook Inc	144.19	-3.28
Roku Inc	42.85	-1.01
Cancer Genetics Inc	.26	-.05
Cisco Syst	45.96	+.21
Caesars Entertain	8.61	-.14
21st Century Fox A	49.10	-.11
JD.com Inc	23.52	-.20
New Age Beverages Cp	6.87	-.23
Starbucks Cp	67.04	+.14
Marvell Tech Grp	18.13	-.23

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2594.25	-2.7/-.1
Stoxx600	357.23	+2.9/+.8
Nikkei	20664.64	+15.6/+.1
MSCI-EAFE	1811.36	-3.6/-.2
Bovespa	95639.31	+195.4/+.2
FTSE 100	6833.93	+86.8/+1.3
CAC-40	4928.18	+39.6/+.8

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	156.88	-2.04
Alphabet Inc C	1060.62	-9.46
Alphabet Inc A	1070.06	-9.80
Amazon.com Inc	1593.88	-44.01
Apple Inc	154.68	-1.62
Bank of America	29.39	-.24
Berkshire Hath B	202.05	+1.10
Exxon Mobil Corp	71.51	+.27
Facebook Inc	144.19	-3.28
JPMorgan Chase	104.17	+.29
Johnson & Johnson	130.33	+1.34
Microsoft Corp	102.94	-2.14
Pfizer Inc	40.77	+1.24
Royal Dutch Shell B	59.98	-.02
Royal Dutch Shell A	58.84	+.23
Unitedhealth Group	267.34	+.57
Visa Inc	135.00	-.99
WalMart Strs	96.71	-.35
Wells Fargo & Co	49.85	+.03

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.34	2.375
6-month disc	2.44	2.45
2-year	2.57	2.59
10-year	2.71	2.74
30-year	3.04	3.06

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1308.20	$1302.40
Silver	$15.786	$15.709
Platinum	$812.30	$809.70

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.58

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	37.6322
Australia (Dollar)	1.3989
Brazil (Real)	3.7252
Britain (Pound)	.7634
Canada (Dollar)	1.3284
China (Yuan)	6.7329
Euro	.8751
India (Rupee)	71.418
Israel (Shekel)	3.6774
Japan (Yen)	109.28
Mexico (Peso)	19.0380
Poland (Zloty)	3.76
So. Korea (Won)	1118.13
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.79
Thailand (Baht)	31.46

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	29.45	-.03	-5.0
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	25.73	+.03	-3.0
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	44.90	+.08	-12.2
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	57.81	+.21	-7.7
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	55.13	+.02	-7.8
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	45.36	-.21	-5.5
American Funds IncAmrcA m	21.27	+.03	-5.5
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	35.10	+.04	-10.0
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	39.72	-.04	-7.9
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	42.84	+.05	-4.6
DFA EMktCorEql	20.35	+.06	-17.1
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.41	+.03	+1.2
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	39.56	+.16	-19.0
Dodge & Cox Stk	185.02	+.12	-7.8
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI	10.44	+.02	+2.8
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	91.82	-.13	-5.7
Fidelity Contrafund	11.64	-.10	-5.7
Fidelity ContrafundK	11.65	-.09	-5.6
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	74.88	-.11	-5.6
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	11.31	+.02	+1.6
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.24	...	-2.9
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	10.43	+.02	+1.8
PIMCO IncInstl	11.88	...	+1.7
PIMCO TtlRetIns	9.96	+.02	+1.2
Schwab SP500Idx	40.38	-.06	-5.7
T. Rowe Price BCGr	102.30	-.75	-2.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	60.88	-.46	-3.5
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	243.97	-.35	-5.7
Vanguard DivGrInv	25.65	+.08	-.8
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	69.39	+.20	-6.4
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	72.93	-.37	-5.2
Vanguard HCAdmrl	84.00	-.05	-2.0
Vanguard InTrInGdAdm	9.46	+.02	+1.7
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.95	+.01	+2.6
Vanguard InsIdxIns	239.88	-.34	-5.7
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	239.90	-.34	-5.7
Vanguard InsTtlSMIInPls	57.39	-.08	-5.5
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	185.49	-.01	-6.5
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	128.36	-.09	-3.6
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.47	...	+1.9
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	69.50	-.04	-4.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	29.61	+.03	-4.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.68	+.01	-5.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	32.17	+.03	-5.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	19.72	+.02	-6.6
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	10.48	+.02	+1.5
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	10.48	+.02	+1.5
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	21.87	+.01	+4.3
Vanguard TtInBIdxIns	32.82	+.02	+4.3
Vanguard TtInBIdxInv	10.94	+.01	+4.2
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	26.92	+.09	-14.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	107.66	+.35	-14.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	107.68	+.35	-14.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	16.09	+.05	-14.8
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	65.86	-.10	-5.5
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	65.88	-.09	-5.5
Vanguard TtlSMIdxInv	65.84	-.09	-5.6
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	66.12	+.07	-4.0
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	60.50	+.17	-1.5
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	58.58	+.12	-9.1

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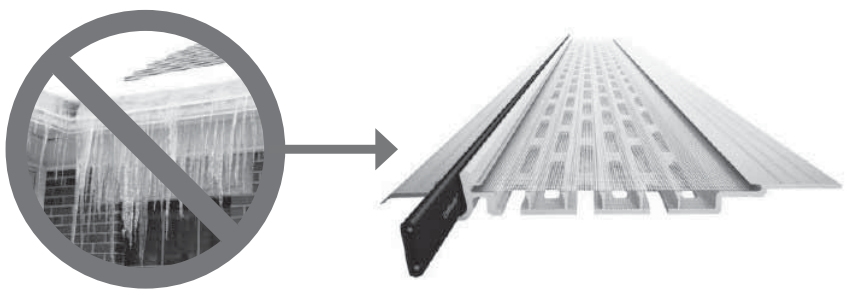

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OBITUARIES

FLORENCE KNOLL BASSETT 1917-2019

Designer transformed corporate offices

By Matt Schudel
The Washington Post

Florence Knoll Bassett, an enormously influential architect and designer who changed the look and feel of corporate offices with a "total design" concept through open floor plans, spare, straight-edged desks and furnishings and a devotion to aesthetic simplicity, died Jan. 25 at her home in Coral Gables, Florida. She was 101.

Her death was confirmed by David Bright, a spokesman for Knoll International, the design and furniture company she once led.

Knoll Bassett studied with several leading architects of the 20th century, including Mies van der Rohe, whose emphasis on straight lines and a lack of ornament became a hallmark of her designs, as well.

Although she designed some buildings, Knoll Bassett was best known for her reimagining of interior space, as she cleared away old ways of thinking along with the heavy desks and draperies that had cluttered offices for years.

"I am not a decorator," she repeatedly said. Rather, her aim was to apply architectural principles to the part of buildings where people spend most of their time: the inside.

For more than 20 years, Knoll Bassett was the design director of Knoll Associates, a company she formed in the mid-1940s with her first husband, Hans Knoll. Her daring use of materials, texture, color and space — corresponding with the International style of architecture prevalent at the time — was considered revolutionary and came to embody what is now called midcentury modern design.

One of Knoll Bassett's earliest projects was her husband's 144-square foot office, which she made into a showcase of minimalist simplicity. As potential clients stepped inside, they beheld a new vision of design that soon reshaped corporate buildings around the world.

In 1984, long after Knoll Bassett had retired, New York Times architecture critic Paul Goldberger wrote that she "probably did more than any other single figure to create the modern, sleek, postwar American office, introducing contemporary furniture and a sense of open planning into the work environment."

Knoll Bassett made office space a conscious artistic satement. Before putting pencil to paper, she interviewed ordinary workers - not just the bosses - to understand how they spent their time and moved around the office.

Then she made a "paste-up" model out of cardboard, showing every chair, table, lamp and typewriter. She used the exact paint colors and fabric samples and, when everything was in its place, folded the flattened model together to create a three-dimensional replica of the office.

HULTON ARCHIVE 1955

Florence Knoll was an architect, furniture designer and president of a design firm.

Knoll Bassett's papers, now in Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Art, include remarkably detailed hand-drawn designs. Next to a pencil sketch of drinking glasses, for instance, she wrote, "Bright sparkle on glasses. Look all right?"

Her office designs were done with an eye toward comfort, efficiency and ease of movement and communication - and with an underlying ethos that good taste could have a beneficial effect on the workplace.

Every square foot counted. Instead of a monumental desk in the middle of the floor or cutting off a corner, Knoll Bassett shrank its size, removed the drawers and placed it toward the rear of the room. Papers were stored in a small credenza against a wall. Chairs were lightweight and easy to move. She liked staircases without risers, giving the illusion of walking on air.

Depending on the size of an office, the focal point could be an oval or rectangular table, standing atop slender metal legs, or a sofa shorn of armrests and curves. Walls were sometimes painted in a bold primary color or covered in cloth.

Another of her innovations, now commonplace, was to staple fabric swatches on pieces of cardboard, fanning them out like a deck of cards for clients to see.

"She has led people to see that texture in fabrics can be as interesting as a print (she dislikes prints)," journalist Virginia Lee Warren wrote in the Times in 1964, "and that steel legs on tables, chairs and sofas can have grace and elegance."

Knoll Bassett was, Warren concluded, "the single most powerful figure in the field of modern design."

Over the years, she worked on offices at General Motors, IBM, Rockefeller Center, the Heinz headquarters in Pittsburgh and New York's Seagram Building, designed by her mentor, Mies. Knoll Bassett's final major project, completed in 1965, was the interior of the CBS headquarters in New York, for which she designed everything from tables, desks and chairs to wall coverings and door handles.

As design director and later president of the Knoll company, she hired renowned architects and sculptors, including Isamu Noguchi, Harry Bertoia and Eero Saarinen, her friend from childhood, to design chairs, tables and sofas.

Knoll Bassett's own designs launched trends in office decor, including an oval-shaped desk with thin sheet of marble or wood floating atop a simple chrome pedestal. In the first dozen years after the table was introduced in 1961, more than 3 million were sold.

When Saarinen designed a line of chairs with a molded fiberglass base, Knoll Bassett persuaded a skeptical New Jersey boat manufacturer to make them.

"We came with a model of the chair," she said in a rare interview with Metropolis magazine in 2001, "and he looked at it and thought maybe we were a little crazy, but he was a nice guy. We sold him on the idea of making this chair, and then it became a very good part of his business."

Florence Margaret Schust was born May 24, 1917, in Saginaw, Michigan. Her father ran a family baking company, but both of her parents died at early ages, leaving her an orphan at 12.

A guardian enrolled her in a private girls' school outside Detroit, where an art teacher once asked what project she was interested in.

"I want to design a house," she said. She soon came to the attention of Eliel Saarinen, an acclaimed architect — and father of Eero Saarinen, the chief designer of Dulles Airport and the St. Louis Arch. The elder Saarinen, who was also headmaster of the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, became a mentor to Knoll Bassett (who was known to friends as "Shu") and practically made her a member of his family.

Her husband died in 1991. Survivors include three stepchildren and nine grandchildren.

In 2000, Knoll Bassett donated her papers to the Archives of American Art — and designed the containers to hold them. She received the National Medal of Arts from President George W. Bush at a White House ceremony in 2003.

A year later, Knoll Bassett's work was featured in an exhibition at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. At age 87, she created a cardboard paste-up model of the display space, meticulously planning the layout and selecting fabric samples, the typeface for the wall panels and even the paint colors for the walls — red and blue.

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ON JANUARY 30 ...

In 1964 the U.S. launched Ranger 6, an unmanned spacecraft carrying television cameras; as planned, it crash-landed on the moon.

In 1968 the Vietnam War's bloody Tet offensive began as communist forces launched surprise attacks against provincial capitals in the South.

In 1974 , at the end of his State of the Union address, President Richard Nixon insisted he would not resign and called for a speedy conclusion of all Watergate investigations.

In 1981 an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade to honor the 52 Americans who had been held hostage for 15 months in Iran.

In 1989 former criminal lawyer Joel Steinberg was convicted in New York City of first-degree manslaughter in the death of his illegally adopted 6-year-old daughter, Lisa.

In 1991 the first major ground battle of the Persian Gulf War involving U.S. troops occurred in Khafji, Saudi Arabia; 11 Marines were killed, seven by "friendly fire."

In 2013 former Illinois Gov. George Ryan was released from federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., and began serving the remainder of his 6½ -year sentence under house arrest.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
Jan. 29
Mega Millions ..... **10 33 53 54 62 / 22**
Mega Millions jackpot: $109M
Pick 3 midday ..... **958 / 3**
Pick 4 midday ..... **6689 / 8**
Lucky Day Lotto midday **22 25 30 32 42**
Pick 3 evening ..... **367 / 4**
Pick 4 evening ..... **9903 / 1**
Lucky Day Lotto evening **01 04 18 19 22**

Jan. 30 Powerball: $174M
Jan. 31 Lotto: $8.25M

WISCONSIN
Jan. 29
Pick 3 ..... **409**
Pick 4 ..... **0848**
Badger 5 ..... **07 10 17 24 30**
SuperCash **14 18 24 28 38 39**

INDIANA
Jan. 29
Daily 3 midday ..... **370 / 2**
Daily 4 midday ..... **0675 / 2**
Daily 3 evening ..... **793 / 7**
Daily 4 evening ..... **6201 / 7**
Cash 5 ..... **16 17 25 28 33**

MICHIGAN
Jan. 29
Daily 3 midday **497**
Daily 4 midday **4379**
Daily 3 evening **084**
Daily 4 evening **1169**
Fantasy 5 ..... **18 28 32 36 37**
Keno **02 07 09 13 16 19 25 28 30 31 36 38 40 42 48 57 62 68 74 75 77 79**

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Death Notices

Akrap, Nikola
Nikola Akrap, age 59, of Skokie. Beloved husband of Ranka; loving father of Marko (Ljubica), Nick (Brenna) and Mirko (Danielle); dearest grandfather of Mia, Lana, Niko, Luka, and Nick. Visitation, Thursday, January 31, 2019, from 9 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 11 a.m., at St. Lambert Catholic Church, 8148 Karlov Av., Skokie. Interment, Maryhill Catholic Cemetery, Niles. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105-9959. Funeral information: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.

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Bergere, Nicole
Nicole Bergere passed away peacefully in Chicago, January 27, at the age of 93. She was one of Chicago's great culinary artists and owned Nicole's Bake Shop, which produced the "most divine crackers in the world". She is survived by her long-time companion, Grace Colucci, as well as several nephews and cousins. A memorial service will be held Thursday, Jan 31, at 7 P.M. in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 822 N. Clark St. in Chicago.

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Bowles, Robert S.
Robert S. Bowles, 95, of Inverness. Beloved husband of Catherine, nee Jansen for almost 63 years. Dear father to Barbara (Leslie G.) Biesecker, Nancy J. Bowles and Sara B. Bowles. Loving grandfather to Kyle R. (Brittany Dahlen), Ryan D. and Catherine Lynn "Erin" Biesecker. Memorial visitation will be held 2 PM, Saturday, February 2nd, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave, Barrington,IL until time of funeral service at 3 PM. Information 847-359-8020 or visit Robert's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Cannon, Robert
Robert H. Cannon, age 92, of Crown Point, Indiana, passed away on Friday, January 25, 2019. He was born on January 29, 1926 to Hoormazid & Maria Cannon in Gary, Indiana. He is survived by his son, Richard Cannon; grandchildren: Ryan and Savanna; his very dear friend and companion, Marina; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hoormazid (Herman) and Maria Cannon, and his loving wife, Marie.
A viewing will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Memory Lane Funeral Home, 6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30), Crown Point, Indiana. The funeral service will be held on Friday, February 1, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with a one-hour visitation prior to the start of the service. Burial will immediately follow in the Veteran's Section at Memory Lane Memorial Park, Crown Point, Indiana. You may contact the funeral home for further information (219) 322-2050. www.memorylanepark.com

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Capraro, Alexander V.
Alexander Vincent Capraro, 69, peacefully passed into eternal life on January 26, 2019 with his loving family by his side. Alex is survived by his devoted wife of 45 and a half years, Susan, his children : Nichole (Raymond), Alexis (Dan), Ashely, and Vincent (Liz) his grandchildren : Allison, Talia, Giulio, soon to be expected baby boy, Emma & Addie, as well as, many nieces, nephews, cousins & friends who all loved Alex (AKA King Boss and Poppi) dearly. Alex spent his early life serving in the US ARMY coming back in 1972 to Chicago where he met his beloved Susan, whom he married in 1973. Alex worked for Brach's Candy Co. and stayed in manufacturing until 1986 when he went into Insurance. Lex continued to work in Insurance, forming his own business and advancing his career until his retirement. Alex will forever and eternally be remembered by all who knew him as infinitely loving, exceedingly generous, hard working & humorous. His limitless smile and his "Baby Shark Dance," being his immortal gift of joy. Alex will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but his family knows he is now at peace. Funeral Friday, January 31, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. from Salerno's Galewood Chapels, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago **Ralph Massey Funeral Director**. Funeral mass to be celebrated at St.Vincent Ferrer Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. For info (773) 889-1700

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Capron III, John W. 'Jack'
John W. Capron III, age 93, known to all as "Jack", died on January 27, 2019 from injuries sustained in an icy fall. The son of the late John and Cecelia Capron and brother of the late Louis Capron, Jack grew up in Rogers Park, where he attended Sullivan High School and played football and baseball. He served with honor as an officer in the United States Navy in World War II and obtained his degree in Electrical Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology where he played baseball. He worked as a director of research and development at Continental Can Company in Chicago where he was an international expert in materials and coatings, and later at Sun Chemical Corporation. He married the love and the center of his life, Eleanor Arends when they were both 21 years old. Together they had a joyful and fruitful 67 years of marriage. In his old age, Jack remained doggedly at the center of everything happening in his family. His agility, mental acuity, and remarkable range of gifts were in full force until his death. Just weeks before, he danced at his grand-daughter's wedding. As artistic as he was mathematical, Jack was never without a project. He loved nothing better than a "list" of jobs to complete. He attended Mass every morning and prayed for us all. Jack was the dearly beloved and revered father of the late John W. (Mary Kay) Capron IV, Mary Beth (Bob) Theriault, Daniel (Mary Anne) Capron, and Ellen (Jim) Polzin. He was the adored "Pop Pop" of Kelly, Meghan, Jay, Jason, Jenny, Amy, Brian, Emily, Nora, Anne, Jackie, Mary Kate, and Grace; and the proud great-grandfather of McKenna, Annika, Abby, Tommy, Jack, Brady, Jaxson, Emmy, Luke, Mary Anne, Brian, Danny, John John, Hennessy, Dottie, Eleanor Anne, Mary, James, Eleanor Cecelia, and Charlie.
Visitation Thursday January 31, 2019 at Williams-Kampp Funeral Home, 430 E. Roosevelt Road, Wheaton IL. Funeral prayers, Friday 9:15 a.m. at the funeral home proceeding to 10:00 a.m. Mass at St Michael Catholic Church, 310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to the Alzheimers Association in honor of Jack's late wife, Eleanor, to 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, IL, 60631. Info@ www.williams-kampp.com or (630) 668-0016.

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Chamopoulos, Vasilios
Vasilios Chamopoulos, age 79, went to sleep peacefully surrounded by his loving family at home on Sunday, January 27, 2019. He was born July 15, 1939 in Garea, Tegeas, Arcadias Greece by the late Constantinos and the late Anna, nee Mitrakis, Chamopoulos. On August 18, 1968 he married Katina, nee Karagiannis and they enjoyed 50 years of marriage. Vasilios was a chef and restaurateur with a passion for baseball and coached his sons for 10 years. He was the President of the Garea Society. Beloved husband of Katina; loving father of Anna (Bill) Schreck, Gus (Lainie) Chamopoulos, Penny (Cos) Stratigos and Greg (Kalissa) Chamopoulos. Cherished grandfather of Christina, Katelyn, George and Vasili; dear brother of Katerina (John) Antonakis, Chris (Helen), Connie (the late Angelo) Christophel; preceded in death by brothers George (Panagiota) and Nick (Angela) and fond uncle, cousin and friend to many. Visitation Thursday, January 31, 2019, from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Smith~Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Family and friends will meet on Friday morning, February 1, 2019 at 10:30 am at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 Caldwell Ave., Niles, IL 60714 for Funeral Service. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church or St. Basil Academy, 79 Saint Basil Road, Garrison, NY 10524. Arrangements made by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For more information please call 773-736-3833.

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Clemens, Elaine
Elaine Clemens. Age 88, passed away on January 26, 2019. Beloved daughter of the late Victoria and Clemens Soroczinski. Loving sister of the late James (Margaret) Clemens. Dear aunt of James (Jane) Clemens, Brian (Jenny) Clemens, Margie (Tom) Petrick and the late John (Maureen) Clemens and her favorite "honey girls",grandnieces Kelly Clemens, Amy Clemens, Allison Clemens, Julianne Clemens, Lauren Petrick and Megan Petrick. Also survived by her beloved cousins and their families in the Chicago, Wisconsin and Nevada areas.
Elaine was a world traveler, a devoted nurse and a kind and generous person. She will be missed by all. Visitation Friday, February 1, 9 a.m. until time of funeral, 9:45 a.m. at the **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Mass to follow at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing. Funeral information, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Doetsch, Bernard A.
Bernard A. Doetsch, 84, passed away on January 27th, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Mary Madelyn Doetsch for 60 years. Loving father of Peggy (Joe) Zidek, Cathy (Matt) O'Shea and Anita (Arnold) Blum. Adored grandfather of Michael and Alyssa Zidek and Mary Clare and Johnny O'Shea. Beloved brother of Phillip Doetsch, Lauretta (John) Plattner and the late Robert Doetsch. Uncle, cousin and friend to many. Bernard proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He dedicated his life to his family and taught them to love nature the way he did. His family considers him an excellent role model and he will be remembered for his leadership and passion.Visitation 9 AM Saturday, February 2nd, St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 1201 E Anderson, Palatine, until the time of the Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bernard's name may be made to any cancer research of donor's choosing. Info 847-359-8020 or visit Bernard's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Doroba, Lorraine
Lorraine Virginia Doroba (née Sehr) passed away peacefully on Friday, January 25, 2019. She's back together with Frank Joseph Doroba, her beloved husband of 62 years, who preceded her in death on February 2, 2013.
She is survived by all ten children: Kathy, Thomas (Angela), DeAnne (Richard) Johnson, Daniel (Karen), Michael (Janice), Frank (Sheila), Mary (Richard) Abel, Debra (David) Nolte, Pamela (Steven) McCoy and Paul (Leesa). Lorraine was also blessed with 21 grand-children and 17 great-grandchildren.
Lorraine was also the dear sister of the late Jean Sehr, the late Clarice Moon, the late Robert Atwood, the late Phyllis Kotulski, the late Eleanor Mattson, Norita Dillow, Judith Schwuchow, and the late Linda Atwood; dear sister-in-law of the late Chester (the late Loretta) Doroba and Loretta (the late Edward) Skrapka. She was also loved by her extended family and the many friends she made through her involvement with the Holy Family Catholic Community in Inverness, IL.
Visitation will be Thursday, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Meadows Funeral Home, 3615 Kirchoff Road (1/2 block east of Route 53), Rolling Meadows, IL. Funeral service begins at 9:30 a.m., Mass at 10:30 a.m., at Holy Family Catholic Community, 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness, IL. Interment will be at All Saints Cemetery, 700 N. River Road, Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers (maryknollsociety.org) or JourneyCare Foundation (journeycare.org). Info (847)253-0224 or www.Meadowsfh.com

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Flajnik, Boyana
Boyana Flajnik, 78, of North Aurora, beloved wife of the late Louis Flajnik, loving mother of Louise (Fiancé Kevin Retzer) Flajnik, Diane (Brad) Busleta and Linda (Marc) Peter; grandmother of Sean (Ryan), Eric, Alec, Ethan, Nick and Austin; great-grandmother of Riley; adored sister of Danica Stojin, Gordana Nedomacki, Anga (Aleksandar) Kamdzijas, Milena (Xavier) Heinzer and the late Svetozar (Gorica) Tornjanski. Visitation will be held 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Thursday, January 31, 2019 at Moss Family Funeral Home, 209 South Batavia Ave. Batavia, IL. Funeral services will be held 10:00 A.M. Friday, February 1, 2019 at the funeral home. Entombment will be in Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton, IL. 630-879-7900, www.mossfuneral.com

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Galante, Rose Marie

Rose Marie Galante, nee Fosco, 86, of Glenview, passed away peacefully January 26, 2019. Loving wife of the late John P. Galante Sr.; beloved mother of Nicolette (John) Conway, Susan (Mario) Mangino, John (Elena) and Dan Galante; proud grandmother of Courtney (Tim) O'Connor, Jack (Samantha), Patrick and Cara Conway, Anthony and Michael Mangino, Laura (Tihomir Yankov) Galante, and James (Joanna) Galante; dearest great-grandmother of Ottavio Yankov and Charlie O'Connor; dear sister of Eleanor Caines, Robert (JoAnn) Fosco, and the late Orlando Fosco, Jr. ; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Rose was a fixture at the Glenview Village Hall for thirty years, where she assisted and entertained thousands of residents. She was honored to be named Grand Marshall of the 1987 Glenview 4th of July Parade. She will be missed by her family and friends, for whom she hosted memorable holiday parties, featuring an abundance of delicious Italian food and spirited, often hilarious, conversation. Visitation Friday, February 1, 2019 from 3 to 9 pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Rd., Glenview. Family and friends will meet for funeral Mass Saturday, February 2 at 10 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St, Glenview. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 150 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60601, or Heartspring, 8700 East 29th St. N., Wichita KS 67226. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

N.H. Scott & Hanekamp FUNERAL HOME

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George, Jean

Jean George, nee Malamas passed away on January 26, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Constantine D.; loving mother of George C. (Laureen), Theodore C. (Magia) and the late Demetrius "Jimmy" C. (the late Margaret) George; proud grandmother of Joseph (Christin), Constantine, Demetrius, Andrew, Jenna, Sophia and Alexandra George; great-grandmother of Michael and Olivia George; dear sister of the late Louis and Steve Malamas; fond aunt of many. Jean was a realtor for 50 years, Past President of the North Shore Board of Realtors in 1995, Realtor Associate in 1988, Realtor-of-the-Year in 1997 and recently received Emeritus status. Visitation Thursday, January 31st from 4 to 8 pm at Smith~Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Family and friends will meet on Friday morning, February 1st, at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 W. Winona St., Chicago, IL 60625 for Funeral Service at 10:30 am. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, LTD. For more information please call 773-736-3833.

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Gortmaker, Helen A

Helen A. Gortmaker, who spent most of her life in the Chicago area, died peacefully January 26 in Croton-on-Hudson, NY, surrounded by family. She was 93. She will join her husband of more than 65 years, George W. Gortmaker, who died in April, 2011.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and aunt, Helen grew up in Chicago with her Norwegian immigrant parents, Judith and Alfred Iverhouse. She worked at secretarial, bookkeeping and sales jobs at her husband's electrical contracting business, at Marshall Fields, and at Proviso West High School in Hillside, where she enjoyed mentoring students interested in audiovisual work. She and George were active in their church, Westchester Community Church, belonged to golf and bowling leagues , and loved to square dance. She also headed up a local Girl Scout troop, maintained flower and vegetable gardens, and was a healthy eating advocate since the 1960s.

Helen is survived by her two children, Steve Gortmaker (Betsy Pugh) of Belmont, MA, a professor at Harvard University ; and Linda Simon (Len) of Croton-on-Hudson, a writer and retired middle school English teacher. Helen and George were the proud grandparents of Jeffrey and Christopher Gortmaker, and Matthew, Jonathan (Tara Zabor) and Timothy Simon. Her sister Ruth Sommer (Hans) lives in San Rafael, California, and her brother Alfred Iverhouse passed in 2011.

Private service details are pending. Helen will finally will join her husband George at his family plot in Parker, South Dakota, his childhood home.

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Gretsch, Richard H.

Richard H. Gretsch, 91. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Rose; loving father of Richard F. (Patricia P.) and Carolyn R. (David W.) Rivers; proud grandfather of Lauren E. Rivers, Allison M. (Marc E.) Bennett, Sarah R.(Nicholas A.) Pritchard, Stephanie R. Gretsch and Kendall F. Gretsch; great grandfather of Hannah and Joshua Pritchard and Elsie Bennett. Visitation at St. John the Baptist Church, 233 Church St., Winfield from 10:30 A.M. until of Mass at 11:30 A.M, Monday, February 4, 2019. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to the church. Funeral info 630-668-0016 or www.williams-kampp.com.

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Gruber-Gonzalez, Katharina

Katharina Elisabeth Gruber Gonzalez; Suddenly Friday, January 18th, 2019, age 50. Born in Chicago, to Balthasar and the late Sofia Gruber. Recently of Lexington, Oklahoma. Survived by husband Nelson, daughters Christina, Alejandra, Fernanda Daniela, grandson Fernando, sister Ann, and her father. Attended O.L.M., Alvernia H.S., Roosevelt H.S., and studied the culinary arts at C.H.I.C. and Le Cordon Bleu. Visitation Thursday 6-9pm, Visitation and fellowship Friday 4-9pm, Funeral service Saturday 10am at **Belmont Funeral Home**, 7120 W. Belmont Ave., Info 773-286-2500 or www.belmontfuneral-home.com

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Hansen, Charlotte R.

Charlotte R. Hansen, age 87, of Washington Island, Door County, WI, formerly of Skokie. Owner of The Fish Keg, Chicago, for 65 years. Beloved wife of the late Theodore G.; dear mother of Christi (Edward) Sheehy, Mary Beth (Monty) Williamson, Tad (Sheila), and Hans (Anjana); loving grandmother of Rose Widmann, Charles Sheehy, Audrey (Ryan Tarbell), Thor (Rosana), Theo, and Clara Williamson, Josie, Mads, and Peder Hansen; cherished great-grandmother of Arlo Widmann, Eleanor Williamson, and Brynja Tarbell; devoted daughter of the late Charles and Clara Hansen; fond sister of the late Luella Jepson, Vernette Anderson and Mary Lou McDonald; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Gathering, Saturday, February 9, 2019, from 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Service, 11 a.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1763 Town Line Rd., Washington Island, WI, 54246. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1004 Greenwood St., Evanston, IL, 60201, or Trinity Lutheran Church, Washington Island, WI. Info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.

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Hanson, David William

David William Hanson, age 59, of Evanston passed away on Friday, January 25. 2019. David was born and raised in Cheshire, CT. Beloved son of Mary Elizabeth (France) and the late John Robert Hanson, brother of John Robert II "Jay" (Kathy) of Peachtree City, GA and Ellen Todd Hanson (Marcello Berzeri) of Chicago, IL and uncle of Jennifer, John Alexander (Stephanie), Leandro and Gianluca. He graduated magna cum laude from Hamilton College '82, attended the London School of Economics and graduated from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management '89. David spent three decades building a career in finance and was very dedicated to his clients. David was a gentle giant of a man who was loved and be dearly missed by friends and family, especially his wife Bryn Wagner Hanson and their children Lillian, age 18, and Dylan, age 8.

A Celebration of David's life will take place on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 11:00 am at the Michigan Shores Club, 911 Michigan Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to McGaw YMCA, where David and his son swam every weekend: 1000 Grove Street, Evanston, IL 60201 or online at www.mcgawymca.org.

Info: 847 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.

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Hertz, Mary Lucille

Mary Lucille Hertz, 98, of Wheeling. Beloved wife of the late Martin P. Hertz Jr.; loving mother of Martin P. (Jeanne) Hertz III, Mary Beth (Lou Sutton) Hertz, Michael N. (Janet) Hertz, Matthew (Nancy) Hertz and the late Michael B. Hertz; cherished grandmother of Martin (Morgan Kelley) Hertz IV, Margaret (Kevin) Cannon, Ryan (Melissa) Hertz, Robby Hertz, Danny Hertz, Sarah Hertz, Rebecca (Kyle) Ratcliffe, Dillon Hertz and Megan (Jeff Halerz) Brady; cherished great grandmother of 7; fond sister of James (Mary Ellen) Bristow, the late John (late Dorothy) Bristow and the late Harry (late Gloria) Bristow. Memorial visitation on Saturday from 10 AM until the time of Mass at 11 AM at Addolorata Villa, Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel, 555 McHenry Road, Wheeling. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Addolorata Villa. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Kruizenga, Johanna

Johanna Kruizenga, nee Lotz, age 91, of South Holland, IL passed away Friday, January 25, 2019. Beloved wife of the late S. Joseph Kruizenga. Loving mother of Joe (Beth) Kruizenga. Devoted grandmother of Lauren and Andrew. Dear sister of the late Dorothy (late Gene) Koch, late Andy (Kathy) Lotz, and the late William (late Elaine) Lotz. Kind aunt of several nieces and nephews. Visitation, Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 9:30 until the time of the funeral service at 11:30 a.m. at Thorn Creek Reformed Church, 1875 E. 170th St. South Holland, IL 60473. Interment Homewood Memorial Gardens - Homewood, IL. Memorial contributions may be given to Thorn Creek Reformed Church. Arrangements entrusted to Smits Funeral Home. For further information please call 708-333-7000 or visit our online guestbook and obituary at www.SMITSFH.com.

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Lauber, Ruth R

Lauber Ruth, nee Radziwill
Wife of the late John Lauber Jr.
Mother of the late John Lauber III &
Mother of Janet Waller. Grandmother of Beth Hopkins, Erin Wynn &Jonathan & Rubrya Lauber. Great Grandmother of Justin & Jessica Hopkins, Brandon Jenkins & twins Dillon & Mason Wynn.
Member of The American Legion Auxilary, Broadview/Hillside Unit #626
Visitation will be Friday 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Services 12:00 P.M. Friday Yurs Funeral Home 1771 W. State Street (Rte 38) Geneva.
Burial Mt. Auburn Memorial Park Stickney, Il. In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Jude Hospital
To leave an online condolence for the family, visit the funeral homes obituary page at www.yursfuneralhomes.com. For more information, please call Yurs Funeral Home Geneva 630-232-7337

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Leonchik, Raymond S.

Raymond S. Leonchik, 94 years of age, at rest January 24, 2019. Loving husband of the late Ruth for 69 years – former owners of the Highland Queen. Dear father of Sharon (the late John) Ligon, David (Audrey), Larry (Marty Hennessy) and Deborah (Wayne W.) Stabrawa. Grandfather of Christine, David Jr. (Theresa), Sabrina (Ken) Schoenberger Jr. and Renee (Tim) Schoper and Rachel. Great-grandfather of David III, Matthew, Sofia, Madeline and Ruby. Brother of the late Alex Leonchik. Uncle of many. Services are Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019, 9:30 am at Adolf Funeral Home, Ltd., 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook to Trinity Lutheran Church, Burr Ridge for a 11:00 am church service. Burial private. Former McCook policeman and fireman. Retired from Corn Products after 42 years of service. Visitation is Friday, Feb. 1st from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Info at 630-325-2300 or www.adolfservices.com.

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Murray, Roy Edward

Roy Edward Murray, 91, entered eternal life on January 27, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Marianne Dolores (nee Bogner) Murray for 68 years, and loving father to Thomas Kevin (Margaret) Murray, Roy Kyle (Barbara) Murray, Joanne Kathleen (Steven) Himrich and the late Mary Kimberly. Cherished grandfather of Kristen Ann Murray, Andrew Carl (Carrie) Murray, Stephany Joanne Himrich, and Philip Murray Himrich; and great-grandfather to Owen Douglas Murray.
Preceded in death by parents Roy John and Cecelia (nee Zbilski) Murray, and sibling of the late Lorraine (the late Joseph) Rand. Beloved brother-in-law of the deceased Elizabeth (Joseph) Schultz, Frank (Betty) Bogner, Peter (Jacqueline) Bogner, Katherine (John) Hayden, Anna (James) Morreale, Nicholas Bogner and Dorothy (Mathew) Mann. Roy was devoted to his family and known by his many nieces and nephews as "Uncle Roy." Born in Chicago, Roy attended Garvy Elementary School, Lane Technical High School, and was a member of IBEW, LU 134 for 70 years. He married Marianne at St. Michael's Church on February 12, 1949, after meeting as teenagers at Arcadia Roller Rink. Fate would have it that they would meet again. After World War II, the two reconnected while dancing at Aragon Ballroom and began their courtship. Roy enjoyed traveling with his family, taking camping trips and caravans in their Airstream trailer, and vacationing in the Lake Wisconsin area. Roy was a WW II Navy Veteran. Throughout his life, he loved and valued his family including his extended family. Roy enjoyed ballroom dancing with Marianne and hours on the water canoeing, sailing and fishing!
Visitation Friday Feb. 1st from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral begins Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home proceeding to Divine Savior Church in Norridge for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Entombment to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation, Misericordia Home Chicago, Mercy Circle or Maryville. For info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com

CUMBERLAND CHAPELS

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Porte, Judy L.

Judy L. Porte, nee Lieberman, of Chicago. Beloved and loving wife of Andrew Porte. Loving sister of Dr. Gerald (Jody) Lieberman of Memphis, TN. Devoted daughter of the late Lawrence and Carol Lieberman. Arrangements by Gutterman's Inc., of Rockville Centre, NY. Internment at Mount Hebron Cemetery, Flushing, NY.

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Ronald, Salazar

Ronald Salazar, 53; adored son of Rosalina and the late Faustino; dear brother of Rod, Rochelle, and the late Rey; fond uncle of Hailey, Brae, Andrew, and Alaina; cherished father figure to Celo. Family & friends will meet Saturday for a 10AM Mass at St. Pascal Church (Melvina & Irving Park). Interment private. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Seligmann, Richard W.

Richard William Seligmann, 91, passed away peacefully Saturday, January 26, 2019 at the Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown, OH. He is survived by his wife of 69 years Delores L. Seligmann and his Sons, Randal (Karen) of Cincinnati, Ronald of Annapolis, MD, Robert of Denver, CO and Rodney (Debra) of Hinsdale, Illinois. He is preceded in death by his oldest son, Richard. He leaves behind ten Grandchildren and one great grandchild. He lived with his Wife for many years in Mount Prospect and Arlington Heights, Illinois. He and his wife moved to Ohio in 1993 to be closer to family. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his name to the Wounded Warrior Project. More info at www.hayfuneralhome.com

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Shavitz, Evelyn

Evelyn Shavitz nee Lazar. Beloved wife of the late Ernest Shavitz. Loving mother of Donna Solon, Mark (Debra) Shavitz, Russell (Cyndy) Shavitz and Kiengtong (Mui Heng) Lay. Proud grandmother of Barbara (Brock Craft) Weidman, Matthew Solon, Bronson (Andrea) Shavitz, Diana (Jaron) Baker, Sou (Mike) Cha, Li Lay and Ti Lay. Service Friday 11AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Zion Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Shulman, Carole

Carole Shulman (nee Rose) passed way at age 83 after a courageous battle against ovarian cancer. Carole obtained a bachelors in physical education at the University of Illinois, worked in sales and was an avid world traveler and volunteer for the Saints organization. Carole was loved by all who knew her and always willing to help those in need. Carole was the beloved mother of Keith Shulman (Flo), Cathy Shulman Young (Byron), Terry Shulman (Mike Leister) and beloved nana of Curtis, Craig and Scott Young and beloved aunt (Coco) of Gary, Karen, David, and Eddie Fields.

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Skom, Joseph Harry

Joseph Harry Skom, PhB, SB, MD Beloved husband of the late Edith Mary Skom PhD, nee Rosen. Loving Father of Harriet (Ron) Meyer and the late Roger Skom. Cherished grandfather of Elaine Meyer, Arthur (fiancée Kat DeNeve) Meyer and Adele (Brad Alter) Meyer. Great-grandfather of Leonard Meyer Alter. Graduate of Aurora High School and the University of Chicago, intern at Johns Hopkins University, President of the Illinois State Medical Society from 1976-77. Clinical professor of Medicine at Northwestern University, a practicing internist for over 60 years. Service Sunday, 2:00 pm at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to The Ark, 6450 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60645 www.arkchicago.org Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

Smoot, Alice M.

Devoted wife of Jerome M. Smoot; loving mother of Deborah (Ben) Grudzien and Michael J. (Sheila) Smoot; proud grandmother of Brett (Stephanie) Grudzien, Mark (Karen) Grudzien, Kimberly Nowicki, Robert (fiancé Rachel) Nowicki, Matthew Smoot, Bryan (fiancé Nancy) Smoot, and Ella Smoot; cherished great-grandmother of Calvin Grudzien, Alexandra Grudzien, and Margaret Grudzien; fond aunt, sister-in-law, and friend of many. Preceded in death by, her daughter, the late Susan (Dean) Nowicki, and her siblings, the late Madge (the late Raymond) Skowronski, the late Stanley Turminski, and the late Lillian (the late John) Niemiera. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 31st, at 9:30am from Ridge Funeral Home, 6620 West Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638, to St. Daniel the Prophet Catholic Church for funeral mass at 10:00am. Interment Resurrection Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 30th, from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. For more info, please call 773-586-7900 or visit www.ridgefh.com

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Soraparu, Kathleen

Kathleen Soraparu nee Cooney, 72, native of Innisbarra Lettermore, Co. Galway Ireland; loving wife of Robert; cherished mother of Christine (Michael) Noorlag and James (Breann); dearest grandmother of Emily and Colin; adoring sister of Sean (Kathleen), Bridie Connolly, James (Maureen), Ann (Sean) Folan, Tom (Nora), Peggy (Sean) Donoghue, Barbara Flaherty, Joe (Maura), and the late Mary, Patrick, and Morgan; cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews; She enjoyed and was proud of her more than 40 years as a certified medical assistant. Visitation Thursday 3-8PM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**, 5917 W Irving Park Road (½ East of Irving and Austin). Friends and Family with meet for Mass of Christian Burial 10AM Friday at St. Joseph Church 330 E. Fullerton Ave., Addison. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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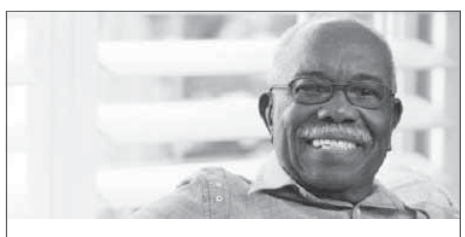

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Sullivan, James E.

James E. Sullivan, age 80, beloved husband of Patricia B. Sullivan; loving father of James Sullivan, Elizabeth (Thomas) Sorbo and Kerry (Sean) Jacobson; dear grandfather of Paul, Grant, Jack and Brett Sorbo, Joya Hall-Sullivan and Emma Jacobson; loving brother of Andrew (Marian) Sullivan and the late Robert Sullivan; fond uncle of Stephanie, Rosemary and Andrew Sullivan.

The only thing that Jim loved more than fishing for the biggest muskie in the lake was spending time with his cherished wife, children and grandchildren, who will miss him dearly.

Visitation Friday, February 1, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, February 2, 2019, 10:45 a.m. from Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Blvd. at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025, Mass 11:30 a.m.

Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (note: Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund in memo line), 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Tomaska, Milan P.

Milan P. Tomaska; beloved husband of Zelmira; loving father of Paula Tomaska Doyle and Diana Tomaska; devoted grandfather of Caroline (Andy) Gelden, Jonathon (Taylor) Kochmit, Morgan and Holly Doyle; great grandfather of Aviana, Charlotte, Donovan; fond brother of the late Jerry (Violet) Tomaska; also loving uncle, godfather and friend of many.

Visitation Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral services at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5106 N. La Crosse Ave., Chicago, IL 60630. Entombment will be private at Bohemian National Cemetery, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations to MDS Foundation donate research, 4573 South Broad St., Suite 150, Yardville, NJ 08620 or Rainbow Hospice, 1550 Bishop Ct., Mt. Prospect, Il 60056 appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME. info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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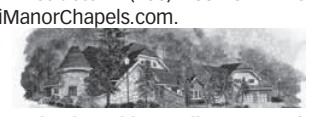
Tsicouris, August C.

Retired CFD; husband of Deborah (nee Klepser); loving father of Anna Marie Tsicouris, Denise (Christopher) Karp & Peter Tsicouris, Petty Officer 1st Class U.S. Navy; devoted son of the late Peter & late Inez (nee Hernandez) Tsicouris; dear brother of Patricia Tsicouris & the late Michael P. Tsicouris. Visitation Sat., Feb. 2, 2019, 9 a.m. until time of Chapel Service at 12 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd., 8999 S. Archer Ave., Willow Springs. Interment Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park, Willow Springs. Former Chicago Fire Academy Training Instructor. (708) 839-8999 or www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com.



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Velis, Anne "Anastasia"

Anne "Anastasia" G. Velis, 93, Born in Tripoli, Greece; Loving sister of the late Joan Kogos and the late Thomas Velis; Dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday morning January 31, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral service 10:00 a.m. at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church 7373 N. Caldwell Ave. Niles, IL., Interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.**, Info: 847-581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Vrba, Frank J.

Frank J. Vrba, age 88; beloved husband of Christine Vrba, nee. Korona and the late Antoinette; loving father of Frank J. Vrba, and Annette (Robert) Persa; dear grandfather of Ryan, Carla, and Albert; fond brother of Helen (the late Art) Hess, and the late Rose (the late George) Prochaska. Visitation Friday 9:30 AM until time of Service 11:00 AM at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant St. Hinsdale, IL. Private Family Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to UAW 152 Retirees, C/O Christine Vrba, appreciated. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com

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Weissbluth, Linda

Linda Weissbluth passed away at her home on January 23, 2019 surrounded by her family.

Linda was born in Chicago and graduated from North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka in 1959. When young, she loved reading, studying Latin, and playing the cello. Her classmates described her as extremely friendly and always in the library. She enrolled in Mt. Holyoke College where she majored in Russian language and literature and graduated in 1963. One college highlight was bussing, with classmates, to Washington, D.C. to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation where MLK delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. After graduation, Linda helped her mother and brother for several months, then, on a whim, she applied to the Russian Studies program at Stanford University where she started in the Spring Quarter of 1964. When classes resumed in the fall of 1964, she met her future husband, Marc, in the Stanford Main Library. On their first 'date', they went on a motorcycle ride. Four weeks later, he invited her on a herpetology expedition to Mexico for the winter break and on this exciting lizard-chasing adventure, in Topolobampo, they decided to get married. They were married May 2, 1965 and a month later, Linda received her Master's Degree from Stanford University. Linda was always intellectually curious and when her four sons were growing up, she would often say, "What good is money if you can't spend it on education." But she also was fond of saying, "Don't let school interfere with your education" and thus, annually, she would declare a school holiday in the fall when the apple orchards had their first day for picking. She and her four sons would return with bushels for the neighbors, local firemen, and to make homemade apple pies and apple sauce. Linda also loved to garden, from planter boxes in married student quarters at Stanford to large plots in Winnetka starting in 1973. She loved taking her young sons to the Chicago Botanical Garden and watching it develop.

She was a nurturer, always generous with a radiant smile and infectious laugh. She devoted herself to her family. Friday Sabbath meals were elaborate events and she joked that she had to begin preparing on Thursday mornings. She was always an optimist. "Today is the first day of the rest of your life" was her refrain to help her children overcome a difficulty. In 1990, she moved to the Streeterville neighborhood of Chicago. Linda was an adventurer with a ready willingness to try new things. She discovered the Northwestern University Medical School Galter Library across the street and decided to investigate why babies might cry a lot in the evening hours. This led to her publishing three research papers on the effects of melatonin on intestinal smooth muscles in 1991 and one paper on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in 1994. In 1994, she took courses in office medical management and became Office Administrator in a pediatric practice. In 1995, she succeeded in obtaining permission to develop a rubble strewn one-acre lot at 600 North Lake Shore Drive into a community garden. She single-handedly organized neighborhood volunteers and civic organizations to donate trees and plants.

Linda continued to play her cello as an adult, go to symphonies and the opera. She enjoyed tandem bike riding, tennis, dancing the Tango, and Yoga. In 2000, Linda got the travel bug and made annual international trips from watching Alaskan brown bears catching salmon to wildebeests and zebra herds migrating. She enjoyed adventure travelling with mountain hiking, white water rafting, kayaking, and camel riding in Tanzania and Morocco. Linda continued to be an intellectual explorer; in 2006 she wrote in an email to her husband, "You knew I was spunky and spirited and speaking my mind-never mind that I give thoughts and ideas from left field. It's part of the creative process."

She learned to sew and crochet and enjoyed making many original afghans for her ten grandchildren. Even as Alzheimer's developed, she continued to be engaged in art, music, dance, and Yoga.

Her four sons independently remembered her cheerfulness ("My mother's giggle was unique and infectious. Even recently when she could not speak, she could still giggle." "Her laughter used to ring contagiously through the house." "She created a home full of love and laughter." "She had a laugh that could fill the entire house.") and her cooking ("Mom knew the keystone of the family is the family meal." "She knew the that the fried matzoh was crispy enough 'when the smoke detector went off'." "Learning how to make spaghetti sauce." "She taught me how to sew, iron, cook, and clean because 'You will be alone for a long time'.")

As a wife, mother, office manager, or community organizer, Linda was always a gentle, compassionate and extremely empathic person. She always said hello to, smiled at, and wished to embrace friends and strangers, especially those with canes, walkers, wheelchairs, children, or dogs.

Millagros Pacheco and Jamie Angio befriended and compassionately cared for Linda as if she were part of their own families. Thank you also to Esperanza Covaleda, Uzma Khan, Julia Newman, and Drs. Zoe Arvanitakis and David Oyer.

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Wing, Donald E.

Donald E. Wing, age 93; loving husband of Geraldine Wing, nee Zak; amazing father of Laura, Karen (Doug) Emard, Mark (Linda) Wing, Joan (Barb), Ellen (Joe) Jaros; dedicated grampa of Anna, Brian (Denise), Kevin (Amy), Jessica (Luke), Matt, Zak, David, Steven, Anthony, Elise (Germinal) and great-grampa of 1; dear brother of the late Mary (the late Hank) Camire and cousin of the late Richard (the late Jean) Payne; fond uncle of many. Don was a Navy Veteran, WWII; and a graduate of IIT. He lived a long, blessed life. Visitation Friday 3:00PM to 8:00PM. Funeral Saturday 9:15AM from **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove to St. Joseph Church. Mass 10:00AM. Interment Assumption Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, www.mercyhome.org are appreciated. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com

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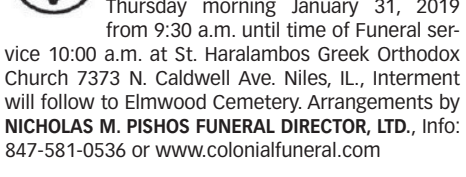

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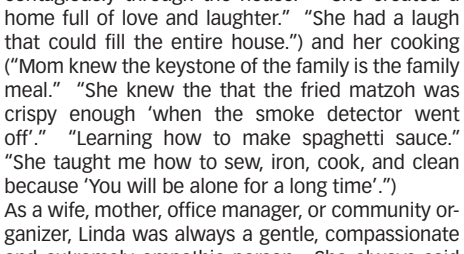

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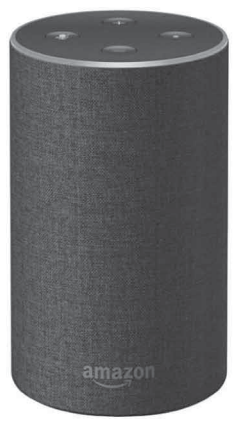

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Joshua Sivels

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tawanda Sivels (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00914**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 3, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/19/2019**,at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **17** COURTROOM **K**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental **rights**.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 28, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Haley Biggs

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Aviance Loving (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **14JA01225**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Dontrell Biggs (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 12, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/21/2019**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **17** COURTROOM **K**, 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 30, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Tela Boston

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shantel Alice (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA01206**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Shantel Alice (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 21, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/13/2019**,at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM **L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 30, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (the "Authority") gives notice that it will hold a hearing on February 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Authority located at 111 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60601 in connection with the proposed issuance by the Authority of not to exceed $13,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of its tax-exempt bonds and/or notes (collectively, the "Bonds"), in one or more series, pursuant to a common plan of finance. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance or refinance, through a new mortgage loan to the Owner listed below (or an affiliate thereof), (i) the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and/or equipping of the multifamily residential housing property set forth below (the "Development"), and (ii) the costs of issuance, capitalized interest, and reserve funds for the Bonds, if any.

Property Name and Address
Parkwood Commons
1720 North Great Oak Road
Peoria, Illinois 61604

Name of Owner
Parkwood Commons, LLC

Number of Units
100

Original Principal Amount (Not to Exceed)
$13,000,000

The Authority is a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois created by the Illinois Housing Development Act, as amended (20 ILCS 3805/1) (the "Act"), for the purpose of assisting in the financing of decent, safe and sanitary housing for persons and families of low and moderate income in Illinois. The Authority is authorized by the Act to issue the Bonds to finance the Development described in this Notice.

This public hearing is being held to comply with the requirements of Section 147(f) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the relevant regulations promulgated thereunder. Oral comments may be limited to ten minutes. Written comments may also be submitted to, and additional information obtained from, the Authority at its offices at 111 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60601 at any time prior to the public hearing.

Date of Notice: January 30, 2019

Audra Hamernik
Executive Director
Illinois Housing Development Authority

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Machinist (Original)

Application Filing Period: January 25, 2019 through February 8, 2019. **Examination Date:** February 23, 2019. Location: To be announced. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of machinist practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs skilled manual work in connection with the operation of precision machine tools used in fabricating metal parts. Installs, repairs and maintains mechanical equipment in the shop and in the field. **Pay:** $48.38 per hour

Master Mechanic (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: January 25, 2019 through February 8, 2019. **Examination Date:** February 22, 2019 at MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 E. Erie Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of master mechanic practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under direction, coordinates and directs the repair, maintenance and installation of mechanical equipment and the repair and alteration of structures at sewage treatment and disposal plants, pumping plants and related facilities. **Pay:** $124,882.16 per year

Pollution Control Technician I (Original)

Application Filing Period: February 1, 2019 through February 8, 2019. **Examination Date:** March 9, 2019 at Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 North Kedzie Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Pollution Control Technician I practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision gathers samples of water from streams, waterways, and industrial waste discharges for use in laboratory analysis and performs related duties as required. **Pay:** $29.07 per hour

Applications can be submitted online **only** at www.districtjobs.org.

Additional information may be found at www.mwrd.org or call 312-751-5100.

Mailed, Emailed, Hand delivered or Faxed Applications Will Not Be Accepted.

Resumes Will Not Be Accepted In Place of Application Forms.

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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF NAPERVILLE
Bid and Requests for Proposals Available Online

All City of Naperville solicitations will be advertised on our web site:
http://www.naperville.il.us/bidrfps.aspx

You are invited to review all bid or proposal requests for any upcoming projects. All projects are available for download or pick-up. Please contact the Procurement Services Team office at 630.420.6064 if you have any questions.

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 19-RFP-04
DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
Bid Opening: March 1, 2019
CONTRACT 19-RFP-09
SAP SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE
Estimated Cost: $975,000.00 Bid Deposit: None
Bid Opening: February 22, 2019

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The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice - Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, www.mwrd.org; click the Contracts and Proposals quick link on the District's Home page. Go to Contracts Currently Being Advertised and click for further information.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement & Materials Management, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday - Friday, between 8:45 A.M. and 4:15 P.M. Documents, unless stated above to the contrary, will be mailed in response to a fax request (312/751-3042). The vendor may also download specifications, proposal forms and/or plans online from the District's website, www.mwrd.org. No fee is required for the contract documents unless stated above.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-et seq.), where it is stated in the 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
January 30, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Cicero School 99 will accept sealed lump sum trade contractor bids for the following: Cicero School District 99 (ALTERNATIVE CLASSROOMS)

Bid packages include the following:
BP1-Environmental/Abatement BP2-Demolition BP3-Masonry BP4-General Trades BP5-Roofing BP6-Glazing BP7-Carpet Flooring, Resilient Flooring and Porcelain/ Ceramic Tile and Resinous Flooring BP08-Painting BP09-Casework BP10-Plumbing BP11-Fire Protection BP12-Mechanical BP13-Electrical BP14-Exterior cement board cladding system

The project consists of providing all work per the Contract Documents prepared by FGM Architects Inc., 1211 W. 22nd St. Oakbrook, IL 60523, project no. 18-2574.01 dated 1/30/2019; and Bid Manual prepared by Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc., 1733 N. 33rd Ave. Stone Park, IL 60165, project no. 18-117 dated 2/4/2019. Details pertaining to the construction project are set forth in the Bid Documents available on or after 2/4/2019. All bidders must procure a current set of drawings, specifications and Bid Manual from Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc. or from BHFX Digital Imaging, 80 W Seegers Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Please contact BHFX at 847-593-3161.

Bidders must rely only on information contained in the bid documents and provided in written addenda during this bid process, and shall not rely on any oral information or interpretations given by any representatives or agents of the Cicero School District 99, FGM Architects Inc., Engineers, Consultants or Vision Construction and Consulting, Inc.

There will be a mandatory Pre-Bid meeting held on 2/12/2019 at 10:00AM located at the ALTERNATIVE CLASSROOMS, 5835 W. ROOSEVELT ROAD, CICERO, IL 60804. Please contact Jim Dombrowski, 708-590-9716, email jimd@visionconstruction.us or Ashkan Mizani, 312-982-1041, email ashkan@visionconstruction.us for additional information. All bidders and their subs are invited to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Sealed bids will be received by Cicero School District 99, 5110 W 24th St. Cicero, IL 60804 until 02/20/2019 at 10:00 AM local prevailing time. Immediately thereafter the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. No immediate decision will be rendered. Bids will be tabulated, studied, and presented to the Owner. Contracts will be awarded, if at all, by the Cicero School District 99 at a subsequent Board meeting. All questions concerning the bid must be submitted to Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc. in writing.

All trade contractors must pay prevailing wages in accordance with IDOL requirements, 2019, for Cook County, Illinois.

All bidders are required to submit a bid security with their bid. The security amount shall be Ten percent (10%) of their total bid amount. The bid security may be in the form of a bid bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in the State of Illinois, a cashier's check or a certified check payable to the School District. Failure to submit a bid security may result in disqualification of a bid.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR QUALIFICATIONS
PROJECT NAME: Berglund Construction as Construction Manager at Risk on behalf of the Public Building Commission, are soliciting Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) and Financial Condition from Trade Contractors (including firms proposing to have a controlling interest in Joint Ventures) to be pre-qualified to bid as a Trade Contractor for the following project:

DECATUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNEX & RENOVATIONS

ISSUED ON JANUARY 24, 2019

SUBMISSION DUE DATE: Site Utilities, Site Electric, Excavation, Caissons, Building Concrete, & Structural Steel submittals must be completed by 11:00 am on Thursday, February 07, 2019. Masonry, Fireproofing, Roofing, Glazing, Waterproofing, Asphalt, Paving, Site Concrete, Turf, Playground, Landscape, & Permanent Fence submittals must be completed by 11:00 am on Friday, March 22, 2019. All other trade scope submittals must be completed by 11:00 am on Monday, June 17, 2019. Statement of Qualification submittals must be completed electronically through SmartBid. Please send an email to poeprequal(äberglundco.com Qualification submittals will be due at varying times depending on the trade scope. Please see above for required submittal dates.

CONTACT: Ms. Toni Graham, Diversity & Compliance Manager; tgraham(äberglundco.com

DOCUMENT AVAILABLE: Statement of Qualification submittals must be completed electronically through SmartBid. Please send an email to decaturprequal(äberglundco.com to receive the applicable materials and link.

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POE CLASSICAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNEX & RENOVATIONS

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Property Name and Address Name of Owner Number of Units Original Principal Amount

(Not To Exceed)
Jarrell Washington Park Jarrell Washington Park LLC or Jarrell Housing Group 12 $11,000,000
5656-58 S. Michigan Avenue / 68-70 East 57 Street, Chicago, IL 60637

Jarrell Washington Park Jarrell Washington Park LLC or Jarrell Housing Group 23
5700-08 S. Michigan Avenue / 65-69 East 57 Street, Chicago, IL 60637

Jarrell Washington Park Jarrell Washington Park LLC or Jarrell Housing Group 18
5701-03 S. Michigan Avenue / 109-115 East 57 Street, Chicago, IL 60637

Jarrell Washington Park Jarrell Washington Park LLC or Jarrell Housing Group 6
5714-16 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637

Jarrell Washington Park Jarrell Washington Park LLC or Jarrell Housing Group 6
5926-28 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637

Jarrell Washington Park Jarrell Washington Park LLC or Jarrell Housing Group 6
5939-41 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637

Jarrell Washington Park Jarrell Washington Park LLC or Jarrell Housing Group 6
5942-44 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637

Jarrell Washington Park Jarrell Washington Park LLC or Jarrell Housing Group 23
6048-58 S. Michigan Avenue / 68-70 East 61 Street, Chicago, IL 60637

Jarrell Washington Park

5650 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637 Jarrell Washington Park LLC or Jarrell Housing Group Lot

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Date of Notice: January 30, 2019

Audra Hamernik
Executive Director
Illinois Housing Development Authority

FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT – CHANCERY DIVISION UNITED CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, v. EARLE COLLINS; MICHELLE COLLINS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Case No.: 2019-CH-601 Judge: Sullivan Property Address: 8112 South King Drive Chicago, IL 60619 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 8112 South King Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60619, more particularly described as: LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY LOT 4 IN BROWN'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 13 IN SUBDIVISION BY THE HEIRS OF IRA WEBSTER OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED NOVEMBER 17, 1920, IN BOOK 162, PAGE 30, AS DOCUMENT NO. 6995781, IN COOK COUNTY. Permanent Index Number: 20-34-117-024-0000 Commonly known as: 8112 South King Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60619 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Court of Cook County at the Cook County Courthouse located at 50 West Washington, Chicago, IL 60602 on or before March 1, 2019, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. 233 S. Wacker Drive, 70th Floor Chicago, IL 60606 Firm ID: 48947 Phone: (312) 566-0040 Fax: (312) 566-0041 Pub: 1/30, 2/6, 2/13/2019 6112988

TAKE NOTICES

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK LIEZBERTA MILETIC LIEZEBERTA MILETIC OCCUPANT RICHARD MILETIC UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008260 FILED December 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 6, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0003133 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1132 WHYTECLIFF RD, PALATINE, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 02-21-409-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091468

TAKE NOTICES

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK RAVINDRA CHIGURUPRATI OCCUPANT RAVINDRA CHIGURUPATI JAMES K. LENNON, ESQ. UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008263 FILED December 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 6, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0006029 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 915 E EUCLID AVE, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 03-29-415-006-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091501

TO: Occupant, 1430 Simpson St., Evanston, IL; Peter C. Alexander; Stephen A. Parris; Richard E Zulkey & Associates, Chartered; Kathleen D. Parris; R.N. Parris; Manchester Realty; Illinois Dept. of Labor; Illinois Attorney General; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Robert Parris; Occupant, vacant land commonly known as 2022 Jackson Ave., Evanston, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001415. FILED: 2/2/2018. AMENDED PETITION FILED: 3/14/2018. 2ND AMENDED PETITION FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 17S-0002178. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger. 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. vacant land commonly known as 2022 Jackson Ave., Evanston, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 10-13-203-021-0000. 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 7/19/2018. 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 7/19/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1702, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:00 a.m., on 5/9/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/19/2018 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. City of Evanston, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096701

TO: Peter C. Alexander; Stephen A. Parris; Richard E Zulkey & Associates, Chartered; Manchester Apartments; Kathleen D. Parris; R.N. Parris; Manchester Realty; Illinois Dept. of Labor; Illinois Attorney General; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Robert Parris; Chicago Title Land Trust Company, successor to First Illinois Bank of Evanston, NA., trustee u/t/a dated Sept. 9, 1988 and k/t/n R-3274; Stephen A. Parris; Occupant, vacant land commonly known as 2044 Wesley Ave. & 2021 Jackson Ave., Evanston, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001416. FILED: 2/2/2018. AMENDED PETITION FILED: 3/14/2018. 2ND AMENDED PETITION FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 17S-0002180 & 17S-0002181. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger. 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. vacant land commonly known as 2044 Wesley Ave. & 2021 Jackson Ave., Evanston,

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TO: Principal Services Trust Company f/k/a The Chicago Trust Company; Stephen A. Parris; Manchester Apt; Robert Parris; Kathleen D. Parris; R.N. Parris; Occupant, 1430 Simpson St., Evanston, IL; Illinois Attorney General; Illinois Department of Labor; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Supreme Finance Corporation; Peter C. Alexander; Chicago Title and Trust Company; Richard E Zulkey & Associates, Chartered; Occupant, vacant land commonly known as 1810 Grove St., 1718 Davis St. & 1822 Grove St., Evanston, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001413. FILED: 2/2/2018. AMENDED PETITION FILED: 3/14/2018. 2ND AMENDED PETITION FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 17S-0002187, 17S-0002188 & 17S-0002189. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger. 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. vacant land commonly known as 1810 Grove St., 1718 Davis St. & 1822 Grove St., Evanston, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 10-13-406-018-0000, 10-13-407-015-0000 & 10-13-413-011-0000. 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 7/19/2018. 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 7/19/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1702, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:00 a.m., on 5/9/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/19/2018 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. City of Evanston, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096679

TO: Tows R US, Inc.; Johann Schumacher; Margarete Schumacher; Krzysztof Fabiszewski; Joseph E. Harris; Michael A. Costello; Automotive Body and Tire Center, Inc.; Phillip Johnson; Krystyna Johnson; Occupant, 8102 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007772. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016. Certificate No. 14-0002652. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 8102 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 10-21-409-016-0000. 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 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096766

TO: Syed Q. Shazad; Shahjehan Ahmed; Haroon Khan; Naveed Ahmed; Uzma Rafiq; Soha Sohail; Farhan Ahmed; 2510-12 West Touhy Condominiums; Syed Ali; Occupant, 2512 W. Touhy Ave. #1W, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007823. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/8/2016. Certificate No. 14-0013518. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 (2nd 2012). 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. 2512 W. Touhy Ave. #1W, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 10-25-427-045-1001. 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 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096977

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TO: Elizabeth Gaviria; Holber Gaviria; Adriana Lopez Contreras; Jose T. Contreras; Eduardo Garcia; Quality Management and Rentals, Inc.; Edgemoor Park Condominium Association; Occupant, 6425 N. Damen Ave. #3W, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007821. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/8/2016. Certificate No. 14-0013636. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 6425 N. Damen Ave. #3W, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 11-31-401-104-1030. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096961

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK FEDERAL NATL MTG ASSN OCCUPANT MARTIN MRVAN HENRY F. JAMES, ESQ. STANISLAWA CIEZKOWSKI IRENE TAK-YUK WONG CATHERINE COURTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO, RA: MATTHEW L. MOODHE CATHERINE COURTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO, PAULA WALEGA, PRESIDENT CATHERINE COURTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO, JERRY MEYER, SECRETARY UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008386 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0008904 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8439 W CATHERINE AVE, UNIT NO. 717 (LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS UNIT NO. 717-4), CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60656 Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-11-119-038-1490 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096737

TO: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; The Michigan Dept. of Treasury; Michigan Attorney General; Toshimi Watanabe; Steven E. Krist; Matilda Shapiro; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; Artis L. Inka; Sandra Robeznieks; Occupant, 3519 Lonnquist Dr., Franklin Park, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007769. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016. Certificate No. 14-0002019. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 3519 Lonnquist Dr., Franklin Park, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-21-431-003-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096977

TO: Melody Chiappetta; Unknown Heirs & Legatees of Donald Chiappetta; Donald Chiappetta Jr; Joseph Chiappetta; Indiana Attorney General; State of Indiana Dept. of Revenue; Accent Pool/Spa Service LLC; Dominick Chiappetta; Asset Acceptance, LLC; Court Receiver, LLC; Illinois Attorney General; Illinois Dept of Revenue; Village of Elmwood; Occupant, 2306 N. 73rd Ave., Elmwood Park, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007770. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016. Certificate No. 14-0002152. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 2306 N. 73rd Ave., Elmwood Park, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-36-205-033-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096746

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ELVIA APONTE DANIEL APONTE OCCUPANT - 4041 N DRAKE AVE, 1ST FLR OCCUPANT - 4041 N DRAKE AVE, 2ND FLR GABRIELA APONTE PABLO RAMIREZ JUAN RAMIREZ DALILIA APONTE DANIEL HERRERA RIGOBERTO GARCIA UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008387 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0009138 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4041 NORTH DRAKE AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-14-425-008-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091714

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK MARCOS ROLON ANA ROSA ROLON OCCUPANT JUAN JIMENEZ JESSICA CARRILLO WANDA ROLON ANA ROLON JOSE CAMACHO TERESA CAMACHO CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008442 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 8, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0014202 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 2424 WEST PALMER ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-36-217-016-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096933

TO: U. S. Attorney General; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Heather E. Di Forti; Hadley Di Forti; Charles Hartman; D O Ewonus; Victor Di Forti; Cheryl E. Di Forti, Trustee of the Cheryl E. Di Forti Trust u/t/a dated 7/24/2002; IRS; U.S. Attorney, Northern Dist. of IL; Occupant, 8668 Riverside Ave., Brookfield, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007773. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0004265. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 8668 Riverside Ave., Brookfield, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-35-319-002-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096778

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK FOTIS DORIZAS OCCUPANT - 2624 W CORTEZ, LOWER UNIT OCCUPANT - 2624 W CORTEZ, 1ST FLR OCCUPANT - 2624 W CORTEZ, 2ND FLR KAREN KEHOE UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008443 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 8, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0014284 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2624 WEST CORTEZ ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-01-409-039-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091948

TO: Juan Alquisira; Marcelo Cuzco; Lidia Arce Flores; Maria Alquisira; City of Chicago; Maria Flores-Arce; Anyeli Gomez; Miguel Alquisira; Tomas Gomez; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Marcelo Cuzco; Occupant, 833 N. Avers Ave., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007825. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/8/2016. Certificate No. 14-0014370. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 833 N. Avers Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-02-328-009-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096999

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK WILLIE DUNMORE UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000034 FILED January 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010174 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 (2013 INCLUDED) 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 4501-4503 W WASHINGTON BLVD CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-10-330-018-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 16, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6100293

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK KEN GIBBS CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK BURT LENALN UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000035 FILED January 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010182 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 (2013, 2014 INCLUDED) 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 4342 W CARROLL AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-10-400-027-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATEL

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ANDREA ZUNIGA JOSE ZUNIGA UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000037 FILED January 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010769 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 (2010 2ND, 2011 2ND INCLUDED) 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 2758 S SAINT LOUIS AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-26-409-043-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 16, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6100311

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK REAL ESTATE TAXPAYER J.B. HAWKINS, JR. JB WELDING SUPPLY LTD, RA & PRESIDENT: JAY HAWKINS BARBARA E. HAWKINS JB WELDING SUPPLY LTD, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES MICHAEL J HAWKINS OCCUPANT SCOTT HAWKINS JB HAWKINS JR BARBARA E HAWKINS UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008256 FILED December 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 3, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0001538 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at THE SOUTH SIDE OF OGDEN AVE BEGINNING 163.13 FEET WEST OF 53RD AVE (25 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON OGDEN AVE) CICERO, ILLINOIS 60804 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-28-303-016-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091439

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ELIADES M PEREZ MARIA ELENA PEREZ SONIA RENTERIA DAMIAN H RENTERIA MARIA CISNEOS MARIA PEREZ OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008258 FILED December 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 3, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0001576 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2626 S 61ST AVE, CICERO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-29-305-043-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091448

TO: Z Financial Illinois G LLC; Peoria Lofts Condominium Association, Ltd.; City of Chicago; User of 110 N. Peoria St. #P13T, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007826. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/8/2016. Certificate No. 14-0015670. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 110 N. Peoria St. #P13T, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-08-440-023-1039. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6097027

TO: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; BBMC, LLC; PennyMac Loan Services, LLC; Charn Makka; Himanshu Arora; Ieva Berkowitz; Gregory S. Berkowitz; Lieberman Management Services, Inc.; R+D659 Condominium Association; PennyMac Corp.; Dags DesPlaines, LLC; Occupant, 659 W. Randolph St. Unit 1514, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007827. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/8/2016. Certificate No. 14-0015716. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 659 W. Randolph St. Unit 1514, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-09-329-021-1146. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6097052

TO: Yolanda Lopez; Rafael Cruz; Jose Lopez; Marie Cruz; LaTanya Hudson; Michael Cruz; Rosa Perez; Luis Lopez; Iriss Smith; Jorge San Miguel; Carol Hernandez; Thomas Rodriguez; City of Chicago; Occupant, 1752 W. Cullerton St., 1st Floor, 1st Floor Rear, 2nd Floor, 2nd Floor Rear, & 3rd Floor, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007828. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/8/2016. Certificate No. 14-0015796. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 1752 W. Cullerton St., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-19-416-027-0000. 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 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6097044

TO: Kumar Swaminathan; Lalita Swaminathan; Vinayak Swaminathan; Mary Anne Sotelo; Barrington Partners, LLC dba Forth Group; Pointe 1900 on State Condominium Association; Occupant, 1910 S. State St. #303, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007822. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/8/2016. Certificate No. 14-0013893. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 1910 S. State St. #303, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-21-414-011-1023. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096971

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK EMILY WALTON RODRICK WIMBERLY OCCUPANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE LISA G. WIMBERLY DANA KEMP STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE STATE OF ILLINOIS, C/O ATTORNEY GENERAL STEVEN W HUANG ANDREW C LEE STEVEN W. HUANG & ANDREW C. LEE, C/O MAUREEN A MAFFEI, ESQ. UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008441 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 8, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0014145 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 (2010, 2011 INCLUDED) 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 3550 S DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DRIVE, UNIT 1, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60653 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-34-312-091-1001 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091928

TO: Duron General Construction, Inc.; Illinois Dept of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; Aida Valadez; Jose C. Corral; Edith Quintero; Liz Rojas; Rosalba Gonzalez; Edith Martinez; Raul Quintero; Occupant, 6058 S. 75th Ave., Summit, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007771. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016. Certificate No. 14-0002267. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 6058 S. 75th Ave., Summit, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 18-13-404-027-0000. 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 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096756

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK CHRISTINA GUERRA LEYVA OCCUPANT - 4210 S ROCKWELL ST, LOWER UNIT OCCUPANT - 4210 S ROCKWELL ST, UPPER UNIT JEAN DANIELS LEONARD STRICKLAND ALFREDO THOMAS THOMAS D PARDUE JAMES M GERAGHTY, ESQ., RE: MARIA VALERIO, 2017CH10734 MARIA VALERIO UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008388 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0009672 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4210 S ROCKWELL ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-01-219-014-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091723

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK PEARL MC CRAY, A/K/A PERLEATHA MCCRAY OCCUPANT PAULINE ABRAHAM CHARLES MCCRAY KAREN MCCRAY UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008389 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0009714 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 (2013 2ND INCLUDED) 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 4611 S LECLAIRE AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-04-426-003-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091765

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK RAY R BOGDAN A/K/A RAYMOND R. BOGDAN OCCUPANT - 2619 W 55TH ST, 1ST FLR OCCUPANT - 2619 W 55TH ST, 2ND FLR RICHARD R. BOGDAN CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE STATE OF ILLINOIS, C/O ATTORNEY GENERAL BERTA GONZALEZ UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008390 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0009829 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2619 WEST 55TH ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-13-203-003-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091798

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK FRANK KENICK OCCUPANT LOTTIE KENICK CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK WALTER KENICK HELEN KENICK CASIMIR KENICK STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE STATE OF ILLINOIS, C/O ATTORNEY GENERAL UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008432 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0009975 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5940 WEST 63RD PLACE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-20-200-030-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091805

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ESTEBAN GARCIA CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK ESTEBAN GARCIA, PROPERTY MANAGER PROPERTY MANAGER / RENT COLLECTOR TERRELL HOUSTON TEANISHA HOUSTON CRISTIAN GARCIA DARION SANFORD NORMA REMDON MAPI CORTEZ UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008433 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0010067 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 6539 S CALIFORNIA AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-24-216-005-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091815

TO: Roman A. Szymczak; City of Chicago; Occupant, 7220 S. Springfield Ave., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007975. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/7/2016. Certificate No. 14-0010135. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 7220 S. Springfield Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-26-108-029-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6097056

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK LAFRANCE R JOHNSON OCCUPANT - 4212 S WELLS ST, 1ST FLR OCCUPANT - 4212 S WELLS ST, 2ND FLR EARLY JONES ANNIE MAY JONES RICKY COLLINS NAPOLEON BUCHANAN ANNA MAY JONES ALBANY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, NA JOSEPH DEZONNA CHARLES LEGGETT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008434 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0010257 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 (2011 2ND INCLUDED) 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 4212 S WELLS ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-04-222-055-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091822

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK PETER C. CRUZ CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000031 FILED January 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0010284 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4416 S SHIELDS AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-04-406-041-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK LISA M ANDERSON 8048 S PAULINA, LLC 8048 S PAULINA, LLC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES PROPERTY MANAGER / RENT COLLECTOR CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK 8048 S PAULINA, LLC, RA: TOMAS HNULIK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000002 FILED January 2, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0011553 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8048 S PAULINA ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-31-213-032-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6094669

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TO: U. S. Attorney General; Rhonda Lofton; Nicholas Domoa; Caitlin Lottie; James Lyon; David Mitchell; Markus L. Hobson; City of Chicago; IRS; U.S. Attorney, Northern Dist. of IL; Occupant, 8535 S. Laflin St., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007815. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/7/2016. Certificate No. 14-0011642. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 8535 S. Laflin St., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-32-317-013-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096888

TO: Arnold B. Brown; Kanitra J. Brown; Unknown Heirs & Legatees of Emily L. Brown; Myrtis F. Brown; Deborah Brown-Earvin; Occupant, 8523 S. South Park Ave., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007803. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0007446. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 8523 S. South Park Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-34-406-008-0000. 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 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096814

TO: Jean Griffin; Linda Coleman as Guardian of Jean Griffin; Timberview Health Care Center; Linda Coleman; Terry Young; Linda Young; Donald Coleman; Occupant, 8621 S. Dante Ave., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007804. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/7/2016. Certificate No. 14-0007537. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 8621 S. Dante Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-35-414-007-0000. 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 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096823

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK WALTER BERNARD UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000032 FILED January 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0005417 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 (2010 2ND, 2012, 2013 1ST INCLUDED) 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 7926 S SOUTH CHICAGO AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-36-106-007-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 16, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6100281

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK LADONNA J BEAVERS CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #1066079 DATED 05.01.1975 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #1066079 DATED 05.01.1975, RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM MICHAEL BEAVERS LAVERNE BEAVERS OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008271 FILED December 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 6, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0007448 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8514 S RHODES AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-34-407-019-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091625

TO: Jean Griffin; Linda Coleman as Guardian of Jean Griffin; Timberview Health Care Center; Linda Coleman; Terry Young; Linda Young; Donald Coleman; Occupant, 8621 S. Dante Ave., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007804. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/7/2016. Certificate No. 14-0007537. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 8621 S. Dante Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-35-414-007-0000. 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 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096823

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK BILLIE J BORUM OCCUPANT CAMEL RILEY ANTHONY REILLY WILLIE WINFREY CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK ESTATE OF JONATHAN WINFREY MB FINANCIAL BANK, NA MINNIE WINFREY UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008376 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0007881 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 (2013 2ND INCLUDED) 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 8407 S KINGSTON AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-31-311-002-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091644

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK GAILE CARTER OCCUPANT - 8512 S BENNETT AVE,1ST FLR OCCUPANT - 8512 S BENNETT AVE, 2ND FLR OCCUPANT - 8512 S BENNETT AVE, 3RD FLR MICHAEL CARTER JESSICA OWENS CLEOTHA J CARTER JR COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, LEGAL DEPT MARGOLIS WELDON, LLC UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008374 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0007603 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8512 S BENNETT AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-36-321-023-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091631

TO: Ronald Morris; Alan R. Handy; Marvin Garner; Chantel Handy; Gabriel Handy; Deborah Handy; Vonita Johnson; Alan R. Handy, Jr; City of Chicago; Occupant, 8305 S. Luella Ave., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007805. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/7/2016. Certificate No. 14-0007609. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 8305 S. Luella Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-36-404-002-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096837

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ERIC GAUTHREAUX OCCUPANT - 7921 S COLFAX AVE, 1ST FLR OCCUPANT - 7921 S COLFAX AVE, 2ND FLR STELLA HALLIBURTON CYNETTE FLOWERS JOSEPH JONES OCCUPANT - 7921 S COLFAX AVE, UNIT 3 UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008375 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0007756 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7921 S COLFAX AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-31-104-013-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091639

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ANN ARTMANN OCCUPANT MILLENNIUM CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, RA: CHERYL LYNNE STRONG MILLENNIUM CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CLARINAL FANE, PRESIDENT MILLENNIUM CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, KENYA FRANKLIN, SECRETARY DANIEL ARTMANN KAREN ARTMANN BRETT ARTMANN BRYCE ARTMANN NICOLE ARTMANN HEATHER ARTMAN A/K/A HEATHER GREEN UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008264 FILED December 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 6, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0006138 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7108 WEST 99TH ST, UNIT 208, CHICAGO RIDGE, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-07-112-045-1017 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091570

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK VIOLET L LATRONICA LARRY E LATRONICA OCCUPANT ACORN GLEN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, RA: CHRIS G. SKOURLIS, JR ACORN GLEN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, DIANA FAGAN, PRESIDENT STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE STATE OF ILLINOIS, C/O ATTORNEY GENERAL MANOR CARE OF OAK LAWN (WEST) IL, INC., RA: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM MANOR CARE OF OAK LAWN (WEST) IL, INC., HCR IV HEATHCARE, LLC THOMAS P. DALTON, ESQ., DALTON & DALTON, PC GLADYS P. SANTANA, ESQ. UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008265 FILED December 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 6, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0006253 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 11001 S. DEBLIN LN, UNIT 105 (LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS UNIT 11001-105) OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453 Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-16-423-065-1053 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091589

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK JESSIE JENSON OCCUPANT JESSIE MCCARTY ANNE MARIE BATCHELOR ROBERT BATCHELOR UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008266 FILED December 13, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 6, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0006369 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 12207 S MCDANIEL ST, ALSIP, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-27-103-003-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091578

TO: Roy Tellefsen; Roy E. Tellefsen; Elizabeth Cochran; Dameion Cochran; Shardae Cochran; Robert Cochran; Elizabeth Howard; Liz Rigges; William Cochran; Walton Marques; Elizabeth Reeves; Margie Lopez; Michelle Lopez; Betty J. Mcaffe; Occupant, 8832 S. Cregier Ave., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007981. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/7/2016. Certificate No. 14-0007956. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 8832 S. Cregier Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-01-113-029-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6097064

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK JOHN D EDWARDS ERMA EDWARDS OCCUPANT - 844 E 88TH PLACE, 1ST FLR CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK GWENDOLYN EDWARDS SHARAKA AKHAN ANTONIO WILKERSON TY

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK JOSEPH WILDER OCCUPANT FREDDIE H. SIMMONS MARY B. SIMMONS JACQUELYN SIMMS MARY B SIMMONS SAXON MORTGAGE, INC., C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES SAXON MORTGAGE, INC., RA: ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE C SAXON MORTGAGE, INC., ANTHONY T MEOLA, PRESIDENT MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. , C/O GENPACT REGISTERED AGENT INC. (REG AGENT) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008437 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0011796 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 (2007 2ND, 2010 2ND, 2011 2ND, 2013 2ND INCLUDED) 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 8918 S WALLACE ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-04-119-030-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091845

TO: Winchester Holding Properties LLC; Michael Fleury; Kira Obermeier; Pretreina English; Mondrell Harris; Chris Morgan; Bernadette C. Williams; Occupant, 9324 S. Vincennes Ave., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007816. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/7/2016. Certificate No. 14-0011924. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 9324 S. Vincennes Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-05-415-043-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096905

TO: Meshond Catricce Gills; Marcus Allen; Wakimi Allen; Christopher Allen; Belinda Reddick; William Reddick; William Reddick, Jr.; Jamie Allen; PNC Bank, N.A.; Chris Allen; Geneva Bryson; Unknown Heirs & Legatees of Geneva Allen; Unknown Heirs & Legatees of Billie Joe Allen; Occupant, 9807 S. Princeton Ave., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007817. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/7/2016. Certificate No. 14-0012076. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 9807 S. Princeton Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-09-226-003-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096917

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK MYRTLE SHAW JONES COURTNEY MASON OCCUPANT GENOVESE JACKSON TROY STINSON JORDAN JACKSON LOUISE JACKSON BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008380 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0008202 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 9742 S CALUMET AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-10-117-035-0000 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 May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096905

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK AVRIEL STERLING CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #129047 DATED 02.01.2003 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #129047 DATED 02.01.2003, RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM OCCUPANT DEANDRE WOULARD LOGAN EMANI UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008381 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0008252 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 9837 S ELLIS AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-11-122-013-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 16, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6100271

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT LISA LIVINGSTON COUNTY OF COOK D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY CHESTER WILSON B HARTMAN GROUP LLC, RA: BORIS NITCHOFF BRENT DENZIN, ESQ., ANCEL, GLINK, DIAMOND, BUSH, DICIANNI & KRAFTHEFER, P.C. OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000029 FILED January 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0008403 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 10302 S CORLISS AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-15-205-039-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091699

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK EST OF WILLIAM GREER OCCUPANT CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST REHOBOTH PARISH, RA: MSSTEPHEN O A SOLOMON UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008383 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0008432 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 125 EAST 107TH ST, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-15-302-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091686

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK MARGARET TAYLOR OCCUPANT MARLOW TAYLOR SAMONE TAYLOR JOSHUA TURNER AARON ROGERS SANDY TAYLOR NEVANDA TAYLOR TONY TAYLOR LEON TAYLOR UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008438 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 7, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0012187 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 11007 S UNION AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-16-323-002-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091852

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ANDRE AUSTIN OCCUPANT JAMES D. PRICE, SR MARRELL PRICE EVELYN WATTS TRACY JOHNSON FLORA PRICE RITA AUSTIN UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008439 FILED December 14, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 8, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0012471 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 (2006 2ND, 2007 2ND INCLUDED) 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 11356 S EMERALD AVE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-21-116-017-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on June 21, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 N Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA DZ, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 8, 2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6091892

TO: TCF National Bank; Homeplus Finance Corporation; TD Auto Finance LLC; Debra Kincy; James Kincy, Jr.; Stephon Harris; Stephania Harris; James Green; City of Chicago; James Kincy III; Occupant, 12820 S. Parnell Ave., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007818. FILED: 11/20/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/8/2016. Certificate No. 14-0012759. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 12820 S. Parnell Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-33-105-071-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/2/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/2/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/15/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/2/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 1/17/2019. Pub: 1/28, 29, 30/2019 6096924

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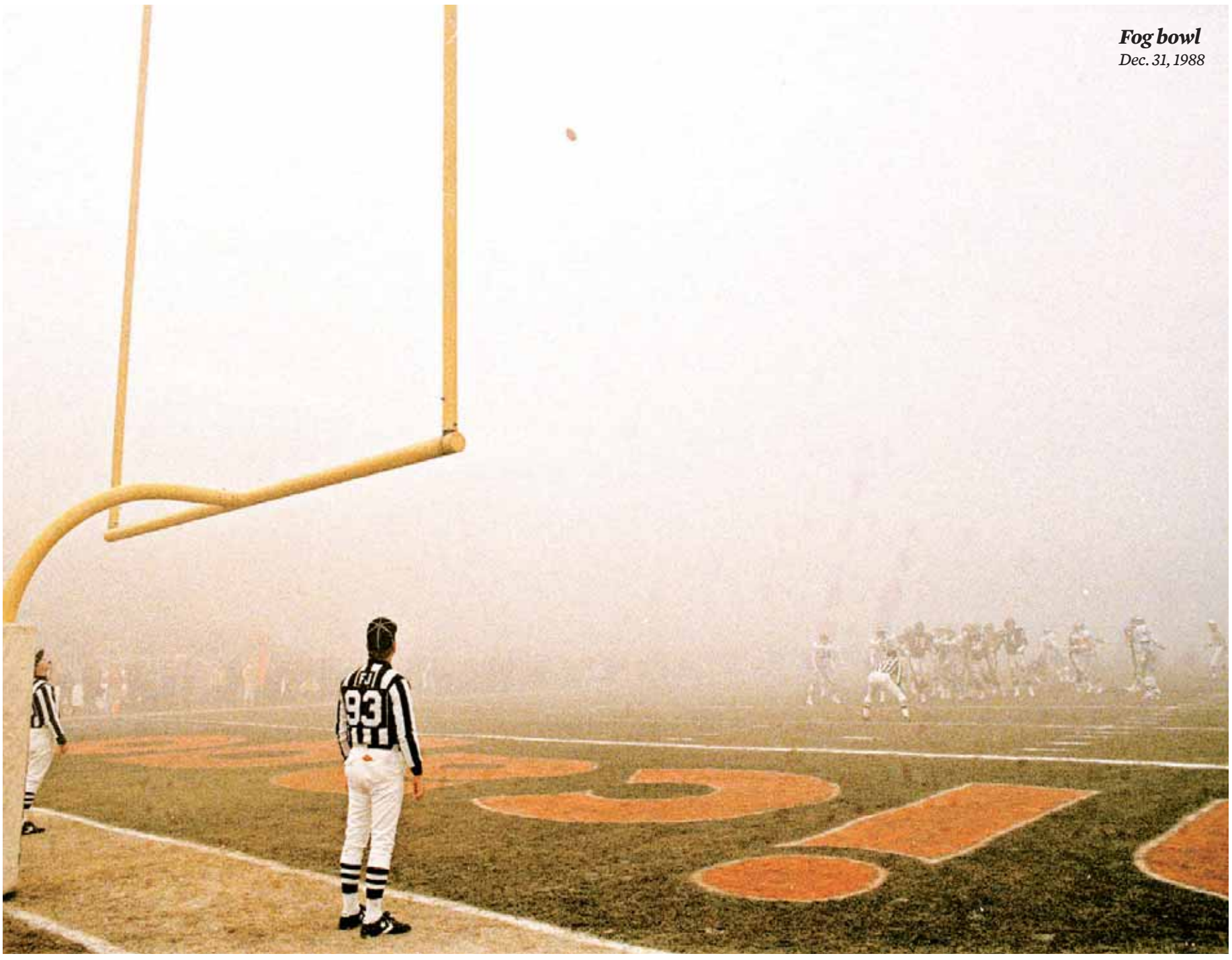

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Selden relishing his opportunity with Bulls

Young guard provides team with all-around skills

By Teddy Greenstein
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — One time at Kansas, Wayne Selden dunked it so hard that teammate Devonte' Graham said Selden seemed "mad at the rim."

Selden chuckled at the memory Tuesday night before taking the floor for the Bulls in Brooklyn.

Selden is now putting that power and athleticism to greater use. The Bulls need him to shoot, pass, rebound and defend — especially defend.

"I like guys that guard, guys who are physical," coach Jim Boylen said. "He's got that big, strong body on the wing. We lost defenders in (Justin) Holiday and (Chandler) Hutchison. We're looking for somebody to step into that role and guard that dominant wing that every team seems to have."

Selden, 24, came to the Bulls in the Jan. 3 deal that sent Holiday to the Grizzlies. Hutchison is out with a foot injury. Denzel Valentine will miss the entire season. Are we forgetting anyone else?

Those lost bodies explain why Selden went from barely seeing the court in his final three games with the Grizzlies to logging a career-high 38 minutes for the Bulls on Sunday against the Cavaliers. Selden had a terrific game: 15 points on 6-for-8 shoot-

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The Nets' D'Angelo Russell, right, drives as the Bulls' Kris Dunn defends during the first quarter Tuesday night.

BASEBALL

Ready, willing and still available

The offseasons for the Cubs and White Sox have been as cold as the weather. We look at some free agents signings that would bring the heat. **Page 3**

Everything turned out super for Rams' Kromer

After turning on Cutler, he found a way to the top

Brad Biggs
On the Bears

ATLANTA — The end of his tenure with the Bears was one of the most bizarre things we've seen, but from football farce in Chicago to Rams redemption, Aaron Kromer is sitting atop his profession at Super Bowl LIII.

Kromer, once an assistant coach at Northwestern and the Bears' offensive line coach in 2013 and offensive coordinator in 2014, went to Buffalo after coach Marc Trestman's staff was ushered out of Chicago after only two seasons. The Bills led the NFL in rushing for two years and then Kromer landed in Los Angeles as the Rams' offensive line coach in 2017 and with the title of run game coordinator this season. The Rams under Sean McVay have been the hottest offense in the league for two years now with teams seeking to replicate their success.

It's quite a turnaround for the 51-year-old Kromer, whose stay at Halas Hall ended in a vale of tears after he betrayed quarterback Jay Cutler in the final month of a season in disarray. In a team meeting, an emotional Kromer outed himself as the source of an NFL Network report that was harshly critical of Cutler, who 11 months previously had signed a seven-year, $126.7 million contract that included $54 million guaranteed, a deal that saddled the next regime with Cutler.

Kromer told players he shouldn't have taken things outside the family circle as they sat stunned by the revelation. It was a

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Bad weather made 'em better

With historically arctic temperatures bearing down on Chicago, it is as good a time as any to crank up the heat, grab another blanket and cup of cocoa and reflect on the 12 most unforgettable weather-related events in Chicago sports history.

12. April 14, 2018 | Cubs come back in the cold: April baseball is always dicey in Chicago,. On this Saturday afternoon, the Cubs and Braves braved a wind-chill factor in the 20s in an icy rain as players complained of losing the feeling in their fingers.

The lousy weather precipitated lousy play. The Braves led 10-2 through five. But the Cubs scored nine eighth-inning runs on just three hits — buoyed by two hit batters and five walks — to win 14-10.

"The game should really not have been played," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said.

11. Jan. 29, 1967 | Lakers 142, Bulls 122, Crowd 72: The Bulls, in their debut season, refused to call off their game with the Lakers despite a storm that dumped 23 inches of snow on the city.

Weather-related travel delays, rerouting and unscheduled stops meant it took the visitors a day and a half to get to town from Los Angeles, arriving at the International Amphitheatre about an hour before tip, which was delayed 55 minutes.

The announced crowd was 1,007, but that was inflated. According to the Bristol & Lynden Press' Chicago Sports Memories blog, Bulls owner Dick Klein later conceded attendance, "including security guards, was something like 72 people."

More fans made it to Chicago Stadium that night for the Blackhawks' victory over the Maple Leafs and that afternoon to see Lew Alcindor (now Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) score 45 points in UCLA's 120-82 rout of Illinois, although there were plenty of no-shows there as well.

10. July 23, 1976 | College Football All-Star Game ends: The annual preseason exhibition at Soldier Field featuring the defending NFL champion and a team of college all-stars for the benefit of Chicago Tribune Charities ended when the sky opened up on a hot, humid night in '76.

Play was halted with 1 minute, 22 seconds remaining in the third quarter and the Steelers up 24-0 on coach Ara Parseghian's stars. A thunderstorm dumped three-quarters of an inch of rain in 20 minutes, causing the field to flood. Wind gusts up to 64 mph and small hail were reported at nearby Meigs Field.

As if that weren't enough, a group of fans rushed the field, sloshing around in the puddles, then starting to take apart the goal posts, helping ensure the field was unplayable. The game never was resumed, and with NFL owners, players and insurers wary of injuries, neither was the series that began in 1934.

9. Oct. 31, 1994| Haunting Halloween night: The Bears honored all-time greats Dick Butkus and Gale Sayers at halftime of this "Monday Night Football" game played in a virtual monsoon.

Packers quarterback Brett Favre, who didn't complete a pass until the third quarter, nevertheless overcame the elements and the Bears, leading Green Bay to a 33-6 victory.

8. March 1, 2014 | NHL Stadium Series at Soldier Field: The wind swirled and so much snow fell it was hard to follow the game at times as the Hawks beat the Penguins at Soldier Field. And it was great.

"Probably the greatest setting you could want," Hawks coach Joel Quenneville said. "With how hard it was snowing it was like, 'Wow, these are amazing conditions.' Everybody went back to when they were kids."

7. Dec. 9, 1934 | 1934 NFL championship game: Necessity is the mother of invention and, unfortunately on the slick, iced-over Polo Grounds turf in New York, the Giants had more inventiveness than the previously unbeaten Bears.

Giants end Ray Flaherty observed sneakers would provide better traction than cleats, and someone immediately was dispatched at halftime to get basketball shoes for the home team.

The suddenly sure-footed Giants rallied with 27 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to take the title 30-13. It was the shoes.

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Weather has played a key role in many memorable games, including the Hawks at Soldier Field in 2014, the White Sox in Game 2 of the 2005 World Series and the Cubs' 2016 title.

6. Feb. 4, 2007 | Super Bowl XLI under water: A hard rain fell hard through the Bears' second Super Bowl appearance. The Bears fell, too, despite Devin Hester's touchdown return of the Colts' opening kickoff. Bears quarterback Rex Grossman couldn't keep up with Peyton Manning, who led the Colts to a 29-17 victory at Dolphin Stadium in Miami Gardens, Fla.

5. Oct. 23, 2005 | Game 2 of the World Series: A cold, nagging rain is embedded in the memory of this game at U.S. Cellular Field, not so much because it was extraordinarily bad weather for fall. It wasn't. But it was the backdrop for one of the most dramatic White Sox games ever.

Paul Konerko's two-out grand slam put the Sox ahead of the Astros 6-4 in the seventh. But Jose Vizcaino answered in the ninth with a two-run shot to tie it up.

That set up an unlikely walk-off home run in the bottom of the inning by Scott Podsednik that gave the Sox a 7-6 win and 2-0 Series lead en route to a four-game championship sweep.

4. June 27, 1975 | Lightning strikes at the Western Open: Before thunderstorms suspended second-round Western Open play, reigning PGA champion Lee Trevino and Jerry Heard were standing under umbrellas by the 13th green at Butler National in Oak Brook when lightning struck, knocking Trevino unconscious.

The two, along with Bobby Nichols, would be hospitalized. Trevino, who had burns on his back and would suffer from chronic back problems afterward, liked to joke that he should have taken out his 1-iron and pointed it to the heavens "because not even God can hit a 1-iron."

3. Dec. 18, 1932 | NFL playoff game at Chicago Stadium: The Bears and Portsmouth Spartans had to break a tie atop the standings. Snow and cold made Wrigley Field unplayable. So George Halas' team, led by Bronko Nagurski, opted for a Sunday night date indoors at Chicago Stadium.

Special rules including prohibitions against dropkicks and field goals were necessitated by the stadium's shortened field, but it worked out for the Bears, who won 9-0.

2. Dec. 31, 1988 | The Fog Bowl: Cold and warm air collided, resulting in a fog that enveloped a small part of the city for about three hours. But that area included Soldier Field, and the time overlapped with the Bears-Eagles playoff matchup, leading to one of the most interesting games practically no one saw all that well.

The fog arrived in the second quarter. Passing became an act of faith. Most in attendance could not see the field. Referee Jim Tunney announced the down and distance for each play.

The Eagles threatened late until quarterback Randall Cunningham, working from the Bears 16, was was picked off in the mist by Maurice Douglass, helping ensure the Bears' 20-12 victory.

1. Nov. 2, 2016 | World Series Game 7 rain delay: As if you don't remember: The score was 6-6 after nine innings in the seventh game of the 2016 World Series when umpires in Cleveland halted play because of rain.

All told, the break lasted just 17 minutes, but Cubs star Anthony Rizzo would call it "the best rain delay of all time."

Jason Heyward gave a pep talk for the ages, and his Cubs teammates answered the call with two runs in the top of the 10th. The Indians responded with a run but stranded the would-be tying run on base as the Cubs recorded the third out and their first World Series title since 1908.

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BEARS

'Bearman' 1 of 3 finalists for Hall

Bears superfan Don "Bearman" Wachter is one step closer to being the first fan inducted into the Ford Hall of Fans, a special section of the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Ford and the Hall of Fame announced Tuesday that Wachter, 56, of Plainfield, has been named a finalist, along with Steelers fan Rick Holman and Dolphins fan Roger Avila.

On Thursday, the three finalists head to Atlanta, where they will stay in the same hotel as Hall of Fame finalists Ed Reed, Tony Gonzalez and Champ Bailey. They also will attend Sunday's Super Bowl. But before the big game, the winner will get a knock on his hotel door from Pro Football Hall of Fame President and CEO David Baker on Friday morning and receive the good news.

Wachter said that if he is chosen, "I would feel overwhelmed. I would feel amazed. I feel so proud to represent Bear Nation. This is for them. This is for all the die-hard Bears fans."

Wachter, who last worked as an urban forester in La Grange, has been a season ticket holder at Soldier Field for 33 years, snagging his seats in Section 36, Row 14 before the 1985 season.

He wears navy-and-orange face paint, a real bear's head as a hat, a No. 46 Doug Plank jersey and fake fur on his arms and legs. Wachter carried the Bears flag as Bearman at Soldier Field from 1998 to 2001 and during the team's one season in Champaign (during Solder Field renovations) in 2002. He performed the duty in regular fan clothes in 2003 and '04.

Holman, 39, a high school history teacher from Beaver, Pa., has had Steelers season tickets for 18 years. According to Hall officials, Holman has attended every game at Heinz Field, including preseason and playoff games.

Avila, 56, of Miami, wears a helmet, face paint and an old-school No. 40 jersey. He goes by "Dolfan Maniac" and has held his seats for 24 years. Avila's a frequent cameo on Dolphins broadcasts.

"The spirit of the game lives in the hearts of fans everywhere who support their teams so passionately," Baker said in a statement. "We are pleased that Ford shares our desire to honor and pay tribute to these great fans."

Voters cast more than 170,000 ballots online to support Wachter, Holman and Avila, who were among six fans nominated by Hall of Fame players in December. Judges from Ford and the Hall of Fame also will help determine the winner.

At stake is a first-of-its kind enshrinement into a Hall of Fans museum at the Hall of Fame, though the nature of the display is still being determined. Visa sponsored a Hall of Fans in 1999, but it was a temporary exhibit that recognized a fan from each of the 31 teams.

Wachter was part of that group, too, but being chosen for this version — which the Hall would consider "induction," though not on par with the players — would be far more special to him, he said.

"It would also be a culmination of being Bearman for 22 years," he said. "This is the pinnacle award for being recognized as the ultimate fan. It's just a huge, huge honor I would be riding this for a long, long time.

"I haven't been married, I haven't had any kids. This is actually the biggest thing in my life in a way. I probably would even put it up there greater than ... getting a degree, a bachelor's degree (urban forestry) and master's degree (forest biology)."

Of course, Wachter has considered that one of his rivals could be selected.

"It's been an overwhelming response from Bears fans telling me (I'll win), but at the same time it's still an honor being one of the three finalists. Definitely, there would be disappointment that I didn't win this because I so much wanted to win this for Bear Nation."

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Ex-Kansas star Selden relishing his opportunity with Bulls

Bulls, *from* ***Page 1***

ing, six rebounds, three assists, one turnover.

Selden nailed a 3 with 1 minute, 7 seconds left, providing the Bulls' final points. Robin Lopez, Kris Dunn and Zach LaVine all missed down the stretch in the three-point loss to the NBA's worst team.

Selden was at it again Tuesday night, looking sharp in the early going. He took a full-court pass from Lauri Markkanen and patiently dribbled until he could find an open jumper, which he buried. He hit another mid-range jumper to start 2-for-2, and he finished with six points and four rebounds.

But the Bulls defense leaked in the second half of their 122-117 loss to the Nets.

Boylen, noting the Nets scored four quick points to open the third quarter, said: "I thought we started the half poorly. We gave them a little hope, a little light."

They fell to 11-40, falling for the 14th time in their last 15 games.

Markkanen grabbed a career-high 19 rebounds and scored 18 points, hitting 6 of 15 shots. LaVine (26 points) and Jabari Parker (22 points in 23 minutes) had solid offensive showings, but the Bulls' 3-point shooting (9-for-28, 32.1 percent) was a problem.

The 6-foot-5, 230-pound guard, meanwhile, showed his determination at one point by barreling through a screen, committing a foul.

Perhaps it's no surprise, then, that when asked what Kansas coach Bill Self taught him, the first word out of Selden's mouth was "toughness."

Selden improved his 3-point shooting in his three years at Kansas (from 32.8 percent to 36.5 to 39.2 percent) and made second-team All-Big 12 as a junior, but it was not enough to get drafted. His pro career started with the D-League's Iowa Energy.

"That lit a fire that still burns," Selden said of the draft snub. "I wish I would have (been taken), but I'm glad it happened. It made me more me, how I am today."

Selden is now a Bulls' starter — and he hopes his stint in Chicago is the start of something long term.

"For sure," he said. "I love it here. The energy. The city, the fans, my teammates, the coaching staff. It's been a great experience."

Reserving judgment: All-Star reserves will be revealed Thursday night during TNT's All-Star draft show. Those considered locks from the East include Ben Simmons, Bradley Beal, Blake Griffin and Nikola Vucevic.

Head coaches choose the seven reserves on each side, and Boylen mentioned the Nets' D'Angelo Russell as a possibility: "Russell has been a monster. I've had multiple people ask me about him being an All-Star. Everyone is trying to figure out how many All-Stars Milwaukee will have and then figure it out from there."

Asked whether LaVine deserves consideration, Boylen replied: "Yeah, he's one of the tougher (players to guard) in the league; he has been leading us in scoring and has been competing."

Markkanen on the rise: NBA assistant coaches have selected Markkanen to participate in the Rising Stars Challenge at All-Star Weekend. The second-year forward will play for Team World on Feb. 15 at the Spectrum Center in Charlotte, N.C.

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CUBS AND WHITE SOX

MIKE ZARRILLI/GETTY

South Side fans are hoping Manny Machado catches the sales pitch from the White Sox.

BASEBALL FREE AGENTS

The reel deals

Seven unsigned players have been linked to the Cubs or Sox

By Tim Bannon | Chicago Tribune

There's nothing like a deadline to get deals done. So with spring training less than two weeks away, look for unsigned free agents to cut deals soon.

Here are seven players the White Sox or Cubs have been rumored to be interested in.

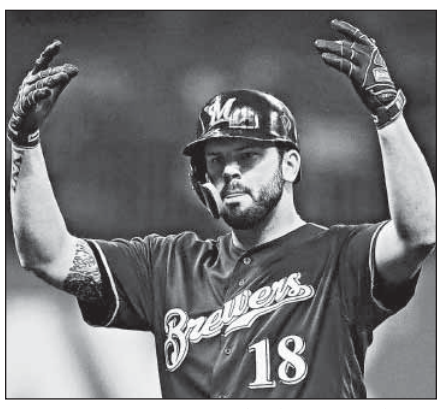
1. Manny Machado, shortstop/third baseman: The White Sox reportedly made an offer to the 26-year-old, who seeks an eight- to 10-year deal worth $300 million or more. Machado is a career .282 hitter with a .487 slugging percentage and an OPS of .822. He hit 37 homers and drove in 107 last year with Orioles and Dodgers. Asked at SoxFest if the Sox are prepared to outspend any other team to get someone like Machado or Bryce Harper, general manager Rick Hahn said: "Do we have no limits? No. Everyone has a limit on how far you're willing to go on something. You also have to keep in mind that there are at times, depending on the player, other elements besides simply economics. So if I stood up here and said, as (the Phillies) said, 'We're going to spend stupid money this offseason,' that doesn't guarantee you're going to get the guy." The Yankees, Phillies and Padres are also reportedly pursuing Machado.

2. Bryce Harper, outfielder: When asked earlier this month about the chances of Harper coming to the Cubs, manager Joe Maddon said: "Not happening." In 79 plate appearances at Wrigley Field, Harper has hit .333 with a 1.106 OPS. So never say never. The White Sox also have reportedly shown interest in Harper, although Machado is their primary target. The hot rumor is that Harper will announce Tuesday where he'll play in 2019, with the Phillies the favorite. Other teams in the hunt: Nationals, Dodgers, Cardinals.

3. Craig Kimbrel, right-handed reliever: The 6-foot, 210-pound closer has a 1.91 career ERA, and has averaged 65 appearances a season since 2011. He's reportedly looking for a six-year deal anywhere from $86 million to $100 million. The seven-time All-Star is 30. Other teams reportedly interested in Kimbrel are the Red Sox, Indians, Braves and Phillies.

4. Tony Sipp, left-handed reliever: The 35-year-old has 10 years of major-league experience and had a solid 2018 with the Astros, compiling a 1.86 ERA over 38.2 innings, with a 1.034 WHIP. He also only gave up one homer last season.

5. Marwin Gonzalez, infielder/outfielder: A valuable utility player who can play not only play the outfield corners but each infield position. All of his seven major-league seasons were with the Astros before he became a free agent. Over his career, the 29-year-old has hit .264, with an OBP of .318 and a .419 slugging percentage. He hit 16 homers and drove in 68 runs last year with Houston. His agent is Scott Boras. The Astros, Indians and Angels also are reportedly interested.



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Veteran first baseman Mike Moustakas is a .251 career hitter with 147 home runs.

6. Mike Moustakas, first baseman: The 30-year-old will be entering his ninth major-league season, 7½ of those with the Royals. He was traded to the Brewers last July. He's a career .251 hitter with 147 homers and 474 RBIs. Among the teams reportedly looking at him are the Phillies and White Sox, if they can't sign Machado. His agent: Scott Boras.

7. Drew Storen, right-handed reliever: Storen, 31, has pitched for the Nationals, Blue Jays, Mariners and Reds. Over his career, he has a 29-19 record, with a 3.45 ERA and a 1.195 WHIP. He saved 43 games with the Nationals in 2011 and has 99 career saves. He missed all of last season after Tommy John surgery. He reportedly worked out for the Cubs two weeks ago.

Other notable unsigned free agents

Clay Buchholz, right-handed starting pitcher. The 34-year-old had a 2.01 ERA and a 1.037 WHIP for the Diamondbacks in his 12th major-league season.

Gio Gonzalez, left-handed starting pitcher. The durable 33-year-old has made at least 31 starts in eight of his nine years in the majors. Last year he was 10-11 with a 4.21 ERA for the Nationals and Brewers.

Jose Iglesias, shortstop, third baseman. A solid fielder, the 29-year-old hit .269 for the Tigers last season with a .310 OBP. He also stole 15 bases.

Adam Jones, outfielder. A reliable veteran, he hit .281 with 15 homers and 63 RBIs or the Orioles in 2018.

Dallas Keuchel, left-handed starting pitcher. Keuchel won the Cy Young Award in 2015 with the Astros. He was 12-11 with a 3.74 ERA for Houston last year.

Wade Miley, left-handed starting pitcher. An eight-year veteran, he pitched 80⅔ innings for the Brewers last year with a 2.57 ERA and a 1.215 WHIP

Sources: Chicago Tribune, Baseball Reference, USA Today, mlbtraderumors.com, mlb.com, Washington Post, Sports Illustrated.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MARYLAND 70, NORTHWESTERN 52

Terps find right tonic, ice cold-shooting Cats

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Maryland's Jalen Smith tries to work around Northwestern's Dererk Pardon.

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Northwestern faced a tough task against a talented team that had lost two straight games, and the Wildcats came up well short Tuesday night in a Big Ten road game.

No. 21 Maryland emphatically ended its skid with a 70-52 rout. The Terrapins used their inside advantage, with Bruno Fernando's 22 points and 10 rebounds and Jalen Smith's 14 and nine leading the way.

Anthony Gaines scored 18 points and Dererk Pardon added 14 for the Wildcats (12-9, 3-7). Leading scorer Vic Law missed six of eight shots and finished with five points, 11 below his team-leading average.

Northwestern shot 31 percent from the floor and went 5-for-23 from 3-point range.

Maryland (17-5, 8-3) expanded an 11-point halftime lead to 53-30 with 10 minutes left and coasted to the finish. The victory followed double-digit defeats against Michigan State and Illinois that dropped Maryland eight notches in the AP Top 25.

It was the third straight double-double and 13th of the season for Fernando, a 6-foot-10 sophomore who helped Maryland finish with a 44-28 rebounding advantage.

After Law hit a jumper to open the second half and get the Wildcats to 33-24, Maryland followed with a 20-6 run to pull away. Fernando scored six points in the spree and Smith and Eric Ayala tallied five each.

The Terps took a 15-5 lead to start the game. Anthony Cowan Jr. got Maryland started with a four-point play, and Northwestern missed 12 straight field-goal attempts while the Terps went on an 11-1 run.

After the Wildcats closed to 19-15, Fernando contributed a dunk, layup and two free throws to a 10-0 spurt that put Maryland up by 14.

The Wildcats are in the midst of a stretch in which they're playing seven of 10 on the road. Northwestern is 9-3 at home and 1-5 away. The Wildcats host Penn State on Monday night.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL NOTES

Vols stay on roll, match school mark

Associated Press

Admiral Schofield had 20 of his 24 points in the second half to lead No. 1 Tennessee to its school record-tying 15th straight victory, 92-70 over South Carolina on Tuesday night in Columbia, S.C.

Grant Williams added 23 points for the Vols (19-1, 7-0 Southeastern Conference), who saw a double-digit lead cut to 60-58 with 13 minutes to play.

Jordan Bone then scored five straight points to start an 18-6 run over the next six minutes that helped Tennessee stay perfect in SEC play.

Tennessee matched its program-best winning streak, which began in January 1915 and lasted through February 1917.

It was Williams early on and Schofield late who kept the run of success going as the Gamecocks (10-10, 5-2) tried to rally in the second half.

Williams scored 17 points in the opening period to move Tennessee out front by as many as 12 points. Schofield, 1 of 4 shooting the first 20 minutes, found his touch after the break in scoring nine of his team's first 13 points to keep the Vols in the lead.

Chris Silva had 28 points — only six the second half — and 10 rebounds for South Carolina, which fell to 1-13 all time against No. 1 opponents.

Longhorns lock it down: Dylan Osetkowksi scored 16 points and host Texas used stifling defense to snap a 10-game losing streak to No. 11 Kansas with a 73-63 win.

Jase Febres made three 3-pointers late in the second half as Texas fought off a late rally that saw the Jayhawks get within three points at 48-45.

Febres then made two 3s two minutes apart for the cushion Texas needed. He made another with 1:22 left that put Texas up 63-56.

Texas hadn't beaten the Jayhawks since 2014.

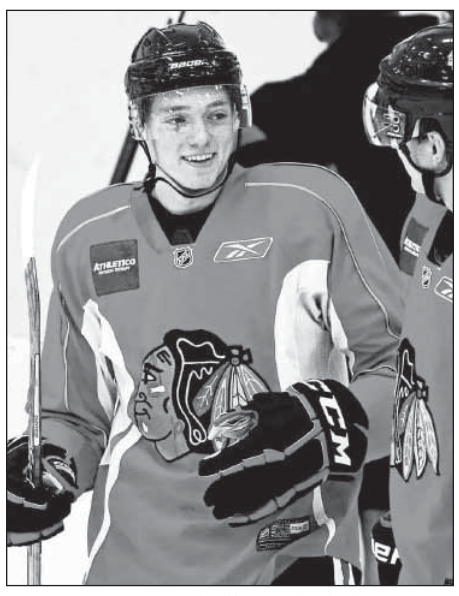
Texas held Kansas' leading scorer Dedric Lawson without a point in the first half, and the Jayhawks to their fewest points in a half this season.

Back in the Big 12, Texas (12-9, 4-4) got a much-needed win that also knocked the Jayhawks (16-5, 5-3) out of first place.

BLACKHAWKS

Mitchell has NHL, NCAA championship on his mind

By Jimmy Greenfield
Chicago Tribune



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Before reaching the NHL, Ian Mitchell must bulk up his 5-foot-11, 175-pound frame.

Blackhawks prospect Ian Mitchell isn't afraid to admit the NHL is on his mind even while he's pursuing an NCAA championship at the University of Denver.

"At times I find myself thinking about it because growing up my dream has always been to play in the NHL," Mitchell said. The idea that the opportunity could be right around the corner "is exciting for me."

It's too soon to know if Mitchell will turn pro after his college season ends in a couple of months, but what's clear is the Hawks' 2017 second-round pick is having another standout season for the Pioneers, a surprising contender to reach the Frozen Four.

"Going into the year there really weren't a whole lot of outside expectations about our team," Mitchell said. "Everyone thought we were going to be too young and not skilled enough to be a top-end college hockey team. But so far we've proved people wrong and we're definitely hoping to continue that down the stretch."

Mitchell's season was interrupted to play for Team Canada in the World Juniors, which ended without a medal. As disappointing as that outcome was, there was no time to stew over what went wrong. Not when Mitchell, 20, had the third-ranked Pioneers to return to.

Mitchell, a sophomore defenseman, had to deal with the Pioneers undergoing a head coaching change. After Jim Montomery left for the NHL to coach the Stars, the school hired 28-year-old David Carle, who is the NCAA's youngest active hockey coach. He named Mitchell an alternate captain to the start the season.

At 5-foot-11, 175 pounds, Mitchell will need to bulk up a bit before reaching the NHL, but no matter how big he gets, size ultimately won't be what will allow him to reach the NHL.

"My biggest my asset is probably the way I think (about) the game and my skating ability," Mitchell said. "Those are the two things that have always allowed me to be a successful player and I think that kind of carries on this year at Denver. Those two things have allowed me to have success.

"Things I'm continuing to work on are defensive play and playing against bigger and stronger players. (That) is something I need to get better at if I want to play for the Blackhawks in a short period of time here."

It's not uncommon for a college player to sign a pro contract after his season ends then get in a few NHL games at the end of the season. Whether that's in the cards for Mitchell remains to be seen.

"I want to play for the Blackhawks as soon as I can," Mitchell said. "It's definitely something in the forefront of my mind. At the end of the season it will be a decision for me and my family if (the Hawks) are going to offer me a contract, and then what my decision is going to be. I think I'm in a great spot."

UP NEXT
Blackhawks at Sabres
6 p.m. Friday, NBCSCH

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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Bulls	@MIA 6:30 NBCSCH, AM-670			@CHA 6 WGN-9, AM-670			
Blackhawks			@BUF 6 NBCSCH, AM-720	@MIN 7 NBC-5, AM-720			@EDM 8 WGN-9, AM-720

WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA		
6:30 p.m.	Bulls at Heat	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670
7 p.m.	Pacers at Wizards	ESPN
9:30 p.m.	Jazz at Trail Blazers	ESPN
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
5:30 p.m.	Marquette at Butler	FS1
6 p.m.	Northern Iowa at Loyola	NBCSCH+
6 p.m.	Indiana at Rutgers	BTN
6 p.m.	Virginia Tech at Miami	ESPN2
6 p.m.	West Virginia at Iowa State	ESPNU
7 p.m.	Villanova at DePaul	CBSSN, WIND-AM 560
7 p.m.	Syracuse at Boston College	WCIU-26.2
7:30 p.m.	St. John's at Creighton	FS1
8 p.m.	Illinois at Minnesota	BTN, WSCR-AM 670
8 p.m.	Indiana State at Southern Illinois	NBCSCH+
8 p.m.	LSU at Texas A&M	ESPN2
8 p.m.	SMU at Wichita State	ESPNU
10 p.m.	USC at Washington	FS1
GOLF		
2 a.m. (Thu.)	Saudi International	Golf Channel
5:30 a.m. (Thu.)	Saudi International	Golf Channel
NHL		
7 p.m.	Lightning at Penguins	NBCSN
PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER		
1:40 p.m.	Bournemouth vs. Chelsea	NBCSN
TENNIS		
4 a.m. (Thu.)	WTA St. Petersburg	Tennis Channel
5 a.m. (Thu.)	WTA St. Petersburg	Tennis Channel

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW THE MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED TUESDAY

1. Tennessee (19-1) beat South Carolina 92-70. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.
2. Duke (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Saturday.
3. Virginia (19-1) beat No. 23 N.C. State 66-65, OT. Next: vs. Miami, Saturday.
4. Gonzaga (19-2) did not play. Next: at BYU, Thursday.
5. Michigan (20-1) beat Ohio State 65-49. Next: at Iowa, Friday.
6. Michigan State (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Saturday.
7. Kentucky (17-3) beat Vanderbilt 87-52. Next: at Florida, Saturday.
8. Nevada (19-1) at UNLV. Next: vs. Boise State, Saturday.
9. North Carolina (16-4) beat Georgia Tech 77-54. Next: at No. 15 Louisville, Saturday.
10. Marquette (18-3) did not play. Next: at Butler, Wednesday.
11. Kansas (16-5) lost to Texas 73-63. Next: vs. No. 16 Texas Tech, Saturday.
12. Virginia Tech (16-3) did not play. Next: at Miami, Wednesday.
13. Houston (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Thursday.
14. Villanova (16-4) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Wednesday.
15. Louisville (15-5) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Wednesday.
16. Texas Tech (17-4) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Kansas, Saturday.
17. Purdue (14-6) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Thursday.
18. Buffalo (19-2) beat Ball State 83-59. Next: at Bowling Green, Friday.
19. LSU (16-3) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Wednesday.
20. Iowa State (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Wednesday.
21. Maryland (17-5) beat Northwestern 70-52. Next: at No. 24 Wisconsin, Friday.
22. Mississippi State (15-5) lost to Alabama 83-79. Next: at Mississippi, Saturday.
23. N.C. State (16-5) lost to No. 3 Virginia 66-65, OT. Next: vs. No. 12 Virginia Tech, Saturday.
24. Wisconsin (15-6) beat Nebraska 62-51. Next: vs. No. 21 Maryland, Friday.
25. Florida State (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday.

HOW THE WOMEN"S AP TOP 25 FARED TUESDAY

1. Baylor (17-1) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
2. UConn (18-1) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Louisville, Thursday.
3. Louisville (19-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 UConn, Thursday.
4. Oregon (19-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Utah, Friday.
5. Notre Dame (19-2) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Thursday.
6. Mississippi State (19-1) did not play. Next: at LSU, Thursday.
7. N.C. State (20-0) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday.
8. Stanford (17-2) did not play. Next: at California, Thursday.
9. Oregon State (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Friday.
10. Marquette (18-3) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Sunday.
11. Maryland (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Thursday.
12. Texas (17-4) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.
13. Iowa (16-4) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Thursday.
14. Utah (18-1) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Oregon, Friday.
15. Gonzaga (19-2) did not play. Next: at Pacific, Thursday.
16. South Carolina (14-5) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Kentucky, Thursday.
17. Rutgers (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Thursday.
18. Syracuse (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday.
19. Kentucky (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 South Carolina, Thursday.
20. Texas A&M (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thursday.
21. Arizona State (14-6) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
22. Michigan State (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Thursday.
23. Iowa State (16-5) beat Texas Tech 105-66. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
24. Florida State (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Thursday.
25. BYU (17-3) did not play. Next: at Loyola Marymount, Thursday.

MEN

Tuesday
EAST
Buffalo 83, Ball St. 59
SOUTH
Lipscomb 79, Liberty 59
Maryland 70, Northwestern 52
N. Carolina 77, Georgia Tech 54
Tennessee 92, S. Carolina 70
Virginia 66, NC St. 65, OT
MIDWEST
Cent. Michigan 86, E. Michigan 82
Dayton 75, Saint Joseph's 64
N. Illinois 71, Ohio 60
Toledo 66, Miami (Ohio) 63
Wisconsin 62, Nebraska 51
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 70, Georgia 60
Texas 73, Kansas 63

Wednesday
MIDWEST
Marquette at Butler, 5:30
S. Dakota at Purdue Fort Wayne, 6
W. Virginia at Iowa St., 6
Bradley at Evansville, 6
Richmond at Saint Louis, 6
N. Iowa at Loyola of Chicago, 6
Illinois St. at Drake, 7
Villanova at DePaul, 7
St. John's at Creighton, 7:30
Illinois at Minnesota, 8
SMU at Wichita St., 8
Indiana St. at S. Illinois, 8
EAST
Holy Cross at Boston U., 6
Navy at Bucknell, 6
Florida Gulf Coast at NJIT, 6
Maine at Mass.-Lowell, 6
Binghamton at Hartford, 6
Canisius at Niagara, 6
Albany (NY) at New Hampshire, 6

WOMEN

Tuesday
EAST
Fairfield 59, Siena 55
Florida Gulf Coast 67, NJIT 35
SOUTH
Campbell 66, Longwood 60
Gardner-Webb 75, Charleston S. 65
Hampton 67, SC-Upstate 43
High Point 56, Winthrop 54
Liberty 77, Lipscomb 60
N. Florida 71, Kennesaw St. 60

USA TODAY WOMEN'S TOP 25

RK, TEAM	W-L	PTS	LW
1. Baylor (19)	17-1	779	3
2. UConn (11)	18-1	774	2
3. Louisville	19-1	721	4
4. Oregon (1)	19-1	692	5
5. Notre Dame (1)	19-2	685	1
6. Mississippi State	19-1	652	6
7. N.C. State	20-0	619	8
8. Stanford	17-2	546	7
9. Marquette	18-3	542	9
10. Maryland	18-2	512	10
11. Oregon State	17-3	493	11
12. Iowa	16-4	422	15
13. Gonzaga	19-2	350	17
14. Texas	17-4	326	13
15. Kentucky	17-4	297	12
16. Syracuse	16-4	285	14
17. Utah	18-1	255	24
18. South Carolina	14-5	254	20
19. Rutgers	16-4	219	18
20. Arizona State	14-6	202	16
21. Florida State	17-3	174	19
22. Michigan State	15-5	165	21
23. Miami	18-4	130	23
24. Texas A&M	16-4	105	25
25. Iowa State	15-5	98	22

Others: Drake 35, New Mexico 13, South Dakota 13, California 12, DePaul 10, UCF 5, BYU 4, Missouri 4, Troy 4, Arkansas 2, West Virginia 1.

Stetson 69, Jacksonville 56
Texas-Arlington 76, Louisiana-Lafayette 61
UNC-Asheville 52, Presbyterian 43
MIDWEST
Iowa St. 105, Texas Tech 66
Wichita St. 57, E. Carolina 47
SOUTHWEST
Temple 75, Tulsa 61

Wednesday
MIDWEST
Miami (Ohio) at Ohio, 6
W. Michigan at N. Illinois, 6
Cent. Michigan at Bowling Green, 6
Waldorf at N. Dakota St., 6
TCU at Kansas St., 6:30
Peru St. at Nebraska-Omaha, 7
Oklahoma at Kansas, 7

NFL

SUPER BOWL LIII | Sunday at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta
New England (13-5) vs. L.A. Rams (15-3), 5:30 (CBS-2)

SUPER BOWL POINTSPREAD RECAP

SB	YEAR	LOCATION	MATCHUP	LINE (TOTAL)	SCORE	ATS
LIII	2019	Atlanta	NE vs. LAR	TBD	-	-
LII	2018	Minneapolis,	Phi vs NE	NE -4 (49)	Phi 41-33	U-O
LI	2017	Houston	Atl vs. NE	NE -3 (57)	NE 34-28-x	F-O
L	2016	Santa Clara	Car vs. Den	Car -5 (43.5)	Den 24-10	U-Un
XLIX	2015	Glendale	Sea vs. NE	Pk (47.5)	NE 28-24	O
XLVIII	2014	E Rutherford	Sea vs. Den	Den -2.5 (47.5)	Sea 43-8	U-O
XLVII	2013	New Orleans	SF vs. Bal	SF -4.5 (48)	Bal 34-31	U-O
XLVI	2012	Indianapolis	NYG vs. NE	NE -2.5 (53)	NYG 21-17	U-Un
XLV	2011	Arlington, TX	GB vs. Pit	GB -3 (45)	GB 31-25	F-O
XLIV	2010	Miami	NO vs. Ind	Ind -5 (57)	NO 31-17	U-Un
XLIII	2009	Tampa	Pit vs. Ari	Pit -7 (46)	Pit 27 Ari 23	U-O
XLII	2008	Glendale	NYG vs. NE	NE -12 (55)	NYG 17-14	U-Un
XLI	2007	Miami	Ind vs. Chi	Ind -7 (47)	Ind 29-17	F-Un
XL	2006	Detroit	Pit vs. Sea	Pit -4 (47)	Pit 21-10	F-Un
XXXIX	2005	Jacksonville	NE vs. Phi	NE -7 (46.5)	NE 24-21	U-Un
XXXVIII	2004	Houston	NE vs. Car	NE -7 (37.5)	NE 32-29	U-O
XXXVII	2003	San Diego,	TB vs. Oak	Oak -4 (44)	TB 48-21	U-O
XXXVI	2002	New Orleans	NE vs. StL	StL -14 (53)	NE 20-17	U-Un
XXXV	2001	Tampa,	Bal vs. NYG	Bal -3 (33)	Bal 34-7	F-O
XXXIV	2000	Atlanta	St.L vs. Ten	StL -7 (45)	StL 23-16	P-Un
XXXIII	1999	Miami	Den vs. Atl	Den -7.5 (52.5)	Den 34-19	F-O
XXXII	1998	San Diego	Den vs. GB	GB-11 (49)	Den 31-24	U-O
XXXI	1997	New Orleans	GB vs. NE	GB-14 (49)	GB35-21	P-O
XXX	1996	Tempe	Dal vs. Pit	Dal -13.5 (51)	Dal 27-17	U-Un
XXIX	1995	Miami	SF vs. SD	SF -18.5 (53.5)	SF 49-26	F-O
XXVIII	1994	Atlanta	Dal vs. Buf	Dal -10.5 (50.5)	Dal 30-13	F-Un
XXVII	1993	Pasadena	Dal vs. Buf	Dal -6.5 (44.5)	Dal 52-17	F-O
XXVI	1992	Minneapolis	Was vs. Buf	Was -7 (49)	Was 37-24	F-O
XXV	1991	Tampa	NYG vs. Buf	Buf -7 (40.5)	NYG 20-19	U-Un
XXIV	1990	New Orleans	SF vs. Den	SF -12 (48)	SF 55-10	F-O
XXIII	1989	Miami	SF vs. Cin	SF -7 (48)	SF 20 -16	U-Un
XXII	1988	San Diego	Was vs. Den	Den -3 (47)	Was 42-10	U-O
XXI	1987	Pasadena	NYG vs. Den	NYG -9.5 (40)	NYG 39-20	F-O
XX	1986	New Orleans	Chi vs. NE	Chi -10 (37.5)	Chi 46-10	F-O
XIX	1985	Stanford	SF vs. Mia	SF -3.5 (53.5)	SF 38-16	F-O
XVIII	1984	Tampa	Raiders vs. Was	Was -3 (48)	L.A. 38-9	U-Un
XVII	1983	Pasadena	Was vs. Mia	Mia -3 (36.5)	Was 27-17	U-O
XVI	1982	Pontiac	SF vs. Cin	SF -1 (48)	SF 26-21	F-Un
XV	1981	New Orleans	Oak vs. Phi	Phi -3 (37.5)	Oak 27-10	U-Un
XIV	1980	Pasadena	Pit vs. LAR	Pit -10.5 (36)	Pit 31-19	F-O
XIII	1979	Miami	Pit vs. Dal	Pit -3.5 (37)	Pit 35-31	F-O
XII	1978	New Orleans	Dal vs. Den	Dal -6 (39)	Dal 27-10	F-Un
XI	1977	Pasadena	Oak vs. Min	Oak -4 (38)	Oak 34-14	F-O
X	1976	Miami	Pit vs. Dal	Pit -7 (36)	Pit 21-17	U-O
IX	1975	New OrleansA	Pit vs. Min	Pit -3 (33)	Pit 16-6	F-Un
VIII	1974	Houston	Mia vs. Min	Mia-6.5 (33)	Mia 24- 7	F-Un
VII	1973	Los Angeles	Mia vs. Was	Mia -1 (33)	Miami 14- 7	F-Un
VI	1972	New Orleans	Dal vs. Mia	Dal -6 (34)	Dal 24-3	F-Un
V	1971	Miami	Bal vs. Dal	Bal -2.5 (36)	Bal 16- 13	F-Un
IV	1970	New Orleans	KC vs. Min	Min -12 (39)	KC 23-7	U-Un
III	1969	Miami, FL	NYJ vs. Bal	Bal -18 (40)	NYJ 16-7	U-Un
II	1968	Miami	GB vs. Oak	GB -13.5 (43)	GB 33-14	F-O
I	1967	Los Angeles	GB vs. KC	GB -14 (N/A)	GB 35-10	F

x-Otime; F-Favorite; U-Underdog; O-Over; Un-Under; P-Push

LATEST LINE

NBA

pregame.com		WEDNESDAY
at Miami	10½	**Bulls**
Dallas	6	at New York
at Boston	Off	Charlotte
at Minnesota	Off	Memphis
Denver	8	at New Orleans
at Washington	Pk	Indiana
at Sacramento	5½	Atlanta
at Portland	1	Utah

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

		WEDNESDAY
at Florida	6½	Mississippi
at Butler	2	Marquette
at George Wash.	3½	Fordham
at Loyola Of Chi	10½	N. Iowa
at Evansville	4½	Bradley
Rhode Island	2½	at Duquesne
UMass	1	at LA Salle
at Saint Louis	8½	Richmond
Indiana	1½	at Rutgers
Virginia Tech	7	at Miami
at Iowa St	13½	W. Virginia
at Seton Hall	4½	Providence
UAB	4½	at Mid. Tenn.
Louisville	9½	at Wake Forest
at Tulsa	1	Memphis
at Drake	6½	Illinois St
Syracuse	3½	at Boston Coll.
Villanova	5½	at Depaul
at Creighton	4½	St. John's
at Auburn	14½	Missouri
at Minnesota	7	Illinois
at S. Illinois	6	Indiana St
LSU	6	at Texas A&M
at Wichita St	2½	SMU
at Utah St	26½	San Jose St
Fresno St	12	at Wyoming
at San Diego St	9½	Air Force
UCLA	6	at Wash. St
at Cal St.-Full.	8	CS Northridge
at Washington	8	USC

NHL

			WEDNESDAY
Tampa Bay	-110	at Pittsburgh	+100
at Dallas	-160	Buffalo	+150

NFL

SUPER BOWL		SUNDAY
New England	2½	LA Rams

WHO WILL THE SUPER BOWL MVP THANK FIRST?

Teammates	8/5
God	7/4
Does not Thank Anyone or Mention Any on List	4/1
Family	9/2
Coach	6/1
Owner	8/1
Fans/City	8/1
Referees	50/1

SUPER BOWL LIII MVP

Tom Brady	1/1
Jared Goff	5/2
Todd Gurley	8/1
Sony Michel	15/1
Aaron Donald	18/1
CJ Anderson	20/1
James White	25/1
Julian Edelman	25/1
Rob Gronkowski	35/1
Brandin Cooks	40/1
Robert Woods	40/1
Stephen Gostkowski	60/1
Greg Zuerlein	85/1
Rex Burkhead	85/1
Aqib Talib	100/1
Chris Hogan	100/1
Cory Littleton	100/1
Dante Fowler Jr	100/1
Josh Reynolds	100/1
Kyle Van Noy	100/1
Marcus Peters	100/1
Trey Flowers	100/1
Ndamukong Suh	125/1
Cordarelle Patterson	150/1
Donta Hightower	150/1
Gerald Everett	150/1
John Johnson	150/1
Michael Brookers	150/1
Stephon Gilmore	150/1
Devin McCourty	250/1
Elandon Roberts	250/1
Lamarcus Joyner	250/1
Mark Barron	250/1
Patrick Chung	250/1
Phillip Dorsett	250/1
Tyler Higbee	250/1
James Develin	500/1
Matthew Slater	500/1

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AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
G. Rapids	25	14	3	4	57	137	133
Iowa	24	14	4	3	55	152	128
WOLVES	24	14	5	1	54	156	129
Milwaukee	22	17	6	1	51	126	126
Texas	22	17	3	2	49	149	137
San Antonio	22	21	2	0	46	120	130
Rockford	19	19	3	5	46	105	130
Manitoba	19	19	3	2	43	110	135

2 pts for a win, 1 pt for OT/shootout loss.
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
Grand Rapids at Texas, 7
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Wolves at Rockford, 7
Laval at Toronto, 6
Lehigh Valley at Bridgeport, 6
Providence at Charlotte, 6
Utica at Syracuse, 6
Cleveland at WB/Scranton, 6:05
Hartford at Springfield, 6:05
Rochester at Binghamton, 6:05
Manitoba at Milwaukee, 7
Grand Rapids at San Antonio, 7:30
Colorado at Tucson, 8:05
Iowa at Bakersfield, 9
Ontario at San Diego, 9
San Jose at Stockton, 9

NBA G LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Fort Wayne	15	14	.517	—
WINDY CITY	15	16	.484	1
Grand Rapids	13	17	.433	2½
Canton	12	18	.400	3½
Wisconsin	8	22	.267	7½

TUESDAY'S RESUTS
Delaware 108, Grand Rapids 100
Northern Arizona 94, Stockton 90

SOCCER

U.S. MEN
Saturday: Costa Rica in San Jose, Cal., 3
Tue, March 26: Chile in Houston, 7
a-Tue, June 18: TBA in St. Paul, Minn.
a-Sat, June 22: TBA in Cleveland
a-Wed, June 26: TBA in Kansas City, Kan.
a-CONCACAF Gold Cup

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	W	T	L	GF	GA	PTS
Liverpool	19	3	1	54	13	60
Man City	18	2	3	62	17	56
Tottenham	17	0	6	48	23	51
Chelsea	14	5	4	40	19	47
Arsenal	13	5	5	48	32	44
Man United	13	5	5	46	33	44
Watford	9	6	8	32	32	33
Wolverhampton	9	5	9	27	31	32
Leicester	9	4	10	29	29	31
West Ham	9	4	10	30	34	31
Everton	8	6	9	34	33	30
Bournemouth	9	3	11	33	42	30
Brighton	7	5	11	25	32	26
Crystal Palace	6	4	13	23	32	22
Southampton	5	7	11	25	40	22
Burnley	6	4	13	23	43	22
Newcastle	5	6	12	19	31	21
Cardiff	5	4	14	19	44	19
Fulham	3	5	15	21	51	14
Huddersfield	2	5	16	13	40	11

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Arsenal vs. Cardiff, late
Wolverhampton vs. West Ham, late
Fulham vs. Brighton, late
Huddersfield vs. Everton, late
Man United vs. Burnley, late
Newcastle vs. Man City, late
WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Southampton vs. Crystal Palace, 1:45
Bournemouth vs. Chelsea, 1:45
Tottenham vs. Watford, 2
Liverpool vs. Leicester, 2

TENNIS

WTA ST. PETERSBURG LADIES TROPHY
R1 at Sibur Arena
St. Petersburg, Russia; hard-indoor
#5 Julia Goerges d. Maria Sakkari, 6-2, 7-5.
#6 Jelena Ostapenko d. Kristina Mladenovic, 6-1, 0-6, 6-0.
#8 Donna Vekic d. Timea Bacsinszky, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.
Veronika Kudermetova d. Olga Danilovic, 6-2, 6-1.
Tereza Martincova d. Yulia Putintseva, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Ysaline Bonaventure d. Katerina Siniakova, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Victoria Azarenka d. Margarita Gasparyan, 6-4, 6-1.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova d. Alize Cornet, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

WTA TOYOTA THAILAND OPEN
R1 at True Arena Hua Hin
Hua Hin, Thailand; hard-indoor
#1 Garbine Muguruza d. Sabine Lisicki, 6-3, 6-4.
Jennifer Brady d. #2 Caroline Garcia, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
#4 Zheng Saisai d. Mandy Minella, 6-7 (8), 6-4, 6-4.
#5 Zhang Shuai d. Luksika Kumkhum, 6-2, 6-1.
Duan Yingying d. #7 Pauline Parmentier, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Viktorija Golubic d. Sara Sorribes Tormo, 6-2, 6-4.
Tamara Zidansek d. Timea Babos, 6-0, 3-1 retired.
Wang Yafan d. Anna Blinkova, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Toronto	37	15	.712	—	7-3	W-1	21-4	16-11	22-9
Philadelphia*	32	18	.640	4	6-4	L-1	21-5	11-13	20-13
Boston	31	19	.620	5	6-4	W-1	20-6	11-13	22-10
Brooklyn	28	24	.538	9	8-2	W-1	16-11	12-13	20-13
New York	10	39	.204	25½	0-10	L-10	4-17	6-22	6-28
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Miami	24	24	.500	—	5-5	W-2	11-13	13-11	14-17
Charlotte	24	25	.490	½	5-5	W-1	17-8	7-17	18-14
Washington	21	29	.420	4	5-5	L-2	15-9	6-20	14-18
Orlando	20	31	.392	5½	3-7	L-4	12-15	8-16	14-15
Atlanta	16	33	.327	8½	4-6	W-1	8-13	8-20	11-23
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Milwaukee	36	13	.735	—	8-2	W-1	22-4	14-9	24-7
Indiana	32	17	.653	4	6-4	L-2	18-7	14-10	24-8
Detroit	21	28	.429	15	4-6	L-2	13-12	8-16	14-18
Chicago	11	40	.216	26	1-9	L-4	5-20	6-20	8-22
Cleveland	11	41	.212	26½	3-7	W-2	6-19	5-22	9-25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Houston	29	21	.580	—	6-4	L-1	19-8	10-13	17-13
San Antonio	30	22	.577	—	6-4	W-3	20-7	10-15	22-15
New Orleans	23	28	.451	6½	4-6	W-1	15-8	8-20	14-18
Dallas	22	27	.449	6½	4-6	L-1	18-7	4-20	13-19
Memphis	20	31	.392	9½	1-9	L-1	12-14	8-17	13-18
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Denver	34	15	.694	—	7-3	W-3	22-4	12-11	20-10
Oklahoma City	32	18	.640	2½	7-3	W-6	17-7	15-11	18-14
Portland	31	20	.608	4	7-3	W-2	21-7	10-13	17-17
Utah	29	22	.569	6	9-1	W-3	15-9	14-13	17-13
Minnesota	24	26	.480	10½	5-5	L-2	16-9	8-17	14-19
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Golden State	36	14	.720	—	10-0	W-11	18-6	18-8	21-10
L.A. Clippers	28	23	.549	8½	4-6	L-1	15-11	13-12	19-16
L.A. Lakers*	26	24	.520	10	5-5	W-1	16-11	10-13	18-17
Sacramento	25	25	.500	11	5-5	L-1	14-10	11-15	14-19
Phoenix	11	42	.208	26½	1-9	L-9	7-19	4-23	7-26

**-late game not included*

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Brooklyn 122, **Bulls** 117
Milwaukee 115, Detroit 105
Oklahoma City 126, Orlando 117
Cleveland 116, Washington 113
New Orleans 121, Houston 116
San Antonio 126, Phoenix 124
Phila. at L.A. Lakers, late
WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Bulls at Miami, 6:30
Charlotte at Boston, 6:30
Dallas at New York, 6:30
Denver at New Orleans, 7
Indiana at Washington, 7
Memphis at Minnesota, 7
Atlanta at Sacramento, 9
Utah at Portland, 9:30
MONDAY'S RESULTS
Golden State 132, Indiana 100
Charlotte 101, New York 92
Boston 112, Brooklyn 104
Denver 95, Memphis 92
Atlanta 123, L.A. Clippers 118
CALENDAR
Feb. 7: Trade deadline, 3 p.m. EST.
Feb. 16: 3-point, slam dunk contests, Charlotte, N.C.

LEADERS

JANUARY POINTS/GAME

James Harden	HOU	44.1
Anthony Davis	NO	32.6
Kawhi Leonard	TOR	31.8
Blake Griffin	DET	31.0
Stephen Curry	GS	30.5
Joel Embiid	PHI	29.5
Paul George	OKC	29.0
Donovan Mitchell	Utah	28.1
Bradley Beal	WSH	27.6
G Antetokounmpo	MIL	26.7
Karl-An. Towns	MIN	25.8
Kyrie Irving	BOS	25.7
Nikola Jokic	DEN	25.4
Kevin Durant	GS	25.0
Damian Lillard	POR	24.6
LaMarcus Aldridge	SA	24.2
Klay Thompson	GS	23.9
D'Angelo Russell	BKN	23.2
Russell Westbrook	OKC	23.1

NETS 122, BULLS 117

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Markkanen	30:32	6-15	3-4	0-19	1	1	18
Selden	28:26	3-7	0-0	0-4	2	3	6
Lopez	19:31	1-7	2-4	0-2	0	1	4
Dunn	31:13	6-10	1-1	0-3	0	4	15
LaVine	35:32	11-20	3-4	1-4	5	2	26
Harrison	25:17	3-5	0-0	0-2	2	4	8
Portis	23:31	5-8	2-2	1-5	1	5	12
Parker	22:45	10-15	1-2	2-9	3	5	22
Arcidiacono	16:26	1-5	2-2	0-0	3	3	4
Blakeney	6:45	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	1	2
TOTALS		**47-94**	**14-19**	**5-50**	**17**	**29**	**117**

Pcts: FG .500, FT .737. **3-pointers:** 9-28, .321 (Markkanen 3-7, Dunn 2-3, Harrison 2-4, Parker 1-3, LaVine 1-4, Lopez 0-1, Portis 0-1, Selden 0-2, Arcidiacono 0-3). **Team rebs:** 11. **Team turnovers:** 17 (20 PTS). **Blocks:** 8 (Dunn 2, Harrison 2, Parker 2, Blakeney, Markkanen). **Turnovers:** 17 (Dunn 6, LaVine 3, Selden 3, Arcidiacono 2, Harrison 2, Parker). **Steals:** 6 (LaVine 2, Parker 2, Harrison, Portis). **Technical fouls:** coach Jim Boylen, 6:17 fourth.

BROOKLYN	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Graham	28:59	1-6	1-2	0-3	3	4	3
Kurucs	24:49	2-11	2-2	3-6	0	4	6
Allen	29:09	2-4	3-4	0-8	3	1	7
Harris	32:28	5-11	5-5	0-5	3	2	17
Russell	35:34	10-22	8-10	1-4	7	1	30
Carroll	26:20	4-9	3-5	2-3	1	3	11
Napier	25:09	8-17	3-6	0-3	4	1	24
Hollis-Jefferson	21:14	7-10	3-6	0-4	2	2	18
Davis	16:17	3-4	0-0	1-7	2	3	6
TOTALS		**42-94**	**28-40**	**7-43**	**25**	**21**	**122**

Pcts: FG .447, FT .700.

SUPER BOWL LIII PATRIOTS VS. RAMS, 5:30 P.M. SUNDAY, CBS-2

Kromer finds way to the top

Biggs, *from* ***Page 1***

sign of just how dysfunctional things had become off the field for a team that was getting blown out on the field. It was an embarrassing moment for a veteran coach who came to the Bears from the Saints with his sights set on it perhaps being a stepping-stone to a head coaching job.

"When you're secure within yourself and you know the things that you can bring to a team ... I think you grow as a person," Kromer said Monday night at State Farm Arena. "People make mistakes and you grow. Everybody, as long as they have an open mind, can learn to grow through situations like that. Everybody makes mistakes and if you can just keep going, just keep working and learn and try not to do those things twice, I think you can have success in life."

The road to redemption is a well-traveled one for men on Trestman's staff. Nearly all have experienced success, climbed in the profession or both. Defensive coordinator Mel Tucker was named head coach at Colorado last month. Special teams coordinator Joe DeCamillis won a Super Bowl ring the next year in Denver along with linebackers coach Reggie Herring.

Wide receivers coach Mike Groh won a ring last year with the Eagles and is now the offensive coordinator in Philadelphia. Defensive line coach Paul Pasqualoni is the Lions defensive coordinator. Assistant defensive line coach Clint Hurtt is now a position coach in Seattle with the title of assistant head coach. Quarterbacks coach Matt Cavanaugh is the Redskins offensive coordinator. Offensive line coach Pat Meyer has the same role with the Chargers. Secondary coach Jon Hoke was just named the defensive coordinator at Maryland. Joining Kromer with the Rams is running backs coach Skip Peete.

"There were a lot of good coaches in that building," Kromer said. "That goes to show that everything has to work together. It's like an offense where 10 out of 11 guys do the right thing. You have to be able to put the whole thing together and sometimes you have great talent on your offense and you can't put it all together. Sometimes you have great people in the office but can't put it all together. That's the genius of success in the NFL."

In the end, you can't say Kromer's take on Cutler was wrong. But those decisions were above his pay grade, and it serves as a cautionary tale.

After Kromer was fired as part of Rex Ryan's staff with the Bills, his ties to assistants who worked with McVay in Washington created a path to Los Angeles. Kromer respects Bears general manager Ryan Pace from their time together in New Orleans, where they were part of the Super Bowl XLIV championship.

"He found some linemen that I didn't know about, like Brian de la Puente, and some other guys and he did a great job of evaluating talent," Kromer said. "Ryan is an honest, smart, straightforward person that I really enjoyed working with."

He praised Pace for the work he has done reshaping the Bears and leading them back to winning ways. The Rams got stuffed 15-6 in Week 14 at Soldier Field, totaling only 214 yards of offense, including 51 rushing yards. The Bears would have traveled to play the Rams in the divisional round of the playoffs had they not been upset by the Eagles.

"Obviously, it would have been at a different field and not 5 degrees, but they were a good, physical team," Kromer said. "If we would have played them again, we would have hoped for a better result. But we were glad we didn't have to play them again."

Now Kromer goes for another Super Bowl ring, a long way removed from the Bears and with a lesson learned.

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Aaron Kromer coordinates the Rams' run game, which has been averaging 175 yards per game in the playoffs.

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CBS analyst Tony Romo became a social media favorite after some prescient calls in the AFC title game.

Turning prophet

Romo's impressive predictions keep him in spotlight

By Brad Biggs
Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA – Tony Romo has a knack for predicting play calls in the tightest situations of big games, so why not try his hand at calling the score of Super Bowl LIII?

The CBS analyst obliged Tuesday afternoon as the network held a media availability for its talent. It's the 20th Super Bowl for CBS and the first for Romo, the 38-year-old former Eastern Illinois quarterback who went from a career with the Cowboys straight into the broadcast booth in 2017.

Romo was almost bashful Tuesday about all the attention he has received since identifying Tom Brady's throws before they happened in the AFC championship game in Kansas City.

"I will keep playing my novelty act here," Romo said. "I'm going to go 28-24. I think the team that has 24 has the ball at the end and they don't score."

Romo stopped short of picking a winner.

He was able to correctly predict throws in the slot to the Patriots' Julian Edelman and a fade route to tight end Rob Gronkowski. It was almost as if he had a mind-meld with quarterback Tom Brady. It's not new. Romo drew praise as a rookie broadcaster for having the instinct to call plays based on formations or pre-snap reads. After doing it in the closing moments of a riveting game, he has become a social media star, the biggest hit in sports television. Free-agent slugger Bryce Harper tweeted at Romo and asked him where he'd be signing. Romo replied the Rangers, so he probably needs to stick with football for now.

"That was a chance for the whole world to see your prowess as a football analyst and to be able to see formations and schemes and quarterback lining up and instantly being able to identify the weak spot in the defense," play-by-play man Jim Nantz said. "You saw it and you articulated it. I called you Romostradamus on the fade to Gronkowski. I've seen it every week. A lot of people think, 'Oh, man, that's unbelievable.' It was, what you did. But it was there every week for the last year two years."

Romo tried to downplay a skill that sets him apart from many of his contemporaries, a skill likely sharpened because he's so closely removed from his playing days and watching tons of film on a weekly basis.

"I feel like you're just watching the game," he said. "You're just kind of going through it, you have so many years of experience, your passion comes out and you start talking and you kind of just say what you see. You get lucky once in a while. I don't think it is anything deeper than that, other than you get lucky once in a while."

Chiefs fans wondered if coach Andy Reid fired defensive coordinator Bob Sutton because if Romo could identify what the Patriots were doing from the television booth at Arrowhead Stadium, Sutton and his defense should have been better prepared. That suggestion obviously bothers Romo.

"In the NFL, it goes much deeper, when any coach doesn't have a job the next year, it's not one game, it's not one moment," he said. "It's a collection. It's like players. You're evaluated like everyone. Coach Sutton has been incredible his whole career. Sometimes coaches make changes for different reasons."

Rams defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, who was Romo's head coach with the Cowboys for four seasons, joked he was going to get an earpiece for the CBS feed during the game so the Rams aren't left guessing what Brady and Co. will do.

"Probably not a good idea," Romo said. "Coach is fantastic. He is going to come up with a great plan and I think he's going to have to because Tom is going to obviously be prepared. ... You're going to see real-time adjustments in this football game going on by both sides. And I think that's one of the more enjoyable aspects of this game."

Romo legitimately seems a little uncomfortable being in the spotlight. All he's trying to do is keep eyeballs glued to the television.

"I'm trying to do the best I can and hopefully the people at home enjoy," he said. "It's hard to sit down and watch anything for three hours anymore. Everyone is playing on their phone. My wife is on Pinterest or something half the time. So I know people are human beings. If they're not being entertained in some capacity or learning, it's hard to keep their attention. If it's their favorite team you will, but if it's not their favorite team, you're in and out. I just want to make people enjoy it."

BEARS NOTES

Feely tackles kicker question

By Brad Biggs
Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA — While running through the list of potentially available free-agent kickers for the Bears, it didn't take Jay Feely long to work back to the question he asked aloud in November when Cody Parkey hit the uprights four times in a victory over the Lions at Soldier Field.

"Why didn't they just keep Robbie Gould?" Feely asked in what was really more of a statement than an inquiry.

Feely, who finished his 14-year career with the Bears in 2014 when he made 3 of 4 field goals in four games while filling in for an injured Gould, is at Super Bowl LIII to serve as a field reporter for CBS on any questions related to the kicking game or special teams.

He listed Gould as the No. 1 available free-agent kicker, which doesn't come as a surprise. Talented Patriots veteran Stephen Gostkowski is also set to be an unrestricted free agent.

"Robbie would be at the top of the list," Feely said. "San Francisco could tag him or re-sign him. I don't think (New England) will let (Gostkowski) go away. Bill (Belichick) loves special teams. That's the foundation of everything they do. He knows the value of a great kicker."

After those two, he talked about the Jets' Jason Myers, who was the AFC's Pro Bowl kicker. The Jets more or less fell into Myers, who was released by the Jaguars during the 2017 season. He signed a reserve/futures deal with the Seahawks in January 2018but lost a competition with Sebastian Janikowski in August. Myers made 33 of 36 field goals and set the NFL record for field goals from 55 yards or more with five after the Jets brought him in. He was 6-for-7 from 50 and beyond and put struggles that plagued him in Jacksonville behind.

"Jason Myers had a great year," Feely said. "He was (up and down in Jacksonville), but he had a great year this year. Kicked well up in New York with the wind, outdoors, all of those conditions. I would think New York would bring him back. He's got a huge leg and he always had potential, so the ability to put it together and be consistent with that big leg, that's a guy you want to keep."

Feely said it's a little early for him to have a complete review of draft-eligible kickers, something the Bears are surely digging in on even after signing Redford Jones to a reserve/futures contract. It's the first NFL contract for the Tulsa product.

"Why would they be looking for a kicker?" Feely joked.

That, of course, leads back to his initial question. It will be more complicated if Gould, Gostkowski and Myers don't make it to the marketplace.

Another coach on staff: Bears coach Matt Nagy added inside linebackers coach Mark DeLeone to his staff Tuesday.

DeLeone spent the last six seasons with the Chiefs, five of them coaching alongside Nagy. An Iowa graduate, DeLeone was the Chiefs' assistant linebackers coach from 2015 to 2017 and the inside linebackers coach in 2018. He was the defensive quality control coach in his first two years there.

DeLeone replaces Glenn Pires on new defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano's staff.

Chicago Tribune's Colleen Kane contributed.

Rams' Suh not skimping on aggressiveness

By George Henry
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Ndamukong Suh says he has not gone about trying to remake his reputation in his first and perhaps only season with the Rams.

The mammoth defensive tackle, and three-time All-Pro, was notorious for racking up fines and suspensions that cost him more than $400,000 in his first five seasons, all with the Lions.

"I'm not sure if anything's changed," the ninth-year veteran said. "I'm still aggressive. I still like to get after the quarterback. I don't know. You'd have to ask the refs."

The Lions drafted Suh second overall in 2010 after a standout career at Nebraska that included a fourth-place finish in the Heisman Trophy voting — a rarity for a defensive player — in 2009. After five seasons in Detroit, the Dolphins made him the NFL's richest defensive player with a six-year, $114 million contract. They released him after three seasons, though, to free up cap space, and the Rams signed him to a one-year deal in April.

Suh was fined more than $20,054 for a horse-collar tackle early last month in his return to Detroit. But says he's been mostly satisfied with laying low after signing his one-year, $14 million deal with the Rams.

He went so far as to say he doesn't "mind being in the shadows" — he plays next to Aaron Donald, the only unanimous choice for the All-Pro squad — and called himself an introvert. That's quite a transformation for a player with so much negative attention early in his career.

"I think everybody's got to have their own opinion and look at it for what it actually is," Suh said. "I mean obviously there's mishaps that have taken place early in my career, but some people choose to run with it for years. Some people choose to run with it for days. End of story. It's up to them."

ROSTER RUNDOWN
CORNERBACKS

Part 9 of an 11-part review of the 2018 Bears season. Coming Thursday: Safeties.

All of the right moves

Locking up Fuller, Amukamara, Callahan led to many big plays

By Brad Biggs
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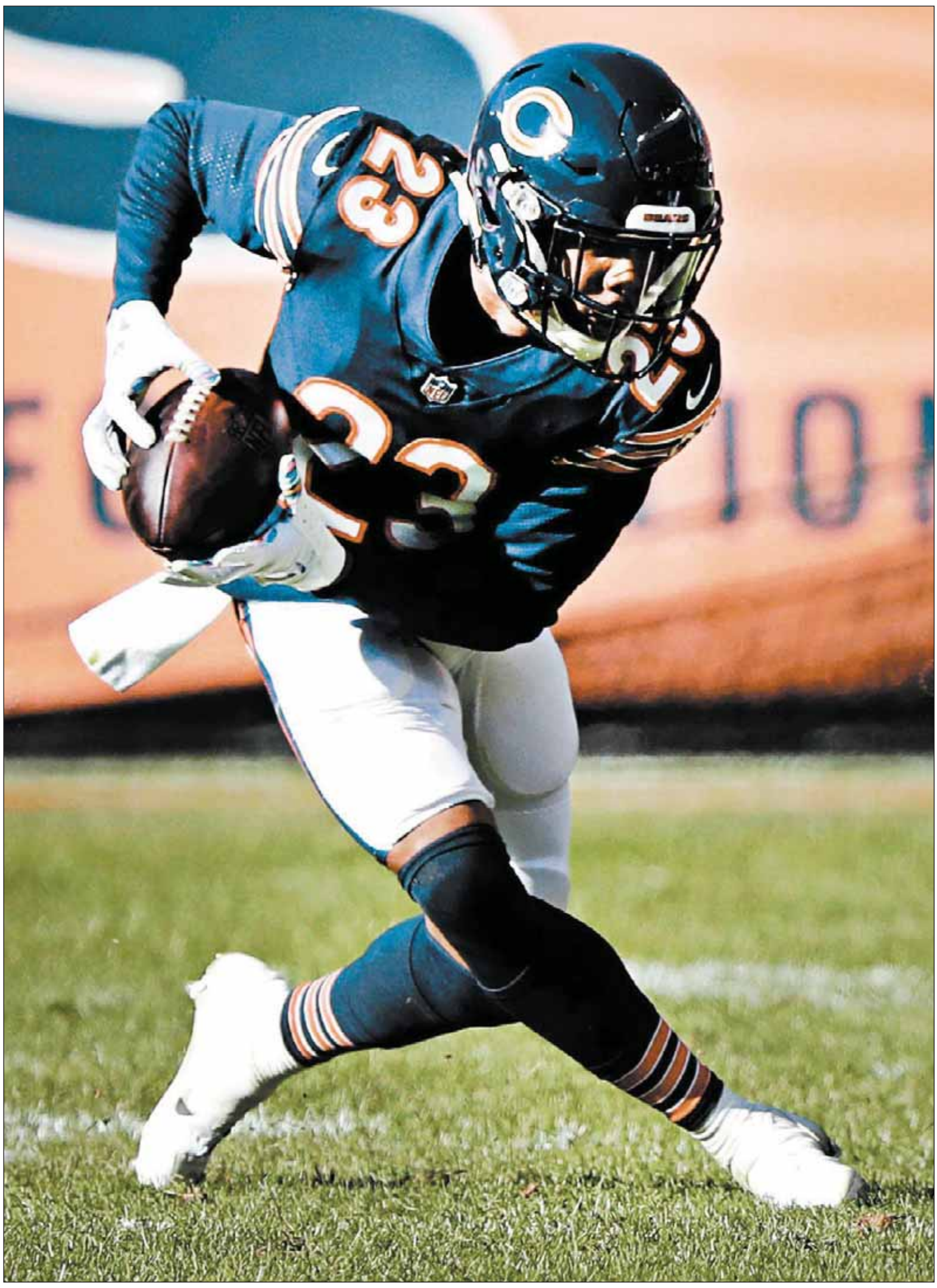

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Cornerback Kyle Fuller (23) made a league-best seven interceptions and was a leader on the Bears defense.

Although outside linebacker loomed as a need area for the Bears last offeason until the Labor Day weekend trade to acquire Khalil Mack, cornerback, along with wide receiver, was the most pressing priorities for general manager Ryan Pace.

Starting cornerbacks Kyle Fuller and Prince Amukamara were headed to unrestricted free agency and Bryce Callahan was a restricted free agent. The top three cornerbacks for a defense that ranked No. 10 in the NFL had uncertain futures at a position the team had struggled to develop until the trio provided stability in 2017.

It required a calculated plan that involved a certain amount of risk when the Bears made a play to bring all three back. Pace and the front office chose the seldom-used transition tag for Fuller, who reached the potential the franchise saw in him when former general manager Phil Emery used the 14th pick in the 2014 draft on him. Fuller did not play in a single game in 2016, so the Bears made the predictable and correct decision to decline the fifth-year option in his contract. Then, Fuller rebounded to play better than ever before in 2017, paving the way for him to get paid.

The transition tag at $12.971 million put the Bears in a position where they would save a little money compared with the franchise-tag figure of $14.975 million. More importantly, it set a lower floor from which to start negotiations for a multiyear contract.

However, the transition tag made Fuller an attractive option for other teams, so it wasn't surprising when the Packers signed him to an offer sheet featuring a four-year contract worth $56 million with $19 million guaranteed. For practical purposes, it committed the Packers to $29 million over the first two years before they would be able to go year-to-year making a decision on Fuller.

The Packers front-loaded the contract with an $18 million signing bonus that provided him with $20 million in 2018, designed to give the Bears second thoughts, knowing they would be heavily active in free agency at other positions — think wide receiver Allen Robinson, tight end Trey Burton and even kicker Cody Parkey along with Amukamara. The contract, which was designed unlike most of the deals the Bears write, did force the Bears to pay out more cash in Year 1 than they typically would, but the team acted almost immediately, announcing it would match the offer.

That move was finalized after the Bears paid big money to keep Amukamara, signing him to a three-year, $27 million contract with a strong guarantee of $18 million. Callahan was secured with the low tender offer for RFAs at $1.9 million and the Bears had the trio set to return.

The investment paid for itself in a big way as Fuller tied for the NFL lead with seven interceptions, earned All-Pro recognition and was selected to his first Pro Bowl. Amukamara enjoyed arguably had the best season of his eight-year career and Callahan performed as one of the best slot cornerbacks in the league. The Bears led the NFL with 27 interceptions, the most they've had since 31 in 1990. They easily led the league in opponent's passer rating at 72.9, a product of the entire system — the coverage, the pass rush and the play by the safeties.

ROLL CALL
Kyle Fuller
Signed through 2021
2019 cap hit: $13.5 million
Prince Amukamara
Signed through 2020
2019 cap hit: $9.5 million
Bryce Callahan
Unrestricted free agent
Kevin Toliver
Signed through 2020
2019 cap hit: $575,000
Sherrick McManis
Signed through 2019
2019 cap hit: $1,987,500.
Marcus Williams
Unrestricted free agent
Marcus Cooper
No longer with team

2018 season review

If anything plagued Fuller during his breakout 2017 season, it was his inability to hold on to the football as he suffered through a slew of drops. So when the Bears led the Packers 23-17 with 2:39 remaining the in the season opener and Aaron Rodgers' pass intended for Davante Adams in the right flat went through Fuller's arms and bounced off him incomplete, it looked like a bad replay of the previous season. Two plays later, Rodgers hit Randall Cobb for a 75-yard touchdown and the Packers won.

The disappointing drop overshadowed a pretty good game for the defense, and the Bears took off from there with outstanding play in the secondary. Fuller led the NFL in passes defended with 21, according to STATS, and Amukamara tied for 20th with 12. Fuller broke out with two interceptions in the Week 6 game in Miami, the first Bears player to have two picks in a game since Fuller did it as a rookie in 2014. He had a pick in three straight games against the Lions, Giants and Rams. Fuller tied for second in targets for cornerbacks with 105, according to Pro Football Focus, eight behind the Chiefs' Steve Nelson. That mirrored what happened in 2017, when he led the NFL with 119. Opposing quarterbacks have not shied away from going at Fuller the last two seasons. Now that he's coming off an All-Pro season, will quarterbacks begin to look the other way? How big of a drop-off in targets is there for elite cornerbacks? The Cardinals' Patrick Peterson, who played all 16 games, was tied for 73rd in targets with 52, less than half as many as Fuller.

Even with quarterbacks going at Fuller, he delivered. The passer rating on targets at Fuller was 66.6, according to PFF, and among cornerbacks with a minimum of 50 targets, that ranked third in the NFL behind the Dolphins' Xavien Howard (62.6) and the Broncos' Chris Harris (63.6).

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Amukamara set a bold goal of 10 interceptions before the season, and while that didn't happen, he played with confidence after going through a contract season each of the previous three years. Having some security allowed him to just go out and play. He had a pick-six in the Week 2 victory over the Seahawks and added interceptions against the Lions and Rams. Amukamara had 66 tackles to lead the position and three tackles for a loss with two forced fumbles. The passer rating against him was 82.9, and he tied for 19th in the NFL with 83 targets, per PFF.

Callahan excelled in the slot and had two interceptions, two sacks and six passes defended. He was knocked out for the season in Week 14 with a broken bone in his left foot. That cut short his goal of making it through an entire season with no injuries, but he was outstanding when he was on the field and for slot cornerbacks he ranked fifth in the league with a 78.9 passer rating against, per PFF (minimum 30 targets).

McManis finally got another shot on defense after playing mostly special teams the previous two seasons.

He played well in that role and had 168 coverage snaps with 26 targets. The passer rating against him was only 53.4.

Toliver, an undrafted rookie, shined in minicamp and continued to make plays over the summer to earn a roster spot. He got his first real shot at playing time with a start against the Buccaneers in Week 4 when he had seven tackles. Toliver has good size and good instincts and will provide solid depth moving forward. Williams had only 12 snaps on defense at the end of the season and Cooper played only three snaps before being let go.

Free agency/ draft priority

Callahan is an unrestricted free agent and figures to be a priority for the Bears to re-sign. Having another season cut short by injury probably will affect him a bit in free agency, but there will surely be a market for him. With departed coordinator Vic Fangio running the Broncos, you would think Denver could be a landing spot for Callahan, but the Broncos have used Harris in the slot, so maybe not. Expect the Bears to prioritize bringing Callahan back and they could include per-game roster bonuses to get him to the kind of pay he's seeking. Callahan switched representation to veteran agent Todd France to prepare himself for free agency. Toliver has a chance to improve in the offseason and be in the mix for depth and McManis has one year remaining on his contract. Teams always want to be working the bottom of the depth chart at cornerback, but the Bears are well-positioned.

Bottom line

With Fuller and Amukamara back and quality depth guys, the only real question is what the team does at nickel. This has become a position of strength on the roster and the Bears will transition as secondary coach Ed Donatell left to become the coordinator of the Broncos. Deshea Townsend, an NFL veteran, has been hired as the replacement.

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Novak Djokovic, left, and Rafael Nadal meet at the net after Djokovic's victory in the Australian Open final Sunday.

Better with age

Rather than rest on considerable laurels, Djokovic, Nadal keep moving forward

By Liz Clarke | The Washington Post

Having already established himself as a clay-court master, Rafael Nadal reinvented his game, at age 21, with the goal of winning Wimbledon. And his competitive makeover for grass-court tennis — ramping up his serve, altering his footwork and flattening his looping, topspin-heavy groundstrokes — worked to perfection, helping him claim the sport's most prestigious title in 2008 and again in 2010.

This past offseason, at 32, Nadal retooled his strokes and tactics again — this time, with the goal of playing more efficient, effective tennis on hard courts, the surface that has exacted the harshest toll on his knees over a 19-year pro career.

Until Sunday's Australian Open final, that makeover had worked to perfection, too, as the Spaniard steamrolled through six successive opponents without dropping a set. Nadal's first serve was devilishly placed and precise. His forehands were blasted down the line on a rope — a change-up from his go-to, arcing cross court shot. And there was far less anguish in his rallies. He was winning points with big-bang efficiency, a radical change for a player known for turning best-of-five-set matches into operettas.

But Sunday at Rod Laver Arena, Novak Djokovic had an answer for each one of Nadal's new strokes and tactics. Djokovic served better and returned brilliantly, breaking the Spaniard five times in the 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 victory — more times than he'd been broken all tournament. Djokovic defended better and attacked more effectively, knocking the muscular Nadal on his heels with lightning quick, penetrating groundstrokes.

"I'm going to keep fighting hard, keep working hard to be a better player every moment."

— Rafael Nadal

Djokovic rarely placed a ball anywhere but the precise spot he intended, committing just nine errors in the contest. And a matchup that was predicted to be a battle for the ages was over in the blink of an eye, with Djokovic needing just two hours 27 minutes to utterly dismantle Nadal, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

In becoming the first man to win the Australian Open seven times, Djokovic, 31, extended his tally of major titles to 15, putting him within two of Nadal's 17 and within five of Roger Federer's record 20.

But as wide as the gap was between Djokovic and Nadal on Sunday in Melbourne, the gap between the two of them and the highly touted next generation of men's tennis players seems even greater.

Young phenoms Alexander Zverev, 21; Stefanos Tsitsipas, 20; Denis Shapovalov, 19; and Frances Tiafoe, 21, are all now ranked in the top 30 and showing tremendous promise and building a next-generation fan base, which the sport sorely needs. But their games aren't nearly as complete, their tactics not as savvy and their Grand Slam intensity isn't as bloodthirsty as that of Djokovic and Nadal, who demonstrated anew how exceptional they are.

The women's side, by contrast, signaled that a new era has arrived, with 21-year-old Naomi Osaka backing up her unexpected triumph at the U.S. Open last September to earn a second consecutive major and, with it, take over the No. 1 ranking. Osaka showed fierce tenacity in turning back two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova in a three-set final that lasted 23 minutes longer than Sunday's men's final. She also became the first woman other than Serena Williams to win back-to-back Grand Slams since Kim Clijsters in 2010-11.

That's not to say that Williams, 37, won't win more majors to put her Open era-record 23 even further out of reach. But the Australian Open suggested that the pecking order atop women's tennis is dynamically in flux, with young players such as Amanda Anisimova, 17, and Aryna Sabalenka, 21, flashing impressive power and grit while familiar faces Caroline Wozniacki, Angelique Kerber and Simona Halep all fell short of expectations in Melbourne.

The men's game, for now, is a crowd of two after revolving around four players for the last 10 to 15 years: Federer, Nadal, Djokovic and Andy Murray.

Federer, at 37, remains a joy to behold but hasn't advanced past the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam since vanquishing Marin Cilic in five sets in Melbourne this time a year ago to claim his 20th major. And Murray, 31, announced on the eve of the Australian Open that this season will be his last because of chronic, debilitating hip pain that a 2018 surgery failed to alleviate.

That leaves Djokovic and Nadal firmly atop the sport.

At 31 and 32, they are proving better with age. They are wiser about managing the wear-and-tear on their bodies. They are greedier about each opportunity to embellish their legacy. And though ranked No. 1 and 2, respectively, and occupying the perch that every top-30 player covets, they are continuing to adapt, determined to refine and adjust their skills to fend off the next opponent and all that time inexorably takes away.

With his clinical perfection in Sunday's Australian Open final, Djokovic cemented his status as the sport's greatest on hard courts. Nadal, with 11 French Open championships, is firmly ensconced as the King of Clay. Yet both are still chasing Federer's record 20 majors and a least a stake in the debate over being greatest of all.

In his on-court remarks during Sunday's trophy presentation, Djokovic paid tribute to that quality in Nadal, who he regards as his greatest rival and the player most responsible for pushing him to be even better.

"You are showing to me and to everyone what is the definition of the fighting spirit and resilience," Djokovic said. "Thank you for that."

And Nadal, who was never a threat in the match, unable to find a single solution for Djokovic among his arsenal of weapons, vowed to keep working after the most lopsided defeat in a Grand Slam final of his career.

"I only can say one thing: I'm going to keep fighting hard, keep working hard to be a better player every moment," Nadal said. "I'm going to keep fighting, keep practicing, (doing) all the things I have to, to give myself a better chance in the future."

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One night changed it all

Atlanta was hub of nightlife before famed murders

By Rick Maese
The Washington Post

AP PHOTOS

Hall of Famer Ray Lewis, then with the Ravens, listens to testimony in 2000 at a bond hearing in Fulton County Superior court in Atlanta.

A limo involved in the double murder after the Super Bowl in 2000 was taken into custody by Atlanta police.

Lewis listens to the proceedings in Atlanta Municipal Court during his preliminary hearing in 2000.

ATLANTA — The former nightclub is long gone, its address now attached to a Japanese restaurant that has sake specials on Thursdays and half-priced wine on Sundays. There's a Georgetown Cupcake bakery a couple of doors down and across the street is a new high-end condo building where even the cheapest units run seven figures.

This quiet stretch of Atlanta's Buckhead district was once at the thumping heart of the city's vibrant, all-night party. Nineteen years ago, it was also Atlanta's most infamous crime scene, the center of one of the most shocking and unforgettable stories associated with a Super Bowl. As revelers poured out of the Cobalt Lounge in the early morning hours on Jan. 31, 2000, a group partying with Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis was involved in an altercation that resulted in two deaths. Lewis and two members of his entourage were charged with murder, but the football star eventually pleaded guilty to an obstruction of justice charge and the others were later acquitted.

For many, this is the lasting memory from that Super Bowl; the tragedy, charges and ensuing court proceedings dominated news coverage for the weeks and months that followed the St. Louis Rams' win over the Tennessee Titans in the Georgia Dome, which ended with Rams linebacker Mike Jones tackling Titans wide receiver Kevin Dyson one yard short of the goal line to prevent a potential tying touchdown as time expired.

As the Super Bowl returns to Atlanta next week for the first time since 2000, football fans will see a glitzy new stadium, a growing, changing city and a popular neighborhood changed forever by a night of revelry and murder.

In many ways, the transformation of Buckhead Village is the most tangible legacy of that game. Lewis served probation and resumed his stellar football career. No one was ever convicted of the murders. But the bar-filled neighborhood was never the same, and one of the country's most decadent party scenes had officially fizzled.

"I believe it was really catalytic because the community really did come together to say, 'Wait a minute. This is symptomatic of nightlife run amok,' " said Jim Durrett, executive director of Buckhead Community Improvement District.

By the late 1990s, the tech boom brought Atlanta an influx of cash and jobs, the 1996 Summer Olympics brought attention, and the burgeoning hip-hop scene brought street cred. A bustling nightlife centered in Buckhead Village thrived. Trying to encourage growth, the city had waived a requirement necessitating new businesses to build parking lots, and bars and clubs started booking DJs and pouring drinks. At one point, there were about 100 bars and restaurants with alcohol licenses all located within three or so blocks of each other. It was like Bourbon Street after a quick rinse-off - barhopping, bar-crawling and bar-stumbling the norm.

"I've been all over and back then there was no better mecca for partying than Buckhead," said Stephen "Steak" Shapiro, a popular radio personality who founded the site Atlanta Eats. "It was what everybody talked about — just a tremendous scene, the epicenter of entertainment."

Sam Massell was Atlanta's mayor from 1970 to 1973 and has lived in Buckhead since 1952. He has another way of describing the scene: "It was pretty much like the wild West."

"You had all these young business owners with little experience," explained Massell, now the president of the Buckhead Coalition, a group of community businesses and residents. "There was so much competition coming in and some clubs saw this cash cow and started bending rules — underage drinking, prostitution, illegal drugs, other ailments that really made the place undesirable for any community and dangerous for both patrons and residents. It was a pretty dark picture, frankly."

Even before the 2001 murders, some in the neighborhood were demanding change. Massell recalls visiting the Cobalt and meeting with club owners, who boasted about having hired security and patting down patrons. "I said 'Hell, sounds to me like you're catering to a bad crowd. You shouldn't need to pat down people that go to restaurants and other places of entertainment,' " he said.

The party came to a screeching halt following Lewis's arrest. There had been fights and criminal activity in the area before, but the national headlines surrounding Lewis's arrest and the murder charges cast the neighborhood in a dangerous and unfriendly light.

"It was one of the biggest names in the NFL accused of having a role in a murder right in the heart of your city — that's a lot of unwanted marketing and attention," Shapiro said. "Once they laid down the law in Buckhead, it really changed the complexion of the city."

Some time around 4 a.m. that night, a member of Lewis's entourage was struck in the head with a champagne bottle in the street. The fight escalated from there. While he was never accused of stabbing either 21-year old Jacinth Baker or 24-year old Richard Lollar, Lewis was still charged with murder because of his role in the incident. He later admitted he lied to investigators in his initial statement. Midway through the ensuing trial, Lewis struck a deal and pleaded guilty to misdemeanor obstruction. He served 12 months probation and later reached undisclosed settlements with the families of both victims.

In many ways, the murders served as a tipping point. Neighborhood groups were meeting, politicians plotting and the area's bars and clubs started to feel the squeeze.

"It was immediate," said Larry Hall, who opened the popular bar Park Bench Buckhead 26 years ago.

Crowds disappeared just as city officials began enforcing and enacting more codes. Building and health inspectors knocked on doors. Police officers seemed ever-present, cracking down on underage drinking and drunken driving. Then in 2003, the city council forced bars to close an hour earlier, at 3 a.m.

The clubs started to go away. Cobalt served its last drink barely seven months after the murders. Soon popular late-night haunts such as Backstreet, Mike N' Angelo's, Uranus, Chaos, Mako's and Lulu's Bait Shack became part of Buckhead's history books.

Hall says only about 10 of the area's bars from that raucous period survived and still operate nearly 20 years later.

Meanwhile, real estate developers bought parcels of land with heady plans to transform the area. But the recession hit and much of the work stalled around 2008 — eventually stopping altogether. Cranes sat still and the progress froze. It took nearly three years for new developers to come in and begin work in the district.

The result is high-rises and mixed-use buildings that feature retail, residential and office space. Upscale eateries, luxury boutiques and high-end retails shops line the streets — Hermes, Dior, Jimmy Choo, Christian Louboutin, Canali. "It puts Rodeo Drive to shame," Massell says.

A couple of blocks away from the former Cobalt location is where Baker and Lollar were stabbed to death in the early morning hours of Jan. 31, 2000. Today there's a 22-story condo building on one corner, a bank on another and across the intersection an open lot that will soon be home to yet another mixed-use high-rise.

There are still bars and entertainment venues, but they're no longer concentrated within a couple of blocks.

"You're now talking about a totally posh, bourgeoisie part of the city that millennials have no interest in," Shapiro said. "It's really geared toward the upscale older audience to sip martinis and drink craft beers."

Shapiro says that even if Buckhead feels tame, Atlanta as a whole is much more interesting than two decades ago, with plenty of other entertainment options. Buckhead's transformation has allowed other parts of town — Midtown, West Midtown, Inman Park and East Atlanta, for example — to evolve and grow.

"There was a time for Buckhead and it was fine," Shapiro said. "It was a great place to party. But I don't think anybody misses the thought that that's what Atlanta was known for. Atlanta has a lot more layers today. It's a much hipper and cooler place to be."

And just as Buckhead recovered, so too did Lewis's career. Though questions surrounding that January night remain unanswered 19 years later, the linebacker went on to become a Baltimore icon and was inducted last year into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

He'll return to Atlanta this week and again be a part of Super Bowl festivities. Lewis is hosting a Super Bowl party of his own this time around, about 15 miles south of Buckhead, with music, drinks and celebrities. Tickets start at $750.

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ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS (TOP AND LEFT); TRIBUNE FILE (RIGHT)

CSO music director Riccardo Muti, top, will conduct and record all the Beethoven symphonies during the 2019-20 season. Pianist Evgeny Kissin, left, will return to Chicago on April 19, 2020. Andras Schiff, right, will perform in Chicago March 29 and 31, 2020.

CSO celebrates Beethoven's 250th

Visiting orchestras, chamber music, guest soloists and more in 2019-20 season

By Howard Reich | Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra will make some history in the 2019-20 season, starting with a complete cycle of Beethoven Symphonies, to be conducted and recorded by music director Riccardo Muti.

The occasion is next year's 250th anniversary of the composer's birth, which will be celebrated globally. In Orchestra Hall, the festivities also will include a survey of all 32 Beethoven piano sonatas, performed during the course of the season by several notable pianists, including Evgeny Kissin, Andras Schiff and Maurizio Pollini.

Why has Muti decided to record the Beethoven cycle again?

"I have a set with the Philadelphia Orchestra ... and I also did a cycle when I was in La Scala, but this year, for the 250th anniversary, I think it's a must to go through the Beethoven Symphonies," says Muti, speaking by phone from Tokyo amid the CSO's Asia tour.

"The fact that everybody knows dah-dah-dah-dahhhhh," he hums, quoting the opening motif of the Fifth, "doesn't mean that we should not every day work on this repertoire, to make the orchestra playing better and better, and sometimes have new ideas."

With the Chicago Symphony, "The approach will be naturally different," he adds. "I don't know if it's right or wrong, but we change, the public changes, the orchestra changes. ... I hope that it will be a good result.

"In any case, this will remain (in) this part of my life, the last

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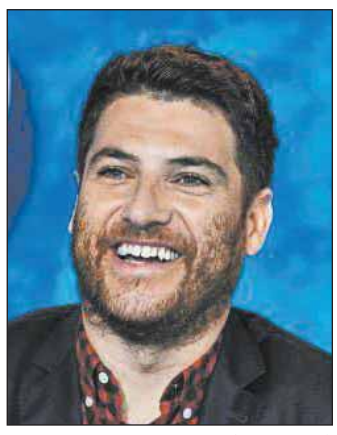

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Adam Pally has his own "What do I know you from?" story.

MY WORST MOMENT

Knowing the face, but not the name

Being recognized is less important to Adam Pally nowadays

By Nina Metz
Chicago Tribune

Adam Pally ("Happy Endings") and Sam Richardson ("Veep") play best friends to an extremely successful rapper on the new YouTube Premium series "Champaign ILL." When their meal ticket suddenly drops dead, these two knucklehead freeloaders must figure out life (and money) on their own. That means moving back home to their childhood bedrooms in humble environs of Champaign.

"They've been living in a real lap of luxury by having everything taken care of for them," said Pally. "When you're in these entourages, you just kind of float through life — they don't even have driver's licenses. So the idea of them going back to their hometown is really a survival tactic: Where else would they go? They don't have any other place to go. So they have to go home and literally start from the bottom."

This is a reunion for Pally and the show's creator David Caspe, who also created the much-beloved ABC comedy "Happy Endings."

"He's one of my good friends, married to Casey Wilson from 'Happy Endings.' They're both like family and I just kind of wanted to work with some friends," Pally said.

Though "Champaign ILL" was shot in Atlanta, Pally always seems right at home playing Midwestern characters, perhaps because in real life he grew up in Skokie between the ages of 7 and 12: "That's why my accent sounds like the voice-over of a Vienna Beef commercial."

When asked to share a worst moment from his career, Pally said: "This was couple of years ago — it's a recent embarrassment, which means it's not as down-to-earth and

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IN PERFORMANCE: 'How to Catch Creation' ★★★

A lovely question; some answers still remain

LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Ayanna Bria Bakari and Jasmine Bracey in "How to Catch Creation" at the Goodman Theatre.

In this collage of creative human desire, paths are hard to follow

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

The ambition inherent in Christina Anderson's heady, poetic and ambitious new play at the Goodman Theatre is right there in its title: "How to Catch Creation." That's quite a challenge. To murder the lyrics of Oscar Hammerstein II, to distill the creative act is like trying to catch a cloud and pin it down, or trying to hold a moonbeam in palm of your hand.

And what of the so-called gatekeepers, the people who decide who gets into graduate programs and who does not, who gets to follow their dreams and whose knuckles are starting to bleed from all that knocking on the door?

Moreover, Anderson is defining the creative act in very broad terms — we're in the realm of African-American intellectuals and artists from San Francisco, and, in this telling, having a child is the very essence of creativity, and so is falling in love. Even leaving your mark on the world is a desire born of a creative impulse here, not an individual ego.

Then there's the question of era: some parts of "How to Catch Creation" are set in the Bay Area of the mid-1960s, a little in the late 1980s and more in 2014. Often, scenes unfold simultaneously, dialog interspersed with recorded music as two separate turntables spin and verbosity merges with physicality. As directed by Niegel Smith, it is all like watching a

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AMY HARRIS/INVISION

Alanis Morissette is seen at One Love Malibu at King Gillette Ranch on Dec. 2, 2018, in Calabasas, Calif.

Morissette musical heading to Broadway

There's some new information you oughta know regarding Alanis Morissette's acclaimed musical "Jagged Little Pill."

The new musical, inspired by Morissette's seminal album of the same name, is set to open on Broadway this fall, following a highly successful world premiere at Boston's American Repertory Theater last summer. After premiering on May 5, the musical ran for 79 sold-out performances, becoming the longest-running and highest-grossing production in the theater's history.

"This process, and what this process has yielded artistically and collaboratively, has been nothing short of a revelation, a balm and an arrival for me," Morissette said. "It is a culmination of so much of what my life's work has been oriented toward."

Directed by Diane Paulus, "Jagged Little Pill" follows the seemingly perfect Healy family as they are forced to choose between their manufactured suburban image and the painful truths lurking just beneath the surface. The musical also features hit songs such as "You Oughta Know," "Head Over Feet," "Hand In My Pocket," and "Ironic" as well as several songs newly written for the stage.

Additionally, Atlantic Records is partnering with "Jagged Little Pill" for the release of the original Broadway cast recording. The dates, theater and casting will be announced at a later date.

— Variety

JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Malkovich to star in Weinstein-inspired play: John Malkovich is returning to the London stage as a powerful Hollywood producer accused of sexual misconduct, in a play with strong echoes of the Harvey Weinstein saga. Producers announced Tuesday that Malkovich will star in the world premiere of David Mamet's "Bitter Wheat," which recounts the fall from grace of a "depraved Hollywood mogul." It runs at London's Garrick Theatre from June 7 to Sept. 14.

McGraw to headline iHeartCountry Festival: Tim McGraw, Florida Georgia Line, and Dan and Shay will headline the iHeartCountry Festival, iHeartMedia announced Tuesday. The lineup for the sixth annual festival, taking place May 4 at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin, Texas, also features Little Big Town, Lauren Alaina and Old Dominion. iHeartMedia on-air personality Bobby Bones will return as the official host.

'Black Panther' to return to theaters: Fresh off of its win at the Screen Actors Guild Awards, "Black Panther" is heading back into theaters. Disney announced Monday that Ryan Coogler's Oscar nominee will play for free Feb. 1-7 at 250 participating AMC theaters to celebrate Black History Month. Disney also said it will give a $1.5 million grant to support the United Negro College Fund.

Jan. 30 birthdays: Actor Gene Hackman is 89. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 82. Musician Phil Collins is 68. Actor Christian Bale is 45. Actor Wilmer Valderrama is 39.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Demisexual woman in search of love

Dear Amy: I am a 24-year-old female, and I have never had sex. I am demisexual. This means I am unable to feel sexually attracted to someone without first having an emotional bond. (I do want sex, and could have a normal and healthy sex life with someone I knew well.) I have always wanted, more than anything, to be in a loving relationship.

It is virtually impossible for me to tell, upon meeting someone, if we will be friends or if I will fall in love far down the road.

This makes dating really hard. I think I need to be more upfront with telling guys about demisexuality and hope they will understand. I keep falling in love with "best friends" and then being rejected when I try to tell them that I want to be more than friends.

I am fit and attractive. I have wonderful friends and a promising career. I realize this isn't the most important problem in the world. I volunteer and try to focus on helping others, but I have always had low self-esteem. I tend to throw away personal goals or sense of self in hopes of winning someone over.

I work on self-improvement, but I don't understand how to fix this or what makes me so different from other girls. I feel worthless, unattractive and unlovable.

I am going to therapy but have not had much luck with it. I just can't take this pattern of loneliness and rejection. Do you have suggestions?

— Demi

Dear Demi: Demisexuality is more than being "old-fashioned" and courting for long periods before having sex; a demisexual person does not feel attraction until after a strong emotional bond has formed. This eliminates that butterfly-fluttery feeling many people experience quickly and which can accelerate a bond.

Demisexuality presents the challenge of not having sexual feelings until you've had many months of platonic friendship; some potential partners will have already moved into the friend zone, and many platonic friends would be confused if you expressed sexual interest after the friendship is understood to be nonsexual.

Because you are in therapy, you could ask your therapist about sex therapy. There may be ways you can feel sexual without — or before — finding a partner, and with someone you already have a strong emotional bond with. (I'm talking about you!)

Yes, if you meet someone in a "romantic" or dating context, then you should be honest about this. I see this as a third-date conversation. The right person will give you the time you need.

Dear Amy: For Christmas I opened custodial savings accounts for my four grandchildren, as well as whole life insurance policies. I also bought gifts for them (ages 1 through 7) to open and play with.

My oldest son was OK with these for his kids. My youngest son was upset that his name wasn't on the account so he could have access to what was in it for his kids. The bank required their Social Security number to open the accounts. He accused me of being untrustworthy. He said if I didn't add his (and his wife's) name on the account, he would sue me! WHAAAT? I was creating these custodial accounts to be able to add money for their college educations!

I am devastated. Today I closed his kids' accounts and moved my money to the other grandkids' accounts. What do you think of this?

— In Shock

Dear In Shock: I hope you are receiving competent advice from a professional financial planner.

I think your son doesn't want you to handle this in your own way. He has made a choice, followed up with a rude threat, and now he can bear the consequences. Continue to try to maintain relationships with these grandchildren.

Dear Amy: I'm responding to "Spouse in the Dark," who wondered if she should go to memorial services that her (much older) husband attends.

I've been married for over 30 years, and I have accompanied my spouse to many services for people I'd never met. I never asked, nor waited for an invitation from him. Depending on his relationship with the departed, I'd decide if I needed to accompany him. I was there to support my husband.

— Supportive Spouse

Dear Supportive: Witnessing is powerful work.

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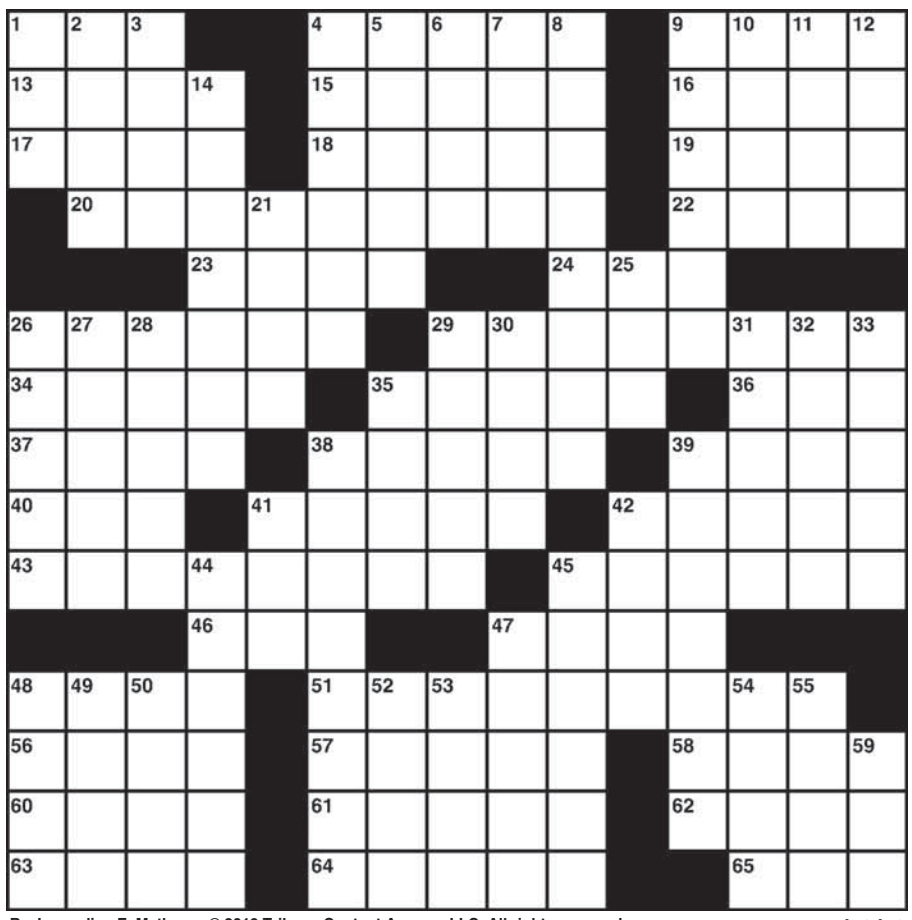

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IN PERFORMANCE: 'All Childish Things' ★★ ½

First Folio production like 'The Italian Job' of geek culture

By Kerry Reid

Chicago Tribune

TOM MCGRATH PHOTO

Eric Eilersen, Bobby Richards, Alberto Mendoza and Stephanie Shum in "All Childish Things."

When: Through Feb. 24

Where: First Folio Theatre, Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 31st St., Oak Brook

Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes

Tickets: $34-$44 at 630-986-8067 or firstfolio.org

Joseph Zettelmaier has become something of a playwright in residence for suburban First Folio. In addition to a trilogy of plays that skillfully reimagined classic horror stories about Frankenstein, Dracula and the Wolf-Man, Zettelmaier also penned "Salvage" for First Folio five years ago. In that two-hander, a lonely man running a memorabilia shop in Detroit gets involved with a mysterious woman with a trunkful of rare collectibles. The objects serve as both promise of a richer future and memories of a more innocent past.

That same theme runs through Zettelmaier's earlier play, "All Childish Things," which I first saw in a small production in 2011. But this caper comedy about a band of nerd friends feels less assured than "Salvage." In Melanie Keller's staging, the actors start at a high pitch of excitability and tend to run out of places to build, especially in the first act.

Dave Bullanski (Eric Eilersen) lives in Cincinnati with his mother, whose nasal voice violates the sanctuary of his basement "Star Wars" shrine and whose cat has violated the careful plans for the heist he's printed out for his gang. The idea is to take over an old warehouse and clean out all the rare "Star Wars" memorabilia, selling it off to a private collector willing to spend $2 million for the loot. It's "The Italian Job" of geek culture, essentially.

When the rest of the gang arrives, much backbiting and second-guessing ensues. As is often the case, the presence of a seemingly serious girlfriend fires up the resentments of the immature boys' club.

It doesn't help that Kendra (Stephanie Shum), a film student stuck working at a multiplex, mostly seems disdainful of "Star Wars" – she even commits the cardinal sin of calling it "Star Trek." Her boyfriend Carter (Alberto Mendoza), the inside connection at the warehouse, has a taste for gambling. Meantime, hapless Max (Bobby Richards), tries to impress upon his friends that going to jail will have greater consequences for him /as a single father.

Zettelmaier has some smart insights about how the mythologies around our childhood friendships can calcify into stasis as we grow older. Each of the characters here also has something else they want to do in their life – or at least they know that they don't want to be stuck where they are forever. The planned robbery seems to offer a chance to act, but it also requires calling upon old loyalties that may not be worth as much once they're off the shelf, much like a collectible out of its original packaging.

The script sometimes gets a bit expositional. Does Max really need to hear the blow-by-blow of how he and Dave escaped the grade-school bullies one Halloween while they were dressed as "Star Wars" characters one more time? Some of the actors (particularly Eilersen) tend to get louder for emphasis when it's not required.

The second act, when we see the consequences of the plans going awry, introduces Foust in the flesh as "The Big Man" – Kendra's connection who has some unsavory connections of his own. Foust is a comic delight, whether slurping noodles from a cardboard take-out container with deliberate predatory gusto, or showing signs of child-like joy at seeing a rare action figure. The stakes here feel more urgent and the relationships deepen.

Crucially, Zettelmaier has real affection for people absorbed in collectibles culture and doesn't present them as easy targets of mockery. "All Childish Things," as the name implies, is a less mature work. But there are some nicely modulated performances and enough in-jokes to keep "Star Wars" aficionados happy – and to help the uninitiated understand why it matters.

Kerry Reid is a freelancer.

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Adam Pally (left) and Sam Richardson in a scene from "Champaign ILL."

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relatable." In other words, it's a story that speaks to the experience of a recognizable actor with some notable success under his belt.

My worst moment ... "I had the fortunate luck to go with my friend to 'Saturday Night Live' to see Chance the Rapper perform when he was the musical guest. This is an incredibly lucky thing, I'm such a huge fan of both Chance and 'Saturday Night Live,' so just to be there behind the scenes was amazing.

"And I didn't know that my friend — I'm going to keep his identity anonymous but you can say he is a high-profile person in the comedy community and we had worked together a bunch — I didn't know he was friendly with Chance the Rapper. I just didn't put two and two together.

"So right after Chance gets done performing his big, *big* 'SNL' debut and it was amazing, he comes back to his dressing room and he gives a big high-five to my buddy and a bear hug. And then he looks over to me and he like kind of recognizes me? He placed my face but not to a name, if that makes any sense *(laughs)*. I mean, I was there with my friend, so it was like he was thinking, 'Maybe this guy is known too?'

"He's very sweet. He's just the nicest guy in the world, so he goes: 'Where do I know you from?'

"It's usually like, 'Oh my God!' or 'Do I know you?' It's an impulse reaction. And most of the time they think they made out with me in sleepaway camp or something."

— Adam Pally, on fan recognition

"Now, that's kind of a tough thing to answer for someone in my job, because the truth is you could know me from a lot of things. Or you could know me from nothing — you could think I'm someone else. So I didn't quite know how to answer. And remember, this is a very high sensory overload type of moment because you're backstage at 'Saturday Night Live.'

"So I go, 'Do you know a show called "Happy Endings"?' And he looks as me and he goes, 'Hmm, no.' *(Laughs)*

"So now I'm *really* in a tough spot because, do I go further and list other credits? Because the truth is, that's my best ace card — I threw it right at him right away *(laughs)* hoping that would stop this moment.

"So I have to think fast, so I go, 'What about a show called "The Mindy Project"?' And he takes another hard gander at me and goes, 'Hmm, no that's not it either.' And I'm like, oh no *(laughs)*! This is the worst!

"And my friend is looking at me like, *what are you doing*? And I'm looking back like, *I don't know*! I truly did not know what to do in this moment.

"So then I'm just like, I'm going to swallow my pride and I went, 'Hey man, you know what? It doesn't matter. Tonight is your night and you were amazing.' And he was like, 'Ah, I appreciate that, man. Thank you.' And he moved on.

"I don't think he's ever thought about it again *(laughs)* and I think about it *(laughs)* four times a day."

How does Pally handle situations where people recognize his face but can't remember which TV show or movie they saw him in?

"Often I don't list every credit. I'll just say, 'Oh, I don't know.' I've landed on that because it's too uncomfortable for me, even though it probably shouldn't be. I'm sure my therapist would say I should just say: 'Yes, I'm an actor on television.'

"But for some reason I can't say that, and I don't know why that feels hard to say. So I just say, 'Oh, I don't know ... ' and let it be ambiguous. And mostly that's enough for them to second-guess themselves and think: Oh, he's no one *(laughs)*.

"It's not really a hit for my ego, it's more of a hit in the moment. The actual moment itself. Like, my ego — not that I don't have an ego; I have a *huge* ego! — but the fan interaction or the recognition interaction is not as important to me as it was. I mean, I've been in the game a long time.

"It's more that it becomes an awkward moment where I feel horribly for the person because most of the time they don't even realize that they said anything. It's usually like, 'Oh my God!' or 'Do I know you?' It's an impulse reaction. And most of the time they think they made out with me in sleepaway camp or something.

"I've also been confused for everyone from Max Greenfield to Joaquin Phoenix to the Zac Brown Band. So sometimes if I'm in a rush or if I have my headphones in and someone's like, 'Hey! Is that Jake Johnson?' I'm gone already. I'm just, head down and like, 'Yes, thank you!'"

The takeaway ... "I think for me, the fact that I started to list my credits was such a weak play as I think back on it, you know? In my mind I was thinking: 'I'll jog his memory with these credits.' But what I should have said was, 'Oh, I don't know, I'm in stuff. More importantly, great job!' But I didn't — I *wanted* him to recognize me and that want is something I need to work on.

"The thing I learned is that no matter what level (of fame or success) you get to, embarrassment can always come and you need to be totally comfortable in yourself."

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collage of human creative desire — I think Anderson wants us to understand how sex, politics and art can all merge in a gloriously orgasmic combination of self-actualization, and that our lives only are fully realized, poetically speaking, when they do.

Whether you will grasp all of that on a first viewing, though, is open to question.

Catching each individual character's through-line is far from easy. You also have to look hard for what the play really wants to say. It certainly works as a celebration of creativity, and I found its depictions of what we all have to go through — but African-Americans have especially had to go through — to be frequently moving, especially given the quality of some of the actors in this production, a group that includes Karen Aldridge, Keith Randolph Smith, Ayanna Bria Bakari, Maya Vinice Prentiss, Bernard Gilbert and Jasmine Bracey.

But creativity is one of those qualities no one openly opposes. All of the characters in the piece are struggling against systems — racist structures, a lack of money, prejudgement, blocked opportunity. This is our painful shared history. Still, the work struggles to be fully dramatic at times, partly because Anderson clearly loves her characters and hasn't yet figured out how to explore the fundamental intimacy of creative exploration while also reaching for the epic themes implicit in her title. But it is the challenge this immensely talented writer and director have set themselves.

To watch is to keep wanting some of these characters to jump off the turntables, grab the moment by the gut and really let loose, but, even though actors like Aldridge and Smith would be able to do that, the show seems to keep pulling them back into small scenes of self-expression. The show uses microphones and, at times, it has the style of a podcast being recorded in a really beautiful environment.The romantic hue of Todd Rosenthal's design, which tends to smooth away the rough edges in these characters' lives, makes it feel like everyone is living on the set of some classy, indie movie. But I don't think that is entirely what Anderson had in mind. Right now, it's a hybrid, a very beguiling and articulate one. Still. Some hard decisions have yet to be made about which way the work should go.

The way forward I think is to explore the other side of this question: What is the line between creativity as self-expression, which is good for anyone, and creativity that actually requires pleasing the audience for a book, or for a painting? How does it feel to deny someone else an opportunity? Is there ever such an ethical circumstance? Do you always have to cave in the face of artistic desire? Who are the antagonists working against us, and how do we fight them?

Life's struggles have much sharper edges than the ones that appear here, as wise, bright and astute as all Anderson's creations turn out to be.

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When: Through Feb. 24 (closed Wednesday)

Where: Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.

Running time: 2 hours, 15 minutes

Tickets: $20-$70 at 312-443-3800 and www.goodmantheatre.org

LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Maya Vinice Prentiss (Riley) and Karen Aldridge (Tami) in "How to Catch Creation" at the Goodman Theatre.

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document on disc of my approach to the Beethoven Symphonies."

Muti next season also will conduct the CSO's first performances Symphony No. 3 by Florence Price and "Mother and Child" by William Grant Still, two African-American composers unjustly underplayed during their lifetimes and after.

"Since I came to Chicago, I was told about this symphony," says Muti, referring to Price's composition. "And so they brought me the score, and I think that it is a score that is so sincere, so moving. ... A modern, contemporary (work) doesn't necessarily mean to be complicated and difficult to digest. This is music that comes from the heart, like the other work of the composer Still.

"It's also important to understand that there are people of different heritage that ... have struggled to be recognized for their merits and their qualities. So this is also one of the reasons I wanted to underline the importance of these composers."

As for other themes in the forthcoming season, CSO vice president for artistic planning Cristina Rocca notes in an email from the orchestra's Asia tour: "More than themes, I would say there are some 'threads' across the season: American composers of the 20th and 21st century (Missy Mazzoli, John Adams, Jennifer Higdon, Mason Bates, James Lee III, Samuel Barber....) ... living composers such as Avner Dorman, Nicolas Bacri and Bernard Rands, and also works that the CSO has not performed before, from Wieniawski to Tippett and Thomas Ades."

Among the living composers receiving world premieres, Muti considers CSO composer-in-residence Missy Mazzoli "a very good, very strong composer." And he counts Rands as "a great friend of mine, because when I was in Philadelphia for several years, he was composer-in-residence ... I respect him very much ... I think it will be the right homage to his life as a composer."

Following are highlights of the CSO's 129th season; all events are at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave., unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.cso.org or phone 312-294-3000.

Muti in Chicago

The maestro will mark his 10th season as music director with 10 weeks of subscription concerts.

He'll conduct Symphony No. 3 by Florence Price, whose Symphony No. 1 received its world premiere from the CSO in 1933. Also on the program: "Mother and Child" by William Grant Still, a towering figure among American and African-American composers. Violinist Julia Fischer will perform the Brahms Violin Concerto (April 23, 24, 25 and 28, 2020).

Muti will conduct the world premiere of a "DREAM for Orchestra," by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Bernard Rands, commissioned by the CSO. The program also will include Stravinsky's Divertimento from "The Fairy's Kiss" and Leonidas Kavakos performing the Beethoven Violin Concerto (Nov. 1, 2 and 5).

Muti will launch the orchestra's Beethoven celebration, performing Symphonies Nos. 1 and 3 ("Eroica") with the CSO for the first time, on a program that also will include Beethoven's "Consecration of the House" Overture (Sept. 26, 27 and 28). Later, Muti will conduct Beethoven's Symphonies Nos. 2 and 5, on a program that also will feature the world premiere of Nicolas Bacri's Concerto for Bass Clarinet, "Ophelia's Tears," commissioned by the CSO for J. Lawrie Bloom, the orchestra's bass clarinet (Feb. 20, 21, 22 and 23, 2020).

Muti continues his Beethoven cycle with Symphonies No. 4 and 7, on a program that also will present the world premiere of "Orpheus Undone," by CSO composer-in-residence Missy Mazzoli (April 30, May 1, 2 and 3, 2020). The conductor will offer Beethoven's Symphonies No. 6 ("Pastoral") and 8 on a program including the Overture to "The Ruins of Athens" (June 11, 12, and 13, 2020). And he'll conclude his Beethoven series leading the CSO and Chorus in the composer's Symphony No. 9 (June 18, 19, 20 and 21, 2020).

Italian opera always holds an honored place in Muti's repertoire, and, along these lines, he'll lead the CSO, Chorus and soloists in a concert performance of Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Feb. 6, 7 and 8, 2020).

Muti will conduct the CSO in the annual, free "Concert for Chicago," this time at Lane Tech College Prep High School (Sept. 24).

CSO on tour

Muti and the CSO will play Carnegie Hall in New York (Nov. 15 and 16).

They'll take a seventh trip to Europe together in January 2020, marking the orchestra's 34th European outing. The CSO will perform concerts in Vienna celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Musikverein; the tour also will include stops in Cologne, Paris and Naples, with additional details to be announced.

The music director also will take the CSO to Florida for concerts in West Palm Beach, Naples and Sarasota (Feb. 10-15, 2020).

Beethoven's 250th

In addition to Muti's Beethoven Symphonies cycle, all 32 of Beethoven's piano sonatas and other solo repertoire will be performed during the course of recitals by Kirill Gerstein (Oct. 13), Rudolf Buchbinder (Nov. 6 and 10), Andras Schiff (March 29 and 31, 2020); Mitsuko Uchida (April 5, 2020); Evgeny Kissin (May 10, 2020); Igor Levit (May 20, 2020); and Maurizio Pollini (May 24, 2020).

More piano

The Symphony Center Presents piano series also will present Yuja Wang (Feb. 16, 2020); Daniil Trifonov (March 1, 2020); George Li (April 26, 2020); and Denis Kozhukhin (June 7, 2020).

Returning guest conductors

Among notable podium returns will be James Gaffigan (Oct. 3, 4 and 5); Edo de Waart (Dec. 19, 20, 21 and 22); Herbert Blomstedt (March 5, 6 and 7, 2020); Manfred Honeck (Dec. 12, 13 and 14); Lyric Opera music director Andrew Davis (Jan. 30 and 31, Feb. 1 and 4, 2020); Valery Gergiev (March 20 and 22, 2020); Nicholas Kraemer (March 26, 27 and 28, 2020); Jaap van Zweden (April 9, 10 and 11, 2020).

U.S. premiere

CSO principal percussionist Cynthia Yeh will be soloist in Avner Dorman's "Eternal Rhythm" (Oct. 3, 4 and 5).

MusicNOW

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association's contemporary music series presents its 22nd season, curated by composer-in-residence Missy Mazzoli, with concerts featuring the world premiere of a fanfare by Wang Lu (Oct. 7); music by Michael Gordon and others (Dec. 2); world premiere of a work by Courtney Bryan, commissioned by the CSO for the Quince Ensemble and CSO musicians (March 23, 2020); and a celebration of the 55th anniversary of the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (May 18, 2020); all at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance.

Visiting orchestras

Montreal Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Kent Nagano, with pianist Denis Matsuev (Oct. 15); Orchestre Metropolitain de Montreal, conducted by Yannick Nezet-Seguin, with mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato (Nov. 19); and Giancarlo Guerrero conducting the NFM Wroclaw Philharmonic, with piano soloist Piotr Anderszewski (Jan. 25, 2020).

Chamber music

Violinist Christian Tetzlaff and pianist Lars Vogt (Oct. 27); violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter and pianist Lambert Orkis (Jan. 19, 2020); pianist Emanuel Ax, violinist Leonidas Kavakos and cellist Yo-Yo Ma (March 3, 2020); mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato with Il Pomo d'Oro (May 31, 2020).

Special concerts

Farruquito flamenco dance (Oct. 26); Renee Fleming and Evgeny Kissin (April 19, 2020).

CSO at the movies

"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," (Nov. 29 and 30, Dec. 1); "Casablanca" (March 13 and 15, 2020); and "Jurassic Park" (May 15 and 17, 2020).

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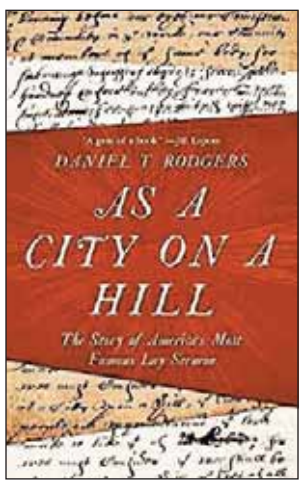
BOOK REVIEW

Story behind phrase that defines nation

Excavation of cultural history uncovers compelling wrinkles

By Patrick T. Reardon
Chicago Tribune



'As a City on a Hill'

By Daniel T. Rodgers, Princeton, 368 pages, $29.95

The United States is an exceptional country, and it stands as a shining city upon a hill as a model of freedom to the rest of the world.

That's the message that American politicians from John F. Kennedy to Newt Gingrich to Hillary Clinton have preached over the past six decades, using, as illustration and proof, what they and scholars have called one of the founding documents of the nation.

The document, "A Model of Christian Charity," was written, the story goes, as a lay sermon delivered by John Winthrop, the elected governor of a community of Puritans, to his followers in 1630 on a small wooden ship in the mid-Atlantic as they headed into the unknown of the New World. Its key sentences come near the end:

"For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill; the eyes of all people are upon us. So that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken and so cause him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be made a story and a byword through the world."

In "As a City on a Hill," Princeton University scholar Daniel T. Rodgers, an expert on the history of social ideas, writes that the story of Winthrop's words "has been celebrated not only for its elements of drama — dangerous ocean passage, inspired words, and exalted sense of purpose — but as the origin story of the nation that the United States was to become." Indeed, the first sentence of that quotation became the touchstone of the presidency of Ronald Reagan, who embedded the idea so much into the nation's consciousness that it has become a staple of patriotic speeches ever since.

However, as Rodgers notes, "It is an uplifting story and a haunting one. And it is at least half wrong."

In fact, my reading of "As a City on a Hill" is that just about everything about Winthrop's words has been twisted and tortured so much out of shape and turned inside out to the point that it has come to signify the opposite of its original meaning.

Consider that the "city on a hill" words are often used directly or indirectly as an endorsement of the superiority of American capitalism. Yet Winthrop's essay was a long meditation of how to balance God's law of mercy with God's law of justice. It was, writes Rodgers, a "running critique of economic materialism" and employed "some of the most anti-materialistic lines of Jesus' parables."

Consider, too, that much of the drama associated with the words doesn't fit the facts. Rodgers points out that the essay might have been written in 1629 or 1630 and that there is no contemporary evidence that it was given as a sermon on shipboard. And, even if it had been, it would have been heard only by a small percentage of the community's nearly 1,000 members since they were spread out in 16 ships. Indeed, there is no proof that Winthrop *ever* publicly read the "sermon" to his followers.

Far from being a "founding document" like the Declaration of Independence, Winthrop's "Model" was virtually unknown during its own era and not rediscovered until two centuries later.

Rodgers' superlative book is an intellectual page-turner — a muscular examination of the culture and theology behind the "Model," a cogent study of the methods by which a nation gives itself meaning through the inventive interpretation of documents from the past and a sharp-eyed accounting of how Winthrop's "city on a hill" phrase came to be used in modern political parlance.

One compelling wrinkle in the narrative is how Reagan's speechwriters took the two-sentence section from the "Model" that their candidate, and later president, had used many times in the past, and lopped off the second sentence. They also added "shining" to the phrase to craft an image of the United States as a beacon of hope and freedom to the world.

Reagan, however, had included the second sentence initially as a warning that all the hope implicit in the American vision could be for nothing if the United States failed to live up to its promise. By the time he was president, his speechwriters decided to emphasize the positive and ignore the negative.

Yet, in that sense of warning, Reagan was much closer to Winthrop's thoughts and worries. Far from seeing themselves as a beacon, his Puritans felt themselves to be naked to their critics, to their own self-censure and to God.

They ran the risk, Winthrop warned, that, failing to live up to their ideals, they would be "made a story and a byword through the world" — a story and byword of pride, failure and sin. They had nowhere to hide.

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In "As a City on a Hill," Daniel T. Rodgers explores a Puritan sermon that continues to influence American identity today.

BOOK REVIEW

Genetic test spurs memoirist to reconsider her identity

By Nora Krug
The Washington Post

'Inheritance'

By Dani Shapiro, Knopf, 247 pages, $24.95

Dani Shapiro was used to hearing it: "*There's no way you're Jewish.*" With her blond hair, blue eyes and delicate features, Shapiro has long been easy prey for cultural assumptions.

Shapiro must be your married name, she'd heard more than once. A family friend (Jared Kushner's grandmother, as it turns out) took things a step further: "We could have used you in the ghetto, little blondie. You could have gotten us bread from the Nazis." Never mind that the 56-year-old author was raised as an Orthodox Jew and studied the Talmud; she has, as a blogger put it, "a look that would qualify her for the role of lead shiksa in a Woody Allen movie."

Now, in her new book, "Inheritance," Shapiro reveals the shocking result of an over-the-counter DNA test: Biologically speaking, she is very much qualified to play lead shiksa. In fact, her memoir — a modern-day mystery with a neurotic heart — could easily be the screenplay for a Woody Allen movie.

The tale begins innocently, in a casual moment at Shapiro's Connecticut home. Shapiro's husband, curious about his own roots, has sent for one of those genetic kits that promises to tell "a more complete story of you." The vials lie around the house for a while, become "part of the scenery," resting ominously on a kitchen counter as the couple goes about its daily life. One night, Shapiro's husband unwraps the containers and nonchalantly tells his wife to spit in one. Without much thought, she does. "I felt vaguely ridiculous and undignified," she writes. "Why was I even doing this?"

Shapiro, a self-professed "serial memoirist," had, after pages and pages of introspection, become quite certain of who she was. Over the course of a decade — and four memoirs — she documented a personal life full of dramatic twists. In "Devotion" and "Slow Motion" Shapiro divulged the tumult of her early adult years — her relationship with the stepfather of a close college friend, the car accident that killed her father and nearly destroyed her mother, the rare illness that threatened her young son's life. In "Still Writing" and "Hourglass," Shapiro shared the experience of working her way through her troubles and building a mostly happy family life after two failed marriages.

"I am no longer consumed by the question: *What if*?" she wrote fatefully in "Hourglass."

"Inheritance" is consumed by the question of what if. What if the man Shapiro thought was her father is not? What if she could find the man who is her biological father? What if he doesn't want anything to do with her? What if he *does*? What if she is not who she thought she was?

The first unknowns slip away easily: Shapiro's DNA test, compared with that of her half sister, indicates the father who raised her was not her biological father. Identifying the man who is turns out to be almost as simple and quick, thanks to the internet.

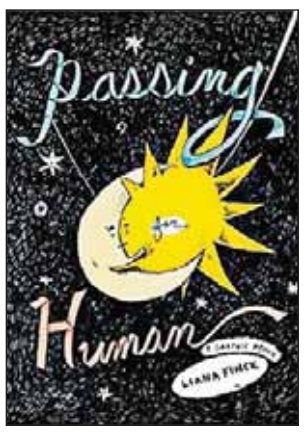
But solving the other mysteries proves more difficult. Shapiro wrestles with questions both mundane and profound: how to get in touch with her biological father without scaring him away, how to share the news with her teenage son, how to look at old family photographs and understand her connection to the people in them, how to reconstruct, as she puts it, "the narrative edifice" of her life.

"Inheritance" is fundamentally a tale of soul-searching. Much of the book consists of Shapiro processing each new bit of information. She seeks guidance from friends, rabbis, ministers, Buddhist monks, even an acupuncturist. At times, her literal and philosophical quest is overly self-involved and melodramatic: "I am the black box, discovered years — many years — after the crash. The pilots, the crew, the passengers have long been committed to the sea. Nothing is left of them. Fathoms deep, I have spent my life transmitting the faintest signal. *Over here! Over here!*" Just because the black box has been recovered doesn't mean everyone wants to know its contents.

Still, as at-home genetic tests become more popular and stories like Shapiro's become more common, "Inheritance" offers a thought-provoking look at the shifting landscape of identity.

Graphic novel roundup

By Michael Tisserand
Chicago Tribune



"Passing for Human" by Liana Finck, Random House, 240 pages, $28

"Passing for Human" is memoir as retrieval: "A draw-er doesn't draw because she loves to draw," Finck writes. "She draws because once she lost something." It is this idea that Finck has lost something — "Let's call it 'my shadow,' " she suggests — that animates "Passing for Human." And so the book's first image: the moon and the sun in tight embrace. All girls, we learn, are born with a living shadow that serves as a guide; most girls, including the artist's own mother, lose it. When the book opens in a conversation between the protagonist "Leola" — presented as a reimagined or "tampered with" Liana — and a lover, the fate of Finck's own shadow is an open question.

Finck's line in "Passing for Human" is so fine and delicate it seems as if it will unravel altogether. Her story is also unconventional: It often stops and restarts, drifting into and out of interludes; Finck might rewrite an ancient text as a feminist fable and then suddenly recall a difficult childhood moment at school. Between prologue and epilogue appears a series of first chapters. And yet it all holds together so well that any other telling is unimaginable.

Finck has succeeded in creating her own twilight zone, a land the artist seems to inhabit, a place of both substance and shadow.

"Home After Dark" by David Small, Liveright, 416 pages, $27.95

With his groundbreaking memoir "Stitches," David Small made the minor leap from illustrating children's books to bringing new visual and narrative form to the hellscape of American adolescence. He furthers this project with his often disturbing, ultimately hopeful "Home After Dark." Announced as a novel, "Home After Dark" owes its deeply affecting mood to Small's distinct brush and wash techniques that move the reader from the interior life of his teenage protagonist Russell Pruitt into a nightmarish evocation of 1950s America: a place of broken families, dead animals and youthful excursions into homophobic cruelty.

The story follows Russell's journey across America following the revelation that his mother has run off with his father's best friend. As Russell's father struggles to regain his footing, he moves his son from what appears to have been a relatively stable if alienated Midwestern upbringing into a series of roadside motels, homes of unwelcoming relatives, and finally a humble set of rooms rented from a Chinese couple. Small shows this journey in a visual style that is tempting to call "cinematic," panning wordlessly across both landscapes and characters' faces. Yet it is the unique possibilities of comics that carry this tale.

"Me the People" by Pia Guerra, Image, 112 pages, $14.99

Best known as a co-creator of the comic "Y: The Last Man," cartoonist Pia Guerra's career took a new turn the morning after Donald Trump secured the presidency, during "one of the most awake moments I've ever experienced," as she explains in her introduction to "Me the People," her first collection of political cartoons. That's when she sketched the book's lead image, a riff of Bill Mauldin's iconic "Weeping Lincoln," which he had published after the Kennedy assassination. Guerra's Lincoln, head in hand, is titled "SMH," the internet acronym for "shaking my head." As such, it both recalls a classic cartoon of a national tragedy and announces itself as a new product in a digital age when presidential pronouncements are delivered in real time on social media.

Guerra most often works in single-image visual allegories, offering naturalistic yet wholly absurd scenes: the president as circus ringmaster; the president as a baby being changed by Vice President Mike Pence. Those works helped take down Tammany Hall; it remains to be seen if satire can topple a political figure who so often seems to verge into self-satire himself.

Michael Tisserand is the author of "Krazy: George Herriman, a Life in Black and White."

WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY

Alex Hogh Andersen

"Vikings" (8 p.m., 11:02 p.m., History): Season five of this historical action drama comes to a close with a new battle for Kattegat — yes, another one! Given recent developments among Ivan (Alex Hogh Andersen) and the rest of the characters, only Odin and the other gods can foresee which power-seeker will emerge victorious in a finale called "Ragnarok," which takes its title from the Norse myth about how the current world will end.

"Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back" (7 p.m., FOX): The team travels to scenic Seymour, Conn., for a visit to Stone's Throw, a family-owned restaurant on the Housatonic River that once maintained a high standard in fine dining. After some observation, however, Chef Gordon Ramsay discovers that the two stressed-out owners have allowed standards to slip as far as both service and cleanliness. Ramsay and company perform a spectacular transformation on the eatery.

"All American" (8 p.m., CW): Spencer (Daniel Ezra) finds it hard to stay focused when some of his former teammates from Crenshaw show up at a college recruiting event in the new episode "All Eyez on Me." Jordan (Michael Evans Behling) struggles with the opportunities that automatically come with being Billy Baker's (Taye Diggs) son, while Olivia (Samantha Logan) comes to Asher's (Cody Christian) assistance. Bre-Z, Greta Onieogou, Money Mazur and Jalyn Hall also star.

"The Real Housewives of New Jersey" (8 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 12:32 a.m., Bravo): Teresa opens up about her true feelings on the prospect of Joe returning home as the Cabo trip continues in the new episode "Camels, Cabo & Catfights." The ladies have no choice but to take sides when Margaret hurls some blistering accusations at Jennifer.

"Single Parents" (8:31 p.m., ABC): No one would ever accuse Douglas (Brad Garrett) of being a helicopter parent, but when he resolves to treat his identical twin daughters as individuals, he's surprised to discover that Amy (Ella Allan) is a math genius in the new episode "The Shed." Meanwhile, shy Graham (Tyler Wladis) makes a new friend at school.

"Storage Wars" (9:01 p.m., 1:04 a.m., AE): Season 12 wraps up tonight with two back-to-back episodes, starting with "Nowhere to Formaldehyde," in which Emily's husband, Cody, misses a bid and winds up in trouble as a result. Meanwhile, the Vegas Ladies struggle to be seen. Then, in the finale, "Drama in the LBC," Darrell and Dave make a bet as to which of them wound up with the better locker.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Comic Pete Holmes.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Comic Kenan Thompson; Luis Fonsi talks and performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Journalist John Heilemann; political consultant Mark McKinnon; journalist Alex Wagner; actor Max Greenfield.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Billy Crystal; TV personalities Desus Nice and The Kid Mero; Emily King performs.*

* Subject to change

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 30

MOVIES

		PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS	2	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N) © HD		The Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon ©	Criminal Minds: "Sick and Evil." (N) © HD		News (N) ♦
	NBC	5	Chicago Med: "The Poison Inside Us." © HD		Chicago Fire: "What Will Define You." ©		Chicago P.D.: "True or False." © HD		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC	7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled: "I, Mellor." (N)	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Match Game (N) © HD		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN	9	blackish © HD	blackish © HD	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.
	This TV	9.3	Great Balls of Fire! (PG-13,'89) ★★★ Dennis Quaid.				Eddie and the Cruisers II ♦		
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: "Naledi: One Little Elephant." © HD		NOVA: "First Face of America." © HD		Dictator Playbk (N) ♦
	The U	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cinci.	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce	26.5	Living Single	Living Single	48 HRS. (R,'82) ★★★ Nick Nolte, Eddie Murphy.				Another 48 ♦
	FOX	32	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell (N)		The Masked Singer: "Mix and Masks." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	Ion	38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ♦
	TeleM	44	♦ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)		Jugar con fuego (N) ©		El barón (N) ©		Chicago (N)
	CW	50	Riverdale (N) © HD		All American (N) ©		Dateline © HD		Chicago ♦
	UniMas	60	Tres Milagros HD		Atrapada HD		Rosario Tijeras HD		Tiro de ♦
	WJYS	62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach's Cor.	Paid Prog.	Monument
	Univ	66	Jesús (N)		Mi marido (N)		Amar a muerte (N)		Noticias (N)
CABLE	AE		Storage	Storage	Storage Wars ©		Storage (N)	Storage	Storage ♦
	AMC		Jaws (PG,'75) ★★★★ Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. ©						Jaws 2 ★★ ♦
	ANIM		North Woods Law: Uncuffed (N)				North Woods Law		North-Law ♦
	BBCA		Planet Earth: "Jungles."		Planet Earth: Dynasties ©			(9:25) Planet Earth ©	
	BET		♦ (4:25) Ray ('04) ★★★		(7:55) Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG-13,'09) ★★				
	BIGTEN		♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Illinois at Minnesota. (N) (Live) ©				B1G Basket
	BRAVO		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ (N)		Sweet Home ©		Watch (N)
	CLTV		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNBC		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal (N) ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No ♦
	CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily (N) ♦
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	DISN		Raven	Raven	Bunk'd ©	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Sydney-Max
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	ESPN		NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Washington Wizards. (N) (Live)					NBA Basketball (N) ♦	
	ESPN2		♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
	FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery ♦
	FREE		grown-ish	(7:31) The Goonies (PG,'85) ★★★ Sean Astin. © (SAP)					700 Club ♦
	FX		X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13,'16) ★★ James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender. ©						X Men ♦
	HALL		Valentine Ever After (NR,'16) Autumn Reeser. ©				A Dash of Love (NR,'17) Jen Lilley. ♦		
	HGTV		Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Property ♦
	HIST		Vikings ©		Vikings: "Ragnarok." (Season Finale) (N)		(9:02) Knight Fight (N)		Forged ♦
	HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC		Road House (R,'89) ★★ Patrick Swayze. ©				(9:15) Road House (R,'89) ★★ © ♦		
	LIFE		Project Runway (N)		Project Runway (N)		American Beauty Star (N)		All Stars ♦
	MSNBC		All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	The Challenge (N) ©		Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild/Out ♦
	NBCSCH		♦ NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Miami Heat. (N) (Live)				Chicago	Bulls (N)	Football
	NICK		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends ©
	OVATION		♦ (6) Heat (R,'95) ★★★ Al Pacino, Robert De Niro.						DaysThndr ♦
	OWN		Say Yes: ATL		Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
	OXY		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA ♦
	PARMT		Forrest Gump (PG-13,'94) ★★★★ Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. ©						
	SYFY		♦ (5:06) Jurassic Park ★★★		The Magicians (N) ©		Deadly Class (N) ©		Lost World ♦
	TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (Season Finale) (N)	Conan (N)
	TCM		McLintock! (NR,'63) ★★★ John Wayne. ©				(9:15) The Quiet Man (NR,'52) ★★★★ ♦		
	TLC		My 600-Lb. Life: "Holly's Story." (N)				Family by the Ton (N)		My 600-Lb ♦
	TLN		Camp Meeting		Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ♦
	TNT		♦ (6:03) Rogue One: A Star Wars Story ('16) ★★★				Drop/Mic (N)	Jokers (N)	Law ♦
	TOON		Samur. Jack	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy
	TRAV		Mysteries-Museum (N)		Buried Alive (N)		Beyond the Unknown (N)		Mysteries ♦
	TVL		Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King
	USA		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Suits: "Whale Hunt." (N)		Mod Fam
	VH1		Black Ink Crew: Chicago		Black Ink: Chicago (N)		Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Ink ♦
	WE		♦ (6:30) Sex and the City (NR,'08) ★★ Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall. ©						Pretty ♦
	WGN America		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Pure: "The Singing." (N)		Married
PREMIUM	HBO		Cop Out (R,'10) ★ Bruce Willis. ©				Amanda Seales: I		True Det ♦
	HBO2		Crashing	True Detective ©	(8:40) Brexit (NR,'19) Benedict Cumberbatch.				
	MAX		Patti Cake$ (R,'17) ★★★ Danielle Macdonald. ©				(8:50) All Eyez on Me (R,'17) ★★ ♦		
	SHO		We Own the Night (R,'07) ★★ Joaquin Phoenix.				Black Mon	What's Love Got to Do ♦	
	STARZ		♦ (6:13) The Rundown ★★★		Out of Time (PG-13,'03) ★★ Denzel Washington.				Chuck ♦
	STZENC		♦ The Bounty Hunter ('10) ★		The Saint (PG-13,'97) ★★ Val Kilmer. ©				Money Pit ♦

The intriguing disguises behind 'Masked Singer'

By Whitney Friedlander
Variety

FOX

The Deer is one of the mystery singers in Fox's new variety show, "The Masked Singer," which premiered Jan. 2.

Fox's "The Masked Singer" is a talent competition with a difference. The series, which drew 9.2 million viewers in its Jan. 2 debut, is not looking to find America's next big star. Instead, it's about hiding them as they perform covers of chart-toppers in masquerade.

Twelve celebs compete, with one singer eliminated each week as identities are revealed. Fog machines and backup dancers add to the ambience of this adaptation of a Korean format.

Fooling the audience, as well as the other contestants, requires some intriguing head-to-toe disguises — courtesy of the woman behind the masks of "The Masked Singer," costume designer Marina Toybina.

The four-time Emmy winner knows a thing or two about adding razzle-dazzle to performers' wardrobes, thanks to her work on projects like Fox's "So You Think You Can Dance" and Katy Perry's 2015 Super Bowl halftime show. She says she was most excited to bring a "cinematic approach" to reality TV, a genre that traditionally has schedules and budgets too strict to allow for anything overly complex or avant-garde.

Toybina started "Singer" with about 20 illustrations, creating characters like a hippo with LL Cool J-style chains, inspired by her love of hip-hop music; a demon-eyed white rabbit in a straitjacket based on the films "Edward Scissorhands" and "Donnie Darko"; and a golden lion that pays tribute to fashion designers like Alexander McQueen and Thierry Mugler as well as the "Chronicles of Narnia" books.

Toybina says it seemed kismet the way the 12 inaugural singers appeared drawn to particular looks; the person dressed as a glittery blue-and-green peacock — a design that makes her think of a Las Vegas entertainer — performed a song from the Hugh Jackman movie "The Greatest Showman."

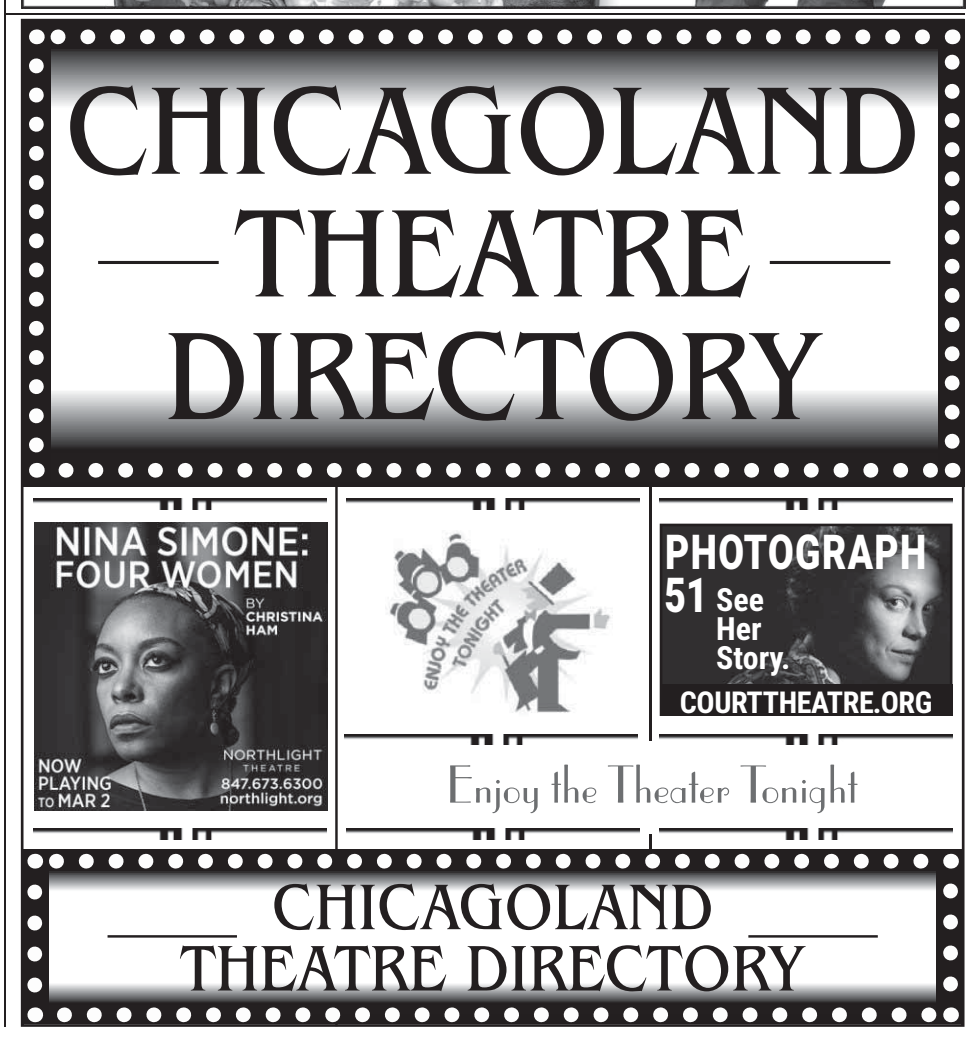
There were also technical factors to consider, such as whether the performers would be able to dance — or even keep from falling off the stage. Adjustments had to be made to ensure everyone could hear, see and, most important, breathe in the made-to-order masks.

Toybina says there was "definitely trial and error trying to figure out the best way to hide our talent and make them become these characters without any sign of skin." Other factors included whether the performer had the type of energetic stage presence that would be hindered by a more constricting design or if that person was statuesque and could pull off a more extravagant look.

The nature of the show also required what Toybina describes as "very, very private" fittings at a "hidden-away" location. She also teases that these looks can be deceiving.

"There were a few gender mixes within the costumes," Toybina warns when asked about, say, a curvaceous alien or a corseted unicorn. "I had such creative freedom from my network and the producers that we were able to play around ... and the cast was so open-minded as to who would go into a female costume or who would go into a male and how we'd adjust the build based on that."

The designer is tight-lipped about the original sketches that didn't make it on-screen, saving them for a potential second season that she says would delve more into fantasy.



Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Jan. 30): Benefits come through community participation this year. Lay foundational groundwork. Domestic changes could disrupt. Navigate changes with your partner this winter. Reach a milestone around health, work and fitness this summer, before a restorative rest. Follow an inspiring possibility next winter. It's all better together.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Disciplined efforts can realize a dream. Avoid emotional spending. Investigate and explore a subject of your fascination.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. It's easy to get distracted. Keep your eyes on a long-term financial goal, and take profitable actions. Celebrate positive results with your partner.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Nebulous possibilities take shape and form with focused action. Collaborate with a partner to get farther, faster. Listen carefully, and make sure you understand. Compromise.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Keep practicing to raise your physical performance levels. Nurture your health and wellness. Get your heart pumping. Energize a dream to realize it faster.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Share sweet words and compassion. Actions speak louder than words. Let your efforts show what's in your heart. Make a move for love.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. You can make a domestic dream come true. Muse on colors and furniture. Clear excess clutter, and open up the space. Make repairs and upgrades.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Communication is especially important and effective now. Let people know exactly what you want, and listen for what they want. Share information, ideas and resources.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Steady action gets lucrative. Extra income is available. Make sure you understand what's required. Clarify details, and negotiate deals. Provide valuable services.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Step into new leadership. A personal dream is in view; focus and coordinated efforts are required. An open mind can see unusual opportunities.

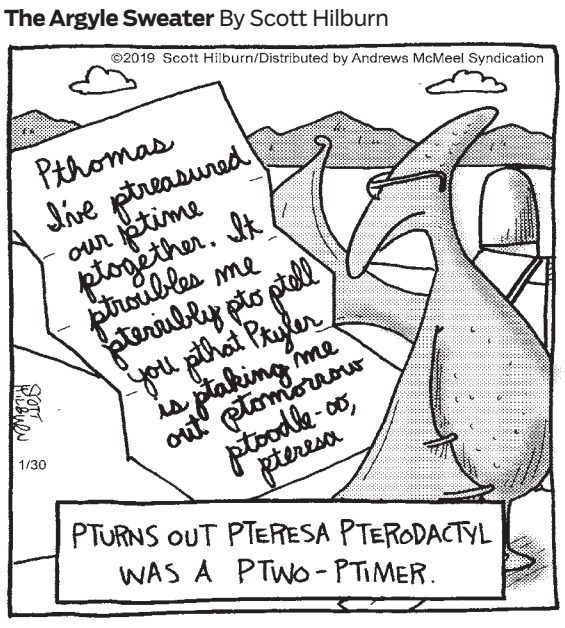
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Find a private spot to plan and organize. Craft your vision, and refine the steps you see to take. Take a walk in nature.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Rely on good friends for a steady grip. Start a conversation for possibility and set the wheels in motion. Together, you're a powerful force.

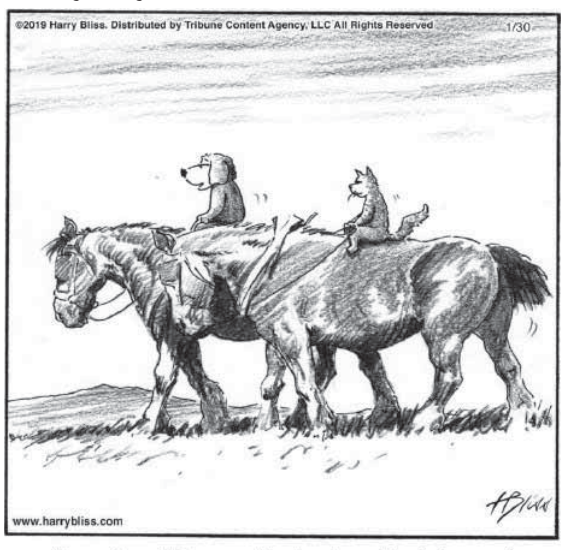
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. A professional vision inspires you. Imagine how you would love your work to be. Make adjustments to align reality to your dream.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



"I can't wait to see the look on their faces."

Bridge

North-South vulnerable, North deals

North
♠ K Q 8
♥ A 3
♦ A K Q 8 2
♣ A 9 7

West
♠ J 6 5 4 2
♥ J 2
♦ 4
♣ K Q 6 5 2

East
♠ A 3
♥ Q 10 9 7 4
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ 10 8

South
♠ 10 9 7
♥ K 8 6 5
♦ 7 5 3
♣ J 4 3

China is a world power in bridge today, thanks in part to the efforts of Kathie Wei-Sender, of Boca Raton, Florida. She has been a champion of bridge throughout the world for many decades but has made special efforts in her native China. Her former husband, the late C.C. Wei, invented the Precision System, which has proponents all over the world but is extremely popular in China. Today's deal is from a tournament in China last year. South is known to us only as Mr. Hou.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣*	1♥	Pass**	Pass
Dbl	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

***At least 16 points**
****0-4 points**

Opening lead: Jack of ♥

South won the opening heart lead with dummy's ace and cashed two high diamonds, getting the bad news. Trying to set up the long diamond would be futile if East, the overcaller, held the ace of spades, so Hou tried leading the king of spades from dummy.

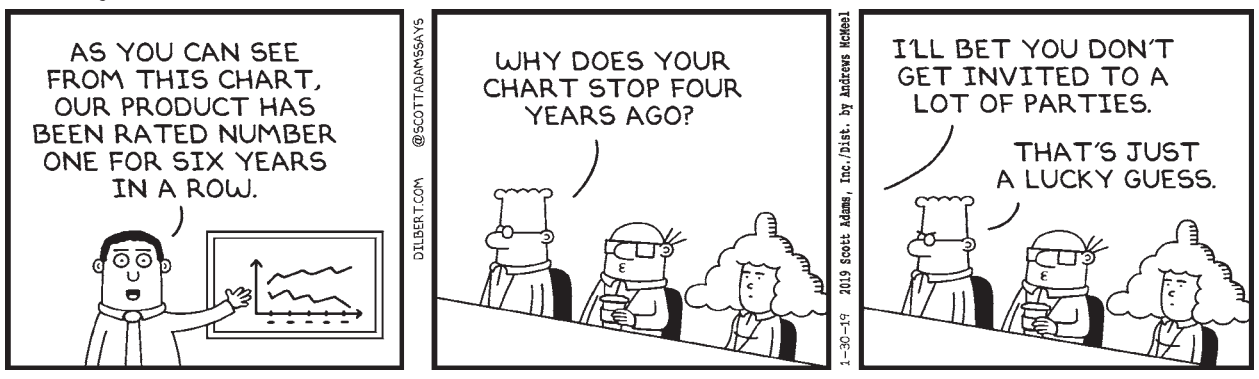
East won with his ace and led the queen of hearts to South's king, setting up his hearts.

Hou bravely ran the 10 of spades, successfully finessing against the jack, and then made the key play of cashing the queen of spades. This forced an awkward discard from East, who could not let go of either a heart or a diamond, so he was forced the shed a low club. It was time for another brave play by Hou, who led a low club to the 10, jack, and king.

West could cash two spades, but then had to lead a club. Hou inserted dummy's nine of clubs and brought home his contract in magnificent style.

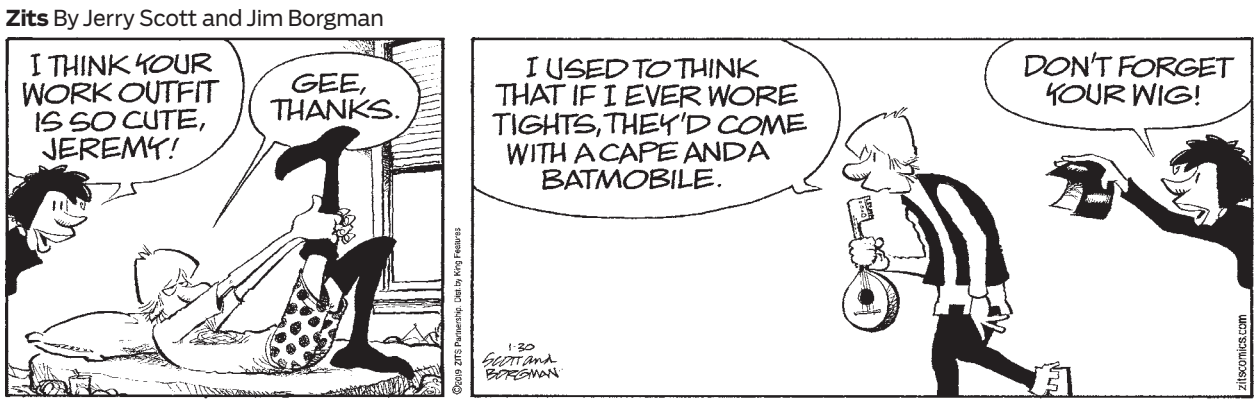
— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

Dilbert By Scott Adams

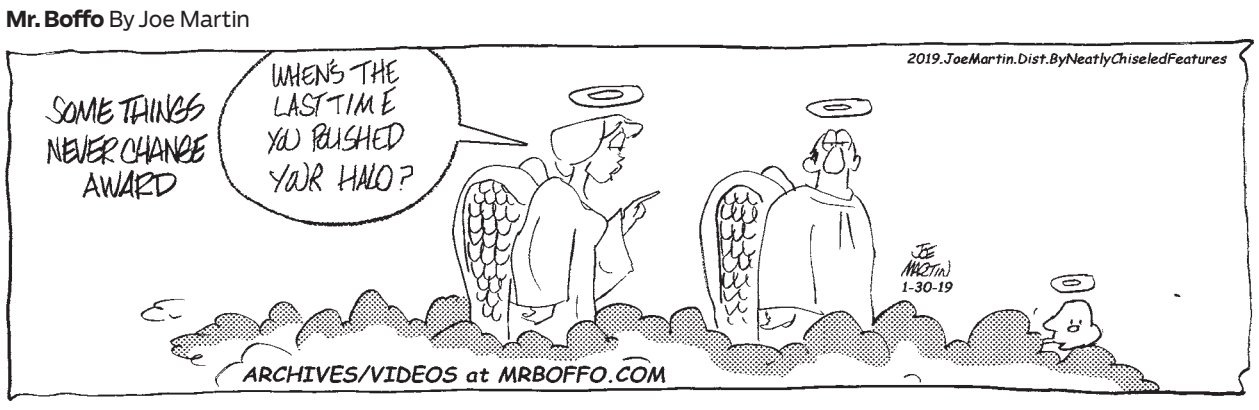


Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



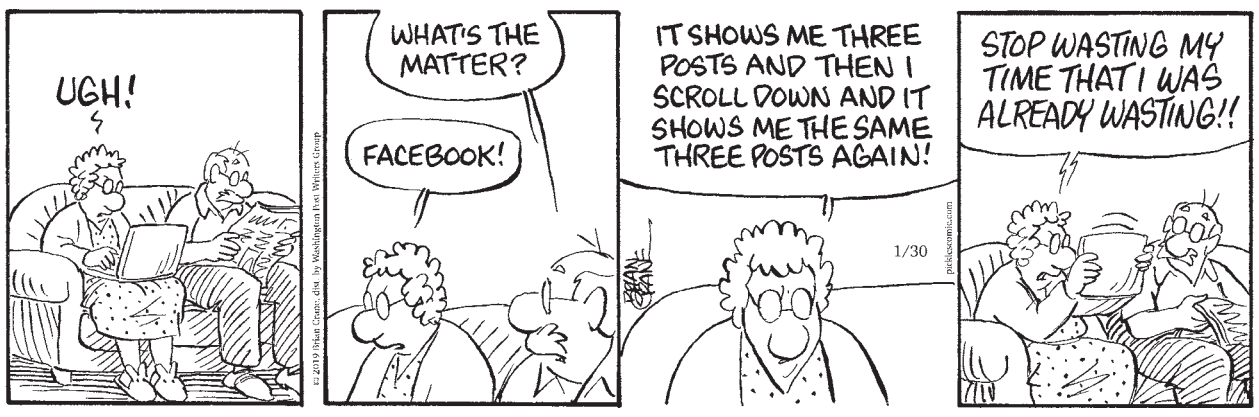
Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett

Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz

Pickles By Brian Crane



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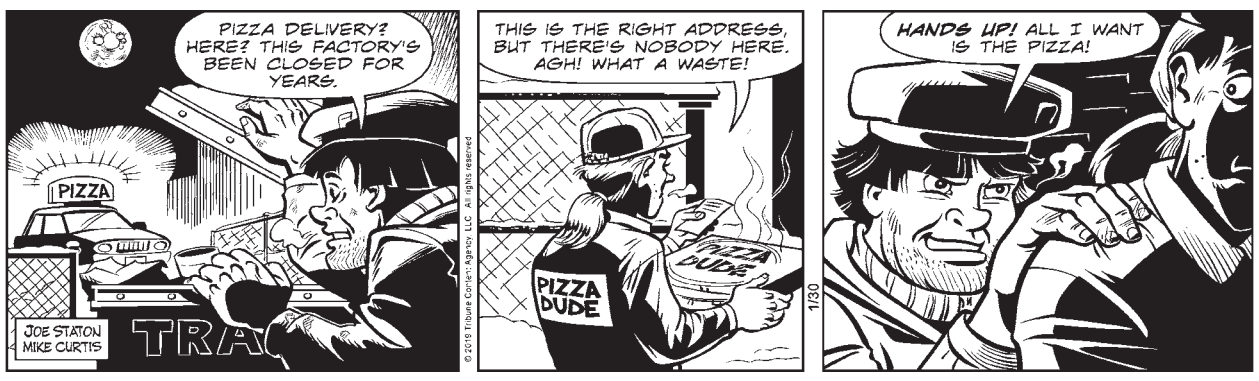
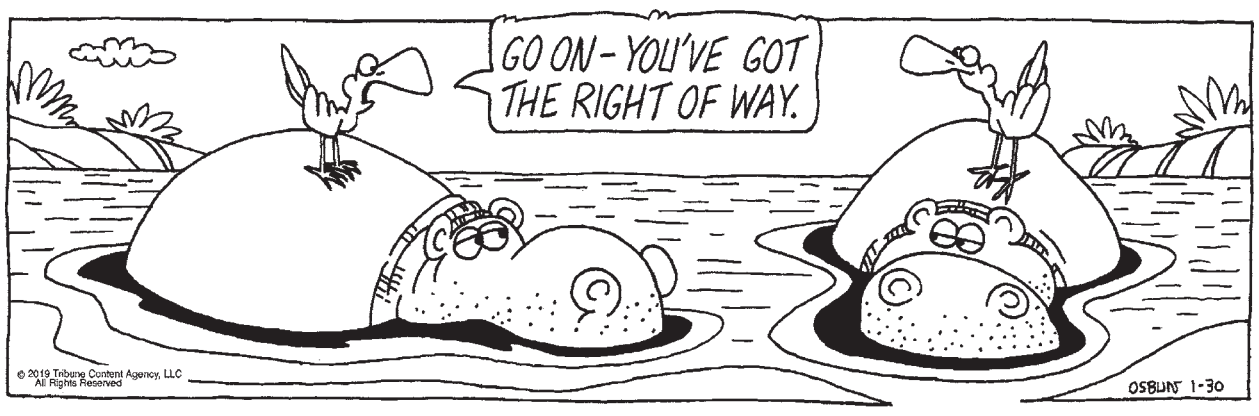
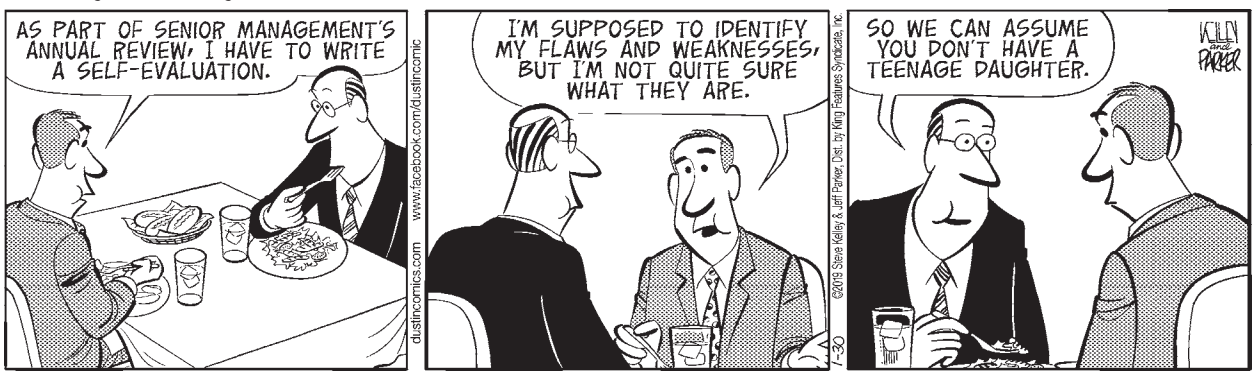


Animal Crackers By Mike Osbun



Prickly City By Scott Stantis

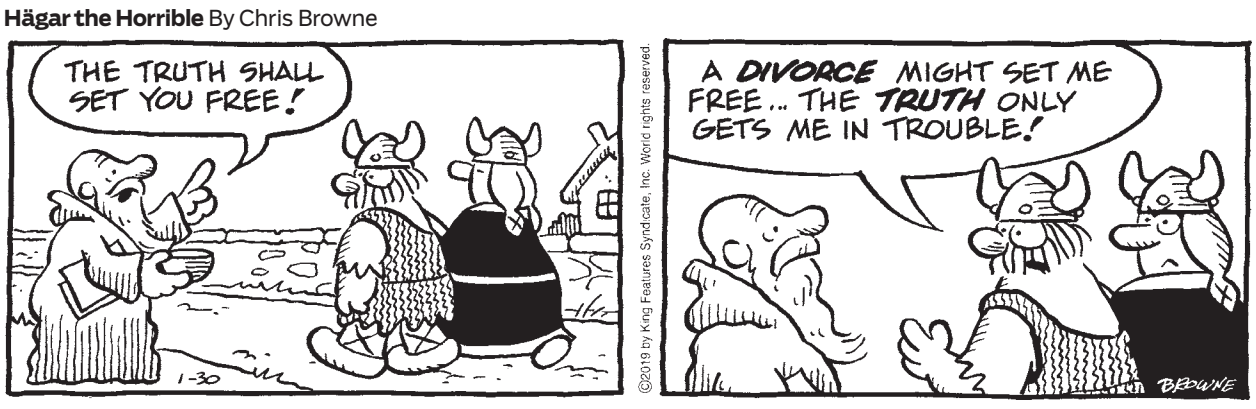
Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston

Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall

Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



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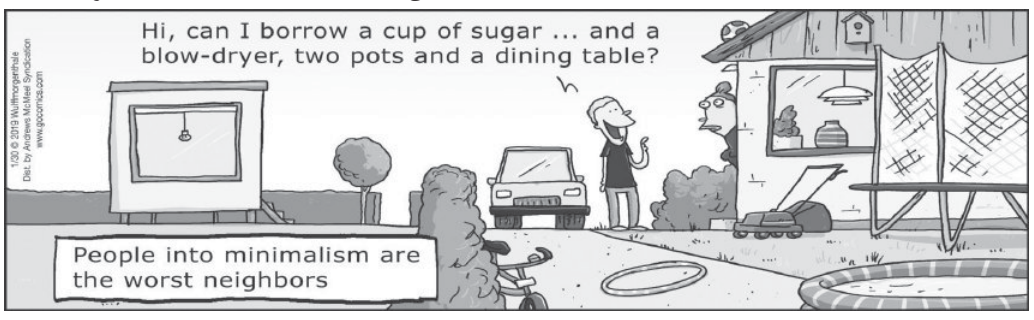
WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



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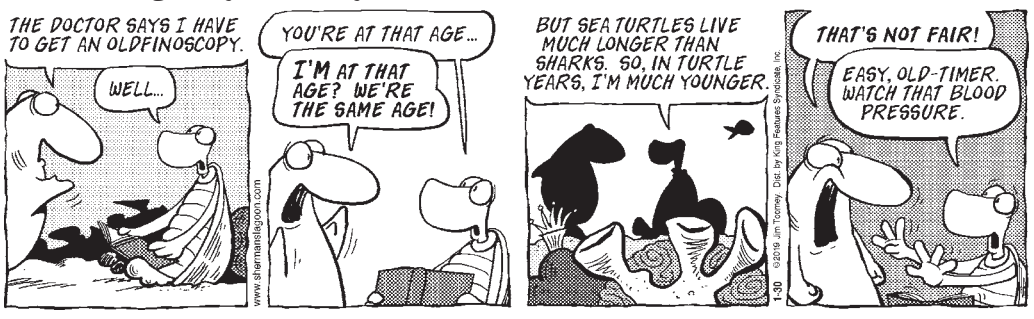

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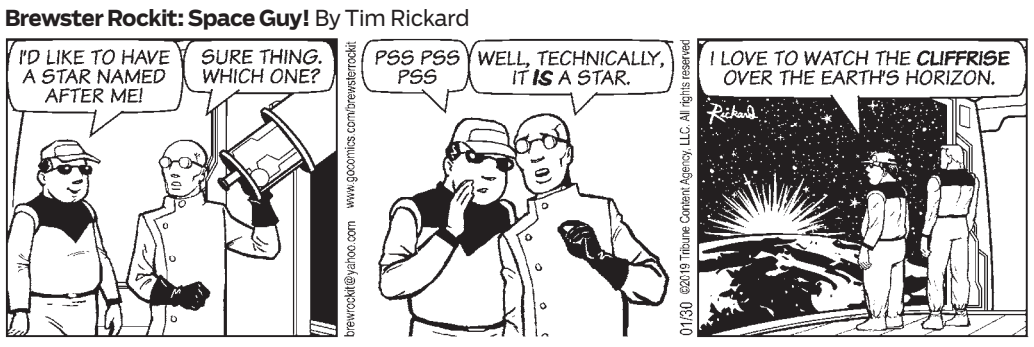

Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers

Trivia Bits

Ancient Greeks wore amethyst jewelry to prevent what?

A) Death in battle
B) Drunkenness
C) Plague
D) Pregnancy

Tuesday's answer: Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia are commonwealths. Alabama is not.

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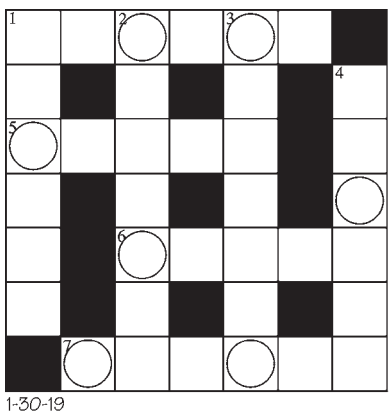
Jumble Crossword



1-30-19

ACROSS CLUE	ANSWER
1. Shock, scare	HRFTGI
5. Habit, custom	GAEUS
6. Deduce	NIRFE
7. Small falcon	RNIMEL

DOWN CLUE	ANSWER
1. Economical	GLFARU
2. Picture	MENIIAG
3. Attentive	DEUFLHE
4. Sprint faster than	RUOTNU

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: This metal can be cut with a knife.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Fright 5A-Usage 6A-Infer 7A-Merlin 1D-Frugal 2D-Imagine 3D-Hezbul 4D-Outrun B-Lithium

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1234

1/30

2	7				1	3		6
	3							7
				7				
7	2			1			9	
			2		4			
	4			6			5	8
				9				
3							4	
8		4	3				6	2

9	1	6	3	7	5	8	4	2
5	8	4	2	1	6	9	3	7
7	2	3	9	4	8	6	5	1
6	4	7	8	5	2	3	1	9
2	5	9	4	3	1	7	8	6
8	3	1	7	6	9	4	2	5
4	9	8	5	2	7	1	6	3
1	7	5	6	8	3	2	9	4
3	6	2	1	9	4	5	7	8

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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SAHHR

WTREET

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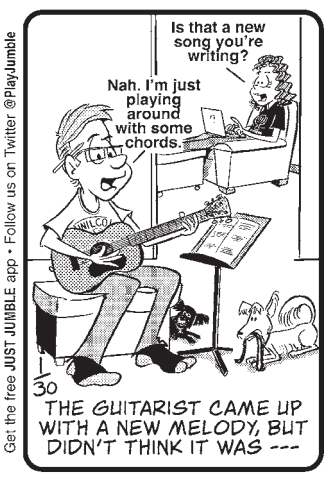

Answer here

Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: WAGER WINCE NATIVE PELLET
Answer: The stage performers often had problems — INTERACTING

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Crossword

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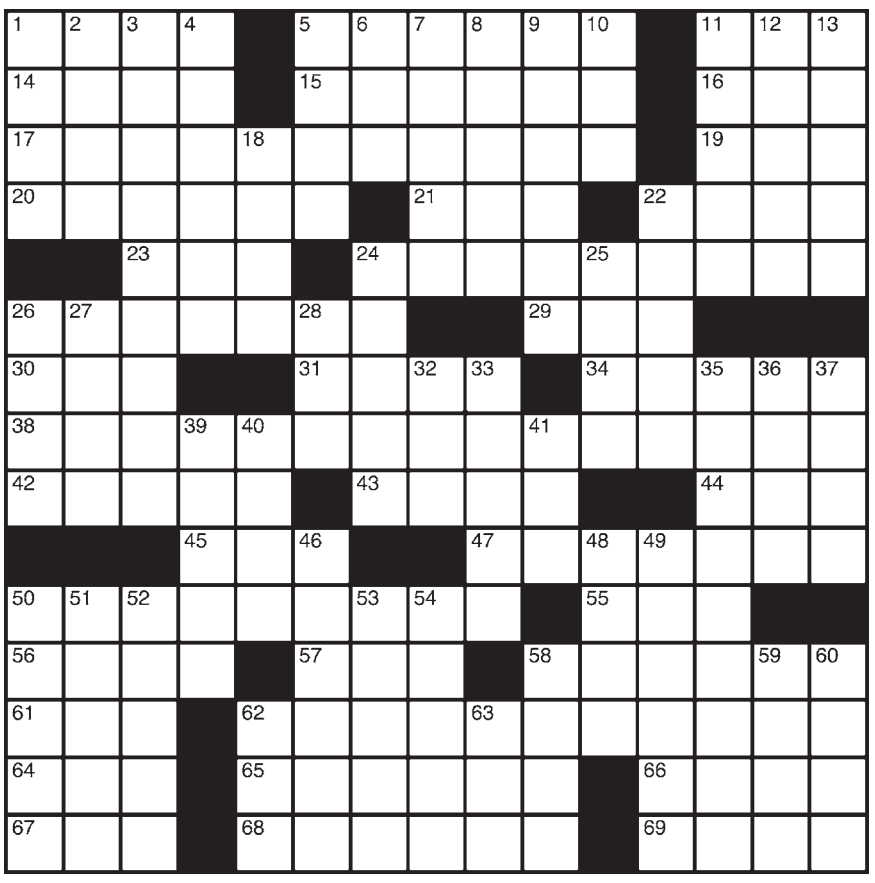

Across

1 Arrangement holder
5 Pursues with bloodhounds
11 Pampering, briefly
14 Mideast airline
15 Ace, in poker
16 That lady
17 Blink of an eye
19 Poison __: villain in Batman comics
20 Tip of a wingtip
21 Oprah's channel
22 Quick cut
23 Former Soviet orbiter
24 "The Life of Pablo" hip-hop artist
26 Half-brush partner
29 Old AT&T rival
30 '60s pigskin org.
31 Grows faint
34 Hank with 755 homers
38 Comb and scissors, to a stylist
42 Sean of "Stranger Things"
43 In any way
44 Bakery order
45 Aunt, in Andalusia
47 Flat-lying volcanic flow
50 Tucked-in clothing part
55 __ heartbeat
56 Formally surrender
57 Did some laps
58 Put into gear?
61 Liquid in a drum
62 Musical ensemble ... or what the ends of 17-, 24-, 38- and 50-Across comprise
64 Lyrical tribute
65 Periodic reviews
66 "M*A*S*H" star
67 "Deck the Halls" contraction
68 Inky goofs
69 Set in a purse

Down

1 Suit piece
2 Gravy Cravers pet food brand
3 Stephen King novel featuring vampires
4 Draw forth
5 Butter amt.
6 Kick oneself for
7 Major maker of can material
8 Rodeo __
9 Saxophonist with 17 Grammy nominations
10 Normal: Abbr.
11 Your, old-style
12 Wranglers competitor
13 Chamber in a vampire movie
18 Pool protector
22 Get bleeped, maybe
24 Item in a kitchen block
25 Coup d'__
26 Pollster's collection
27 Aerial enigmas
28 Hurly-burly
32 "Total Request Live" network
33 Seaside souvenir
35 Competition where rhymes are exchanged
36 Garfield housemate
37 Have to have
39 Petrol purchase
40 Tizzy
41 Cy Young Award winner's stat
46 Naturally lit courtyard
48 Home improvement guru Bob
49 Fur-lined jacket
50 Hurry along
51 "America's Got Talent" judge Klum
52 Lazes around
53 "Storage Wars" network
54 "The Jungle Book" setting
58 Get bleeped, maybe
59 Actress Lamarr
60 Flight sked info
62 "That __ close!"
63 NFL period

Tuesday's solution

By Doug Peterson. Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis.

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30 NORMAL HIGH: **32°** NORMAL LOW: **17°** RECORD HIGH: **55° (1988)** RECORD LOW: **-15° (1966)**

Dangerous cold will continue into Thursday

LOCAL FORECAST

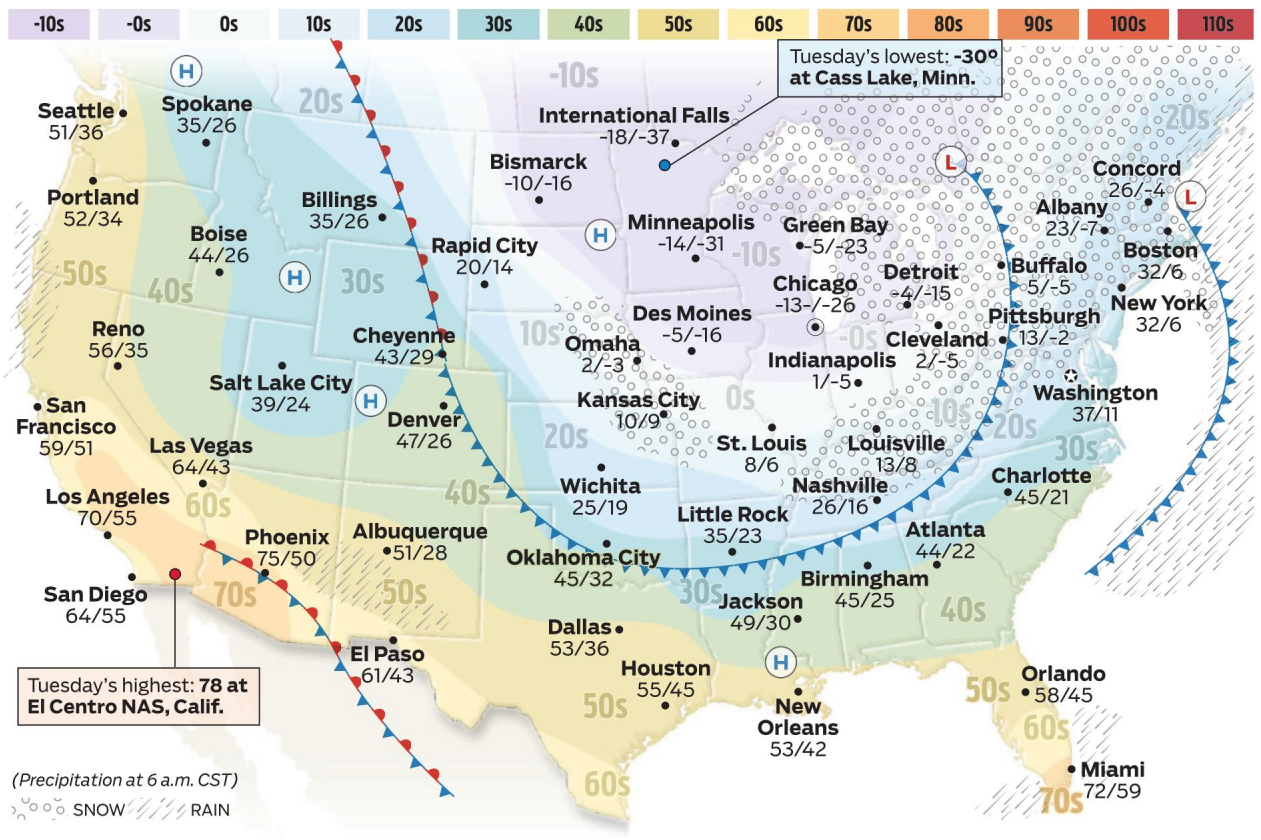
HIGH	LOW
-13	-26

■ **Wind chill warning continues until noon. Dangerous cold with wind chills -50 to -60 this morning. Potential record breaking high temperature of only -13.**

■ Mostly sunny skies with scattered clouds. West winds 18 to 22 mph gusting to 30 mph with wind chill near -40 in the afternoon. Blowing and drifting snow, especially in open areas.

■ Clear skies Wednesday night allow temperatures to drop to close to Chicago's record low of -27. Wind chill near -40 Thursday morning with west winds of 6 to 8 mph.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Some of the coldest weather ever recorded in Chicago will be in place today and Thursday. The record low temperature of minus 27 degrees that was set on Jan. 20, 1985, will be in jeopardy Thursday morning. The record low high temperature for any day in Chicago was minus 11, which occurred on Dec. 24, 1983, and again on Jan. 18, 1994. The warmest temperature on Wednesday will likely have occurred at midnight — with the afternoon high not expected to get above minus 13. Stay indoors if at all possible.

The extreme cold moderates on Friday with highs in the low 20s and a rapid temperature increase for the weekend, with the high approaching 40 on Saturday and reaching the low 40s Sunday. The normal high for Feb. 2 is 32 degrees. The warmth will bring rain late on Saturday and most of the day Sunday.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

HIGH	LOW
2	-6

The day starts with a temp near the all-time record low of -27. Highs struggles to reach single digits in the afternoon. Increasing clouds. A chance for snow late in the day with snow likely at night. WSW winds 12-18 mph decrease and turn south.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

HIGH	LOW
23	8

Light snow ending early morning. Becoming partly sunny. Light south winds help bring warmer air that starts a weekend warmup. High in the low 20's. Partly cloudy skies overnight with single digit lows.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

HIGH	LOW
38	32

Morning sun gives way to clouds with a chance of rain in the afternoon. Much warmer with an above average high temp in the upper 30's. South winds 8-12 mph with gusts to 16 help the warming process. Chance of rain overnight.

SUNDAY, FEB. 3

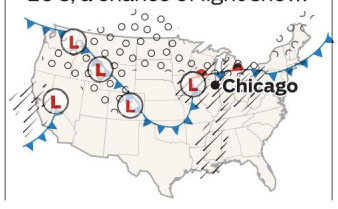
HIGH	LOW
42	36

Mild temperatures reach the low 40's. Cloudy skies with a chance of rain through the day with increased rain potential in the evening and overnight hours. South winds 8 to 12 mph. Overnight lows remain above freezing.

MONDAY, FEB. 4

HIGH	LOW
43	26

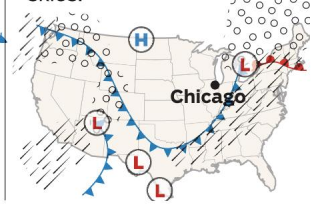
Overcast skies persist and rain continues, with heaviest rain in the morning. Highs in the low 40's. SW winds increase to 12 to 16 mph with gusts to 20 mph. Colder overnight with lows in the mid 20's; a chance of light snow.



TUESDAY, FEB. 5

HIGH	LOW
34	23

Light snow ends early and skies become partly sunny. Light winds shift to the north and usher in colder air with a high just above freezing. Overnight lows in the low 20's with cloudy skies.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,

What is the city's record for most consecutive hours of subzero temperatures?

— Jerry Pinzino, Homewood

Dear Jerry,

While this week's subzero spell will be significant and likely eradicate some of the city's long-standing temperature records, it won't come close to the duration of the city's longest subzero spell during Christmas 1983. Temperatures dropped below zero at 7 a.m. Dec. 22 and remained there for 100 consecutive hours until 11 a.m. Dec. 26. During this prolonged frigid spell, the city not only recorded its coldest Christmas Eve, with a high of minus 11 and a low of minus 25, but also its coldest Christmas, with a high of minus 5 and a low of minus 17. Strong west winds sent wind chills plunging to minus 80. December 1983 remains Chicago's coldest December on record.

Write to: ASK TOM
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WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

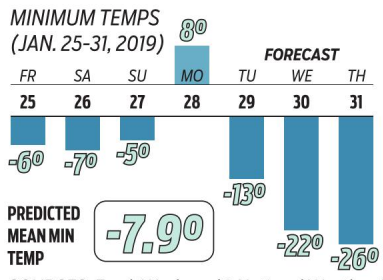
Nearly unprecedented cold grips Chicago Wednesday-Thur.

CHICAGO'S EXTREME LOW TEMPS FOR THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY

Record mean minimum temp (Jan. 25-31)	Wednesday's (Jan. 30, 2019) forecast daily average temp
-4.7° (1936)	-17.5°
-4.3° (1963)	Normal daily average for Jan. 25-31 is 25°
-3.1° (1966)	

■ The record low daily average temp is -15.0° set on Jan. 25, 1897)

MINIMUM TEMPS (JAN. 25-31, 2019)



CHICAGO'S COLDEST ARCTIC BLAST IN 25 YEARS

The 4th-coldest since 1900

Top 4 coldest 3-day spells

#1	-14.2°	(Christmas 1983)
#2	-9.5°	(1996)
#3	-8.5°	(1994)
#4	-8.1°	Current cold wave

BASED ON THE PAST 3-DAY COLD WAVES SINCE 1870

Here are the records which will fall...

Predicted temps at O'Hare

WEDNESDAY MORNING	WEDNESDAY	WED. NIGHT/ THURS. A.M.
-22°	-12°	-26°

Records to fall:

-15°	3°	-12°
(1966)	(2004)	(1985)

BRUTALLY COLD!

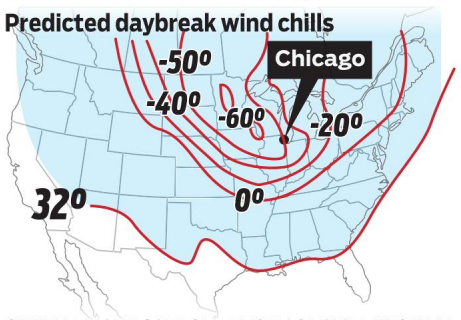
Back-to-back -20° or colder only happened 3 times in Chicago's recorded history	Jan. 16-17, 1982
	Dec. 23-24, 1983
	Jan. 19-20, 1985

Only 15 of a possible 54,020 days have been -20° or colder in Chicago

CHICAGO FORECAST	WEDNESDAY JAN. 30	A.M. THUR. JAN. 31
	-22°	-22°

6 A.M. WEDNESDAY FORECAST

Predicted daybreak wind chills



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CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	11	-4	Midway	11	0
Gary	12	0	O'Hare	10	-2
Kankakee	10	1	Romeoville	11	-3
Lakefront	11	1	Valparaiso	13	3
Lansing	10	0	Waukegan	7	-1

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	0.05"
January to date	1.91"	1.63"
Year to date	1.91"	1.63"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	Trace
Season to date	31.2"	30.9"
Normal to date	19.6"	20.8"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind	W 16-36 kts.	SW 10-22 kts.
Waves	2-4 feet	1-2 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps	34°/32°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

JAN. 29	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	37.7%	27.3%
Average snow depth	4.5"	3.1"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	20 days	18 days
Subzero lows	4 days	4 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Tuesday's reading	Good
Wednesday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:05 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Moon	2:56 am.	12:55 p.m.

NEW	1ST Q	FULL	3RD Q
Feb. 4	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26

TUESDAY PLANET WATCH

Mercury	7:18 a.m.	4:59 p.m.
Venus	4:04 a.m.	1:36 p.m.
Mars	9:53 a.m.	10:58 p.m.
Jupiter	3:41 a.m.	12:56 p.m.
Saturn	5:39 a.m.	2:54 p.m.

BEST VIEWING	TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:15 a.m.	10° SE
Mars	6:30 p.m.	46.5° SW
Jupiter	5:15 a.m.	13° SE
Saturn	Not visible	

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	pc	10	8	sh	34	28
Champaign	pc	-5	-13	ss	15	13
Decatur	pc	0	-7	sh	20	18
Moline	pc	-12	-28	ss	2	0
Peoria	pc	-10	-21	ss	9	8
Quincy	pc	1	-8	ss	23	18
Rockford	pc	-16	-31	ss	-6	-8
Springfield	pc	0	-7	sh	22	19
Sterling	pc	-16	-33	ss	-4	-6
Indiana						
Bloomington	pc	4	-1	cl	23	19
Evansville	pc	8	6	sh	28	25
Fort Wayne	pc	-8	-15	pc	3	0
Indianapolis	pc	1	-5	cl	18	15
Lafayette	pc	-6	-13	cl	11	8
South Bend	ss	-13	-23	cl	-4	-6
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	pc	-5	-23	pc	-5	-11
Kenosha	pc	-10	-25	cl	-3	-6
La Crosse	pc	-11	-33	ss	-1	-7
Madison	pc	-12	-30	cl	-4	-7
Milwaukee	pc	-9	-24	pc	-2	-5
Wausau	pc	-9	-28	pc	-4	-11
Michigan						
Detroit	pc	-4	-15	pc	1	-7
Grand Rapids	ss	1	0	ss	5	0
Marquette	ss	1	-11	pc	4	-8
St. Ste. Marie	sh	-2	-8	ss	4	-6
Traverse City	ss	3	-1	ss	5	-1
Iowa						
Ames	su	-9	-23	sh	3	-2
Cedar Rapids	pc	-15	-32	ss	-3	-5
Des Moines	pc	-5	-16	sh	7	0
Dubuque	pc	-13	-32	ss	-1	-4

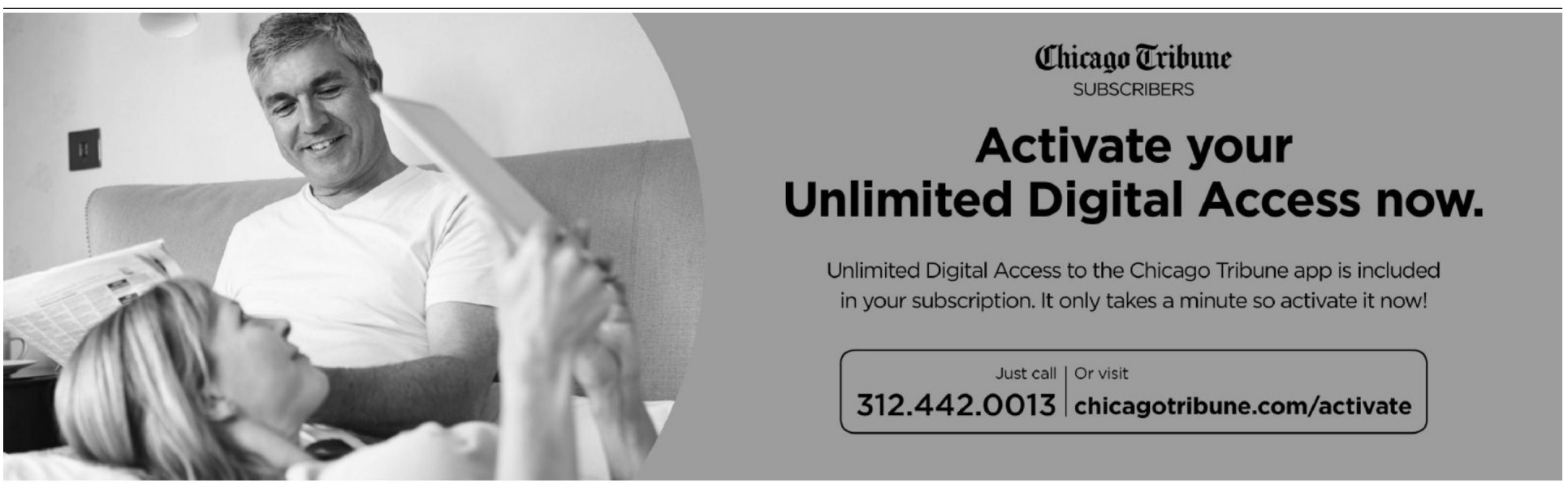
OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	pc	54	40	pc	64	46
Albany	ss	23	-7	pc	15	-3
Albuquerque	su	51	28	su	55	34
Amarillo	su	55	30	su	60	27
Anchorage	rs	36	25	pc	28	9
Asheville	pc	34	17	pc	40	24
Aspen	su	34	6	su	37	9
Atlanta	pc	44	22	su	48	30
Atlantic City	pc	37	6	su	22	13
Austin	sh	57	44	sh	61	54
Baltimore	pc	34	9	su	24	17
Billings	sh	35	26	pc	42	30
Birmingham	pc	45	25	su	52	35
Bismarck	pc	-10	-16	sh	12	5
Boise	pc	44	26	su	46	30
Boston	ss	32	6	su	18	11
Brownsville	sh	65	60	ts	71	58
Buffalo	sn	5	-5	pc	2	-2
Burlington	cl	18	-2	sh	11	2
Charlotte	pc	45	21	su	44	28
Charlstn SC	cl	49	33	pc	51	38
Charlstn WV	ss	19	3	pc	26	19
Chattanooga	pc	36	20	pc	45	31
Cheyenne	cl	43	29	pc	47	30
Cincinnati	pc	7	0	pc	22	18
Cleveland	pc	2	-5	su	8	3
Colo. Spgs	pc	49	24	su	51	24
Columbia MO	cl	8	6	pc	36	29
Columbia SC	pc	50	27	su	50	30
Columbus	pc	3	-2	pc	15	12
Concord	ss	26	-4	pc	13	2
Crps Christi	sh	61	56	ts	67	59
Dallas	pc	53	36	cl	57	51
Daytona Bch.	cl	54	45	pc	63	56
Denver	pc	47	26	su	51	24
Duluth	pc	-9	-25	pc	-3	-8
El Paso	pc	61	43	pc	69	43
Fairbanks	su	12	-16	su	-9	-17
Fargo	pc	-17	-32	sh	-2	-6
Flagstaff	pc	51	24	pc	49	27
Fort Myers	cl	63	49	pc	70	57
Fort Smith	su	42	25	cl	51	40
Fresno	pc	68	52	rn	62	46
Grand Junc.	su	39	19	su	42	21
Great Falls	sh	39	26	pc	47	35
Harrisburg	ss	25	2	su	19	10
Hartford	ss	31	2	pc	16	6
Helena	sh	35	21	pc	42	22
Honolulu	sh	80	71	sh	80	70
Houston	pc	55	45	sh	64	54
Int'l Falls	pc	-18	-37	cl	-9	-16
Jackson	pc	49	30	su	60	43
Jacksonville	cl	52	40	su	57	50
Juneau	rn	39	35	rs	37	13
Kansas City	cl	10	9	pc	38	26
Las Vegas	pc	64	43	cl	61	44
Lexington	pc	14	5	cl	28	24
Lincoln	sh	8	3	pc	27	16
Little Rock	pc	35	23	pc	51	42
Los Angeles	pc	70	55	rn	59	52
Louisville	pc	13	8	cl	29	25
Macon	pc	49	25	pc	53	30
Memphis	pc	30	21	pc	50	40
Miami	sh	72	59	sh	72	66
Minneapolis	pc	-14	-31	sh	-1	-6
Mobile	sh	52	36	pc	58	44
Montgomery	sh	50	27	pc	55	32
Nashville	pc	26	16	pc	43	34
New Orleans	pc	53	42	cl	62	52
New York	ss	32	6	su	18	12
Norfolk	pc	44	18	su	33	23
Okla. City	su	45	32	cl	54	40
Omaha	pc	2	-3	cl	18	9
Orlando	cl	58	45	pc	66	55
Palm Beach	cl	68	58	sh	70	65
Palm Springs	pc	75	52	rn	66	50
Philadelphia	ss	33	6	su	20	12
Phoenix	pc	75	50	pc	74	54
Pittsburgh	pc	13	-2	pc	14	7
Portland, ME	ss	33	2	pc	16	6
Portland, OR	pc	52	34	cl	51	42
Providence	ss	32	3	su	17	8
Raleigh	pc	44	19	su	38	25
Rapid City	sh	20	14	cl	44	29
Reno	pc	56	35	pc	55	33
Richmond	pc	43	13	pc	32	20
Rochester	pc	9	-1	pc	7	2
Sacramento	pc	65	50	pc	64	48
Salem, Ore.	su	52	32	cl	53	42
Salt Lake City	pc	39	24	su	41	26
San Antonio	cl	59	48	sh	61	55
San Diego	pc	64	55	rn	62	52
San Francisco	rn	59	51	pc	57	50
San Juan	su	84	72	pc	83	71
Santa Fe	su	42	23	su	46	27
Savannah	cl	51	31	pc	55	39
Seattle	pc	51	36	cl	53	44
Shreveport	cl	53	33	pc	59	48
Sioux Falls	su	-7	-15	pc	14	6
Spokane	pc	35	26	pc	41	31
St. Louis	pc	8	6	cl	31	27
Syracuse	pc	11	-2	pc	9	2
Tallahassee	cl	51	32	pc	58	39
Tampa	cl	60	44	pc	68	55
Topeka	sh	12	10	pc	38	23
Tucson	cl	72	45	pc	73	49
Tulsa	su	35	25	cl	52	41
Washington	pc	37	11	su	27	19
Wichita	su	25	19	pc	46	27
Wilkes Barre	ss	19	-7	pc	9	-2
Yuma	cl	74	50	pc	74	51

WORLD CITIES

WEDNESDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	su	84	69
Algiers	sh	61	48
Amsterdam	ss	35	31
Ankara	sh	51	36
Athens	rn	61	49
Auckland	pc	73	66
Baghdad	pc	63	49
Bangkok	pc	92	77
Barbados	sh	82	75
Barcelona	pc	57	45
Beijing	pc	38	19
Beirut	su	69	55
Berlin	pc	37	29
Bermuda	cl	70	64
Bogota	sh	66	48
Brussels	sn	34	27
Bucharest	sh	53	37
Budapest	sh	36	28
Buenos Aires	ts	92	63
Cairo	su	70	48
Cancun	pc	79	68
Caracas	pc	78	61
Casablanca	pc	62	51
Copenhagen	pc	36	32
Dublin	su	41	32
Edmonton	ss	37	26
Frankfurt	pc	37	27
Geneva	sn	38	27
Guadalajara	su	77	38
Havana	pc	77	60
Helsinki	ss	30	25
Hong Kong	pc	74	59
Istanbul	cl	57	49
Jerusalem	su	59	38
Johannesburg	ts	80	60
Kabul	sn	36	25
Kiev	rn	39	32
Kingston	sh	83	75
Lima	cl	83	71
Lisbon	sh	57	55
London	pc	41	26
Madrid	cl	53	45
Manila	pc	87	73
Mexico City	su	74	42
Monterrey	pc	58	44
Montreal	pc	15	-1
Moscow	ss	31	29
Munich	sh	38	23
Nairobi	pc	84	58
Nassau	su	74	67
New Delhi	cl	67	48
Oslo	cl	16	11
Ottawa	pc	8	-4
Panama City	pc	89	72
Paris	pc	36	25
Prague	pc	36	25
Rio de Janeiro	pc	98	77
Riyadh	cl	70	59
Rome	rn	47	34
Santiago	su	91	61
Seoul	sh	33	14
Singapore	ts	88	77
Sofia	rn	44	31
Stockholm	sh	23	17
Sydney	pc	95	70
Taipei	sh	78	56
Tehran	pc	54	39
Tokyo	pc	51	35
Toronto	pc	2	-7
Trinidad	pc	88	71
Vancouver	pc	46	39
Vienna	cl	35	24
Warsaw	ss	34	29
Winnipeg	pc	-18	-28

FORECAST (FC) ABBREVIATIONS: su-sunny pc-partly cloudy cl-cloudy rn-rain ts-thunderstorm sn-snow fl -flurries fr-freezing rain sl-sleet sh-showers rs-rain/snow ss-snow showers w-windy na-unavailable



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HEALTH & FAMILY

Racial bias among EMTs?

Study questions treatment of minorities

Story and photos by Kristian Foden-Vencil
Oregon Public Broadcasting/ Kaiser Health News

Talitha Saunders and AJ Ikamoto are emergency medical responders with American Medical Response in Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore. — A recent study suggests emergency medical responders — EMTs and paramedics — may be treating minority patients differently from the way they treat white patients.

Specifically, the scientists found that black patients in their study were 40 percent less likely to get pain medication than their white peers.

Jamie Kennel, head of emergency medical services programs at Oregon Health and Science University and the Oregon Institute of Technology, led the research, which was presented in December at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Scientific Symposium in Orlando, Fla.

The researchers received a grant to produce the internal report for the Oregon Emergency Medical Services department and the Oregon Office of Rural Health.

Outright discrimination by paramedics is rare, the researchers say, and illegal; in these cases, unconscious bias may be at work.

A few years ago, Leslie Gregory was one of a very few black female emergency medical technicians working in Lenawee County, Mich. She said the study's findings ring true based on her experience.

She remembered one particular call — the patient was down and in pain. As the EMTs arrived at the scene, Gregory could see the patient was black. And that's when one of her colleagues groaned.

"I think it was something like: 'Oh, my God. Here we go again,' " Gregory said. She worried — then, as now — that because the patient was black, her colleague assumed he was acting out to get pain medication.

"I am absolutely sure this was unconscious," added Gregory, who now lives and works in Portland, Ore., where she founded a nonprofit to spread awareness about racial disparities in health care. "At the time, I remember, it increased my stress as we rode up on this person. Because I thought, 'Now am I going to have to fight my colleague for more pain medication, should that arise?'"

Leslie Gregory, physician assistant, wants the CDC to declare the effects of racism a national health crisis.

Unconscious bias can be subtle — but, as this new report shows, it may be one of the factors behind race-linked health disparities seen across the U.S.

The study looked at 104,000 medical charts of ambulance patients from 2015 to 2017. It found that minority patients were less likely to receive morphine and other pain medication compared with white patients — regardless of socioeconomic factors, such as health insurance status.

During a shift change at American Medical Response headquarters in Portland, EMTs and paramedics discussed the issue with a reporter as they got their rigs ready for the next shift.

Most of the emergency responders interviewed, including Jason Dahlke, said race doesn't affect the treatment they give. Asked where he thinks unconscious bias could slip in, Dahlke talked about a patient he just treated.

The man was black and around 60 years old. Dahlke is white and in his 30s. The patient has diabetes and called 911 from home, complaining of extreme pain in his hands and feet.

When Dahlke arrived at the patient's house, he followed standard procedure and gave the patient a blood glucose test. The results showed that the man's blood sugar level was low.

"So it's my decision to treat this blood sugar first. Make sure that number comes up," Dahlke said.

He gave the patient glucose — but no pain medicine.

Dahlke said he did not address the man's pain in this case because by the time he had stabilized the patient they had arrived at the hospital — where it was the responsibility of the emergency department staff to take over.

"When people are acutely sick or injured, pain medication is important," Dahlke said. "But it's not the first thing we're going to worry about. We're going to worry about life threats. You're not necessarily going to die from pain, and we're going to do what satisfies the need in the moment to get you into the ambulance and to the hospital and to a higher level of care."

Dahlke said he is not sure whether, if the patient had been white, he would have administered pain medicine, though he doesn't think so.

Asked whether treatment disparities might sometimes be a result of white people being more likely to ask for more medications, Dahlke smiled.

"I wonder that — if, in this study, if we're talking about people of color being denied or not given narcotic medicines as much as white people, then maybe we're overtreating white people with narcotic medicines."

Gregory wrote an open letter to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2015, asking it to declare racism a threat to public health.

Past declarations of crisis — such as those focusing attention on problems such as smoking or HIV — have had significant results, Gregory noted.

But the CDC told Gregory, in its emailed response, that while it supports government policies to combat racial discrimination and acknowledges the role of racism in health disparities, "racism and racial discrimination in health is a societal issue as well as a public health one, and one that requires a broad-based societal strategy to effectively dismantle racism and its negative impacts in the U.S."

Kennel said false stereotypes about race-based differences in physiology that date to slavery also play a role in health care disparities. For example, despite a lack of any supporting science, some medical professionals still think the blood of African-Americans coagulates faster, Kennel said, citing a recent study of medical students at the University of Virginia.

Another question in the survey asked the students whether they thought African-Americans have fewer pain receptors than whites. "An uncomfortably large percentage of medical students said, 'Yes, that's true,'" said Kennel.

On top of that, he said, EMTs and paramedics often work in time-pressured situations, where they are limited to ambiguous clinical information and scarce resources. "In these situations, providers are much more likely to default to making decisions (based) on stereotypes," he said.

Disparities in health care are well-documented. Whites tend to get better care and experience better outcomes, whether they're in a doctor's office or the ER. But before Kennel's study, nobody knew whether the same was true in the back of an ambulance.

And they nearly didn't get to know, because the research required ambulance companies to release highly sensitive data.

"We were prepared to maybe not look that great," said Robert McDonald, the operations manager at American Medical Response in Portland. AMR is one of the nation's largest ambulance organizations, and it shared its data from more than 100,000 charts with Kennel.

Some people chalk up the disparities he found to differences in demography and health insurance status, but Kennel said he controlled for those variables.

So now that AMR knows about disparities in its care, what can the company do?

"My feeling is we're probably going to put some education and training out to our folks in the field," McDonald said.

In addition, he said, AMR is going to hire more people of color.

Snuggling with dogs at Lane Tech

As exams stress students, school 'trying to get them to chill out'

By Kate Thayer
Chicago Tribune

Students shrieked, hugged and cried tears of joy last Wednesday as they snuggled with certified therapy dogs at Lane Tech College Prep, an activity designed as a break from the demands of preparing for final exams.

This is the second year the dogs and volunteers have been brought into the school from Chicago-based Canine Therapy Corps to provide much-needed relief for stressed or anxious kids.

"It's stressful around finals time," Assistant Principal Sarah Hanly said.

"It's a selective-enrollment school, so a lot of them are in AP classes," she said. "We're trying to get them to chill out a little bit."

It seemed to do the trick. A group of students oohed and aahed as they met Waffles, an 85-pound golden retriever, and rushed to put their hands on his fluffy fur.

Junior Sophie Cohen sat cross-legged next to Waffles, petting him and chatting with her friends and Waffles' owner. She said she had just been talking to a friend about how stressed-out she was over finals.

"Just the idea of having a dog in school is good because the school environment is just about stress," she said. "And then here is this dog. You get a break."

Monica Synecky, Waffles' owner and a volunteer with Canine Therapy Corps, said she often takes her dog to visit high school students around finals time.

"This age group benefits really well" from just the

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STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Students greet Waffles, a 3-year-old golden retriever and therapy dog, on Jan. 23 at Lane Tech College Prep.

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Building bonds while building muscle

Some say group exercise helped get life 'back on track'

By Scott Douglas
The Washington Post

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Group exercise can be an effective way to form the types of friendships that combat loneliness, a potentially unhealthy condition.

When Brad Koenig divorced and moved from Toledo, Ohio, to Ormond Beach, Fla., in 2017, two of the first things he did were sign up for a yoga class and join a running club.

"The only people I knew in the area were my brother and sister-in-law," says the former truck driver, 50, who is now a full-time student. "Finding people to work out with was essential to getting my life back on track."

Koenig did with purpose what many men, including myself, have discovered more incidentally: Exercise can be a great way to form the types of friendships that combat loneliness. The therapists and exercisers I interviewed for this article say that group workouts tend to build stronger bonds than, for example, adjoining cubicles, while enriching men's lives by introducing them to a wider range of potential acquaintances.

Although loneliness is a condition that can't be defined and tracked as precisely as diseases are, it appears to be a significant problem in the U.S. A survey by the health service company Cigna of more than 20,000 Americans released last spring found that 46 percent of respondents, who were 18 years and older, said they sometimes or always feel alone, and 27 percent said they rarely or never felt understood by others. An AARP study released in September concluded that 1 in 3 adults 45 or older is lonely.

Research has also found that loneliness is dangerous. "Depression, anxiety, substance abuse — these are often related to loneliness," says Laura Fredendall, a clinical psychologist in Terre Haute, Ind. And it can have a physical impact: Research on nearly half a million British people found that those who reported more loneliness had a higher rate of heart attacks and death in the seven-year study period.

There is a distinction between being alone and lonely, according to Fredendall. Loneliness is marked by persistent isolation. "It's feeling like you have no one to relate to, no friendships where you can confide in others," she says. "You can be in a romantic relationship and have 'work friends' but still be quite lonely."

Men might be especially susceptible, says Mitchell Greene, a clinical and sport psychologist in Haverford, Pa. "Men tend to have fewer friendships than women, and are less likely than women to make social invitations," he said. "Men's relationships tend to be more activity-based."

Enter exercise. Or more precisely, exercising with others.

"I have several male clients who I've encouraged to go to group workouts," Greene says. "It's not that I'm telling them how to make friends. I'm steering them toward environments in which healthy social ties are more possible." Or, as Fredendall advises some of her clients: "You need exercise, anyway. Join a group or class instead of going to bars."

As a middle-aged man who works from home and has a history of depression, I know firsthand the wisdom of this advice. Fifteen years ago, when I moved to Maine from Maryland, I began to purposefully seek out running companions. I wasn't as fast a runner as in my youth, but that led to a great benefit: a much larger pool of training partners, most of whom I wouldn't have met otherwise.

In the past year, I've run with teens and 70-somethings, and all ages between. I run with men and women, with a variety of family situations. Our backgrounds and professions are similarly diverse. Some are people I see only occasionally for a few friendly miles, while others have become confidants. All enrich my life. At a time when my sedentary contemporaries are more likely to see their worlds shrink, I've never had a larger, more eclectic social circle.

How can you convert comrades in sweat into bosom buddies? After all, announcing "I'm here to make friends!" might not go over well in a yoga class in which people are accustomed to a soft "Namaste."

Some activities have a built-in mechanism for connecting with others. On group runs, for example, I find that conversation flows with an ease I struggle to attain in my sedentary hours. Local running clubs and cycling and ski shops can point you to informal, welcoming gatherings of like-minded people.

Greene has recommended CrossFit to several male clients.

"Many of them grew up playing team sports," he says. "Now that they're on their own, without that structure, they've sort of lost their way — they've stopped taking care of themselves, and they're not making new friends. CrossFit gives them an element of social encouragement and friendly competition."

Scott Douglas is a contributing writer for Runner's World and the author of several books, including "Running Is My Therapy."

Therapy dogs visit Lane Tech

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presence of Waffles or other certified therapy dogs, she said.

Therapy dogs must be properly trained and pass a test before they become certified, said Ann Davidson, operations manager at Canine Therapy Corps.

Taking breaks is one of several tools students can use to manage stress or anxiety during particularly trying times, said Jacqueline Rhew, a licensed clinical professional counselor with Amita Health who works with adolescents privately and does teacher training in schools. She also recommends simple things like healthy eating, sleeping well, breathing exercises and physical activity.

Rhew also said she helps students put academic stress into perspective, because when students don't properly manage stress, it can turn into troubling anxiety.

STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Waffles was one of several dogs from Canine Therapy Corps that visited Lane Tech College Prep last week to offer stress relief to students before final exams.

Students react to seeing therapy dog Luna. Breathing exercises and healthy eating can also help students relax.

"I think a lot of adolescents today put a lot of stress on themselves. Finals have always been stressful, but now more than ever, it's the end of the world for kids" if they don't perform well, she said. "They think, 'I'm scared of being a failure. If I don't achieve perfection, then all is lost.'"

Rhew said it's important for parents and teachers to help students understand that while they should be preparing for finals, one bad grade is not "the end of the world."

Seventh-grader Grace Baldwin started to cry as she petted Ash, a keeshond, saying she tears up when she's happy and excited.

Watching Ash twirl around at Davidson's commands "is a good thing to get my mind off" school, Baldwin said.

Juniors Jennifer Giraldo and Anastasia Ramirez hugged and laughed as they took turns with their classmates, giving Luna, a Portuguese water dog, commands to sit, lie down and roll over.

"I was stressing all third and fourth period, and then people were talking about the dogs," said Ramirez, who decided to wait in line with Giraldo to see the dogs herself.

"Now I feel better."

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Keeping children safe in the snow

How to prevent tragedies like the recent fort collapse

By Nara Schoenberg
Chicago Tribune

The hulking piles of snow that build up after winter storms are magnets for children, who love to climb them, dig in them and slide down their icy slopes.

But those tempting mounds of plowed snow pose dangers, too, as Chicago was reminded this month when a 12-year-old girl from Elk Grove Village died in a snow fort collapse.

"That was horrific," said Chicago Fire Department Deputy District Chief Walter Schroeder.

In the wake of the accidental death of 12-year-old Esther Jung and the treatment of her 9-year-old friend for hypothermia, we asked Schroeder and University of Chicago pediatric emergency medicine doctor Alison Tothy for snow safety advice. Among the recommendations:

Don't let your kids dig forts in snowbanks

"That's very dangerous," said Schroeder. "If that fort should collapse, as it did (on Jan. 20), that child is trapped. That child is asphyxiated which, if you think about it, most avalanche victims — that's how they perish." The right way to build a snow fort is on solid ground from the ground up, not by tunneling into a snowbank, Schroeder said.

Beware of cars

It's rare for a child to die in a snow fort collapse, Schroeder said. Snowbank-related car accidents are more common, so don't let your kid play on a snowbank that's close to traffic. "Unfortunately, before the winter is over, we'll probably have a child struck by an auto from that," Schroeder said.

Go sledding instead of playing in snowbanks

Kids want to climb to the top of snow piles, and with all the snow that Chicago has been getting, those piles can get high. Add a little ice to the equation, as the Chicago area saw Tuesday, and there's the risk that children could fall and hit their heads, Schroeder said. His recommendation: Don't let your kids play on snowbanks. "There are plenty of hills around for (kids) to sled that are in safe locations," he said. "We recommend doing that."

Monitor your kids

Check on your kids consistently when they're out in the snow. "They're in a potentially dangerous environment when they start digging holes in the snow, getting themselves entrapped, going up high hills," Schroeder said.

And it's especially important to monitor them when it's really cold outside, Tothy said. Even if your kids are 11 or 12, you should check on them frequently, she said. She also recommends knowing your kids' surroundings before they go out. If they're going sledding, for instance, check the hill for protruding rocks or poorly placed trees.

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A bouquet of flowers is wedged Jan. 21 into a snow pile where Esther Jung, 12, died after a snow fort collapsed.

Watch for frostbite

Kids can get wet when they're playing in the snow, and they may be tempted to keep playing through coldness and numbness. Frostbite in a mild form can result "from just minor exposure," Schroeder said. Kids — and some adults — need reminders to go inside periodically. Kids should take indoor warmup breaks every 20 minutes when the weather is really cold, Tothy said.

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Parents often unaware of kids' suicidal thoughts

By Amy Norton
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A recent study of more than 5,000 children found that 8 percent of them had contemplated suicide.

When children are having suicidal thoughts, their parents may often be in the dark, a new study shows.

The study included more than 5,000 kids, ages 11 to 17, and one parent for each child. Researchers found that among the children, 8 percent said they had contemplated suicide at some time. But only half of their parents were aware of it.

The same gap showed up when researchers looked at the issue from a different angle: Around 8 percent of parents said their child had ever thought about suicide.

Almost half the time, the child denied it, according to findings published online in January in Pediatrics.

It all points to a "pretty substantial disagreement" between parents' and kids' reports, said study leader Jason Jones, a research scientist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

In cases where parents are unaware of their child's struggles, one reason may simply be that the signs were not obvious, according to Jones.

"It's often difficult to know what's going on in someone else's mind," he said.

That's not to say there are no warning signs of suicide risk, Jones pointed out.

Some of those red flags include withdrawal from friends, family and activities; sleeping too much or too little; irritable or aggressive behavior; and giving away possessions, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Still, it can be tough for parents to discern when their own kids are having suicidal thoughts, a San Francisco emergency doctor agreed.

And even when signs are there, parents' minds may resist the possibility, according to Dr. Jacqueline Grupp-Phelan, head of pediatric emergency at the University of California at San Francisco's Benioff Children's Hospital.

"Sometimes they don't want to acknowledge the problem because it's so scary," she said.

That's why it's important to screen kids for depression and suicide risk, and direct families to help, according to Grupp-Phelan, who co-authored an editorial published with the study.

Depression is a major risk factor for suicide — and up to 20 percent of teenagers suffer depression at some point, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. Earlier this year, the AAP issued updated guidelines urging pediatricians to routinely screen adolescents aged 12 and older for depression, using standard questionnaires during annual checkups.

To identify those who are at risk of suicide, screening needs to ask specifically about it, Grupp-Phelan said. Not all depressed kids think about suicide, and those who are suicidal do not always have depression, she pointed out.

The new findings are based on 5,137 kids from Philadelphia. They and their parents were asked the same questions — delving into whether they (or their child) had ever thought about suicide, or had ever "thought a lot about death or dying."

Overall, about 9 percent of girls and 7 percent of boys said they'd contemplated suicide. Only half of parents were aware of it, the findings showed.

Meanwhile, just over 15 percent of both boys and girls said they'd thought about death often. Parents were unaware about three-quarters of the time, according to the report.

Then there were the cases where parents believed their kids had contemplated suicide, but the child denied it.

A few things could be going on, Jones said. The child may be in denial. Or parents may have misread something in their child's behavior. In some cases, parents and kids may have interpreted the survey questions differently.

Both Jones and Grupp-Phelan stressed the importance of open communication between parents and kids.

If parents are concerned about mental health issues, Grupp-Phelan said, talking to their pediatrician is a good place to start. There are also 24-hour helplines, she said, such as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-8255.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

One reader's strategy for stopping cold sores

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

DREAMSTIME

Q: I'd like to share my approach to cold sores. Aside from preventive tactics such as avoiding stress and fatigue, as well as exercising, eating appropriately (getting all your vitamins and proteins, increasing lysine intake and avoiding arginine-rich foods), there is a winning formula of four treatments that fight any outbreak. As soon as I feel the dreaded tingle, I: 1) take L-lysine supplement pills daily; 2) take two prescription valacyclovir pills every 12 hours for two days; 3) put prescription Zovirax cream on the sore every three hours; and 4) apply Abreva cream at the same time as Zovirax (mix both together and apply generously). This combination has been working for me for eight years.

A: Thank you for sharing your unorthodox combination. Such an approach has not been tested in clinical trials, but it does make some sense. Valacyclovir (Valtrex) is an oral antiviral medicine proven to shorten the duration of cold sores. Topical acyclovir (Zovirax) works in a similar manner to keep the virus from replicating. Abreva is an OTC antiherpes cream that works differently from acyclovir, so perhaps the combination would be more effective than either drug alone. We could find no research to support your strategy, though.

Q: I take 1,000 mg of vitamin C daily with my morning orange juice. I have not had a cold or flu in more than eight years. Before I started this regimen, I usually had at least one bout of cold or flu every year.

A: Vitamin C to reduce infection with colds or influenza has been controversial for decades. A review of the available research concluded that vitamin C supplements don't prevent colds, but they may shorten the duration and severity of symptoms (Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Oct. 18, 2004). There is evidence that vitamin C can boost the activity of immune system cells (Nutrients, Nov. 3, 2017). People who catch a cold may benefit from additional supplements of vitamin C (BioMed Research International, July 5, 2018). Certain foods are rich in vitamin C, including red and green bell peppers, citrus fruit and juice, kiwifruit, peaches and others.

Q: My mother and grandmother both used baking soda for heartburn. Mom will be celebrating her 92nd birthday in two weeks, so it must not have done her any harm. My partner cured his heartburn by drinking a shot of apple cider vinegar in juice before every meal. This was recommended by a Ph.D. pharmacologist, who told him that reflux sometimes is caused by too little, not too much, acid. Drinking the vinegar apparently helps rebalance your system. This worked for my partner. He no longer takes antacids, baking soda or vinegar.

A: We have heard from many other readers who report that drinking some apple cider vinegar in juice or water helps heartburn symptoms. Not everyone agrees, however. One reader wrote: "Adding more acid makes matters far worse for me, whether it's mustard, apple cider vinegar or something else. Normally, when I get indigestion, it is due to eating something that was acidic to begin with, and antacids bring me quick relief." Baking soda is a time-honored solution for minor heartburn. The usual dose is half a teaspoon in at least 4 ounces of water. Do not use this remedy if you have overeaten, however. In rare instances, baking soda on a full stomach could cause rupture. That's because of rapid carbon dioxide release. There are at least 15 cases in the medical literature.

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Surge in meth use a growing concern in U.S.

Lack of medication to combat addiction glaring, researchers say

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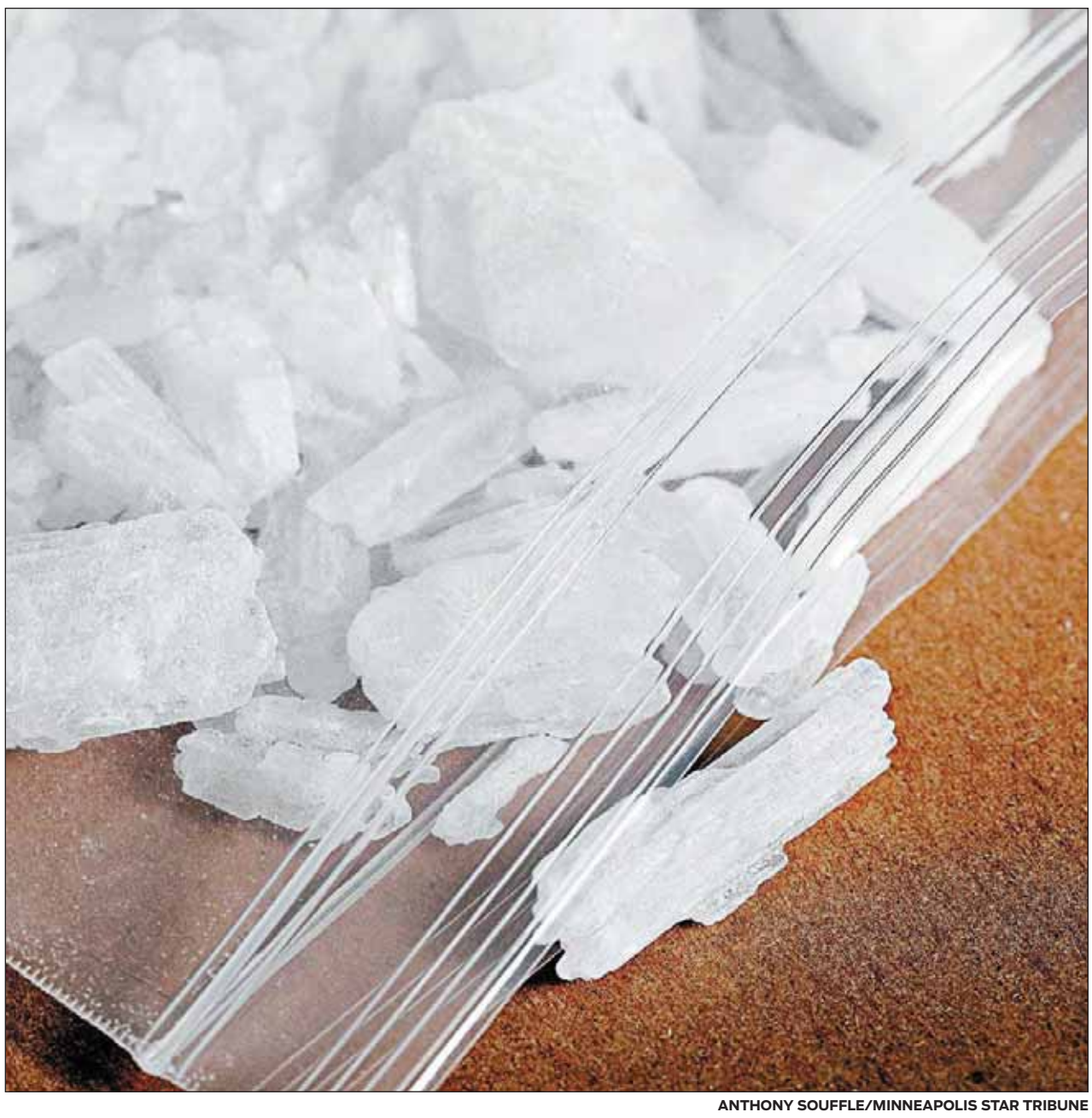

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The methamphetamine circulating today is more potent than that from a decade ago, a researcher said.

In 2016, news reports warned the public of an opioid epidemic gripping the nation.

But Madeline Vaughn, then a lead clinical intake coordinator at the Houston-based addiction treatment organization Council on Recovery, sensed something different was going on with the patients she checked in from the street.

Their behavior, marked by twitchy suspicion, a poor memory and the feeling that someone was following them, signaled that the people coming through the center's doors were increasingly hooked on a different drug: methamphetamine.

"When you're in the boots on the ground," Vaughn said, "what you see may surprise you, because it's not in the headlines."

In the time since, it's become increasingly clear that, even as the opioid epidemic continues, the toll of methamphetamine use, also known as meth or crystal meth, is on the rise, too.

The rate of overdose deaths involving the stimulant more than tripled from 2011 to 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

But unlike the opioid epidemic — for which medications exist to help combat addiction — medical providers have few such tools to help methamphetamine users survive and recover. A drug such as naloxone, which can reverse an opioid overdose, does not exist for meth. And there are no drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration that can treat a meth addiction.

"We're realizing that we don't have everything we might wish we had to address these different kinds of drugs," said Dr. Margaret Jarvis, a psychiatrist and distinguished fellow for the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

Meth revs up the human body, causing euphoria, elevated blood pressure and energy that enables users to go for days without sleeping or eating. In some cases, long-term use alters the user's brain and causes psychotic symptoms that can take up to one year after the person has stopped using it to dissipate.

Overdosing can trigger heart attacks, strokes and seizures, which can make pinpointing the drug's involvement difficult.

Meth users also tend to abuse other substances, which complicates first responders' efforts to treat a patient in the event of an overdose, said Dr. David Persse, EMS physician director for Houston. With multiple drugs in a patient's system, overdose symptoms may not neatly fit under the description for one substance.

"If we had five or six miracle drugs," Persse said, to use immediately on the scene of the overdose, "it's still gonna be difficult to know which one that patient needs."

Research is underway to develop a medication that helps those with methamphetamine addiction overcome their condition. The National Institute on Drug Abuse Clinical Trials Network is testing a combination of naltrexone, a medication typically used to treat opioid and alcohol use disorders, and an antidepressant called bupropion.

And a team from the Universities of Kentucky and Arkansas created a molecule called lobeline that shows promise in blocking meth's effects in the brain.

For now, though, existing treatments, such as the Matrix Model, a drug counseling technique, and contingency management, which offers patients incentives to stay away from drugs, are key options for what appears to be a meth resurgence, said Jarvis.

Illegal drugs never disappear from the street, she said. Their popularity waxes and wanes with demand. And as the demand for methamphetamine use increases, the gaps in treatment become more apparent.

Persse said he hasn't seen a rise in the number of calls related to methamphetamine overdoses in his area. However, the death toll in Texas from meth now exceeds that of heroin.

The Drug Enforcement Administration reported that the price of meth is the lowest the agency has seen in years. It is increasingly available in the eastern region of the United States. Primary suppliers are Mexican drug cartels. And the meth on the streets is now more than 90 percent pure.

"The new methods (of making methamphetamine) have really altered the potency," said Jane Maxwell, research professor at the University of Texas at Austin's social work school.

"So, the meth we're looking at today is much more potent than it was 10 years ago."

For Vaughn, who works as an outpatient therapist and treatment coordinator, these variables are a regular part of her daily challenge. So until the research arms her with something new, her go-to strategy is to use the available tools to tackle her patients' methamphetamine addiction in layers.

She starts with writing assignments, then coping skills until they are capable of unpacking their trauma. Addiction is rarely the sole demon patients wrestle with, Vaughn said.

"Substance use is often a symptom for what's really going on with someone," she said.

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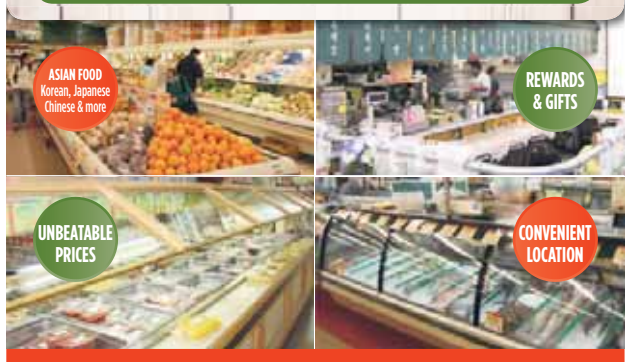

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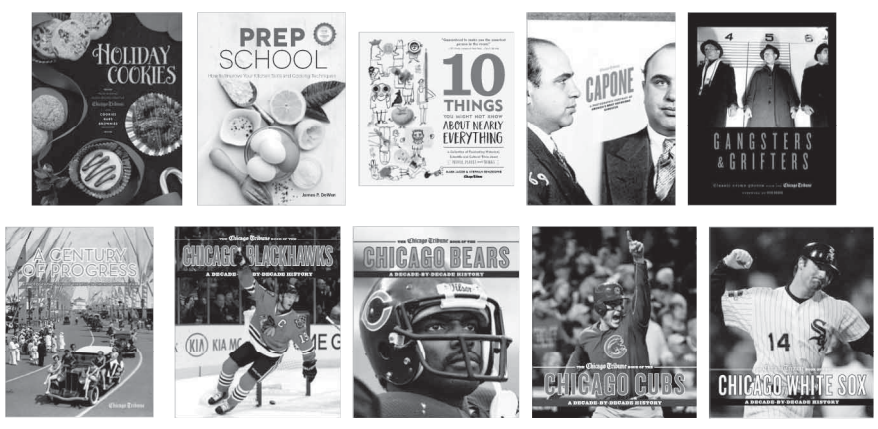

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Roasted green chiles elevate an avocado cheeseburger. The chiles can be roasted using a grill, gas-stove burner, broiler or toaster oven. The burger is served on a brioche bun.

Next-level Super Bowl menu

Roasted green chiles add heat, smoke, flavor to party lineup

JeanMarie Brownson
Dinner at Home

My Super Bowl menu came into play while I was vacationing in New Mexico during chile-roasting season this past fall. The aromas emanating from roadside stands from Albuquerque to Taos kept us hungry the whole extended weekend. That state knows crowd-pleasing flavor — much of it relying on the signature roasted fresh green Hatch chiles.

We stopped at one of those stands to observe the experts dumping crates of freshly picked shiny green chiles into large drums outfitted with gas burners. Those burners blast on high as the drums rotate, scorching the exteriors of the chiles. Seeds and blackened skins spew out a trap door.

The softened chiles get piled into totes to go home with all manner of cooks. A mother-daughter team we spoke with said they would spend the rest of the day cleaning off the seeds and stems and packing the green goodness into freezer containers.

We bought a sample bag of fresh-roasted chiles and ate them in the parking lot. The flavor, heat and smoke seared into our taste memories. We happily sought out the chiles in everything from our morning scrambled eggs to cheesy enchiladas to rich and meaty stews and juicy late-night burgers.

So how do we re-create that green chile goodness at home? Frozen, fire-roasted Hatch Valley New Mexico chiles can be ordered online, but they are pricey. Instead, I suggest a visit to your local produce market. Even in winter, I can easily find fresh, light-green Anaheim chiles (a cousin of the Hatch chile), yellow-green cubanelles and poblano peppers. For these recipes, fresh jalapenos are quite spicy and green bell peppers too sweet — but a combination of the

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CRAVING: Deals

1 rotisserie chicken — 2 taco dinners for 6

By Nick Kindelsperger
Chicago Tribune

I don't need to spend much time examining why you should pick up a rotisserie chicken at the grocery store, do I? Obviously, it's faster than roasting a chicken at home. It's also a shockingly good deal. For what's often cheaper than a whole raw chicken in the meat department, you can nab one that's spent an hour spinning lazily in front of a wall of flames, basting in chicken fat and working on its gorgeously golden brown exterior. (As for why it's so cheap, Time suggests it's used as a loss leader for grocery stores to tempt you to buy more expensive items.)

While you could lop off a thigh and serve it with a simple side dish, why not use all that rotisserie chicken meat as a jumping off point for a more ambitious dinner?

I'm guessing you'll never run out of inspiration. A quick Google search of the term indicates there might be too many options. BuzzFeed has 24 "easy meals" for you to peruse, while Epicurious goes with 31. Not to be outdone, Taste of Home claims to have 133!

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A supermarket rotisserie chicken can yield enough meat to make two taco dinners.

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FULL AND BUZZED

Where to get a burger, beer and shot special in Chicago

By Nick Kindelsperger
Chicago Tribune

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A Mordecai Burger with a beer (Maplewood Pulaski Pilsner) and a shot (Old Fitzgerald Prime) at Mordecai in Chicago. You'll get it for $18 on Monday nights. The burger, beer and shot grouping has been used by some restaurants to attract customers on traditionally slow nights.

Some call it a boilermaker. In Philadelphia, it's a citywide special. Around here, we call a can of Old Style paired with a shot of Malort the Chicago handshake. But to most people, the two are just a shot and a beer. No more, no less.

While no one knows exactly where or when the duo first came together, there's little doubt that a shot and a beer owes its tipsy existence to some low-brow bar. After all, this is a combo for serious drinkers, who need to get the deed done as quickly, and with the least amount of fuss, as possible.

But just as the burger started off its life as an affordable dish for the masses, before moving on to grace menus at some seriously expensive restaurants, the shot and a beer special has infiltrated places that seriously flirt with respectability. And it's teamed up with the burger to create one of the most intoxicating and least healthy dinner specials possible.

Owen & Engine

If we have one restaurant to thank for spreading this beefy and alcohol-drenched gospel, it's Owen & Engine (2700 N. Western Ave.).

"I'm pretty sure we were the first," says chef Bo Fowler.

Her classy ode to the British pub started serving a burger, beer and shot special on Tuesday nights eight years ago. "We did it out of necessity," says Fowler. "Tuesdays were dead for us. But we noticed the movie theater across the street had a Tuesday special, where you could get a ticket, free parking and popcorn for something like $6. We decided to capitalize on that."

Initially she didn't want to offer a discount, because restaurants already work at such low margins. But then she decided to do it in a "way that's fun," which led to pairing the burger with a beer and bourbon.

When I recently dropped by, I downed a Founders Porter and a shot of Zackariah Harris bourbon before moving on to the restaurant's gigantic, caramelized onion-topped, ½-pound burger. By the end of the meal, I was pleasantly buzzed and unquestionably full — all for $18. That's actually $2 less than the burger costs on the regular menu.

The Loyalist

You won't find a beer-shot-burger special at John and Karen Shields' two-Michelin starred restaurant, Smyth, but you will at the Loyalist (177 N. Ada St.), the couple's more approachable concept downstairs.

On the menu, the burger is listed plainly as the Loyalist Cheeseburger. But it's known to fans as the Dirty Burg, a genuinely unhinged offering with a wisecracking Instagram account (@the_loyalist_dirty_burg). Most nights it costs $16. But go on a Tuesday, and that same $16 will get you a burger, a beer and a shot of bourbon. When I dropped by, I sipped a Lone Star with Old Grand-Dad bourbon on the side.

According to John Shields, the special started out as a way to reach out to the area's residents. "We wanted (the Loyalist) to be a neighborhood restaurant for the West Loop," says Shields. "Even though we have a Michelin-starred restaurant upstairs, we like burgers too."

The kind of burger Shields enjoys the most isn't polite and delicate. "Perhaps I'm of an older generation," says Shields. "But I love a diner burger, one that's greasy and has a lot of onions." The Dirty Burg definitely embraces the onion part, featuring some that are pickled, charred and raw. The mayonnaise is even onion-infused.

The neighborhood seems to have gotten the message loud and clear. "Since we've opened, we've made 43,000 burgers," says Shields. "We now have two full-time people just grinding beef for the patties and making things for the burger." He pauses for a split second, before adding, "Be careful what you wish for."

Monnie Burke's

Chef Michael Shrader also had the neighborhood in mind when he launched Monnie Burke's (1163 W. 18th St.) Tuesday burger special. "We started to do (the special) because we wanted some promotional ideas on slower nights," says Shrader. The restaurant initially just offered a discounted burger before deciding to add on the shot and a beer. It's a drink combination he sees as especially popular in Chicago.

"I'm a native of California," says Shrader. "I've been to plenty of bars in California, and they don't do beers and shots like they do here in Chicago." Instead of whiskey, Shrader serves a shot of tequila.

There's no doubt that the special is a good deal. On the regular menu, the burger goes for $15.95. On Tuesday, it's only $15, includes fries and comes with a beer and a shot. "You can't shake a stick at that deal," says Shrader. He's also quick to add that the burger they serve Tuesdays is the same one you'd normally get at the restaurant.

"The beef is a prime 8-ounce patty," says Shrader. "We make our own potato buns and serve it with a house-made lemon garlic aioli, grilled marinated red onions and a ButterKase cheese."

Mordecai

Matthias Merges, chef/owner of Mordecai (3632 N. Clark St.) directly across the street from Wrigley Field, also claims that the restaurant's Monday night burger deal is aimed at appealing to the neighborhood. But he wants to make sure that the special is "interesting for us" too. Mordecai's $18 special comes with beer from Maplewood Brewery, a great local producer, and a smooth shot of Old Fitzgerald. The double cheeseburger features meat from Slagel Family Farms, smoked Gruyere cheese and a deeply rich black garlic aioli.

"There's nothing better than a great burger, with beer and whiskey," says Merges. Instead of slamming the whiskey down and then sipping the beer, he advocates a different approach. "I'd save the whiskey for after. I'm about, 'Let's have that meal and then celebrate with a whiskey afterward.' It creates a celebratory atmosphere."

No matter what order you drink your shot and a beer in, the special shows no signs of slowing down. My only question is what comes next? With so many places now offering this deal, it seems inevitable that someone will eventually try to go beyond. But how do you do that? Offer two enormous burgers? Two shots? I don't think you can. But if anyone would have told me that the beer and a shot would go upscale 10 years ago, I'd have called them crazy, so I suppose anything is possible.

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Owen & Engine's burger, beer and shot special on Tuesday nights costs $18, which is $2 less than the burger alone on the regular menu.

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The Loyalist Cheeseburger, a beer and a shot of bourbon will cost about $16 on a Tuesday at the Chicago restaurant.

NICK KINDELSPERGER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Monnie Burke's cheeseburger and fries are paired with a beer and a shot of tequila on Tuesday for $15.

Goose Island brewmaster taking talents to Wisconsin

By Josh Noel
Chicago Tribune

Goose Island Beer Co. is on the hunt for just the fifth brewmaster in its 31-year history after the departure this month of Jared Jankoski.

Jankoski, who helped steer Goose Island through the growth and tumult that come with being Anheuser-Busch's lead craft beer brand, will become brewmaster at Octopi Brewing near Madison, Wis., where Jankoski grew up.

Goose Island is not ready to announce its next brewmaster, brewery President Todd Ahsmann said.

"Jared is a great brewer and we'll forever be grateful for the things he did at Goose Island," Ahsmann said. "We have a young, hungry crew of talented brewers right now — probably the deepest bench we've ever had — and a lot of that can be attributed to the teachings of Jared."

Jankoski, 42, said the move from one of the most recognizable brands in craft beer to a lesser-known operation came down to a lifestyle change. He described himself as a fan of the outdoors who was spending too much time grinding through Chicago traffic.

"I'm not really a city person at the end of the day," Jankoski said. "I love Goose. Goose is an incredible place. I had a great deal of pride and gratitude for my position there. But I've been going back and forth on this situation for a while and wondering what was next."

Jankoski

Goose Island brewmasters attain a bit of rock star status if for no other reason than having their names on bottles of the brewery's iconic Bourbon County beers. At times, Jankoski said, he was baffled at the attention he would receive.

"I had people come up to me and couldn't tell if they were being (jerks) or really excited to meet a guy who made beer," he said. "It was so drastic, it would be like, 'Are you kidding me?' My standard answer — and it was true — was that it was a team effort."

Jankoski joined Goose Island as head brewer in 2012 after seven years at New Glarus Brewing, which is also near Madison.

In 2015 he became Goose Island's third brewmaster since the launch of its Fulton Street production brewery in 1995, and just its fourth ever. Greg Hall, son of Goose Island founder John Hall, held the job until the brewery was sold to Anheuser-Busch in 2011. Brett Porter, who remains with Anheuser-Busch, held the job from 2011 to 2015. In Goose Island's earliest days, when just a Clybourn Avenue brewpub, the brewery was led for three years by Victor Ecimovich III, who is now an Ohio-based industry consultant.

Under Anheuser-Busch ownership, Goose Island has become one of the biggest craft beer brands in the world, leading to intense scrutiny during Jankoski's reign. Among the most difficult periods was the development of off flavors in Bourbon County beers in 2015, which led to two recalls the following year. Jankoski became both the face and voice of the brewery during the recalls.

Being part of Anheuser-Busch led to a deep well of resources but was also a case of "two drastically different worlds coming together," Jankoski said.

Among the greatest challenges has been the process known as "cross brewing" — replicating beers pioneered by Goose Island in Chicago on far-larger Anheuser-Busch equipment at breweries around the nation. Such brands include Goose Island IPA, 312 Urban Wheat Ale and two recent introductions, Next Coast IPA and Natural Villain lager, plus many seasonal releases.

"I always took the time to try and understand the people — the smart, passionate, good people — from the A-B side and learn from them while, as humbly as I could, educating them about how we looked at beer," Jankoski said.

Octopi Brewing was launched in 2015 by Isaac Showaki, who previously co-founded 5 Rabbit Cerveceria in suburban Chicago.

Octopi is largely a contract brewery, but has also had success with its own Untitled Art brand, which makes mostly trendy styles such as hazy IPA and pastry stout, often in collaboration with high-profile breweries.

Octopi is in the midst of a $10 million expansion that will boost capacity from 40,000 barrels of beer annually to 100,000 barrels — which is more than Goose Island brews in Chicago. Jankoski will have a hand in designing the project, which is scheduled to be finished by summer.

"I'll get to be a lot more hands-on and technically active, whereas at Goose Island there's more bureaucracy and administration and layers," he said. "I'll be a little closer to the beer itself. I look forward to that."

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5 ways to break out of your wine rut

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Pinot noir grapes await harvest at an Oregon winery. Try wines of the same type from grapes grown in different regions to discover new favorites.

Each year, I try to shake up my wine habits a bit. I like to visit a new wine region. Usually I promise to drink more riesling, Champagne or pinot noir. Sometimes I vow to drink less.

Here are five ways you, too, can enhance your wine experience. Whether you are a novice who has just caught the wine bug or an old hand trying to get out of a rut, these can keep your wine tasting enjoyable and rewarding.

1. Pay attention to the wines you drink

All too often, I hear people express enthusiasm about a nice wine they enjoyed recently, but when I ask its name, they give me a blank stare. Maybe the label was blue, or had a rooster on it, but such vague details don't narrow it down much. If you can't remember the wine you liked, you may not be able to find it again.

So take notes. You don't need to keep a stack of Moleskines with old scribblings you rarely, if ever, look at. That's the old-fashioned way. Use your smartphone camera and keep your bottle shots in a folder. Or enter them into a wine app such as Vivino, CellarTracker or Delectable. Instagram is as popular for wine as it is for the rest of our lives. Those platforms will let you share impressions with others, and you can get suggestions from them.

As you pay attention to what you drink, notice differences among wines that seem similar. That grassy flavor of a sauvignon blanc from New Zealand or South Africa, for instance, may be mellower in one from California or Chile, while those from the Loire Valley in France have a mineral character. Compare a rich chardonnay from Sonoma County's Russian River Valley with a lithe example from Fort Ross-Seaview, farther north and west, where the ocean's influence give the wines extra backbone. Those differences make wine infinitely variable and exciting.

2. Cultivate a wine retailer (or two)

A personal connection with a retailer could be the most important relationship in your wine exploration (after a rich relative or friend with a great cellar). Your best bet is an independent retailer, someone who knows every wine in the store. Sales clerks at supermarkets or big-box wine stores may not be familiar with every bottle, but you'll be able to gauge their enthusiasm and knowledge with a short conversation. Tell them what you like and don't like. Try a wine they recommend, then on your next visit to the store, explain why you liked or disliked it. This will lead to more recommendations. If your retailer recommends several wines you don't like, find someone else.

A good strategy would be to become a regular at a store that carries a wide selection of wines from around the world, as well as a smaller store with a specialized focus.

Many stores use purchasing software that helps us with our memory problem. If you forget the name of the red you enjoyed last week, your retailer may be able to look up your recent purchases and suggest similar wines to try.

3. Read the back label

Specifically, pay attention to the name of the importer. This is a benefit we don't have on the label of a domestic wine, but U.S. regulations require the importer to be identified. You won't have the personal interaction as with a retailer, but if you like an importer's Cotes-du-Rhone, you might like his or her Burgundy as well. I list the importer in my reviews to help you find other wines they represent.

4. Try something new

Expand your comfort zone. If white wine means chardonnay to you, try some riesling or gruner veltliner. Some stores offer occasional sampler packs, discounted selections by the staff. These can be a great opportunity to try something you haven't tasted before.

If you subscribe to a favorite winery's club, you'll receive regular shipments of new-release wines, often special bottlings that are not available in retail. Or start your own club. When I first fell in love with wine, my favorite explorations were with a group of friends who met once a month to share wines of a specific theme. (Bordeaux one month, Oregon pinot noir another.) It's a fun way to learn about various wines, and how to evaluate and describe them. The discussion can get hilarious toward the end of the evening.

5. Visit a winery you've never been to

This one obviously takes some time and effort. Visiting wineries, whether on travel or a weekend excursion to your closest "wine country," can be a great way to learn about how and where wine is made. You may also discover a new favorite grape variety. The bottle you bring home will be a great conversation starter with friends as well as a memory of your trip.

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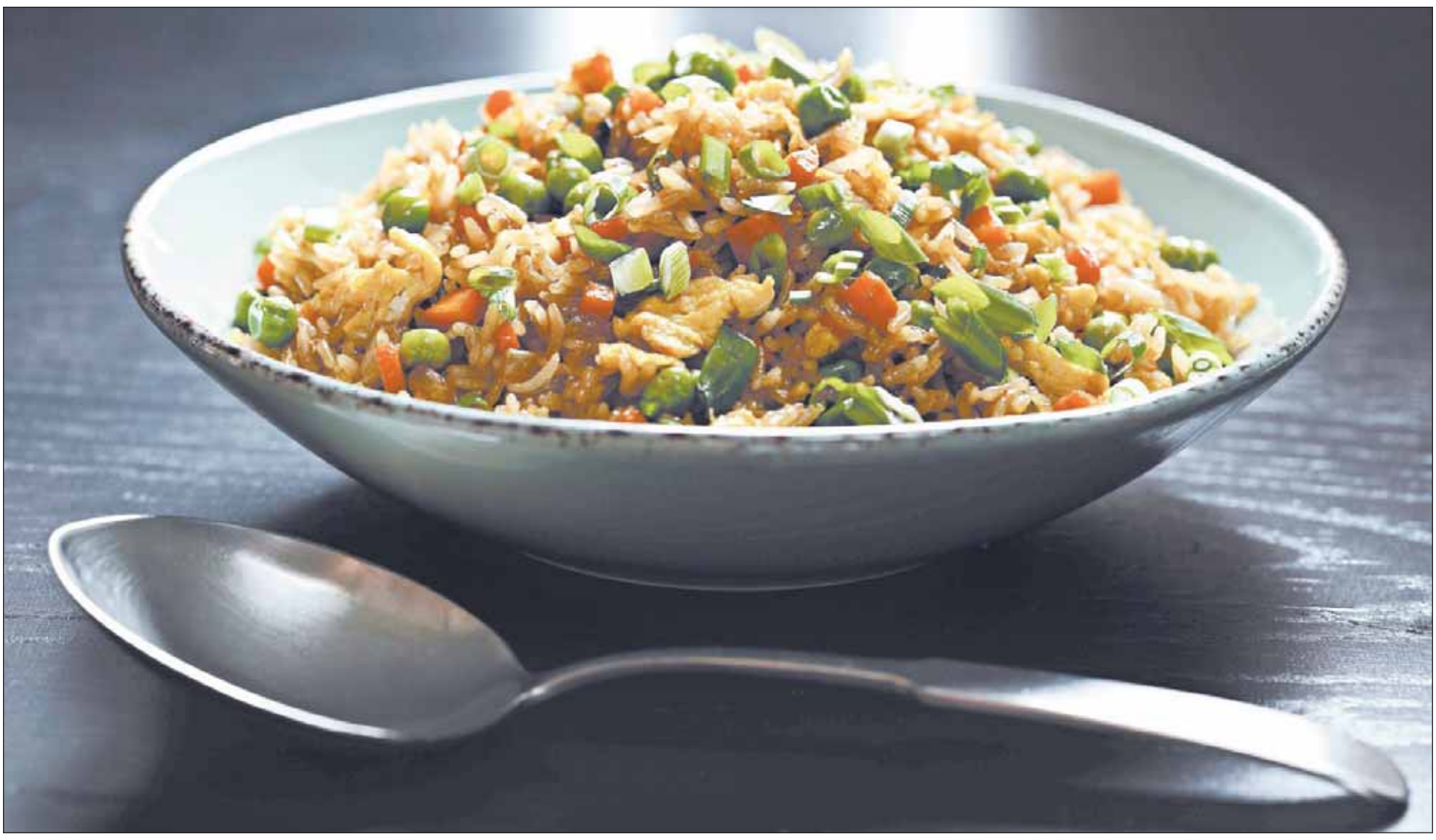

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Leftover Chinese food from a Christmas feast was the inspiration to show readers how to make crave-worthy fried rice.

CRAVING: Deals

Fried rice that makes you forget it's leftovers

James P. DeWan
Prep School

Well, that was a surprise: This past Christmas, after a lifetime of lapsed Roman Catholicism, I came to the realization that the Jews are right. I'm not talking about matters of religious faith. Where those are concerned, I stand firmly in the corner of songwriter Iris Dement: "But no one knows for certain, and so it's all the same to me."

No, I'm talking about Christmas dinner. At the end of an interminable family confab, taking into account my children's admittedly provincial preferences along with the varied aversions and phobias of our invited guests, I huffed in exasperation, "Maybe we should just send out for Chinese!" My daughter yay-ed spontaneously, and Chinese takeout it was.

As those of you to whom I am currently married will attest, however, I cannot simply order Chinese. I must over-order, and over-order I did. Lo mein. Chow mein. General Tso's chicken. Colonel Wu's yam salad. And rice. Lots and lots of rice. Enough rice, in fact, to earn me the cumbersome nickname, "Mr. Many Extra Cartons of Rice in the Fridge."

Of course, then the question became, what to do with all that leftover rice? If only there were a way to fry it up and — aha! Fried rice it is.

Why you need to learn this

Seriously? Like you've never had leftover rice hardening to gemstones in the back of your fridge? Don't play coy with me, missy. How much rice have you tossed in the garbage, anyway? Well, you can kiss those days goodbye because, from now on, it's fried rice for everyone.

The steps you take

The premise behind fried rice is as easy as toast: Stir cooked rice into cooked nonrice ingredients, get it piping hot and, as the French say, "Look there!" (Of course, they say it in French — *Voila!* — so it sounds classy.)

But let's get something straight from the get-go: Today we're focusing on using up leftovers. Obviously, you could make fried rice "from scratch." But if you're hankering for organic heirloom rice simmered with Himalayan spring water and Pomeranian cloud salt in a hand-tooled copper vessel over smoldering peat embers, then perhaps you should be reading something else.

Also, even though fried rice is associated with China, we can apply to it any flavor profile. It's just dinner, for cry eye. It's not like the Chinese Imperial Guards are going to come rocketing through your window like Michelle Yeoh with a bone to pick — although, how cool would that be?

Now, about those leftovers.

The rice from your leftover ordered-in Chinese is perfect, though any leftover rice will do. And really, you don't even need rice. Any starch will work: couscous, barley, pasta, quinoa, even fried potatoes.

Next, you'll need some additional color and flavor, because, let's face it, on its own, white rice is as pale and bland as Jimmy Osmond's bachelor party. The easiest thing is simply to use leftover meat — chicken, beef, pork — and/or vegetables — broccoli, cauliflower, green beans, peas, whatever. Cut everything into bite-sized pieces.

When you take this easy, precooked ingredient route, all you need do is toss everything in a little oil in a saute pan (or wok), over high heat until it's hotter than Satan's minty-fresh breath.

But you might want a little more flavor. Before adding any leftovers, saute some of what the kids call "aromatics," like onion, garlic, carrot or celery. If you're staying with Asian flavors, add some fresh ginger.

If you're using fresh vegetables, approach it like a stir-fry: Long cooking items (like carrots) go in before quick cooking items (like garlic or mushrooms). If you're using leftovers as well, add them at the end, with the rice.

Egg is also common, scrambled or cooked into a flat omelet and cut into strips. Do this first, in the same pan, then remove it and add it back with the rice.

We're almost done. You just need to add more flavor and possibly moisture. First, the moisture. I keep a box of chicken broth in the fridge and add a splash to anything I'm reheating. And, let's face it, leftover rice can get drier than King Tut's martini, especially in those oddly shaped, white cardboard containers from the Chinese restaurant. (Incidentally, I may be no Apollonius of Perga, but I believe that container's shape might accurately be described as an "inverted frustum.")

As for additional flavors, the world is your oystery palette. If you're staying Asian, try a splash of soy or fish sauce or one of those other tasty condiments, like oyster sauce, fermented black beans or chile paste. Start with a little, and taste as you go.

Or, take a different tack altogether: Go Mexican with pico de gallo or cumin, minced chipotles and cilantro. Or Indian with coconut milk, chutney and garam masala. See what we're doing?

Good. Now, go grab your frustum and start cooking.

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You can make fried rice taste Mexican or Indian by using different ingredient combinations.

Fried rice

Prep: 10 minutes

Cook: 15 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

Consider this a base recipe. For example, in place of the peas and carrots, add a couple of cups of leftover vegetables and/or meat, or consult the accompanying variations. Or make up your own.

1 ounce soy sauce

2 ounces chicken stock

1 ounce oyster sauce, optional

2 tablespoons peanut or other vegetable oil

2 eggs, beaten

Kosher salt as needed

8 ounces onion, cut into medium dice

1 carrot, cut into medium dice

1 tablespoon minced garlic

1 tablespoon peeled, minced ginger

1 cup peas (frozen is OK)

3 to 4 cups leftover cooked rice

1 tablespoon sesame oil

2 green onions, sliced on a bias, optional

Soy sauce, chicken broth and oyster sauce flavor the base recipe.

1. Combine soy sauce, chicken stock and optional oyster sauce in a small bowl; set aside.

2. Heat a large skillet or wok over high heat. Add one tablespoon of oil to coat the bottom of the pan. Add eggs, season to taste with salt and cook until lightly scrambled, about 60 seconds. Transfer eggs to a bowl.

3. Return pan to high heat, and add another tablespoon of oil to coat bottom of pan. Stir in onion and carrot; saute until tender, about 2 minutes. Add garlic and ginger; saute until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

4. Add peas, rice, cooked eggs and reserved soy sauce mixture; saute until warmed through and liquid is absorbed, about 2 minutes.

5. Remove from heat and stir in sesame oil. Garnish with green onion, and serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 352 calories, 13 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 93 mg cholesterol, 46 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 10 g protein, 490 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

Variations

The following are more flavor options; cook using the same basic method described above. Feel free to add any additional cooked vegetables or meat, all cut into bite sized pieces, along with the rice (or other grain).

Vaguely Mexican: Saute green pepper, onions and carrot. Add rice and any cooked vegetables or meat (chorizo would be nice) along with chicken stock to moisten. Add 2 to 4 ounces of pico de gallo, or red or green salsa. Garnish with cilantro.

Somewhat Indian: Saute onion with a teaspoon or so of mustard seed and cumin seed, a quarter teaspoon of turmeric and some sliced green chiles (if you like it hot). Add rice and any cooked vegetables or meat, and moisten with chicken stock or coconut milk. Stir in a half teaspoon of garam masala and garnish with cilantro.

Fairly New Orleans: Saute onions, celery and green pepper. Stir in rice along with cooked shrimp and/or andouille sausage and a half teaspoon each of basil and thyme, along with any red, black and white pepper you like.

Reminiscent of Southeast Asian: Saute onions, and add garlic and ginger. Add rice and whatever vegetables or meat (cooked shrimp would be great) and flavor with fish sauce, lime and white pepper. Garnish with cilantro.

By-god American: Crisp some bacon, and remove. Saute onions and garlic in the bacon fat. Add the rice along with any vegetables or meat you want, because this is America. Moisten with a little stock, and serve with crumbled bacon and hot sauce.

Chiles

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two is certainly an acceptable substitute. You'll need to work on balancing how hot you want to go.

The chiles can be roasted directly over the heat of a wood or gas grill, or set on the burner of a gas stove. The broiler and toaster oven work too. Whichever method you choose, stay close to turn the chiles often to blacken the skins all the way around without overcooking the tender flesh.

I roast several dozen assorted green chiles, so I can freeze some for later. The only real way to know how hot the roasted chiles are is to taste them; some can be completely mild, others scorching.

I like to serve the green chile cheeseburgers for a weeknight dinner full of flavor. Employ the grill or a heavy-duty nonstick grill pan, as you wish. For the burgers, we're partial to one-third-pound patties made from lean and flavorful bison, but beef and turkey burgers are great too.

A green salad and oven fries make the meal quite a treat.

For a party, serve the green chile stew with plenty of cilantro, arugula and some broken tortilla chips to garnish. I set out bowls of guacamole, tortilla chips and salsa.

Offer plenty of ice-cold beer. Lime sorbet and butter cookies will cut the heat. The warmth will linger.

Green chile and avocado cheeseburgers on brioche

Prep: 25 minutes **Cook:** 15 minutes **Makes:** 3 burgers

1 cup mesquite or hickory wood chips

1 pound ground bison (buffalo), ground beef (90 percent lean) or ground turkey

½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon ground cumin

1 tablespoon olive oil

½ large red onion, peeled, sliced into ½-inch thick rounds, separated into rings

3 brioche burger buns, split

1 medium ripe avocado, halved, pitted

2 large Anaheim chiles, roasted, peeled, seeded, cut into long strips

6 thin slices Monterey Jack cheese or pepper jack cheese

3 slices leaf lettuce

1. Soak wood chips in water to cover, at least 30 minutes.

2. In a bowl, gently mix ground meat, salt and cumin with your hands to distribute all ingredients well. Shape into 3 burgers, each about 4 inches in diameter and ½-inch thick. Refrigerate while you prepare the grill and garnishes.

3. Heat a large nonstick or cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Add oil and onion. Cook, stirring until onion is nicely browned but still crisp, about 4 minutes. Remove from heat.

4. Heat a gas grill to medium hot. Or, prepare a charcoal grill for direct cooking, and let coals burn until covered with a gray ash. Drain wood chips, and add them to a piece of foil to set on the gas grill, or put them directly on the hot coals if cooking with charcoal.

5. Set the buns on the grill cut side down; cook to lightly toast them, about 30 seconds. Use a spoon to spread some of the avocado thickly over the toasted bun bottoms. Set aside.

6. Put the burgers onto the grill directly over the heat source. Cover the grill; cook, 5 minutes. Flip the burgers; cook, covered, 2 minutes. Top each burger with a portion of the roasted chiles and 2 slices of cheese. Grill, covered, to melt the cheese, about 1 minute for medium-rare. Transfer burgers to a plate.

7. Put a burger over the avocado on each bun bottom. Top with some onion and lettuce. Put the top bun in place, and serve right away.

Nutrition information per serving: 889 calories, 53 g fat, 22 g saturated fat, 187 mg cholesterol, 55 g carbohydrates, 8 g sugar, 46 g protein, 1,184 mg sodium, 9 g fiber

Roasted green chiles

Rinse assorted fresh green chiles and pat dry. Set chiles directly over a charcoal grill, gas grill or the gas burner on the stovetop set to medium. Roast, turning often, until the skins on the chiles are charred on all sides, about 10 minutes. Transfer chiles to a bowl; cover with a towel and let stand until cool enough to handle. Gently slip the charred skin off the chiles. Split chiles open, remove the core and seeds. Roughly chop the chiles. Refrigerate covered up to 1 week, or freeze up to several months.

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Masa harina is used to thicken this green chile stew; the corn flavor goes well with the spicy chiles and smoky meats.

Grilled green chile pork and short rib stew

Prep: 30 minutes

Cook: 30 minutes

Slow-cook: 5 ½ hours

Makes: about 5 quarts, serving 10 to 12

Use a combination of poblano peppers and Anaheim chiles when the New Mexico chile peppers are not available. You can substitute canned, fire-roasted or frozen green chiles; you'll need about 1 cup diced, roasted chiles. I like to use medium-heat chiles (taste them) for a stew with a bit of a glow.

Hickory or mesquite wood chips

1 boneless pork shoulder roast (about 3 pounds), cut into large chunks

2 ½ pounds bone-in beef short ribs or 1-inch-thick sections of beef shank

Salt, freshly ground pepper

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 medium-large onions, about 1 pound total, diced

1 small red bell pepper, cored, diced

1 tablespoon ground cumin

½ teaspoon dried oregano

6 cloves garlic, minced

6 to 8 fresh green New Mexico chile peppers (or 2 poblano peppers plus 4 to 6 long green Anaheim chiles), roasted, peeled, seeded, roughly chopped

1 quart (32 ounces) chicken broth

2 pounds medium golden potatoes, scrubbed, cut into 1 ½-inch chunks

½ cup masa harina

Garnishes:

Chopped fresh cilantro

Fresh baby arugula leaves

Broken tortilla chips

1. Soak wood chips in cool water to cover, at least 30 minutes. Meanwhile, heat gas grill to medium-hot. Or prepare a charcoal grill and let coals burn until they are covered with gray ash.

2. Put meats on a baking sheet, and sprinkle generously on all sides with salt and pepper. Let stand at room temperature while grill heats.

3. When grill is ready, drain wood chips, and add soaked chips to a piece of foil to set on the gas grill or directly on the hot coals if cooking with charcoal. Put pork shoulder pieces and beef short ribs on cooking grate. Cover grill and cook, turning once or twice, until meat is richly golden brown on all sides, about 15 minutes. Remove from grill.

4. Meanwhile, heat a large nonstick or cast-iron skillet over medium heat until hot. Add oil and onions. Cook, stirring often, until onions are deeply golden, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in red pepper pieces, cumin, oregano and 1 teaspoon salt. Cook and stir for 2 or 3 minutes, then stir in garlic and cook 1 minute. Remove from heat.

5. Place grilled meats into a large (7-quart) slow cooker. Add onion mixture and roasted chopped chiles. Pour in broth. Cook covered on low, stirring occasionally, until meats are tender, about 4 hours.

6. Use tongs to carefully remove the bones from the stew. Stir in potatoes and cook on low until everything is very tender, another 1 hour.

7. Mix masa harina and 1 cup water in small bowl until smooth. Stir into the slow cooker and cook until thickened, about 30 minutes. Use two forks to pull the meat into large bite-size pieces. Season to taste with salt.

8. Serve stew in wide bowls topped with a generous sprinkling of cilantro, a small handful of arugula and broken tortilla chips.

Nutrition information per serving (for 12 servings): 288 calories, 11 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 62 mg cholesterol, 24 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 23 g protein, 88 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

Variation: You can skip the grilling step and instead brown the meats in 3 tablespoons safflower or grapeseed oil in a large, heavy Dutch oven until nicely browned on all sides. Then add the onion mixture, chiles and broth to the Dutch oven. If you wish to replicate the effect of the wood chips, you can stir in ⅛ to ¼ teaspoon liquid hickory smoke. Set the pot over medium-low heat, and cook stew, partly covered, until meat is nearly tender, abut 2 hours. Add potatoes, and simmer until fork-tender about 30 minutes. Thicken with masa, and cook another 10 to 15 minutes. Season and serve as directed.

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Score fantastic ramen at joint below Momotaro

By Nick Kindelsperger
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The Izakaya at Momotaro, the seductive, low-lit joint beneath the bustling Japanese-inspired Momotaro (820 W. Lake St.), hasn't always served ramen. But a bowl exists now, and any serious ramen fan in Chicago needs to check it out.

First of all, it's a bowl of miso ramen, which is one of the best antidotes to the cold ever crafted by humankind. (I don't know if you've been outside recently, but winter is here.) Second, it's currently one of the premier bowls in the city.

The aptly named winter miso ramen ($16) has a dark and intriguing broth, with an earthy complexity from three kinds of miso paste (shiro miso, mugi miso, aka miso). It's rich but not overly fatty, a condition that afflicts many bowls of miso ramen in Chicago. Each noodle strand has bounce and bite. Instead of a fat slab of pork belly, you'll find thin slices of sauteed pork bobbing in the liquid. The charred cabbage and scallions on top complement the broth.

After I polished off the entire thing, I sat in wonder at how such a great bowl could come out of a restaurant not even known for serving one. How'd they do it?

To answer that question, we need to go back to late 2017, when I spent a month slurping 17 different bowls of ramen around Chicago. After that quest, I realized my favorite version came not from a restaurant but from an amateur ramen enthusiast named Mike Satinover, who regularly served the dish to his friends in his one-bedroom Buena Park apartment. Erik Bentz, the chef at the Izakaya at Momotaro, was lucky enough to attend one of those gatherings. "I thought it might be a hype train," Bentz says of Satinover's ramen. "I went over, and I'm now a believer. It's not novelty ramen."

Since then, Satinover has hosted a series of pop-up events at different restaurants, which has allowed the general public, or at least the ones quick enough to secure tickets, a glimpse of what he can do. One of those events was even held at the Izakaya, where Satinover worked directly with Bentz. You can see where this is going, right?

"The bowl came from the influence of Mike," says Bentz. "The goal was to make it good, but not like his." So, yes, Bentz uses three kinds of miso paste, as Satinover does, but instead of stirring the miso pastes in at the end, Bentz caramelizes them in rendered chashu pork fat to give each sip a dark and mysterious depth. (Neither method is inherently better; they just produce different versions of the dish.)

As the chef of a Japanese restaurant, Bentz has a vast amount of knowledge about the cuisine. It's just that most of it has been focused on other comforting dishes. The Izayaka's most famous dish is the omurice, a Japanese fried-rice dish topped with a softly set omelet. Ramen has been a recent obsession of his.

KRISTAN LIEB/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The miso ramen at Izakaya at Momotaro boasts a broth made with three kinds of miso paste, plus thin slices of sauteed pork, noodles with bounce and bite and garnishes.

Bentz also got some help from an unlikely source: old Japanese cooking shows on YouTube. "I found these shows from the '80s and '90s where news broadcasters go into these ramen joints and ask questions," says Bentz. "I don't speak (fluent Japanese), but I can follow along." In particular, Bentz points to using thin slices of sauteed pork as a direct influence from the videos.

Considering the quality of the ramen, I made sure to ask if he was going to either increase the number of ramen offerings or open a separate place. Bentz says he's not interested.

"Currently, it's me and two cooks," says Bentz. "With one bowl on the menu, we have time to make sure things are correct. If we tried to do more bowls, it wouldn't be possible."

The only catch? You better hurry. According to Bentz, the winter miso will only run through the end of February, when it will be replaced by a spicy tantanmen. In the spring, he wants to serve a "super fishy shoyu."

"This isn't a ramen place," adds Bentz. "It's our little passion project."

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Chicken

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That's not to mention all the cookbooks dedicated to the subject. "The Great Rotisserie Chicken Cookbook" by Eric Akis has 100 ways to help you out, as does "100 Creative Ways to Use Rotisserie Chicken in Everyday Meals" by Trish Rosenquist.

Which is another way of saying that essentially any recipe calling for cooked chicken is fair game. Initially, I was blindsided by the abundance. When you can take almost any direction possible, how do you make a choice?

As at most times in my life, I began to daydream of tacos.

You could add some rotisserie chicken meat to a warm tortilla and top with a salsa of your choice, but let's dig a little deeper, shall we? Because you're starting with cooked meat, you can incorporate the salsas in a more dramatic way and still have time to spare.

A roasted tomatillo and avocado salsa, which is creamy, spicy and acidic all in one go, is an ideal partner for crispy chicken taquitos (aka flautas or tacos dorados). All you need to do is roll up some chicken meat in a corn tortilla and then pan-fry it until golden on both sides.

Or you could whip together a dark red chipotle and tomato salsa. Here the chicken meat is mixed with the salsa, so each bite is savory and spicy, with a subtle smokiness from the chipotle chiles. All this filling needs is a sprinkle of fresh cilantro and cotija cheese (queso fresco also works), and maybe some avocado.

Rotisserie chickens vary wildly in size, but you can expect to pull off about 4 cups of meat from a medium-size one, which is enough for you to try both of the recipes here. Removing the meat is one of those tasks easiest to do with your hands. Oh, don't forget you can also save the bones to make stock.

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Depending on the size of the chicken, you should get about 4 cups of shredded meat. Debone the bird and shred the meat while the chicken is still warm.

Chipotle chicken tacos

Chicken tacos are made with chipotle and tomato salsa, cotija cheese and cilantro.

Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 15 minutes
Makes: 6 servings

½ onion, roughly chopped
2 garlic cloves
2 chipotle chiles in adobo
1 can (14 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon canola oil
2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken meat
12 corn tortillas, warmed
1 cup grated cotija cheese
1 handful cilantro, chopped
Sliced avocado, optional

1. Add onion, garlic, chipotles, tomatoes and salt to a blender; process until smooth. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high. When oil shimmers, add the chipotle salsa. Cook until it reduces slightly and isn't watery, about 5 minutes.

2. Reduce heat to medium-low; add the chicken. Stir until chicken is evenly coated in the salsa and the meat is warm. Turn off heat.

3. Serve chicken in warm tortillas, topped with a sprinkling of cotija cheese and cilantro, plus slices of avocado, if you like.

Note: Chipotle chiles come in a can, and a recipe never seems to use all of them. To freeze the leftovers for another use, spread them in a single layer on a wax paper-lined plate or baking sheet. Freeze until solid. Then transfer the chiles to a zip-close bag; freeze until needed.

Nutrition information per serving: 287 calories, 13 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 51 mg cholesterol, 28 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 17 g protein, 891 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

Chicken taquitos with tomatillo avocado salsa

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 16-20 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

You will have plenty of salsa left over for other meals.

1 pound tomatillos, husked, rinsed
3 to 4 serrano chiles, stemmed
4 cloves garlic, unpeeled
1 medium avocado, halved, pit removed and skin discarded
Handful fresh cilantro
1 teaspoon kosher salt
12 corn tortillas
2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken meat
Canola oil, about 2 cups
4 radishes, diced
2 limes, quartered

1. Place tomatillos and serranos on one side of a rimmed baking sheet lined with aluminum foil. Set garlic on the other half. Fold foil over to cover the garlic. Arrange oven rack so it's in the highest position, turn the broiler on high and place pan on the top rack. Cook until tomatillos and serranos start to blacken on top, about 6 minutes. Flip over tomatillos and serranos. Cook until tomatillos and serranos blacken on the other side, another 6 minutes. Remove from oven; set aside to cool.

2. When cool enough to handle, peel the garlic. Transfer tomatillos, serranos and garlic to a blender. Add the avocado, cilantro and salt. Blend until smooth. Set aside. **Makes:** 2 cups

3. Heat a griddle or skillet over medium heat. Heat a tortilla until soft and pliant, about 15 seconds a side. Transfer tortilla to a tortilla warmer, or cover with a clean dish towel. Repeat with remaining tortillas.

4. Place about 2 tablespoons shredded chicken in a warm tortilla; season chicken with salt and pepper, if needed. Roll tortilla tightly, and place seam side down on a clean plate. Repeat with remaining tortillas. (If you're worried about the tortillas staying rolled up, you can secure each with a toothpick, and remove them after cooking.)

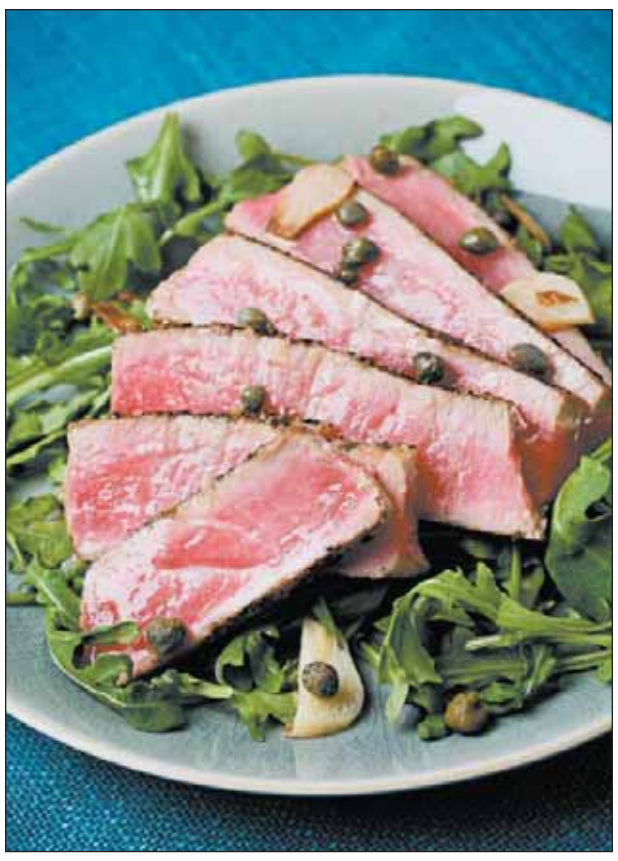
5. Pour oil to ½ inch deep into a large cast iron skillet or Dutch oven. Heat over medium until oil shimmers, about 350 degrees if you test it with a thermometer. Place as many of the rolled tortillas seam side down as will fit in one layer; do not crowd them. Cook until golden brown on the bottom, 1 to 2 minutes. Flip and cook until golden brown on the other side, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer taquitos to a paper towel-lined plate, propping up one end so the oil drains from the center. Repeat with remaining rolled tortillas.

6. Serve the taquitos with the tomatillo avocado salsa, diced radishes and lime wedges.

Nutrition information per serving: 385 calories, 27 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 31 mg cholesterol, 28 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 13 g protein, 464 mg sodium, 5 g fiber

Fresh tuna gets steak treatment

By Ellie Krieger
The Washington Post



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It would not be wrong to call this dish a salad; it does involve a pile of fresh greens, after all. But that descriptor doesn't let on to how hearty, warm and satisfying a plate this is.

The tuna itself, with its deep red color and meaty texture, gives the dish real substance. Sprinkling the fillets with a coating of cracked peppercorns and salt, just as you might a cut of beef, accentuates their steak-y appeal.

Once the fish is seared (which takes mere minutes), the same skillet is used to simmer a lemon and white wine sauce that is enhanced with sauteed garlic, an umami-rich punch of anchovy paste and briny capers. A little butter at the end adds silky body and tempers the tang of the lemon without upsetting the dish's healthful balance.

Krieger is a registered dietitian, nutritionist and cookbook author.

Tuna steaks with caper sauce over arugula

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings

1 ½ teaspoons whole black peppercorns

4 fresh tuna steaks/fillets (about 1 inch thick, 6 ounces each)

¼ teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced

1 cup dry white wine

2 to 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (from 1 lemon)

1 teaspoon anchovy paste

1 tablespoon capers, drained, rinsed

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

4 cups loosely packed baby arugula leaves

1. Place the peppercorns in a plastic bag; crack coarsely with a rolling pin (or coarsely grind with a spice mill). Sprinkle the tuna steaks on both sides with the pepper and salt, pressing the seasonings in a little so they adhere.

2. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Once the oil shimmers, add the tuna; cook, 1 minute per side (rare) or 2 to 3 minutes per side, if you like it done more. Transfer fillets to a plate; cover loosely with aluminum foil.

3. Reduce the heat to medium; add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the pan. Add the garlic; cook until it has softened a bit and become golden, 30 to 60 seconds.

4. Carefully add the wine; increase the heat to high and cook until reduced by about half, about 2 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium; add the lemon juice (to taste) and anchovy paste, stirring to dissolve the paste. Once the mixture begins to bubble at the edges, add the capers and butter, stirring until butter has melted. Remove from the heat.

5. Divide arugula among 4 plates. Slice the tuna; fan the slices atop the arugula. Drizzle with the sauce.

Nutrition information per serving: 360 calories, 14 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 85 mg cholesterol, 4 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 43 g protein, 390 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Empress Gin's color magic bonus atop intriguing flavor

By Lisa Futterman
Chicago Tribune

Empress Gin, which is indigo in the bottle, changes to a lavender pink when acid — citrus or quinine — is added.

E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

At first glance, you might think it's a blue-tinted bottle that gives this Canadian gin an indigo hue. In reality, the addition of butterfly pea blossoms late in the distilling process lends Empress 1908 Gin its intriguing violet tone. Commonly used in Thailand for coloring fun desserts and beverages, the Southeast Asian butterfly pea flower has been popping up in cocktails here and there for a couple of years now. Even better than the original alluring shade of violet, its color turns a pretty lavender pink based on pH. Add acid in the form of citrus or quinine, and you get a sunset in a glass.

If this gin's only trick were its color, we'd send the pony out to pasture. But the stuff is elegant and well-made, showing off Victoria, British Columbia's excellent water and its distilling talent. When he created Empress Gin, molecular biologist turned master distiller Peter Hunt sought to make a gin with "a traditional core and a contemporary twist." The addition of grapefruit and ginger root along with more typical botanicals such as juniper and rose, plus tea and the butterfly pea flower, created the unique taste he sought. "The color was accidental — we chose the flower for its earthy flavor and softness on the palate. We also didn't know it would change color when mixed."

Empress is named for the regal Fairmont Empress Hotel, a National Historic Site of Canada, which opened in Victoria's inner harbor in 1908 and underwent a $60 million renovation in 2014. Known to this day for its afternoon tea service, the Empress features its own complex blend of loose tea, which in turn is included in the botanicals infused into the gin.

Bartenders have been embracing both shades of Empress Gin, the indigo and the pink. At Benny's Chop House in Chicago, the Old Dog, New Tricks brightens the usual gin and tonic with the addition of blood orange juice — the violet gin floats on top like the setting sun on the horizon. Mixologists at About Last Knife in Chicago float Empress on top of Red Bull to similar visual effect for a tarted-up energy drink. Clever bartenders at the Drifter in Chicago use Empress for a head-turning version of the classic French 75.

The Instagram universe loves the many shades of purple and pink that Empress drinkers are posting. It is irresistible not to build cocktails using creme de violette, blackberries or lavender syrup to highlight the purple hue, or to take advantage of the tricky color shift when so many acidic ingredients are already in the barkeep's bag of tricks.

We've included a modern classic recipe adapted from PDT in New York. When made with standard gin, it appears pale lavender. When you switch it up with Empress, the water lily pink tone shines through.

Lisa Futterman is a freelance writer.

Pink Water Lily

Makes: 1 cocktail

Adapted from PDT in New York.

¾ ounce triple sec

¾ ounce creme de violette

¾ ounce fresh lemon juice

¾ ounce Empress Gin

Place all ingredients in a cocktail shaker with ice; shake until well-chilled. Strain into a chilled coupe. Garnish with an orchid or at the very least, a strip of grapefruit peel.

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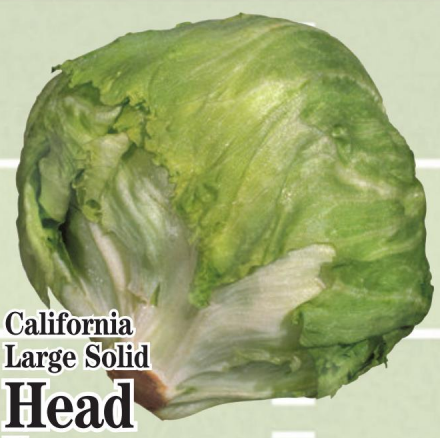

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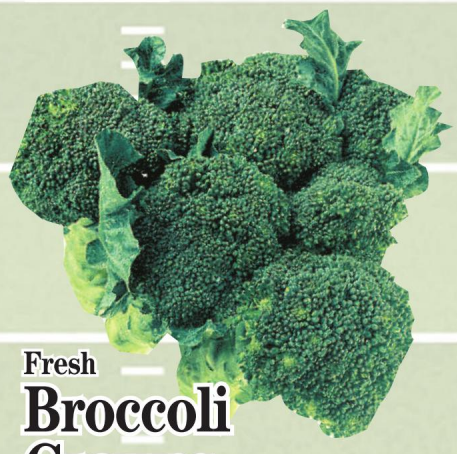

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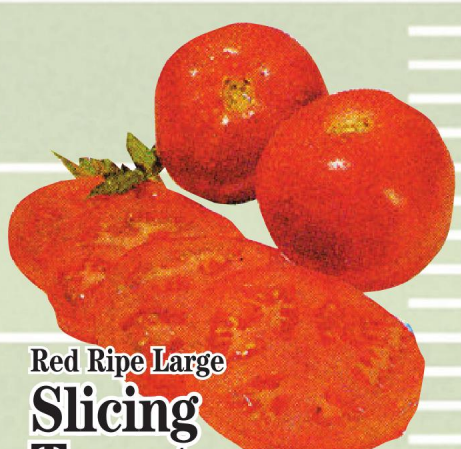

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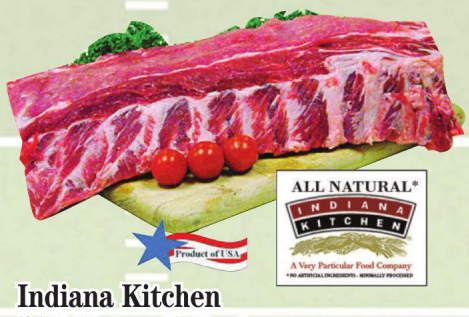

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Pizza
12 Inch
5/$10 Limit 5

Prairie Farms Premium
Ice Cream
56 Oz.
2/$5

Best Choice
Butter
•Regular •No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/$5

Campbell's
Chunky Soups
15.25 - 18.8 Oz.
2/$3

•Dean's
Cottage Cheese
•Dean's DairyPure
Sour Cream
16 Oz.
3/$5

Kraft
Salad Dressing
16 Oz.
3/$5

Dutch Farms
Cheese
•Regular, Thick Cut or Fancy Shredded 6 - 8 Oz.
•Natural Slices 6 Oz.
•Bars 8 Oz.
•Regular American Singles 12 Oz.
Selected Varieties
3/$5

When You Buy 3 Kellogg's
Cereals
•Frosted Flakes
•Apple Jacks
•Corn Pops
•Froot Loops
10.1 - 13.5 Oz.
3/$5 Must Buy 3

•Lay's Classic
Potato Chips
•Doritos
Tortilla Chips
9.25 - 10.5 Oz.
Buy One, Get One FREE

When You Buy 3 Regular, Diet
•Pepsi •Crush
•Mtn. Dew
•Schweppes
•7Up •Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC
•Canada Dry
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
3/$10 Must Buy 3

Walt's Digital Rewards
DEAL of the Week

Available on the Walt's mobile app or at www.waltsfoods.com
Home Run Inn Classic
Pizza
12 Inch
$3.99 Limit 1

PRODUCE

Fresh Express
Salad Blends
•Sweet Butter
•Farmer's Garden
•Leafy Romaine
•Italian •American
•Fancy Greens
•Hearts of Romaine
•Sweet Hearts
•Veggie Lover's
•5 Lettuce Mix
2/$5

Extra Large Fancy
Lemons
69¢ Ea.

Extra Large Fancy
Limes
4/$1

Extra Large
Sweet Red
Peppers
99¢ Lb.

"Guaranteed Sweet"
Cantaloupe
$1.99 Ea.
Jumbo Size

"Hass"
Avocados
99¢ Ea.
Super Jumbo

Fresh Express
Shreds
2/$3
8 Oz. Pkgs.

California
Large Sno-White
Cauliflower
$1.99 Ea.

California
Large Solid
Head Lettuce
99¢ Ea.

Red Ripe Large
Slicing Tomatoes
New Crop
99¢ Lb.

•Whole
•Sliced
Country Fresh
Sno-White
Mushrooms
2/$3
8 Oz. Pkgs.

Fresh
Broccoli Crowns
99¢ Lb.
No Waste

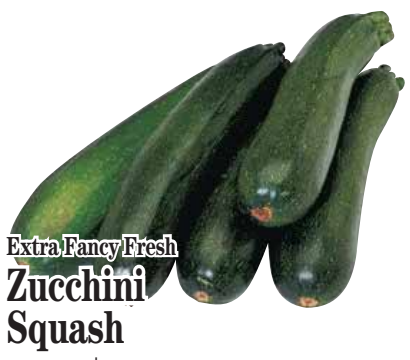
Seedless Sweet
Cuties
3 Lb. Bag
$4.99

Wonderful
Pom Juice
•Regular
•Blueberry
•Cherry
16 Oz. Btl.
$2.99

Jumbo Ripe Sweet
Roma Tomatoes
99¢ Lb.

Roasted & Salted
Wonderful
Pistachios
16 Oz. Bag
$5.99

Michigan
Apple Sale
•Red Delicious
•Golden Delicious
•Jonathan
•Gala
•McIntosh
•Jonagold
2/$5
3 Lb. Bags



Extra Fancy Fresh
Zucchini Squash
99¢ Lb.

Fancy Medium
Yellow Onions
2/$3
3 Lb. Bags

US No. 1

"Genuine"
Idaho Potatoes
2/$3
5 Lb. Bags

COUNTRY BAKERY

Walt's Own Fresh Baked
Rye Bread
•Light •Dark •Caraway
1 Lb. Loaf
$1.99

Walt's Own Fresh Baked
Onion Hamburger Buns
8 Pk. Pre-Packaged
$1.99

Walt's Own Homestyle
Cherry Pie
8 Inch
$5.99

Walt's Own Glazed
Cherry Donut Holes
18 Pk. Pre-Packaged
$2.99
Best Donuts in Town
Made Fresh in our Store

Walt's Own
Variety Filled
Paczki
6 Pk. Pre-Packaged
$6.49

Walt's Own
Cherry Almond Muffins
4 Pk. Pre-Packaged
$4.49

Walt's Own Fresh
Chocolate Chip Cookies
12 Pk. Pre-Packaged
$2.99
Value Pack

Walt's Own
White or Chocolate Buttercream
Iced Cake Slices
2 Pk. Pre-Packaged
$1.99

Walt's Own Signature
Fruit Filled
Danish Coffee Cake
$4.99

Walt's Own
Pineapple Upside Down Cake
6 Inch
$3.99

BUTCHER SHOP

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"
Boneless Beef Rib Eye Steak
Any Size Package
$9.99 Lb.

Walt's "All Natural" 80% Extra Lean Fresh
Ground Chuck Patties
Value Pack
$3.29 Lb.
Fresh

Nathan's Famous
Beef Franks
Selected Varieties
10 - 14 Oz.
$2.99

Kingsford Fully Cooked
Baby Back Pork Ribs with Sauce
16 Oz.
$6.49
Kingsford Pulled Pork or Chicken 16 Oz. $6.49

Oscar Mayer
Wieners
(Excludes Beef, Cheese)
Selected Varieties
14 - 16 Oz.
2/$3
Oscar Mayer •Bologna •Cotto Salami 16 Oz. 2/$3

Oscar Mayer
Economy Lunchmeats
Assorted Varieties
14 - 16 Oz.
2/$4

Oscar Mayer
Sliced Bacon
Assorted Varieties
12 - 16 Oz.
$3.99

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Beef
Whole Beef Tenderloin
Sold Whole in the Bag
Cut into Steaks or Roast FREE
$11.99 Lb.
Our Customer's Favorite

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Pork
Boneless Pork Country Ribs
Value Pack
$1.99 Lb.

Johnsonville
•Brats •Italian Sausage
Assorted Varieties 19 Oz.
2/$7
Johnsonville Flame Grilled Sausages
Assorted Varieties 14 Oz. 2/$7

Johnsonville
Smoked Sausage
Assorted Varieties 12 - 14 Oz.
2/$5

Claussen
Pickles
Assorted Varieties
20 - 32 Oz.
$2.99

Oscar Mayer
•DeliFresh •Natural •Carving Board
Assorted Varieties
5.5 - 9 Oz.
2/$5

Bob Evans
Pork Sausage Roll
Assorted Varieties
16 Oz.
$2.99
Pork Sausage •Links •Patties
Assorted Varieties 12 Oz. $2.99

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"
Beef Bottom Round Roast
Sold As Roast Only
$3.79 Lb.
Tenderized Beef Cube Steaks Value Pack $4.29 Lb.

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Pork
Boneless Pork Chops
Value Pack
$2.29 Lb.

Jimbooo's
Italian Beef Tub
26 Oz.
$4.99

Angus Choice
Angus Beef Patties
2 Lb. Box
$8.99

Honeysuckle Fresh
Turkey Sausage
Assorted Varieties
20 Oz.
$3.99
Honeysuckle 99% Lean Ground Turkey 16 Oz. $3.99

Bob Evans
Mashed Potatoes
Assorted Varieties
12 - 24 Oz.
2/$5

Dutch Farms Bagged Breaded
Chicken
•Tenders •Nuggets
•Strips •Rings •Patties
3 Lb. Bag
$5.99

•Dutch Farms
Chicken Kiev
Assorted Varieties
5 Oz.
•Imperial Gardens
Egg Rolls
Assorted Varieties
5 Oz.
99¢
Your Choice!

•Tom Tom
Tamales
3.5 Oz.
•Sugardale
Hot Dogs
12 Oz.

Miller Amish Country "100% Natural"
Boneless Chicken Breasts
$3.79 Lb.
Raised Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids

Walt's "All Natural" 80% Extra Lean Fresh
Ground Chuck
Value Pack
$2.79 Lb.
Ground fresh in store many times daily.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Baby Back Pork Ribs
Single Pack Sold in the Bag
$2.99 Lb.
Pork Spare Ribs $1.79 Lb.
Fresh Never Frozen

Specialty Shoppe

Walt's Premium "All Natural"
Beef Tenderloin Kabobs 12 - 14 Oz. $7.99 Ea.
Made with Beef Tenderloin
Grill Ready with Vegetables

Walt's Premium "All Natural"
Boneless Chicken Breast Kabobs 12 - 14 Oz. $4.99 Ea.
Grill Ready with Vegetables

Walt's Premium "All Natural"
Marinated Chicken Breast Tenders $4.99 Lb.

Walt's Premium "All Natural"
Pub Burgers 8 Oz. 2/$5
Assorted Varieties

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Pork
Boneless Stuffed Pork Chops $2.79 Lb.

Seafood Specials

CATCH! THE SAVINGS

Farm Raised Fresh
Catfish Fillets $4.79 Lb.
Product of USA

Fresh Farm Raised
Atlantic Salmon Fillets $7.99 Lb.
Product of Chile

American Chef 31 - 40 Ct.
Cooked Tail-On Shrimp 2 Lb. Bag $14.99

American Chef 16 - 20 Ct.
Raw EZ Peel Shrimp 1 Lb. Bag $6.99

Supreme Choice
Shrimp Ring with Sauce 10 Oz. $4.99

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Pork
Boneless Pork Combo Pack
Value Pack
$1.79 Lb.
Chops & Roast

Papa Charlie's
Italian Beef Tub
4 Lb.
$12.99

DELI-HUT

Check Out Our LOW PRICES Everyday

BUY OF THE WEEK!

All Walt's Signature Premium
Hams on Sale
•Polish •Baked •Off the Bone
•Brown Sugar Honey
$4.98 Lb.
$2.49 1/2 Lb.
Gluten Free

Garden Fresh
Deli Salads
•Potato •Macaroni
•Cole Slaw
Selected Varieties
$1.79 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Vienna Beef
•Corned Beef •Beef Pastrami
$9.98 Lb.
$4.99 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Signature Premium
Italian Beef with Gravy
$9.98 Lb.
$4.99 1/2 Lb.

Garden Fresh
Pre-Packaged Salads 5 Lb. Tub $8.95

Garden Fresh Grandpa's
Baked Beans $2.99 Lb.

Hillshire Farm
Deli Platters 12.5 Oz. $8.99
Selected Varieties

Snack Factory
Pretzel Crisps 7.2 Oz. $2.49
Selected Varieties

Walt's Deli Hut
Hawaiian Salad $5.79 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Kretschmar
American Cheese
$3.98 Lb.
$1.99 1/2 Lb.

Kretschmar
Turkey off the Bone
Selected Varieties
$4.98 Lb.
$2.49 1/2 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Turano
Rolls
•French 6 Ct.
•Bambino 8 Ct.
$2.99

King's
Hawaiian Dinner Rolls
Selected Varieties
12 Oz.
2/$6

Dietz & Watson Black Forest
Turkey Breast
$8.98 Lb.
$4.49 1/2 Lb.
Gluten Free

Dietz & Watson
Chicken Breast
•Siracha
•Honey Grilled
$7.98 Lb.
$3.99 1/2 Lb.
Gluten Free

Walt's Deli Hut Fully Cooked
Baby Back Pork Ribs
1.25 Lb.
$9.99

Walt's Deli Hut
Bone-In Chicken Wings
$4.99 Lb.
Bone-In Chicken Wings
2 Lb. Bucket $9.95

Dietz & Watson
All Beef Varieties On Sale
$10.98 Lb.
$5.49 1/2 Lb.
Gluten Free

Dietz & Watson
Cheddar Cheese
•Horseradish
•Roasted Garlic
$7.98 Lb.
$3.99 1/2 Lb.
Gluten Free

DAIRY

Chobani
Yogurt
•0% •2% •Flips
Selected Varieties
5.3 Oz.
10/$10

Dutch Farms
Cheese
•Regular, Thick Cut or Fancy Shredded
Selected Varieties 6 - 8 Oz.
•Natural Slices Selected Varieties 6 Oz.
•Bars Selected Varieties 8 Oz.
•Regular American Singles 12 Oz.
3/$5

Dean's
Cottage Cheese
16 Oz.
3/$5

Dean's DairyPure
Sour Cream
16 Oz.
3/$5

Best Choice
Butter
•Regular
•No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/$5

Best Choice
Cream Cheese
•Regular •1/3 Less Fat
8 Oz. Box
99¢

Simply
Orange Juice
52 Oz.
2/$6

Pillsbury
•Crescent Rolls
•Cinnamon Rolls •Sweet Rolls
8 - 13.9 Oz.
•Pizza Crusts •French Loaf
11 Oz.
2/$4

Dean's DairyPure
Half & Half
14 Oz.
3/$5
Dean's DairyPure Whipping Cream
Quart $4.99

Dean's
Dips
Selected Varieties
16 Oz.
3/$5

Dutch Farms
Cheese Spread
8 Oz.
2/$4

Dutch Farms
Cracker Cheese Cuts
10 Oz.
2/$6

Kraft
Velveeta Cheese
2 Lb. Loaf
$7.49

Simply
Fruit Juice
52 Oz.
2/$4

Imperial
Spread
1 Lb. Qtrs.
99¢

Dean's DairyPure
Buttermilk
1/2 Gallon
$2.29

Dutch Farms
Premium Dips
11.5 - 12 Oz.
2/$4

Shedd's Country Crock
Soft Spread
45 Oz.
$2.99

Reddi Wip
Whipped Topping
6.5 Oz. Can
2/$5

Jell-O
•Pudding
•Gelatin
4 Pk.
$1.99

Gold Peak
Tea
52 Oz.
2/$4

Pillsbury
Grands! Biscuits
16.3 Oz.
$1.99

Lactaid
Milk
1/2 Gallon
$3.49

Daisy Brand
Cottage Cheese
24 Oz.
$2.79

I Can't Believe It's Not Butter
Selected Varieties
8 - 16 Oz.
$2.99

Simply
Potatoes
20 Oz.
$2.29

Kraft
Cheez Whiz
15 Oz. Jar
$4.99
Kraft Old English Cheese Spread
5 Oz. 2/$6

Tampico
Punch
Gallon
$1.79

Eggland's Best
Large Eggs
18 Pk.
2/$6

Coffeemate
Flavored Creamer
Quart
$3.29

Yoplait
Yogurt
8 Pk.
$4.49

Weyauwega
Cheese Spread
14 Oz.
2/$6

Kraft
String Cheese
9 - 12 Oz.
$2.99

Kraft Philadelphia
Cream Cheese
•Original •1/3 Less Fat
8 Oz. Box
3/$5

HomeMaker
Orange Juice
59 Oz.
2/$4

FROZEN

Prairie Farms Premium
Ice Cream
56 Oz.
2/$5

Best Choice
Waffles
12.3 Oz.
99¢

New York
•Texas Garlic Toast 8 Ct.
•Garlic Breadsticks 6 Ct.
•Garlic Knots 6 Ct.
•Light Garlic Texas Toast 8 Ct.
•Bake & Break Garlic Bread 10 Oz.
$1.99

Michelina's
Entrees
Selected Varieties
4.5 - 8.5 Oz.
10/$10

Jack's
Original Style Pizza
12 Inch
5/$10
Limit 5 Total Please

DeWafelbakkers
Pancakes
18 - 60 Ct.
$2.49

Edy's Grand
•Ice Cream
•Yogurt
•Sherbet
48 Oz.
2/$6

Best Choice
Potatoes
•Fries •Hashbrowns •Puffs
28 - 32 Oz.
2/$4

Mr. Dee's
Hash Browns
•Shredded
•Golden Rounds
24 Oz.
2/$5
Mr. Dee's Hashbrowns Patties
31.75 Oz. $3.99

Good Humor
Ice Cream Bars
•Strawberry Shortcake
•Chocolate Eclair
6 Pk.
$3.99

Louisa
Pasta
16 - 22 Oz.
$3.99

Marie Callender's
•Dinner
•Pot Pie
Selected Varieties
11.5 - 15 Oz.
$2.99

OnCor
Entree
24 - 28 Oz.
2/$6

Jimmy Dean
Breakfast Bowls
7 - 9 Oz.
$2.59
Best Choice Frozen Orange Juice 12 Oz. Can 2/$3

Hudsonville Premium
Ice Cream
48 Oz.
$3.99

Reames
Egg Noodles
12 Oz.
$2.49

Banquet
Pot Pie
•Meat
•Fruit
7 Oz.
10/$10

Edwards
Creme Pies
Selected Varieties
23.5 - 36 Oz.
$4.99
Edwards Pie Slices 5.2 - 6.7 Oz. 2/$5

Klondike
Ice Cream Bars
6 Pk.
$3.99

Birdseye Polybag Regular
Vegetables
•Regular •Steamfresh •Rice
Selected Varieties
10 - 16 Oz.
3/$4

Kid Cuisine
Dinner
7.45 - 10.6 Oz.
$2.29

Turkey Hill Premium
Ice Cream
48 Oz.
$2.99

•P.F. Chang's •Devour
Frozen Entree
Selected Varieties
7.2 - 12 Oz.
$3.49

KICK OFF YOUR FOOTBALL PARTY WITH THESE SUPER SAVINGS!

TGI Fridays
Appetizers
Selected Varieties
7.6 - 11 Oz.
2/$5

Farm Rich
Appetizers
Selected Varieties
16 - 26 Oz.
$4.99

White Castle
Hamburgers
•Regular
•Cheese
6 Pk.
$3.99

Tyson
Chicken
•Nuggets •Patties
•Tenders
11.5 - 13.25 Oz.
$3.29

Super Pretzel
Soft Pretzels
Selected Varieties 9 - 13 Oz.
2/$5

Ore Ida
Bagel Bites
7 Oz.
2/$4

Kraft Velveeta
Cheesy Bites
6 Oz.
$1.79

Patio
Burritos
5 Oz.
5/$3

Banquet
Chicken Nuggets
48 Oz.
$6.99

Devanco
Gyros Kit
1.29 Lb.
$4.99

DiGiorno
Pizza
12 Inch
2/$9

Pizza
•Screamin' Sicilian
20.2 - 25.05 Oz.
•Urban Pie
16.20 - 20.45 Oz.
$4.98

Marie Callender's
Lasagna
90 Oz.
Great For Parties!
$11.99

Pizza
•Home Run Inn Classic
•Gino's East Tavern Style
12 Inch
$4.99
Home Run Inn Beef & Gravy 5 Lb. $15.99

Gino's East
Thin Crust Pizza
12 Inch
3/$9

GROCERY

Kraft
Mayo
22 - 30 Oz.
2/$5

Kraft
Miracle Whip
22 - 30 Oz.
$2.99

Heinz
Ketchup
38 Oz.
2/$5

Hellmann's
Mayonnaise
20 - 30 Oz.
$2.99

Sweet Baby Ray's
•Barbecue Sauce
28 Oz.
•Marinade
16 Oz.
2/$4

•Lay's Potato Chips
•Doritos Tortilla Chips
9.25 - 10.5 Oz.
Buy One, Get One FREE
Mix & Match!
Single Item Price $4.29 Ea.

General Mills
Cereals
•Honey Nut Cheerios 10.8 Oz.
•Chocolate Peanut Butter or Multigrain Cheerios 9 - 11.3 Oz.
•Lucky Charms 10.5 Oz.
•Trix 10.7 Oz.
•Cocoa Puffs 11.8 Oz.
$1.99

When You Buy 3 Kellogg's
•Cereals
Frosted Flakes 10.5 Oz., Apple Jacks 12.2 Oz., Corn Pops 12.5 Oz. or Froot Loops 12.2 Oz.
•Pop Tarts
6 - 8 Ct.
3/$5
Must Buy 3. Single Item Price $2.50 Ea.

Quaker
Cereals
•Cap'n Crunch
•Life
•Oatmeal Squares
11.5 - 14.5 Oz.
2/$5

Quaker
Chewy Bars
5 - 8 Ct.
2/$5

Nabisco
•Snack Crackers
3.5 - 10 Oz.
•Ritz Crackers
8.8 - 13.7 Oz.
2/$4

•Hunt's
Manwich Sauce
15 - 16 Oz.
•Red Gold
Tomatoes
14.5 - 15 Oz.
•Bush's
Chili Beans
15.5 - 16 Oz.
99¢

Taco Bell
•Taco Sauce
7.5 - 8 Oz.
•Refried Beans
16 Oz.
•Taco Shells
12 Ct.
5/$5

Taco Bell
Salsa
16 Oz.
2/$3

Taco Bell
Taco Seasoning Mix
1 Oz.
2/$1

Kraft
Salad Dressing
16 Oz.
3/$5

Creamette
Pasta
Selected Varieties
12 - 16 Oz.
99¢

Rinaldi
Pasta Sauce
15 - 24 Oz.
3/$5

A.1.
Steak Sauce
10 Oz.
2/$4

Lea & Perrins
Worcestershire Sauce
10 Oz.
2/$4

•Campbell's
Chunky Soups
15.25 - 18.8 Oz.
•Hormel
Chili with Beans or Beef Tamales
15 Oz.
2/$3
Always Save Saltines 16 Oz. 99¢

Tostitos
•Tortilla Chips
9.5 - 12.5 Oz.
•Salsa
15.5 Oz.
2/$6

Rotel
Tomatoes with Chilies
10 Oz.
88¢

Cape Cod
Potato Chips
7 - 8 Oz.
2/$5

Snyder's
Pretzels
16 Oz.
2/$5

Ice Mountain
Spring Water
28 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
2/$7

Lipton
Tea
•Bags 100 Ct.
•Decaf Bags 50 Ct.
•Instant 3 Oz.
$3.49

Cameron's
Coffee
•10 - 12 Oz.
•Single Serve 12 Ct. Pods
$4.99

Nabisco
Belvita Breakfast Biscuits
Select Varieties
8.8 Oz.
2/$5

Hershey's
Miniatures Packaged Candy
10 - 12 Oz.
$3.49

Maxwell House
Coffee
24.5 - 30.6 Oz.
$5.99

Betty Crocker
•Brownies
Family Fudge or Milk Chocolate
•Cake Mixes
Selected Varieties
15.2 - 18.4 Oz.
4/$5

Betty Crocker
Cake Frosting
12 - 16 Oz.
$1.69

Pam
Spray
5 - 6 Oz.
$2.99

Jell-O
•Gelatin
•Pudding
.3 - 3.5 Oz.
4/$3

Ziploc
•Storage Bags
•Freezer Bags
14 - 20 Ct.
•Containers
2 - 8 Ct.
$2.99

Hefty Foam
•Plates
•Bowls
18 - 54 Ct.
2/$3
Hefty Plastic Cups 28 - 40 Ct. $2.49

Bounce
Dryer Sheets
70 - 80 Ct.
$4.49

Tide
Liquid Laundry Detergent
92 - 100 Oz.
$10.99

•Charmin
Bath Tissue
6 Pk. Mega Rolls or 12 Pk. Double Rolls
•Bounty
Paper Towels
6 Pk. Big Rolls
$6.99

GROCERY GOLD VALUES

When You Buy 3 Regular, Diet
•Pepsi •Mtn. Dew
•Crush •Schweppes
•7Up •Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC •Canada Dry
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or 8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.
3/$10
Must Buy 3. Single Item Price $3.99 Ea.

When You Buy 3 Regular, Diet
•Coke
•Coke Zero Sugar
•Sprite
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or
8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.
3/$11
Must Buy 3. Single Item Price $3.99 Ea.

•7Up
•Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC
•Canada Dry
2 Ltr.
5/$5

Regular, Diet
•Pepsi •Crush
•Mtn. Dew
•Schweppes
2 Ltr.
4/$5

Regular, Diet
•Coke
•Coke Zero Sugar
•Sprite
6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans
4/$10

Ocean Spray
Cranberry Cocktails
64 Oz.
2/$5

Gatorade
8 Pk. 20 Oz. Btls.
2/$11
Buy 2 Gatorade 8 Pk. 20 Oz. Btls. Get 5 Propel 24 Oz. Btls. FREE!

Dasani
Water
24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
$3.99

•Snapple Tea
6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls.
•Core Hydration Water
6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
$4.99

Powerade
32 Oz.
79¢

•Lipton Tea
6 Pk. 18.5 Oz. Btls. or
12 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
•Starbucks Frappuccino
4 Pk.
$4.99

Monster
Energy Drinks
16 Oz.
3/$5

LaCroix
Sparkling Water
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
2/$8

•Chex Mix
•Bugles
•Gardetto's
14.5 - 15 Oz.
2/$5

Pringles
Potato Chips
4.5 - 5.5 Oz.
4/$5

Nabisco
•Oreo Cookies
7.9 - 16 Oz.
•Premium Saltines
9 - 17 Oz.
2/$5

•Act II Popcorn
3 Pk.
•Crunch'n Munch
3.5 Oz.
•Slim Jim Meat Stick
.97 Oz.
5/$5

Planters
Peanuts
•Dry Roasted
•Honey Roasted
•Cocktail
16 Oz.
2/$5

Planters
Nuts
•Mixed
•Cashew Halves
8 - 10.3 Oz.
$3.99

Best Choice
•Hamburger Buns
•Hot Dog Buns
8 Ct.
99¢

Butternut
•Bread
White or 100% Whole Wheat 20 Oz.
•Hamburger Buns
•Hot Dog Buns
8 Ct.
2/$3

Aunt Millie's
•Giant Bread
White or Wheat
24 Oz.
•Deluxe Buns
Hamburger or Hot Dog
8 Ct.
2/$3

Aunt Millie's
Rolls
•Regular Sub
•Mini Sub
•Kaiser
•Onion
6 - 8 Ct.
2/$5

Brownberry
Bread
24 Oz.
$2.99

Thomas
Bagels
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