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A SAMPLING FOR SANTA

Meet this year’s cookie contest winners: From a treat that needs just four ingredients to an ultra-customizable coconut confection, this year’s winning recipes played with texture in surprising ways. **Food**



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US warns Israel on actions in Gaza

More return home as negotiators seek to extend cease-fire

By **Aamer Madhani and Zeke Miller**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration has told Israel that it must work to avoid “significant further displacement” of Palestinian civilians in southern Gaza if it renews its ground campaign aimed at eradicating the Hamas militia, senior U.S. officials said.

The Democratic administration, seeking to avoid more large-scale civilian casualties or mass displacement like that seen before the current temporary pause in the fighting, underscored to the Israelis that they must operate with far greater precision in southern Gaza than they did in the north, the officials said, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity under ground rules set by the White House.

Amid mounting international and domestic pressure about the rising Palestinian death toll, the White House has begun to put greater pressure on Israel that the manner of the coming campaign must be “carefully thought through,” according to one of the officials. The Israelis have been receptive when administration officials have raised these concerns, the official said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has made clear that Israeli Defense Forces will eventually restart military operations after the conclusion of the current, temporary cease-fire that has allowed for an exchange of hostages taken by Hamas for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel. The two sides agreed Monday to extend the truce for an additional two days and to continue swapping hostages for prisoners.

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BURKE CORRUPTION TRIAL

Jurors hear recorded call

Former alderman’s unsolicited comment caught attention of wiretapping agents

By **Jason Meisner, Megan Crepeau and Ray Long**
Chicago Tribune

Chicago Ald. Daniel Solis was a newly minted FBI mole in August 2016 when he was instructed to call his

then-powerful colleague, Ald. Ed Burke, and talk about the massive \$600 million renovation of the Old Post Office.

After some seemingly innocuous conversation about the project’s New York-based developers and

local contractors who’d be vying for work, Burke made an unsolicited comment that surely perked up the ears of the FBI agents listening in the wire room.

“Well, while you’re at it, recommend the good firm of Klafter & Burke to do the tax work,” Burke told Solis on the Aug. 26, 2016, recording, which was played for the jury in Burke’s corrup-

tion trial Tuesday.

Solis laughed and agreed to mention Burke’s law firm, which did property tax appeals for a roster of wealthy clients, to the Old Post Office developers at their next meeting.

“And then we can certainly talk about a marketing arrangement

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THE CHARGES: Ed Burke, 79, who served 54 years as alderman, is charged with 14 counts including racketeering, federal program bribery, attempted extortion, conspiracy to commit extortion and using interstate commerce to facilitate an unlawful activity.



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MEMORIES OF A MATRIARCH

Rosalynn Carter was memorialized in Atlanta on Tuesday as a matriarch who felt most comfortable among the impoverished and vulnerable as she was mourned by a rare gathering of all living U.S. first ladies and multiple presidents, including 99-year-old husband Jimmy Carter, left, in the front row. **Story in Nation & World**

Rare Ill. covered bridge left damaged by truck

By **Jonathan Bullington**
Chicago Tribune

As a kid growing up in central Illinois, Peter Nelson’s family had a Sunday ritual. He and his eight siblings packed into their dad’s station wagon and headed along Route 26 in Princeton, turning on a country road that would eventually take them to a park on the bank of Big Bureau Creek.

The highlight of those outings was always the drive across the Red Covered

Bridge, its wooden planks creaking as the family wagon slowly traversed the 149-foot span.

“It was thrilling,” Nelson, 68, remembered. “I’m sure other families have that same ritual and memory.”

Indeed, the 160-year-old bridge is woven into the fabric of the community. Generations of children used to jump from gaps in its red-clad cedar siding for a swim on hot summer days, or ice skate in its shadow

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Bold ideas in fight against food desert



Asiaha Butler, CEO of the Resident Association of Greater Englewood, said she often must leave the neighborhood to shop for fresh vegetables and meat. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Innovative options like a city-run grocer are on the table, but challenges are steep

By **Talia Soglin**
Chicago Tribune

Earlier this month, Asiaha Butler went to four different stores in search of fresh mint.

Butler, CEO of the Resident Association of Greater Englewood, went to the Aldi on 63rd Street in the neighborhood, a local corner store and a Walgreens without luck. She found what she was looking for at the Go Green Community Fresh Market, a grocer operated by the

nonprofit Inner-City Muslim Action Network, about a mile from her home. The herb wasn’t for sale there, but employees found some for her in the back.

“That’s the reality here,” she said. “Just for mint, I have to go out of my ZIP code.”

Over the last two years, major grocers have shuttered at least six stores on the city’s South and West sides, making it harder

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