



Trump ousts Bolton after clashes

Hawkish national security adviser objected to foreign policy moves

BY ZEKE MILLER AND DEB RIECHMANN
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday abruptly forced out John Bolton, his hawkish national security adviser with whom he had strong disagreements on Iran, Afghanistan and a cascade of other global challenges.

The shake-up marked the latest departure of a prominent voice of dissent from the president's inner circle, as Trump has grown less

accepting of advice contrary to his instincts. It also comes at a trying moment for Trump on the world stage, weeks ahead of the U.N. General Assembly and as the president faces pressing decisions on foreign policy issues.

Tensions between Bolton, Trump's third national security adviser, and other officials have flared in recent months over influence in the president's orbit and how to manage his desire to negotiate with some of the world's most unsavory actors. Since joining the administration in the

spring of last year, Bolton has espoused skepticism about the president's whirlwind rapprochement with North Korea, and recently has become a vocal critic of potential talks between Trump and leaders of Iran and Afghanistan's Taliban.

Bolton also broke with Trump with his vocal condemnation of Russia's global aggressions, and last year he masterminded a campaign inside the administration and with allies abroad to persuade Trump to keep U.S. forces in Syria to counter the remnants of the

Islamic State and Iranian influence in the region. Bolton's maneuvering at the time contrasted with former Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis' decision to instead resign over Trump's December withdrawal announcement, which has been effectively reversed.

On Twitter, Trump and Bolton offered opposing accounts on the adviser's less-than-friendly departure, final shots for what had been a fractious relationship almost

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John Bolton, Trump's third national security adviser, was named to the post in March 2018.



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Fabrizio Barozzi, left, and Alberto Veiga of the Barozzi/Veiga architectural firm stand outside the Art Institute of Chicago on Tuesday.

Art Institute announces plans for a major makeover

Lions will stay even as Spanish firm is tasked with transforming museum

BY STEVE JOHNSON

The Art Institute of Chicago has hired a Barcelona architectural firm to craft a master plan that could bring profound transformation to the Michigan Avenue museum in coming years.

For its first North American commission, the prize-winning firm Barozzi/Veiga has been quietly studying the institution's sprawling campus for the past two years and has begun formu-

lating ideas aimed at making an inward-looking museum rooted in the 20th century more extroverted and modern via methods that could include adding new buildings, reconfiguring existing ones and rethinking the presentation of art within them.

"At some point we need to be understood as more of a porous social platform than an impervious temple to culture," said museum Director James Rondeau.

On Tuesday, Rondeau pulled back the curtain to introduce to the full Art Institute board the architects he hopes will help lead the museum in that transition, firm principals Fabrizio Barozzi and Alberto Veiga. Their hiring was also announced to museum staff, whose buy-in will be similarly important if major changes are ultimately made.

The museum is moving forward cautiously, stressed Rondeau, who advocated for bringing in fresh eyes on the place when he took over as president and Eloise W. Martin director in 2016 and then, with the aid of key

associates and a small board group, went out and found Barozzi/Veiga, winner of the 2015 European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture-Mies van der Rohe Award for its Szczecin Philharmonic Hall in Poland.

"We're really just at the point of saying that we've enlisted thought partners to dream the future," said the director, whose museum has not seen major physical changes since Renzo Piano's Modern Wing added 264,000 square feet in 2009. "It's

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Yarbrough accused of 'patronage' operation

Watchdog wants court oversight of Cook County Clerk's office

BY RAY LONG

Less than a year into office, Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough faces potential federal court oversight of hiring amid a watchdog's accusations that she's "running an illegal patronage employment system."

Veteran anti-patronage attorney Michael Shakman said in a new legal filing that Yarbrough has put the politically connected into jobs that are supposed to be free from such influence, asked her employees for campaign contributions on their private cellphones and transferred certain supervisors to far-flung offices in hopes they'll quit.

Yarbrough, who was under federal court oversight in her previous job as recorder of deeds, called Shakman's latest allegations "outrageous" and "preposterous."

"Everything that I'm being accused of is just simply not true," said Yarbrough, who also is vice chair of the Illinois Democratic Party led by House Speaker Michael Madigan. "We'll have our day in court."

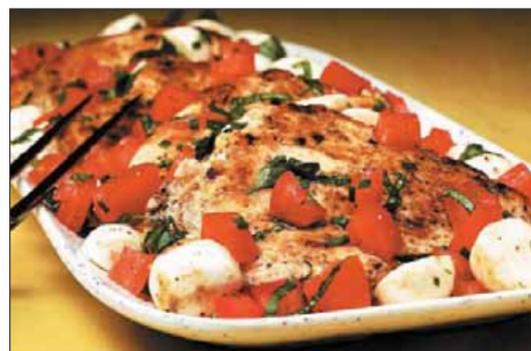
Shakman is asking U.S. Magistrate Judge Sidney Schenkier to appoint the first-ever federal monitor in the clerk's office to investigate and recommend reforms as well as examine hiring and personnel practices under Yarbrough. A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday.

It's a contrast to the tenure of Yarbrough's predecessor. David Orr served 28 years as clerk and did not have a court overseeing hiring.

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Deaths of 9/11 first responders from related illnesses on rise

Pulmonary fibrosis, other diseases just taking toll 18 years later

BY CINDY DAMPIER

Like most first responders, former New York City detective Tom Frey is a master of understatement — even when it comes to talking about the World Trade Center terror attacks on 9/11, the most devastating assignment of his life.

"We were going down there, just trying to find anyone who was alive," he says of the hours and days that followed the collapse of the towering skyscrapers in Lower Manhattan. "We were digging in, moving concrete with our hands, basically just trying to find



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anyone, anybody who was alive. I was never lucky enough to find a survivor, but we did all we could." Instead, Frey found himself

tending to the dead, sifting through debris brought to a Staten Island landfill looking for any trace of evidence that could shed light on the horrific attack. He searched for plane parts and human remains, all parts of a landscape rendered unrecognizable by pulverizing destruction and a pervasive layer of gray dust.

"On the job, I've seen plane crashes, people jumping out of windows, hanging themselves, subways derailed — all sorts of things. But you're never prepared for something like this," Frey says.

America would never be the same. Neither would Tom Frey.

Frey, who now lives in Florida, is one of many 9/11 first responders with serious illnesses brought

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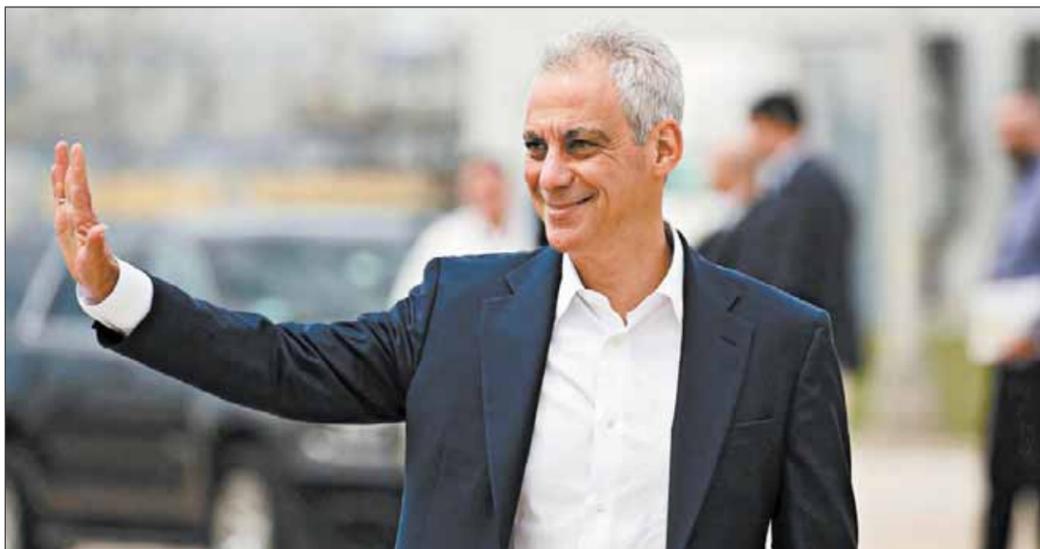
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Then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel waves as he arrives at the south air traffic control tower at O'Hare International Airport in April.



JOHN KASS

Should Emanuel jump into presidential race?

Should former Democratic Chicago mayor turned TV talking head Rahm Emanuel just drop the punditry nonsense and get into the presidential race himself?

It's worth a thought. Emanuel is a multimillionaire — there are obvious benefits to public service — though he's not as rich as enviro-billionaire Tom Steyer, who has qualified for the Democratic presidential candidate debate in October.

But Rahm knows politics, and he displays his knowledge of these dark arts weekly on that ABC Sunday morning talk show, the one I don't watch that is hosted by Clinton Donor Zero.

If he were a presidential candidate, Rahm just might be able to save the Democratic Party from Joe Biden, who's set to appear under the withering lights at the third Democratic presidential debate.

Admit it, with all his gaffes, old Uncle Joe's campaign is teetering. Though he's the last hope of the old Democratic establishment, Biden is just a drop or two of blood in that already bloody eye of his from absolute disaster.

“I want to be clear,” Biden said the other day in addressing his confusion about whether he was in Vermont or New Hampshire, and sniping at pesky reporters insisting on questioning his mental health. “I'm not going nuts.”

OK, Joe. You're not going nuts. What time do you want your Jell-O? Think of it: President Rahm Emanuel.

President Rahm as boss of America's vast intelligence apparatus, the CIA, the National Security Agency, the FBI and don't forget the Internal Revenue Service. Democrats wouldn't mind. And since most journalists are Democrats, we wouldn't have a “revolution,” or scribes suffering from Emanuel Derangement Syndrome.

Emanuel's career ended when Chicago realized he'd sat on that police video of black teenager Laquan McDonald being shot 16 times by a white Chicago cop.

But think of what he could accomplish with the FBI, CIA and IRS at his beck and call?

Hollywood stars would love him, since his uber agent brother Ari is the boss of Hollywood. And he'd be the first president to hang a portrait of himself as a Hollywood gangster in the White House.

The portrait, which I presented to him, is called “The Rahmfather,” and it shows Rahm in the Al Pacino pose from the movie poster for “The Godfather.” He placed it proudly on the wall of his City Hall office.

Could Rahm Emanuel defeat President Donald Trump?

He's vicious enough to go for the throat. Or, more likely, he'd have his contacts at The New York Times and the Washington Post go for his enemies' throats.

Though Rahm has little in common with Trump, they do share a unique superpower:

All they have to do is open their mouths, and leftist political heads explode across America.

Just days before the Democratic presidential debate in Texas, Emanuel went on the attack, trying to draw blood from the Democratic Party's dominant left wing by targeting a serious vulnerability.

Rahm lashed out at progressive candidates — authentic lefty Bernie Sanders and faux lefty Elizabeth Warren, who is playing the Hillary Clinton role this cycle — for supporting government health care for everyone, including people in the country illegally, whether they want it or not.

“We've taken a position so far, the candidates have ... few have not, about basically ‘Medicare for All,’ which is we're gonna eliminate 150 million people's health care and we're gonna provide health care for people that (have) just come over the border,” Emanuel said on ABC, which pays him for his wisdom.

“That is an untenable position for the general election,” Emanuel said. “This is reckless. You don't have to take the position to win the primary and you're basically, literally hindering yourself for the general election.”

The “Medicare for All” plan embraced by the left would, critics say, yank private insurance away from

Americans, including union workers who once formed the backbone of the Democratic Party.

Voters may have forgotten that, in a previous debate, Democratic presidential candidates were asked to raise their hands to virtue signal that they supported health care for undocumented immigrants who crossed the borders illegally and that they didn't think crossing the border illegally was a crime. For this, they were bathed in applause.

Sanders supports full health care for undocumented immigrants because he sincerely believes it to be right. Warren supports it because she's pandering for Sanders' progressive votes, while privately assuring Democratic establishment bosses that she's really one of them.

Biden tentatively raised his hand too. But he raised it as if he were some milquetoast at a wedding banquet, trying to catch the bartender's eye to order a Brandy Alexander, then deciding he might as well pretend to scratch his ear.

Rahm is already on record telling Americans that a crisis is a terrible thing to waste. And so is video of idiotic and pandering hand-raising on untenable political positions.

He also knows that Trump's campaign won't waste the footage.

An avid bike rider, who cuts a striking, lithe figure in bike shorts, Emanuel talked in his Sunday morning segment of his summer spent bicycling around Lake Michigan.

“No one in a diner ran at me and said, ‘Take my health care away.’ Nobody,” Rahm said. “You don't have to take this position to win the primary, and you're literally hindering yourself for the general election.”

Get in the race, Rahm. Run for president. Save your party.

But first, would you bring Joe Biden his Jell-O?

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Never forget 9/11 or mistakes made in its name



MARY SCHMICH

It's September 11. Again.

"Jeez, I keep forgetting tomorrow is September 11," a friend emailed when I mentioned it Tuesday, which was September 10. "Blergh."

"Blergh," she explained, is a term she applies to moments when she has forgotten something she thinks she should remember.

There was a time when Sept. 11 seemed like a date that would never be dimmed by time, at least not for any American who was older than 10 on that day in 2001. In the moment that it happened — when jets hijacked by terrorists crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and onto a Pennsylvania field — it seemed like a date whose memory would terrify Americans forever.

The date became a symbol, a shorthand, a patriotic cause.

Now it's a date that might slip by only vaguely noticed by most Americans if we weren't publicly summoned to remember, which we are.

What do you remember? You probably remember where you were. I was driving home from a yoga class. I remember hopping into my car and turning on the radio, which was broadcasting news that made no sense.

The twin towers on fire? Jets? What?

But, oddly, when I look back all these years later, what I remember most vividly is not the confusion and horror but the weather. I've come to think of it as "September 11 weather."

September 11 weather is beautiful and warm, summer mellowed to perfection. In Chicago, the day is usually noisy with cicadas, still hot enough for shorts. You can sense the end of something but nothing urgent. It's peaceful weather.

Except that on Sept. 11, 2001, the weather was deceptive, a contradiction, evidence of how beauty and horror can walk hand in hand.

This year, as always, Sept. 11 will come with official remem-



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A visitor pauses at the National September 11 Memorial in lower Manhattan on Wednesday in New York City.

Among the things Sept. 11 has taught us, or should have, is that fear and rage are bad guides.

brance ceremonies. For people who survived the direct attacks, for the friends and relatives of those who didn't survive, for the families of the first responders who were injured or died, the loss lives on. Their grief and anger may never fade. It's good that we pause and remember their loss.

But when we remember that day we also need to remember the mistakes made in its name.

We need to remember how in the days, months and years afterward, many Americans, blinded by fear and rage, shunned Muslims. Let's remember how many politicians, also blinded by fear and rage, declared a War on Terror.

Remember how, as Americans cheered them on, the politicians voted to go to war in Iraq, and how Iraq, a country that was not responsible for the attacks, would be thrown into an annihilating chaos that hasn't ended.

Among the things Sept. 11 has taught us, or should have, is that fear and rage are bad guides.

This year's anniversary coincides with the news that the current president was planning secret talks with the Taliban, reportedly with the goal of ending the

war in Afghanistan, the other long war directly triggered by the Sept. 11 attacks.

Before those attacks, most Americans had never heard of the Taliban. They didn't know it was a militant Afghan group that supported Osama bin Laden, the leader of the terrorist group al-Qaida, which launched the attacks. Back then, the average American didn't even know who bin Laden was. Until then, it's safe to bet, most Americans couldn't find Afghanistan or Iraq on a map.

Sept. 11 improved our geography. Tragically, however, history has yet to show that the invasions undertaken under its banner made us feel safer or in any significant way improved the world.

Now the president's secret meeting with the Taliban has

fallen through. The war in Afghanistan goes on. American troops are still there. Billions of American dollars have been spent. Hundreds of thousands, mostly Afghans, have died, just as they did in Iraq. The chaos unleashed by the War on Terror has bred new terrorists.

In the name of Sept. 11, many mistakes were made. We, as Americans, pay for those mistakes every day. So does the world.

So as we mourn the victims of that awful day, as we reflect on the real outside dangers that face us as a country, let's take a moment in this beautiful weather to contemplate something else as well: the ways we, as a country, remain a danger to ourselves.

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If a man offers a lady his seat, does it sit well in 2019?



DAHLEEN GLANTON

The other day, a pregnant woman stepped awkwardly onto the 147 CTA bus holding a shopping bag in one hand and gripping the wrist of a toddler with the other.

She made her way through the crowded bus, past rows of passengers, only to get to the rear and find that every seat

had been taken. She passed one person after another, many of them millennials with their faces buried in their phones, refusing to look up.

Yes, refusing. Phones have given passengers on public transportation a convenient cover for being inconsiderate. They can pretend they don't see that pregnant woman standing next to them holding on to a rail for dear life as the bus or train jolts and swerves along.

It's nice to hear that a company called The Mom Project has started handing out blue "Baby on Board" buttons for pregnant passengers to wear on the "L." The Chicago Transit Authority has a similar project in the works.

But why would anyone think that self-absorbed people would look up from their devices long enough to read a button pinned on someone's chest?

There is no excuse for able-bodied people, regardless of their age or gender, refusing to give up their seat on public transportation to someone who obviously needs to sit down. It was refreshing to learn in an informal survey of my Facebook friends that most wouldn't hesitate to offer their seats to the elderly and disabled, regardless of gender. Beyond that, it gets a little dicey.

There's a difference between rudeness and old-fashioned chivalry. And that's where the line starts to blur. Is it appropriate these days for a man to offer a woman his seat on the bus or train, simply because

she is female? Would an able-bodied woman interpret the gesture as sexist?

Many generations ago, men didn't hesitate to give up their seat, open a door or offer to carry a woman's bags up a flight of stairs. It was, in fact, a sign of good manners and having been raised right whenever a man stepped up to assist a woman.

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The gender roles were much more defined than they are now. He didn't have to try and figure whether a woman was pregnant under her oversized clothes. If she was a woman, she deserved a seat. It was as simple as that — unless she was African American. But that's another issue.

That was also during an era when society considered women to be helpless and unable to fend for themselves. The day is long gone when men had to be the rescuers of women, and there aren't many people who want to return to it.

Some people, male and female, will be offended that I am suggesting that in 2019 a man should offer his seat to a woman simply because she is female. Gender, they insist, should not be a factor in deciding who should sit or stand.

I get the whole issue of gender equality. In fact, I have rushed ahead to open a door myself so that a male colleague wouldn't get the chance to do it. At work, women demand to be treated as equals, both intellectually and physically. God forbid, some millennial who thinks I should have retired by now acts as though I'm too frail to push open a door.

When in public and dealing with strangers, though, the rules shouldn't always be set in stone, should they? Is there room for a random act of kindness that goes no farther than the next bus stop?

Though my hair is touched with gray, I'm perfectly capable of standing the entire 20-minute bus ride from downtown to Uptown. But I don't always want to. I appreciate when someone, especially a young man, offers me his seat.

It says to me that someone raised him to be considerate, attentive and kind. And it allows me to wonder for a while if the country really is as mean as it appears these days.

It would be nice if it happened often. As a regular bus rider, I've concluded that males work the hardest to avoid eye contact. Their heads are buried deepest in their devices or they appear to be so into their music that their eyes are closed. If you want to sit down, your best bet is to focus on a female rider.

Perhaps that is because men are most afraid of rejection. For some, asking a strange woman if she'd like your seat on the bus is akin to going up to a woman you don't know at a party and asking her to dance. If she rejects the offer, you feel dejected and embarrassed. It's simply not worth the effort.

A millennial male said one of his concerns always is, "Will this person be offended I think they 'need' a seat?" A mature woman admitted that she does wonder, "Do I look that old?"

The best thing to do, one man said, is to just offer her a seat. If she turns you down, that's on her. A way to avoid such awkward situations, another man said, is to get up and find a place to stand when you see someone coming your way who might need a seat.

A woman who described herself as a "raging feminist" doesn't think the serious issue of gender stereotypes should apply to simple acts of kindness.

"(I'm) never offended when a man offers me a seat or holds a door open for me, and I've never met a woman who does (feel offended)," she said. "I think it's an anti-feminist myth."

If someone is offended by someone's trying to do them a kindness, another woman said, it's a bigger problem than sexism.

A recently retired man who says he was taught to use common courtesy put it this way: "I would offer a seat or open a door, and if a woman thinks that's sexist, so be it."

Let's leave it at that.

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The altar inside the sanctuary of St. Adalbert's Catholic Church on July 14, 2019.

Former St. Adalbert Church sanctuary to stay public space

Developer says other parts of Pilsen icon won't

BY MARIE FAZIO

A private developer with a history of controversy in Pilsen that's under contract to buy the former St. Adalbert Catholic Church in the neighborhood plans to restore the sanctuary and keep it open for public use, according to a statement released by the developer Tuesday morning.

City Pads is under contract to purchase the church, 1650 W. 17th St., where a final Mass was celebrated July 14 before it officially stopped being a church because of a declining parish population and a dire need for repairs. For years it has been at the center of a communitywide effort to keep it in operation as a Catholic church. A price for the sale hasn't been disclosed, after Archdiocese of Chicago officials confirmed the contract Monday.

According to the statement, additional buildings

on the church property, including the rectory, convent and school, will be rehabbed and repurposed. Some will be converted into housing, including studios, one-bedroom and family-size apartments. City Pads plans to set aside more than 20% of the units for affordable family housing.

The school on St. Adalbert property, Bartolomé de las Casas Elementary School, a charter school run by Acero Schools, will remain open and operating in the same capacity, "including exclusive use of the open space located directly behind the church," according to the statement.

"When we found out this historic church was at risk of being torn down we just knew we had to come in and save it," Andy Ahitow, managing principal of City Pads, said in the statement. "Our hope is to restore both the sanctuary and towers so that the community will be able to enjoy this space which has been so important to the neighborhood for over a century."

The church's two towers have been covered in scaffolding for years.

News of the contract came as a blow to community groups that have continued to rally for the church's reinstatement as a sacred space even after the parish celebrated the final Mass in July — a trilingual service to commemorate the Latino and Polish parish populations.

The following day, the church was officially desanctified, according to a decree by Cardinal Blase Cupich, attributing the closure to a declining parish population and at least \$3 million in renovations.

On Monday, when the Archdiocese of Chicago first confirmed the sale, those who have worked to save the church said they felt betrayed.

Julie Sawicki, president of Society of St. Adalbert, which was formed in 2017 to raise awareness about the potential closure of the parish in the Polish community, said Monday that she never imagined they would be facing an impending sale.

The church was built in 1874 and rebuilt in 1912 by the Polish immigrant community following a fire. It has been the site of generations of baptisms, weddings and funerals. It still maintains cultural importance, despite the fact that the Polish population has since dispersed, Sawicki said.

"This is putting my faith in doubt," Sawicki said. "This is erasing our history, our legacy. ... This is not just closing any church. It cuts really deep to our core."

City Pads has a history in Pilsen. The company purchased Casa Aztlan, a community center adorned with colorful murals, after the organization shut down in 2013 and redeveloped the space into residential units.

In June 2017, the developer painted over historic murals that adorned the sides of the building, sparking community outrage.

The specific use of the restored church sanctuary has yet to be decided — though it will be open to the public — and City Pads hopes to include the community, including Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez, 25th, and members of the St. Adalbert Preservation Society, in the decision.

FEMA shares Aurora warehouse shooting report

BY MEGAN JONES

A Federal Emergency Management Agency report praises Aurora police for its response to the mass shooting at the Henry Pratt Co. warehouse Feb. 15, but also notes communication and other issues could be improved in the event of another similar incident.

The report, dated May 24 and acquired recently by The Beacon-News, describes the response to the attack as a collaboration of responding agencies that helped prevent more deaths.

"First responders quickly and effectively responded to the incident, minimizing loss of life," FEMA found.

The 45-page report noted the chaos as dozens of agencies responded to the shooting, with some off-duty and even retired officers showing up and forming their own response plans while victims were rushed to various hospitals with no tracking system for who was hurt and where they were headed. An accurate floor plan of the warehouse also would have been helpful to police, the report said.

On Feb. 15, an employee who had just learned he would be fired from Henry Pratt Co. opened fire inside the building, killing five employees, injuring a sixth employee and shooting and injuring five police officers. The gunman was killed during an exchange of gunfire with police.

FEMA conducts reports after mass scale incidents, ranging from hurricane responses to mass shootings, when requested. Aurora police asked FEMA to conduct the report to see what lessons could be learned in the wake of the Pratt warehouse shooting.

Influx of officers: More than 42 agencies responded to the shooting, although the exact number of officers is unknown, the report states.

The response did not surprise Aurora Police Chief Kristen Ziman, who said in an interview last month she saw officers running from home in sweatpants eager to help.

One of the officers who was shot through his neck refused to leave as his fellow officers were pulling him away in the parking lot of the warehouse, trying to rescue him, Ziman said.

"I knew that I got hit in the head and I thought I was going to die, so I might as well go in and finish the job," Ziman recalled the officer saying.

"That's the mindset they all had - the warrior-ship," Ziman said.

The massive response, by on-duty, off-duty and even retired police officers, became a major stumbling block, the report stated. While officials expressed deep appreciation for the support, most said it complicated efforts.

It is important for officials to have accountability

and know who is on the scene, the report stated.

Radio communications: Aurora and Naperville use a different style of digital radio systems than most of the other surrounding cities, including the Kane County sheriff's office, blocking other departments from being able to hear radio communications and dispatch for Aurora. Being able to switch over and monitor Aurora's communications would have been helpful for several agencies, the report stated.

In mid-2018, Lewbel said the department agreed it needed to find a better way to communicate with surrounding agencies and began working on a patch to link multiple radio systems together. The patch would allow officers to use their existing radios and just flip to a different channel.

The new radio channel is close to being ready, Lewbel said.

Floor plan needed: Police did not have access to blueprints of the warehouse and were unfamiliar with its layout, requiring an extensive search operation and a number of officers to secure and hold areas of the building and evacuate employees.

With several doors and 300,000-square-foot of space, navigating the warehouse was like a "giant game of Where's Waldo, knowing that he is armed and ready to shoot you," Ziman said.

Officers grabbed an outdated fire escape plan attached to the wall, which was helpful in the hunt for the shooter, the report said.

The report commended the officers for their problem solving skills.

FEMA recommended the city look into creating an ordinance that requires businesses to number their doors and register information with first responders.

'Taking care of our people' Investments by Aurora and surrounding cities in training were crucial to preparing for the shooting, the report stated.

Officers from the Aurora and Naperville police departments had trained together on shooting responses with help of a \$1.4 million counter-terrorism grant.

A grant for training from FEMA was cited multiple times by responders as a reason they were prepared.

Ziman said the department could have communicated better during the incident and needs a better system of notifying schools to put them on lockdown.

The report stated that speculation on television and social media regarding the shooting shows the content for public communications should be reviewed. Multiple people said misinformation was put out and the five officers wounded were initially incorrectly identified as dead.

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"I'm disappointed to hear that an office with such a good reputation now (faces) allegations of political discrimination against hard-working employees," Orr told the Tribune Tuesday.

In 2016, voters opted to eliminate the recorder's job, then Orr decided to retire as clerk, and Yarbrough went on to win an election to succeed him last year, taking the oath in December.

Nine months later, Shakman is in court as part of a long-running patronage lawsuit that has sought hiring reforms at City Hall and Cook County. Shakman attorney Brian Hays alleged Yarbrough used political reasons to hire people into jobs that are protected by anti-patronage rules.

Among those cited in the filing is Tim Curry, who used to be police chief in Maywood when Yarbrough's husband was mayor of the Democratic stronghold. Curry is now deputy clerk of security for Karen Yarbrough, where he said his duties include driving her and overseeing a small staff.

"I think they're barking up the wrong tree. I'm a professional in everything I do," said Curry, who worked a similar job for Yarbrough in the recorder's office.

The court filing also accuses Yarbrough of installing a former Illinois House colleague, Cynthia Soto, into a ranking procurement position that should have been free of political influence. Soto could not be reached for comment.

Further, the filing says Yarbrough put Holly Figliuolo, the sister of state Sen. Robert Martwick, into an executive assistant post that was to be free of political considerations. Martwick, who is 38th Ward Democratic committeeman and has contributed \$5,300 to Yarbrough's political fund,

"Everything that I'm being accused of is just simply not true. We'll have our day in court."

— Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough

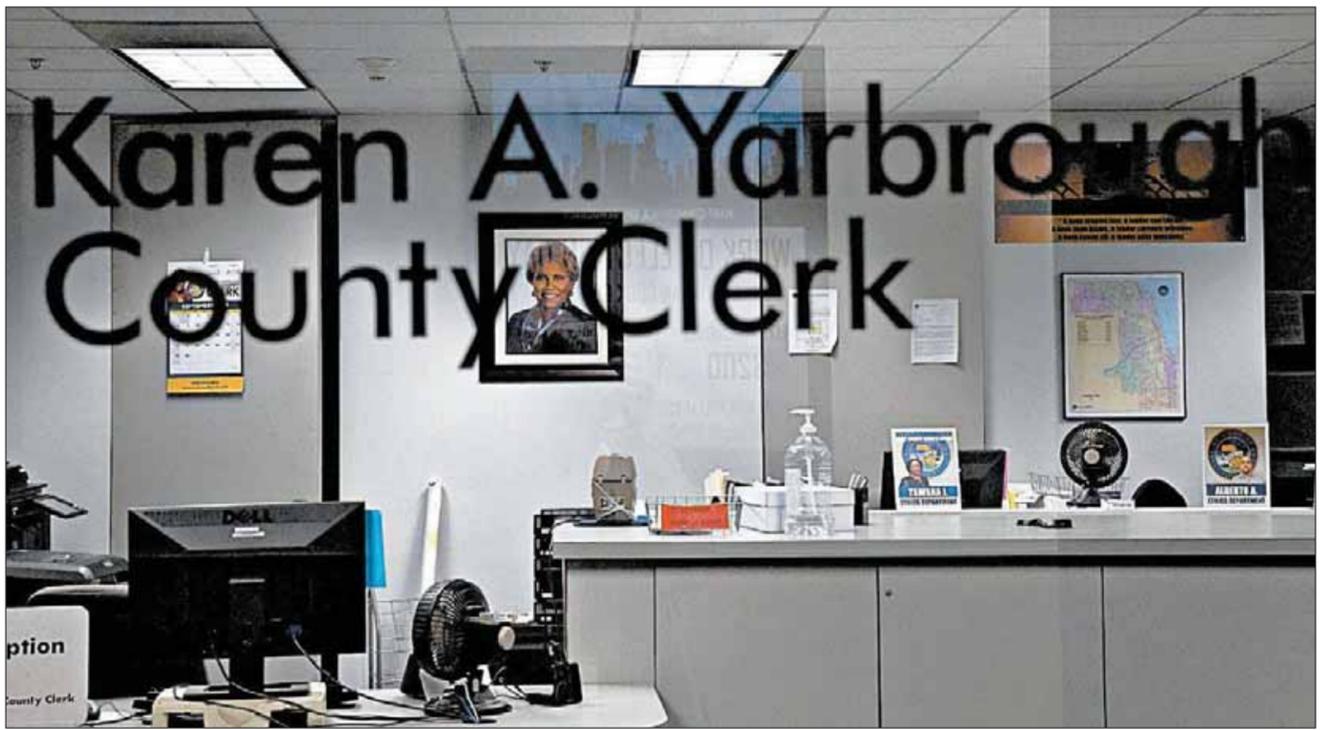
said he had nothing to do with his sister getting a job in the clerk's office. He called his sister an "awesome" worker who previously was employed under former County Assessor Joseph Berrios.

The motion in the Shakman case, which was filed Friday, also states Yarbrough has adopted a policy that will transfer vital records supervisors who have served years in suburban offices to different branches. The clerk has offices at courthouses in Bridgeview, Markham, Maywood, Rolling Meadows and Skokie, in addition to the Loop headquarters.

Hays contended the suburban rotation is designed to "make life so unbearable" for the supervisors that they'll have "little choice but to resign," which then would give Yarbrough a free hand in offering the jobs to her political allies.

Hays noted the rule change doesn't apply to three other supervisors. One woman exempted from the plans is expected to retire soon, and the two others are unidentified but considered politically connected — one related to a former alderman and the other connected to County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, the filing states.

Yarbrough defended her



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A photo of Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough hangs in the clerk's office on Tuesday in Chicago.

rotation policy, saying she found branch offices lacked continuity and led to officials saying one thing at one office and something else at another.

The Shakman filing also alleges that Yarbrough has solicited campaign contributions by texting some employees on their personal cellphones after getting the numbers from government personnel records. Hays called on the judge to issue an order that would prohibit the clerk from soliciting political donations from Shakman-protected workers in her office.

Yarbrough said she opposes the appointment of a federal monitor, calling it unnecessary and expensive for taxpayers.

Shakman's call for a court monitor comes after Yarbrough was dogged by allegations of clout hiring during her time as county recorder. Yarbrough was criticized for hiring her niece into a high-ranking

out of personnel decisions for most government jobs. The resulting set of reforms is known as the Shakman decree.

The recorder and the assessor have remained under a federal monitor for years, costing the county millions of dollars in legal fees. Last year, a monitor was put in place to oversee county Circuit Clerk Doro-

thy Brown's office. Brown, whose office has been under federal criminal investigation, is not seeking reelection next year.

Some public officials have reached compliance with Shakman standards and no longer require monitors. Those include Preckwinkle's sprawling county government and the sheriff's office under Tom Dart.

The city of Chicago also reached Shakman compliance and a federal monitor was removed under then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel in June 2014.

Yarbrough's political star has been on the rise. In Democratic circles, she's been mentioned as a potential replacement if 85-year-old Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White decides to

retire instead of serving out a full term. Both White and Yarbrough are allies of Madigan, the state Democratic chairman, and have given jobs to the speaker's backers.

On Tuesday, Yarbrough said she is "not running" for secretary of state.

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not a kind of megalomania for space. It is always about refining facilities, better visitor experience, better connectivity and access to collections that are not on view.”

Rondeau said he saw as a “cautionary tale” the 2017 postponement of an announced major contemporary and modern wing revamp at New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art in the apparent absence of funds to complete the project.

But while the Chicago museum doesn’t want to similarly get out over the tips of its skis, it is “reasonable” to think that within 18 months, he said, “we would understand what Barozzi/Veiga would suggest looks like a five-year, 10-year, 15-year plan.”

Rondeau and the architects said key factors guiding their thinking include working to open the museum to the city on its western, Michigan Avenue side, to Grant Park and the lake on its eastern side and even to the train lines that bisect what is, at about 1 million square feet, the nation’s second largest art museum, behind the Met.

“Enlisting them as partners in trying to imagine what we might look like in the future has been the best decision I’ve made on the job,” said the executive, whose background is as a modern and contemporary art curator.

Brenda Shapiro was a member of the five-person board formed in 2016 that helped vet, and then approved, Rondeau’s recommendation of the architects. She’s pleased Barozzi/Veiga is thinking big in this early phase.

“It’s very, very easy to limit one’s ideas and one’s choices by being worried about being fiscally responsible, by being prudent, by not over-reaching or over-dreaming,” she said. “But at an initial stage, I believe this about architecture: You don’t want to put yourself into a box where you never get out.”

And when a museum is not willing to change things, she added: “The dust is not only on the objects themselves, but intellectually it hangs there.”

For Barozzi and Veiga, the assignment is a deep honor and an extreme challenge, the two Europeans said in joint interviews in recent days. Seven buildings have been added since 1893 to the original beaux-arts museum edifice on Michigan Avenue, and there are restrictions against building on any of the four perimeters or taller than the current buildings.

The Art Institute’s landmark main entrances, the iconic steps and the lions on Michigan Avenue, are “not going to change,” Veiga said. Neither will the Modern Wing doors on Monroe Street.

Nonetheless, the chance to reshape such a world-renowned museum “is the dream of every architect,” said Barozzi, 42, an Italian native, who founded the firm with Veiga in 2004. “Sentimental monumentality” is a credo of theirs, they proclaim on their website, “architecture that strikes a balance between the specificity of the place and autonomy of form.”

“Really, this is the kind of project that happens once in your life,” added Veiga, 46, a Spaniard. “There is just one



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Architects “want to give coherence to the whole campus” of the Art Institute of Chicago, seen here from the Cliff Dwellers Club across Michigan Avenue.



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A train sits outside the Art Institute of Chicago on Wednesday.

AIC in the world. If this, step by step, becomes real, it’s going to be a dream.”

While the architects are keenly aware that proposing a plan and getting that plan built are two separate things, they say they feel emboldened by Rondeau’s open-ended charge to them.

“We asked this firm to join us without a brief,” Rondeau said. “When (previous director) Jim Wood hired Renzo Piano, it was, ‘Please build a building for modern and contemporary — there.’ It was a very concrete briefing. And we’ve said, ‘Could you please come and help us think about Chicago? And we actually don’t know what we’re doing, if anything.’”

Seen from above, the Art Institute looks like mismatched construction kits forced together, two discrete hodgepodge structures connected by one skinny building spanning some half-dozen train tracks and a roadway that is a bus shortcut from downtown to the McCormick Place convention center. Even experienced visitors can find navigation within the buildings vexing, and viewed from a Monroe Street bridge overlooking the tracks, the complex suggests warehouse more than art house.

Still, the museum, with its world-class collections especially rich in impressionist and post-impressionist painting, is one of Chicago’s top tourist draws, pulling in 1.62 million visitors in 2018 and regularly

landed among TripAdvisor’s top five U.S. museums.

“We want to give coherence to the whole campus,” said Barozzi, standing just outside the Modern Wing on a deck overlooking the South Shore Line tracks.

Piano’s Modern Wing is closer to the idea of what the museum wants to become, Rondeau said, a structure with windows facing and an elegant bridge into Millennium Park. It boasts relatively inviting glass doors and a big central hall with the potential, at least, to serve as a kind of public square.

“The Piano building’s a great example of how a greater degree of transparency can bring a greater recognition of site and the specificity of site and a greater feeling of connection to the city,” said Rondeau.

Piano also added, Rondeau noted, the three big windows overlooking the trains cut into what the



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The design for the Szczecin Philharmonic Hall in Szczecin, Poland, won Barozzi/Veiga a major architectural award.

museum labels “The Bridge,” the pass-through building that essentially takes you from the old Art Institute to the new on the first floor through a gantlet mostly of Indian and Southeast Asian sculpture.

On the second floor it houses many of the museum’s superstars, works by the likes of Caillebotte, Seurat, Monet and Van Gogh.

To the extent that Barozzi and Veiga are ready to talk specifics, this building, originally called Gunsaulus Hall, is one of their focuses. They see it becoming a new “center of gravity” for the museum, in Veiga’s words, a “new public centrality,” in Barozzi’s.

Working on that building over the tracks would allow them “to establish a new relationship with this industrial atmosphere that could be very powerful and could intensify the specificity of this museum,” Barozzi said.

And thinking about “The Bridge” building, they said,

has started a flow of ideas for “a logical re-arrangement of the collection,” Barozzi said.

They’re not ready to detail that re-arrangement yet, but they are taking on one of the museum’s most daunting challenges, helping visitors simply get around. “One of the big things of this proposal is to clarify the way-finding, the access to the galleries, the access to the different programs, et cetera, in a logical and very clear way,” said Veiga.

The other AIC building they have immediately identified as a focal point for transformation is the 1958 Ferguson Building, a slender wing that houses executive offices and looks the part. It abuts the original building parallel to Michigan Avenue, overlooking a lovely park on the campus’ northwest corner that is currently hidden from the avenue by a dense row of shrubbery.

“It is the worst building in the most beautiful and public location,” said Barozzi, and the architects described almost being shocked to see such a space being so closed off and ill-used.

“We deeply believe that building is to be a building where the public can circulate, where the public can see art,” Veiga said.

Among the other notions they mentioned: That people in Grant Park should be able to look west and immediately know the big complex they see is the Art Institute; that they originally didn’t see much room on the campus to think about new buildings, but that has changed with familiarity; and that more building over the tracks is not likely.

Engaging the architects was fueled by 2018’s largest-ever cash donation made to the museum, \$50 million from trustee Janet and husband Craig Duchossois and \$20 million from board Chair Robert Levy and wife Diane v.S. Levy, Rondeau said.

That’s a big head start, but obviously new funds would have to be raised to execute any major Barozzi/Veiga concepts. The Modern Wing, for instance, cost \$283 million.

For the hiring process, Rondeau, working with Deputy Director Ann Goldstein and Shapiro’s board

group, specifically identified three types of firms as finalists, he said: a Chicago company; a major international architecture star; and up-and-comers.

Choosing the architects on the rise, he considers both “courageous” but also, after studying Barozzi/Veiga’s work, almost inevitable.

He saw the concert hall in Poland, an elegant white structure whose exterior can look like a series of sails cutting through a city block or like cathedral spires rooted to it. They saw a soon-to-open fine-arts museum in Lausanne, Switzerland (Musée cantonal des Beaux-Arts) that borders railways and incorporates an old train station.

And, Rondeau said, “they did a beautiful extension to the museum in Chur in Switzerland. It’s just a kind of beautiful little box attached to a neoclassical, beaux-arts structure. And it’s so respectful in its proportions and materials, but it also is just insanely beautiful. ... It did exactly what someday we will need to do here, which is to balance something new with something old and to respect that neoclassical identity.”

Said Shapiro: “These are architects who are, it looks like, in their period of maximal creativity balanced by maximal flexibility. If you can catch architects in that kind of golden period, you’re very lucky.”

When the first museum building went up, the founders had etched in the frieze around its top edges the names of great artists through the ages — all men, but that’s another story.

“That was 100 percent aspiration,” Rondeau said. “That building was a hope chest. We didn’t have anything. We had plaster casts. And so carving that frieze was such a kind of bold move for this cow town in 1893 to say ‘Durer, Rembrandt, Michelangelo, Leonardo, this is who we want to become.’ And, by and large, we became that and more.”

“That’s exactly the moment we’re in, and we need to figure out what is the equivalent of that entablature for the second half of the 21st century.”

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Judge rejects far-reaching gag order in killing of pregnant teenager

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

A Cook County judge declined to impose a far-reaching gag order Tuesday on court proceedings in the gruesome killing of a pregnant teenager whose baby was cut from her womb, rejecting defense attorneys’ argument that a flood of public speculation about the case would prejudice potential jurors.

“I will not resort to restricting the public’s right of access unless I have to,” said Judge Peggy Chiampas, who is presiding over charges against Clarisa and Desiree Figueroa in the killing of both Marlen Ochoa-Lopez, a pregnant

19-year-old, and her son, who lived only a few weeks.

The order sought by attorneys for the Figueroas would have restricted what even Ochoa-Lopez’s relatives and friends as well as activists could say outside court. More typically, gag orders are intended to silence attorneys and those more directly involved in higher-profile criminal prosecutions.

At Tuesday’s hearing, attorneys for Clarisa Figueroa, 46, and her 25-year-old daughter accused Ochoa-Lopez’s supporters of spreading “propaganda,” publicly demanding guilty verdicts and life sentences. The massive international

publicity attracted by the case would make a fair trial impossible without the gag order, they said.

Attorney Vernon Schleyer, who represents the younger Figueroa, said interested parties could still speak to the news media, but their comments would have to be “truthful” and “based on what’s been released to the public so far.”

Chiampas declined to impose those restrictions but still cautioned Ochoa-Lopez’s survivors that it was in their interest as well to ensure the Figueroas received a fair trial.

The judge went a step further, barring the family from bringing photos and

posters into the Leighton Criminal Court Building in an apparent response to their frequent media appearances in the courthouse lobby after court hearings. In June, for instance, supporters held poster-size copies of mugshots of the Figueroas with “GUILTY” emblazoned on their foreheads.

“That is unprofessional, and that will not be tolerated in this building,” Chiampas said.

Prosecutors have said the elder Figueroa had announced last October that she was pregnant — a surprise to family who knew she had her fallopian tubes tied. Over the next several

months, she posted photos on Facebook of an ultrasound and a decorated nursery, complete with a crib. She said she would name the baby Xander after a 20-year-old son who died last year, according to prosecutors.

As her phony due date drew near, prosecutors said, she and her daughter plotted to kill a pregnant woman to steal her baby.

Prosecutors have alleged that the Figueroas lured Ochoa-Lopez, who was nine months pregnant, to their home on Chicago’s Southwest Side with promises of free baby clothes. Ochoa-Lopez, also a mother of a young child, reached

out and touched the nose of the family dog as Clarisa Figueroa, sitting atop her, took an agonizing four to five minutes to strangle her with a cable, prosecutors charged.

After allegedly killing Ochoa-Lopez and cutting the baby from her womb, Figueroa claimed the infant as her own, even seeking money on a crowdfunding site for the critically injured boy, prosecutors said.

The baby, Yovanny Jadiel Lopez, died seven weeks after he was cut from his mother’s womb.

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Protests planned as Spicer set to be part of NEIU panel

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

A group of Northeastern Illinois University students, faculty and alumni are planning to protest after the school's president rejected a request to reconsider having former White House press secretary Sean Spicer take part in a panel discussion about presidential elections on campus Thursday.

But the discussion between Spicer and Fox News contributor and Democratic strategist Donna Brazile, will go on as planned, according to university spokesman Michael Hines. It's scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the university's main auditorium, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., according to a release.

The letter to university President Gloria Gibson says, "It would be an affront to humanity to host Spicer at NEIU."

It goes on to say Spicer is not an acceptable choice for a university that in 2018 had an undergraduate enrollment that was nearly 40% Hispanic and considers itself a safe space for the undocumented immigrants enrolled there.

"We find it particularly distressful that our university administration would ignore its claims to being an Hispanic-serving institution that 'stands in solidarity with undocumented immigrants' by providing Spicer this platform, and that it would do so in an attempt to raise the profile of this institution," a news release on the planned protest states.

The news release says any platform given to Spicer serves to legitimize policies such as "the Muslim travel ban; the criminalization of immigrants; attacks on reproductive rights," which the group says have caused harm to many NEIU students, their families and communities.

Brett Stockdill, a professor of sociology at Northeastern Illinois, said he was



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Giving former Trump press secretary Sean Spicer a platform "serves to legitimize" harmful policies, a group says.

"horrified" when he received notice, just before the school year began, that Spicer would speak. He said he spoke with other staff members who shared his reaction and heard from more than one Chicago Public Schools employee who said they no longer felt comfortable recommending NEIU to prospective students because they no longer felt it was a safe environment for students of color, immigrants or Muslims.

That's when he decided to write the letter.

"I remain hopeful that she (Gibson) can show a commitment to our community, rather than to rich donors and rich speakers," Stockdill said.

Some of the immigrants who planned to give speeches at the protest rally — outlining the negative effects some of the policies Spicer endorsed have had on their community — backed out because they feared even more dangerous consequences.

"They're not just afraid of suspension or arrest, but of possible detention and deportation," Stockdill said.

Hines said the university will hold the event because the administration believes there's value in attendees learning more about the three "timely topics" covered in the title of the event, "Politics, the Press and the Presidential Election." The presentation is to be the

sixth installment of the Goodwin Lecture Series, named for Daniel L. Goodwin, who made a donation to cover the lecturer fees for the series, launched in February 2017, Hines said.

Hines said he understands the implications of bringing in Republican Spicer and Donna Brazile, a Democratic political pundit who in 2000 served as Al Gore's presidential campaign manager, then spent 15 years as a commentator for CNN, and who earlier this year became a contributor for Fox News.

Hines said \$50,000 total was paid from Goodwin's foundation to Gotham Artists for both speakers.

"After promoting (and lying about) such inhumane policies as Trump's press secretary, Sean Spicer is cashing in on his notoriety," the protesters' letter states.

The protest rally is being organized by NEIU senior Isaac Krantz-Perlman, a special education major who also works several days a week as a substitute paraprofessional for CPS.

"We've also been trying to get a meeting with the president, which hasn't happened yet," he said. "Ideally we didn't want to have to rally as a response to it, we wanted the event to actually be canceled."

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Years later, 'it gives me a ... bit of a chill'

Chesterton teachers share connections, describe educating students about 9/11

By HANNAH REED

Kaitlyn Waltz was in first grade when terrorists attacked on Sept. 11, 2001. She said she doesn't remember much, aside from the fact that her mom picked her up from Brummitt Elementary School in Chesterton when she usually didn't.

Now, Waltz is a social studies teacher in the same district she was in when the attacks took place in New York, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pa., leaving more than 3,000 dead. She's teaching world geography to seventh graders and U.S. history to eighth graders at Chesterton Middle School. But teaching students in the same area she was in when it happened isn't the only personal connection she has to the event.

"It affected my family a little differently," Waltz said.

Waltz said her family believed her aunt, Michele Waltz, was dead for nine or 10 hours because she was supposed to be working in the World Trade Center's Tower 7 on the day of the

attack.

Kaitlyn Waltz said her aunt was supposed to bring her niece into work with her, but her niece fell ill that day, so instead of going to her office, Michele ended up working elsewhere.

But her family didn't know that.

"I remember my parents being upset," Kaitlyn Waltz said. "But that's all I really remember."

Even if she doesn't fully remember the day 9/11 happened aside from the scare with her aunt, Waltz said she doesn't struggle much with teaching it, because in her subsequent years as a student she was taught more about it.

"Every year after that, it was so ingrained into teaching," Waltz said.

To teach students about 9/11, Waltz said she has them watch "102 Minutes That Changed America." The documentary, released in 2008, was produced by the History Channel and uses raw footage from citizen-journalists, focusing on the reactions of New York residents.

Waltz said students have plenty of questions after watching the movie, and they're curious about everything they watch. "They bring up questions about people jumping out of the building, because they do see that," she said.

To get the students more involved with learning about 9/11, Waltz said she has them go home to parental figures to ask what they remember from the day so they can post a paragraph with the results on canvas.

"As tragic as it is, it brings up good conversation, and tough conversation," she said.

Waltz now has an audio



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Chesterton teacher Ben Gillman was a freshman at Chesterton High School during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

recording of her cousin's personal account of the event, because he was 18 or 19 at the time. She said she thinks the audio would add to the conversation in her classes, and wants to upload it to canvas for her students to have this year.

Another Chesterton native, Ben Gillman, was a freshman at Chesterton High School when the attacks happened and now teaches government and economics to seniors there. He said he uses the fact that the tragedy happened while he was in the school to educate students about it.

"(History) can quickly become names and dates, so

sharing a personal anecdote is a good way to connect students with an event," Gillman said.

He said he'll tell his students what classroom he was in when it happened to give them a visual, and he usually tells them every generation has a shared memory — something where everyone will remember where they were when it happened. He said 9/11 is his generation's shared memory.

"There's definitely, for me, a pre-9/11 world and a post-9/11 world," he said.

Gillman said his most striking memory from that day in September 2001 was the teacher turning on the TV, allowing the class to see the first tower already in flames. From there, in shared disbelief, they watched the rest of the attack unfold.

"My most vivid memory is watching the second plane hit the second tower, and how chilling and dense that was," he said. "Just thinking about it now gives me a little bit of a chill."

He said the way the schools handled it at the time was something that struck him, especially be-

cause he's a teacher now and times have changed; there are protocols for everything. He said there were no announcements in the high school, and his German teacher, in shock, continued with her regular class and gave her students a quiz — only to come back and apologize the next day for doing so. He said he now understands the move to act normal, though.

"How do you react to this, to students?" he said. "You don't want to terrify anyone or cause panic."

Like Waltz, Gillman sends his students home to talk to their parental figures, but he said since he talks a lot about the shared shock of the event, instead of asking about 9/11 directly, he has students ask about moments that had their loved ones in disbelief — moments that left them with memories split into two; those before and those after the event.

As the years go by, Gillman said teaching 9/11 to different generations can feel strange sometimes. "I'm starting to have students that were born after it, and it's so weird," he said. "But that's part of teaching."

Illness

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on by exposure to the dust, smoke and chemicals of ground zero. A battle with Hodgkin's lymphoma, tied to his 9/11 exposure, included multiple rounds of chemotherapy. That treatment led to a secondary diagnosis: pulmonary fibrosis, an incurable scarring of the lungs that can have many causes and is one of the latest diseases to be correlated with ground zero exposure.

On 9/11, Frey remembers looking up to see gray ash falling like a soft rain and realizing that he and other cops were wearing only paper masks: "I said, 'This is not going to be good down the road.'" When he was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis in 2016, his doctor told him "that the chemo drugs had started a fire in my lungs with some of the debris from the Trade Center, and he said there was nothing they could do for me."

Though Frey had long thought of himself as invincible — "I figured, hey, all those hotdogs I ate from the street vendors, I must be immune to everything," he jokes — he is part of the growing toll of victims of the 9/11 attacks.

Three hundred forty-three New York City firefighters died during the initial response. In July, NYC mayor Bill De Blasio announced that the 200th NYC firefighter had died from a ground zero-related illness, a number that is expected to continue to climb and even exceed the original firefighter death toll.

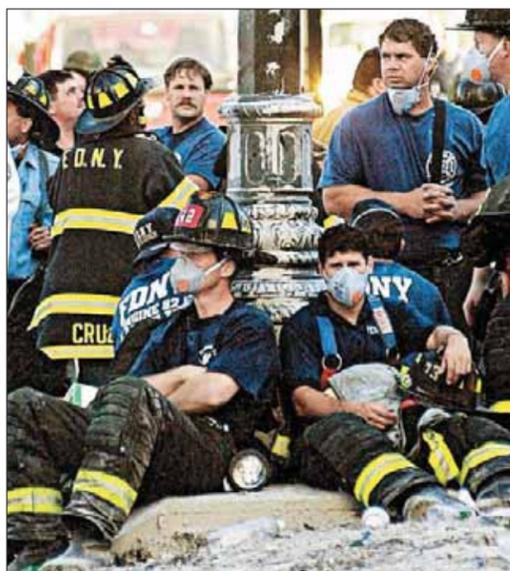
Frey remembers a detective who sat at the desk next to his, who was one of the first to succumb to a pulmonary illness. His friend and fellow NYC detective Luis Alvarez, who supported Frey through his cancer treatments and made news in June when he gave emotional testimony before Congress in support of extending the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund, died two weeks after his testimony.

In July, the victim fund was extended through 2090



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Firefighters make their way over the ruins of the World Trade Center through clouds of dust, smoke and chemicals that have been tied to illness.



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— a necessary measure, says Dr. Greg Cosgrove, chief medical officer at the Chicago-based Pulmonary Fi-

brosis Foundation, because illnesses such as pulmonary fibrosis will continue to be linked to ground zero expo-

sure. "The long-term consequences still haven't been clearly identified," Cosgrove says, "so to stop funding now is inappropriate because we will continue to see the progression of disease."

Pulmonary fibrosis is among diseases that can take decades to manifest themselves. "We're not even two decades past the event," Cosgrove says, "and people with asbestos exposure, for instance, don't begin to present until the third decade."

Doctors still don't fully understand how pulmonary fibrosis works, Cosgrove says, because it is relatively rare and its causes are tough to track. Some cases have no known cause, and there are 180 other diseases that can cause pulmonary fibrosis in some patients.

In addition, the lung injuries that cause some cases can stem from a wide range of factors. Those can include seemingly innocuous

things such as long-term exposure to pet birds or to wood dust from wood working, or more obvious exposure to smoke, chemicals and debris from industrial sources.

The ground zero site contained dust that held heavy metals and asbestos, among other hazards. Over time, those irritants can produce scarring, or fibrosis, in the lungs, impeding their ability to breathe and absorb oxygen. The abnormal scarring response is irreversible, and the severity of its effect varies widely from person to person. Some people will never develop fibrosis, while others develop progressive scarring that continues to worsen over time.

Doctors who study pulmonary fibrosis are just beginning to focus on 9/11 victims as the long-term effects of exposure are emerging.

"We need to continue to monitor these people to make sure they receive the

kind of care they need," says Cosgrove, "but also to try to understand more about the kinds of exposures, whether there are correlations between lung disease and where people were or the kinds of work they were doing."

As research continues, Cosgrove says, pulmonologists hope that it may have implications that go beyond those injured by 9/11 exposure. Frey hopes to help by raising awareness of pulmonary fibrosis within the community of those affected by exposure at ground zero and with the public. He, like other pulmonary fibrosis patients, was told that his long-term survival is a long shot: "They tell you two to five years," he says. "It's creepy, like a jail sentence. But there is a lot you can do. I have learned how to go out and try to live my life as best I can."

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Boy charged after 'joke' about shooting up Plainfield school

Police say it was 6th such threat in recent weeks

By KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND ALICIA FABBRE

A male student has been arrested and charged with a felony after threatening Monday to shoot up Plainfield Central High School, although the juvenile told police it was a "joke."

The threat was the sixth one made against a Plainfield school this school year, and the teen boy was the

third Plainfield student to be charged with a felony just weeks into the school year, Plainfield Police Cmdr. Ken Ruggles said.

Authorities were made aware of "a threat of a possible school shooting at Plainfield Central High School," and that investigation led to the identification of the juvenile who "had in fact made (the) school shooting threat 'as a joke,'" police said in a community alert.

Ruggles said students anonymously came forward to report the threat of a school shooting. He was

not able to comment on what exactly the teenager said in making the threat.

"It alarms and disturbs the students and staff," he said.

When the boy was arrested, police found no weapons and he didn't have access to any weapons, police wrote in the alert.

The boy was charged with felony disorderly conduct and booked into the River Valley Juvenile Justice Center, officials said. The student appeared before a Will County judge Tuesday in juvenile court and will remain in custody

pending another court date Friday, according to a prosecutor.

"There is no evidence of any continuing threat to Plainfield Central High School or any other school facility," the alert said.

Though the student claimed to have made the threat as a joke, Ruggles said police take such threats seriously. They hope bringing charges serves as a deterrent to other students. Ruggles noted the arrest disrupted the school day and that police were still getting calls late in the evening

Monday regarding social media posts from other students regarding the alleged threat.

There have been six threats in Plainfield schools this school year, and Ruggles said two other students have been charged in recent weeks with disorderly conduct for threats to a school or threats of a school shooting.

Carole Cheney, director of public affairs for the Will County state's attorney's office, said the office does not track threats based on school years, but by calendar years. In 2017, there

were 13 cases of felony disorderly conduct for threats of a school shooting, 14 in 2018 and 12 in 2019.

Ruggles said parents and students should contact police if they hear anything concerning or notice any threats on social media.

Classes resumed as scheduled Tuesday, according to police.

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Lawmakers push DCFS for its plans after funding boost

Child welfare agency received additional \$128M for 2020

By ELYSSA CHERNEY

Lawmakers on Tuesday pressed officials with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services about how the agency plans to spend an additional \$128 million in state and federal funding that it received for 2020, the most significant boost to its coffers after years of budget cuts.

Testifying at a hearing convened by the Illinois House Adoption & Child Welfare Committee, DCFS officials said a large portion of the funds will go toward a 5% rate increase for private social services agencies that contract with the department. The agencies, which handle about 85% of DCFS intact family and foster care cases, had not received cost-of-living adjustments since 2015, according to the department.

Additional money will be allocated to purchasing a federally mandated software system and paying the salaries for 301 more workers at the agency. As part of the staffing plan, DCFS will add 71 child protection investigators and 17 workers to the child abuse hotline, two areas that are crucial for flagging cases of alleged abuse or neglect but have been criticized for being understaffed.

DCFS received the influx of money when Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the state budget in June. DCFS received a total of \$1.3 billion in state dollars and federal grants.

Acting Director Marc Smith vowed that DCFS "will continue to hold ourselves to a new standard" with the additional resources it received. More than 2,000 staff members have enrolled in or have taken a new training course, and the department has reviewed 14,000 pending child abuse or neglect cases



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DCFS General Counsel Amanda Wolfman speaks with DCFS Director Marc Smith as he faces questions from lawmakers during a hearing on Tuesday.

to assess its performance, Smith said.

"Many of the challenges we face are deeply rooted and will require time to fix," Smith said at the hearing held in downtown Chicago. "We have made significant progress over the past several months, and I am incredibly proud of the efforts of my entire team, but we must move forward with continued urgency."

Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, a Chicago Democrat who chairs the committee, expressed frustration over the slow rate of progress but also acknowledged the agency suffered from repeated budget cuts in recent years.

"I think the public is demanding that we see progress," she said. "... A lot of us up here killed ourselves to get that \$89 million (in state money) in the budget, but we have to see progress."

Smith took the helm of the long-troubled agency in March after being appointed by Pritzker, who personally funded a \$50,000 national search for a new director. Smith is the 15th person to lead the child welfare agency since 2003, a number that includes acting and interim directors.

Almost immediately after taking the position, Smith faced fallout from the death of 5-year-old Andrew "A.J." Freund in Crystal Lake, whose family had been in-

vestigated by DCFS several times before he was allegedly beaten to death and buried in a shallow grave by his parents. Four months before the boy's death, a department investigator deemed an allegation of abuse unfounded after an emergency doctor examined a bruise on A.J.'s hip but could not determine what caused the injury.

Danielle Gomez, a supervising attorney for the Cook County Public Guardian's office, which represents thousands of children in state care, told lawmakers that she has yet to see any tangible consequences stemming from the budget increase. She highlighted the problem of children remaining in psychiatric hospitals beyond medical necessity because there are no appropriate foster placements to take them in. Since July 1, 80 children remained in psychiatric hospitals for longer than needed for an average for 57 days, she said.

"The fiscal year 2020 budget invested long-overdue resources to a department that's been functioning in crisis mode for years, but money alone will not solve all of our problems," Gomez said. "The system needs strategic planning and a sense of urgency to solve some of these issues."

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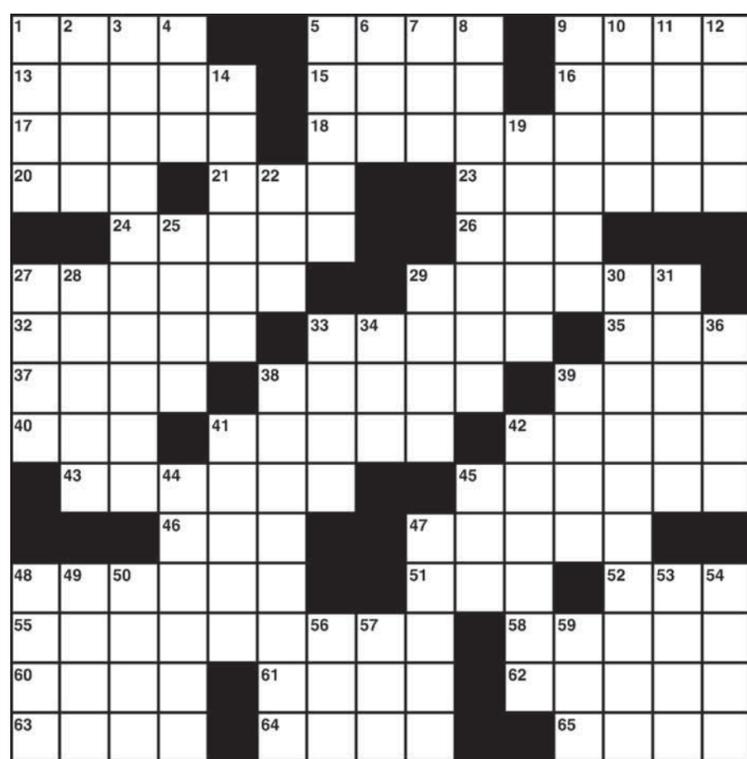
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- 17 Mac maker
- 18 Plato's famous pupil
- 20 Tiny
- 21 Summer cooler
- 23 Bathroom feature
- 24 Youngster
- 26 ___ Vegas
- 27 Remember
- 29 Handgun
- 32 Tickle pink
- 33 Not tactful
- 35 Dyer's tub
- 37 Recedes
- 38 Giant-killer
- 39 Ricky Ricardo's portrayer
- 40 Chat room laugh
- 41 Wild animal
- 42 Sicker than before
- 43 Riches
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- 46 Nickname for Dorothy
- 47 Swamp
- 48 Not formal

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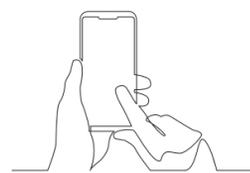
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Hurricane survivors struggle to start anew

Bahamas: Thousands need food, water, shelter after Dorian

By DANICA COTO
Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas — Thousands of hurricane survivors are filing off boats and planes in the capital of the Bahamas, facing the prospect of starting their lives over but with little idea of how or where to even begin.

A week after Hurricane Dorian laid waste to their homes, some sat in hotel lobbies as they tried to figure out their next step. Others were taken by bus to shelters jammed to capacity. Some got rides from friends or family who offered a temporary place to stay.

"No one deserves to go through this," Dimple Lightbourne, 30, said, blinking away tears.

Dorian devastated the Bahamas' Abaco and Grand Bahama islands, leaving at least 50 dead, with the toll certain to rise as the search for bodies goes on.

Lightbourne's mother, Carla Ferguson, 51, a resident of Treasure Cay, walked out of a small airport in Nassau with her daughter and other relatives late Monday and looked around as the sun set.

"We don't know where we're going to stay," she said. "We don't know."

Ferguson and her family had one large duffel bag and three plastic storage boxes, most of them stuffed with donated clothes they received before leaving their tiny, devastated island.

The government has estimated that up to 10,000 people from the Abaco islands alone, including Treasure Cay, will need food, water and temporary housing. Officials are considering setting up tent or container cities while they



FERNANDO LLANO/AP

Dimple Lightbourne, left, and her mother, Carla Ferguson, sit in a plane Monday as it approaches Nassau after they were evacuated from Abaco Island.

clear the country's ravaged northern region of debris so people can eventually return.

Getting back to Abaco is the dream of Betty Edmond, 43, a cook who picked at some fries with her son and husband in a restaurant at a Nassau hotel, where her nephew is paying for their stay.

They arrived in Nassau after a six-hour boat trip from Abaco and plan to fly to Florida, thanks to plane tickets bought by friends who will provide them a temporary home until they can find jobs. But the goal is to return, Edmond said.

"Home will always be home," she said. "Every day you wish you could go back."

The upheaval was exciting to her 8-year-old son, Kayden Monestime, who said he was looking forward to going to a mall, McDonald's and Foot Locker.

Also flying to Florida was Shaneka Russell, 41, who owned Smacky's Takeaway, a takeout restaurant known for its cracked conch. The restaurant, named after the noises her son made as a baby, was destroyed by Dorian.

Russell said good Samaritans had taken her and a group of people into their home over the weekend and found them a hotel room in Nassau for a couple of days.

"To know that we were going to a hotel, with electricity and air conditioning

and a proper shower, I cried," she said.

Members of the Gainesville, Florida, fire department searched for bodies in the ruins of The Mudd, a shantytown that was the Bahamas' largest Haitian immigrant community on Great Abaco. Its plywood homes were torn to pieces by Dorian.

"We've probably hit, at most, one-tenth of this area, and so far we found five human remains," said Joseph Hillhouse, assistant chief of Gainesville Fire Rescue. "I would say based off of our sample size, we're going to see more."

The huge debris piles left by the storm are challenging for search and recovery teams, which cannot use

bulldozers or other heavy equipment to search for the dead. That makes recovery and identification a slow process.

Carl Smith, a spokesman for the Bahamas' National Emergency Management Agency, said that over 2,000 people were in shelters across New Providence island, where Nassau is situated, and that some were at capacity, but added: "There's not really a crisis."

He said the government will open other shelters as needed. But 35-year-old Julie Green and her husband and six children — including 7-month-old twins — were having problems finding a place to stay. Green said shelter officials told her they couldn't ac-

cept such young children.

"We're just exhausted," she said. "We're just walking up and down asking people if they know where we can stay."

Sadye Francis, director of a nonprofit organization, said unmet needs are growing. "There are still others that have nowhere to go," she said. "The true depth of the devastation in Abaco and Grand Bahama is still unfolding."

Lightbourne said she couldn't wait to escape the disaster Dorian left behind.

"I don't want to see the Bahamas for a while. It's stressful," she said. "I want to go to America. This is a new chapter. I've ripped all the pages out. Just give me a new book to fill out."

Lawmakers wait for Trump to weigh in on gun legislation

By MIKE DEBONIS
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Congress is stuck in a holding pattern on tougher gun restrictions — after a string of mass shootings killed 53 in August alone — as lawmakers wait for President Donald Trump to decide how he wants to respond.

White House aides briefed Republican senators on potential legislative options at their private weekly luncheon Tuesday — including possibly expanding the federal background check system for gun buyers and encouraging states to create systems to temporarily seize guns from individuals judged to be dangerous — but they gave no indication of what Trump himself is willing to sign into law, exasperating some of those present.

"There was no, even, hint as to where the president is going to come down," said one senator, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the private meeting with Eric Ueland,

the top White House legislative affairs aide, and other administration officials. "It's just a laundry list of things he's looking at, nothing that surprising."

Speaking to reporters afterward, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., confirmed Trump has yet to weigh in on the subject and scolded Democrats for pushing him to call up a House-passed background checks bill that Trump has vowed to veto.

"They are working on coming up with a proposal that the president will sign," he said. "Until that happens, all of this is theatrics."

But Democrats, seeing firm political advantage in pushing for decisive action on gun violence, have not been shy about ramping up the pressure. Senate Democrats invited the mayor of Dayton, Ohio, Nan Whaley, to address their own lunch to discuss the Aug. 4 shooting in her city that left nine with fatal wounds in less than a minute.

Outside the Capitol, Whaley and other leaders of cities touched by recent

mass shootings — such as Pittsburgh and Annapolis, Maryland — rallied with gun control advocates for congressional action.

The party's congressional leaders told their Republican counterparts that it was not acceptable to wait for Trump, who has constantly shifted his position on remedying gun violence, to decide what he wants.

"I'd say there's one word that describes Mitch McConnell's attitude on this vital issue of life and death, and that is: duck," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. "He's afraid of this issue, but that's not what a leader should be doing."

In the Democratic-majority House, a committee prepared to advance gun control bills, setting up floor votes on new measures that go beyond the expansion of federal gun-buyer background checks that Democrats have focused on for years.

Asked about gun legislation Monday, Trump declined to say when he might roll out a proposal: "We are



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Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., accused Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., on Tuesday of being "afraid of this issue."

talking about a lot of different things. But at the same time, we have to protect our Second Amendment very strongly, and we will always do that."

Sen. Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., who has previously worked with Democrats on gun legislation, told reporters he had spoken to Trump a half-dozen times about possible responses to the string of mass shootings with a focus on background

checks.

Toomey crafted a background check expansion proposal in 2013 with Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., in the months after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, that ultimately failed to get the 60 votes needed to pass the Senate. That legislation did not go as far as the pending House-passed bill in covering a wider variety of gun trans-

actions, and it's unclear if Trump will support something that goes as far as the 2013 language did.

"He's been asking thoughtful, reasonable questions all along the way and exhibiting to me a real interest in accomplishing something, but I don't think it was ever well-defined in terms of a policy prescription," Toomey said. "I think that's where he's trying to get to."

Democrats will try to block Trump's border wall maneuver

By ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats are moving on two fronts to block President Donald Trump from using special emergency powers to transfer money from military base construction projects like new schools to pay for new fences along the U.S.-Mexico border.

First, Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York announced Tuesday that he will force a vote to reject the

plan, saying the vote would give lawmakers a chance to block Trump "from stealing military funding from their states to foot the bill for an expensive and ineffective wall he promised Mexico would pay for."

A similar measure passed this spring with 12 Senate Republican votes but was vetoed by Trump. The rules allow Schumer to retry every few months and don't allow Republicans to block the vote.

Perhaps more ominous for Trump is a potential

vote Thursday in the Appropriations panel, where several members agree with Democrats that Trump is overstepping by reordering spending decisions by Congress to fund wall projects that have otherwise been rejected.

A top Appropriations Democrat, Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, said he will move to amend a \$694 billion Pentagon funding bill to block Trump from diverting money intended for military projects to the wall.

The Pentagon last week identified \$3.6 billion worth of military construction projects it's willing to kill to build 175 miles of border wall. The projects included a \$63 million middle school in GOP Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's state of Kentucky, though most of them are located outside the continental U.S.

"The cancellation of these projects is based on a national emergency declared by the president that was rejected on its face by both houses of Congress on

bipartisan votes," Durbin said. "Congress cannot and should not be silent when the power of the purse is undermined in this way. Why are we here?"

Durbin would prevail in the vote if panel Republicans including Roy Blunt of Missouri and Susan Collins of Maine vote like they did in March — a development that would embarrass top Republicans like McConnell and Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby.

McConnell said Durbin's

move, along with an abortion-related vote promised by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., on a separate health spending bill, amount to "poison pills" that violate the recent budget pact.

"I can't overstate how difficult it was, given the players involved, to reach an agreement," McConnell said. "And here, when we begin to take the first step in our committee process here, our Democratic friends are trying to wiggle out of the agreement we all signed off on and voted for."



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Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called U.S. media reports "pulp fiction."

Trump team disputes media accounts of Russian CIA spy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration Tuesday disputed reports of a Russian official who was recruited as a spy for the CIA and then evacuated to the United States after revealing information about the Kremlin's interference in the 2016 election.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, White House spokesman Hogan Gidley and the CIA challenged reports that appeared in The New York Times, CNN and elsewhere about a Russian official with high-level access who provided the U.S. with valuable intelligence for years until he was abruptly pulled from the country.

"Suffice it to say that the reporting there is factually wrong," Pompeo said Tuesday, without specifying what he was disputing. Pompeo was head of the CIA at the start of the Trump administration, soon after the spy reportedly was brought to the United States.

The CIA singled out CNN in a statement that disputed the network's reporting about what prompted the evacuation. CNN cited an unnamed source as telling them that the informant was removed

in part because of concerns about the Trump administration's mishandling of classified information and the possibility that the Russian official could be exposed.

"CNN's narrative that the Central Intelligence Agency makes life-or-death decisions based on anything other than objective analysis and sound collection is simply false," said CIA Director of Public Affairs Brittany Bramell. "Misguided speculation that the president's handling of our nation's most sensitive intelligence, which he has access to each and every day, drove an alleged exfiltration operation is inaccurate."

Gidley also singled out the CNN report as "so wrong" and slammed an NBC report that purported to say where the spy lived.

"For the media, the hypocrisy they have is so egregious to come out and try and say that this president is putting lives in danger with the way he handles information, classified or not," he said on Fox News. "When they are the ones that actually go to this person's house with a video camera, revealing where this person lives, potentially their identity and that of their family?"

The Times said the offi-

cial was recruited decades ago, advanced through the ranks of the government and eventually held an influential position and was able to confirm that President Vladimir Putin ordered the campaign to influence the U.S. political campaign to favor Trump.

The paper said the official was one of the CIA's "most important — and highly protected — assets" until the end of the Obama administration when the Americans began to worry about his safety because news media coverage of the election interference risked exposing him to the Kremlin.

It said the informant at first refused to be extracted, citing family concerns, which prompted fear at the CIA about whether the person was trustworthy. But months later, after more media coverage, he agreed and was taken to the United States.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov was dismissive of the reports and the influence of an official he identified by name. He said the person was fired several years ago and did not have a high-ranking position in the Russian government.

U.S. media reports to the contrary, he told reporters, are "pulp fiction."

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Women's STEM programs under fire

Wave of complaints points out alleged bias against men

BY TERESA WATANABE
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Female-only science programs, launched by many universities to redress gender imbalance in such fields as computer science and engineering, are coming under growing legal attack as sex discrimination against men.

The U.S. Department of Education has opened more than two dozen investigations into universities across the nation — UCLA, the University of Southern California and the University of California, Berkeley, as well as Yale, Princeton and Rice — that offer female-only STEM programs, awards, professional development workshops and even science and engineering camps for middle and high school girls. Sex discrimination in educational programs is banned under Title IX, a federal law that applies to all schools, both public and private, that receive federal funding.

A study released recently found that 84% of about 220 universities offer single-gender scholarships, many of them in STEM fields: science, technology, engineering and math. That practice is permitted under Title IX only if the “overall effect” of scholarships is equitable. The study by Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, a Maryland-based nonprofit advocating gender equity on college campuses, showed the majority of campus awards lopsidedly benefited women.

The group was originally founded to lobby for due process rights for those accused of campus sexual misconduct — who are overwhelmingly male — and launched the current project challenging single-gender programs in January.



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The U.S. Department of Education has opened investigations into universities that offer female-only STEM programs.

“The pendulum has swung too far in the other direction,” said Everett Bartlett, the organization's president who plans to file federal complaints against about 185 campuses if they don't sufficiently respond to questions about the scholarship practices. “We're not a society based on quotas, we're a society based on fairness,” Bartlett said.

Emily Martin of the National Women's Law Center argued that such female-focused programs are allowed under Title IX as permissible affirmative action to overcome conditions that resulted in “limited participation” of one gender in a particular educational program. She blasted the growing national wave of complaints alleging that men are being treated unfairly under Title IX — most prominently in sexual misconduct cases and now in STEM programs.

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has proposed sweeping changes to Title IX rules that would bolster the rights of the accused in sexual misconduct cases and is expected to issue final rules this fall. The department could not immediately respond to questions about the single-sex

investigations.

“There's a pretty well-organized and well-financed movement that is pushing out the false narrative that men are the victims of feminism,” said Martin, the center's vice president for education and workplace justice. “The Trump administration has emboldened those trying to use this moment and this Department of Education as a weapon against women's advancement.”

One public college female professor disagreed. She filed a Title IX complaint against UCLA challenging two workshops for women held by the campus Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics.

The January “Women in Mathematics and Public Policy” workshop focused on cybersecurity and climate change and specified on a flier that “only women will be invited to participate.” The “Collaborative Workshop for Women in Mathematical Biology” was held in June to focus on biological and medical questions. Its flier specifically welcomed female but not male graduate students, recent Ph.D.s and other researchers. The Department of Education's Office

of Civil Rights notified the professor in May and August that it was launching an investigation into both workshops, which were supported with federal funds.

The professor, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because she feared retaliation, said she worked with UC professors to file the complaint to push back against what she described as an erosion of meritocracy and growing favoritism of women in the sciences. As a mentor to college students of all genders, she said, she sees more men becoming discouraged about their chances of success in the field.

In university hiring, a 2015 study by Cornell University found that hypothetical female applicants for tenure-track assistant professorships were favored, 2-to-1, over male counterparts.

“I obviously want women to be able to have opportunities to further their education and have employment in STEM, but I feel everything is being pushed for women,” she said. “For me, Title IX is about being completely fair.”

UCLA did not exclude men from participating in

the two workshops despite the focus on women, campus spokesman Ricardo Vazquez said. Moreover, he added, the institute has held 59 workshops over the last three years and the “vast majority” of participants were men.

“The workshops, though funded in part by federal monies earmarked for the career advancement for women through research-focused networks, did not exclude men either actively or through de facto exclusion,” Vazquez said in a statement.

Other California campuses also denied allegations of sex discrimination. UC Berkeley, under federal review for running a “Girls in Engineering” summer camp for middle school students, said the program was open to all genders. Officials could not provide data on the gender breakdown of the 356 students who participated in the last three years except to say they were “overwhelmingly female.”

Berkeley spokeswoman Janet Gilmore said the university launched the camp more than five years ago to draw more females into the field — only 29% of students enrolled in the engineering

college are women. She said Berkeley would change its marketing materials to make clear the summer camp was open to all genders. But the camp will remain known as “Girls in Engineering” in order to specifically invite girls to attend, she said.

Since the late 1990s, women have earned about half of all science and engineering bachelor's degrees overall, but their achievements vary widely by field. In 2015, they received more than half of all undergraduate degrees in biological sciences, but only 18% in computer sciences and 20% in engineering, according to the National Science Foundation.

Mark Perry, a University of Michigan-Flint professor who filed the complaint against UC Davis and 52 other universities, said offering other programs to all students does not justify closing even one to one gender or another. Perry, a self-described libertarian, first tackled the issue in 2016 with a state civil rights complaint against a women-only lounge at Michigan State University and has since been on a “one-man mission” against what he calls “gender apartheid.”



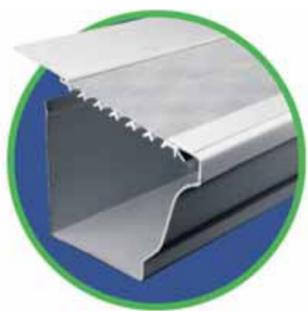
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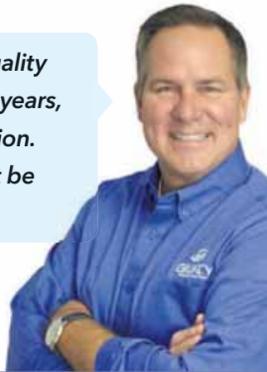
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Tammy Sims casts a vote during the special election for a U.S. House seat Tuesday between Republican Dan Bishop and Democrat Dan McCready in Marshville, North Carolina.

GOP's Bishop wins vacant House seat in NC election

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Conservative Republican Dan Bishop won a special election Tuesday night for an open House seat in North Carolina, averting a Democratic capture of a GOP-leaning district.

But his narrow victory did not erase questions about whether President Donald Trump and his party's congressional candidates face troubling headwinds approaching 2020.

Bishop, 55, a state senator best known for a North Carolina law dictating which public bathrooms transgender people can use, defeated centrist Democrat Dan McCready.

Bishop was the beneficiary of an election-eve rally in the district headlined by Trump, who told the crowd a victory would be "the first steps to firing Speaker Nancy Pelosi and winning back the House in 2020."

McCready, 36, a former Marine turned financier of solar energy projects, was banking on the district's suburban moderates to carry him over the top. He was already a familiar name

in the district: He narrowly trailed in an election for the seat last November that was later invalidated after evidence surfaced of vote tampering.

Tuesday's election had been seen as too close to call, in itself an ominous sign for Republicans. Trump won the district by 11 percentage points in 2016, and a loss would have been a worrisome preface to the party's campaigns next year.

Republicans have held the seat since 1963.

Special elections generally attract such low turnout that their results aren't predictive of future general elections.

Even so, a McCready victory, or even a narrow defeat, would have signaled that the Democrats' 2018 string of victories in suburban districts in red states, including Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, could persist.

There is almost no pathway to Republicans regaining House control next year unless they avoid losing more suburban districts and win back some they lost last year.

The district stretches from Charlotte, one of the

nation's financial nerve centers, through its flourishing eastern suburbs and into less prosperous rural counties along the South Carolina line. More than half its voters were expected to come from the suburbs.

Since Trump became president, voters in such communities — particularly women and college-educated voters — have abandoned Trump in droves over his conservative social policies and vitriolic rhetoric on immigration and race.

Along with a GOP victory in a second vacant House district in North Carolina, Republicans pared the Democratic majority in the House to 235-199, plus one independent. That means to win control of the chamber in 2020, Republicans will need to gain 19 seats, which a slew of GOP retirements, anti-Trump sentiment among moderate voters and demographic changes suggest will be difficult.

Suburban defections would also jeopardize the reelection prospects of Trump, who's already facing slipping poll numbers.

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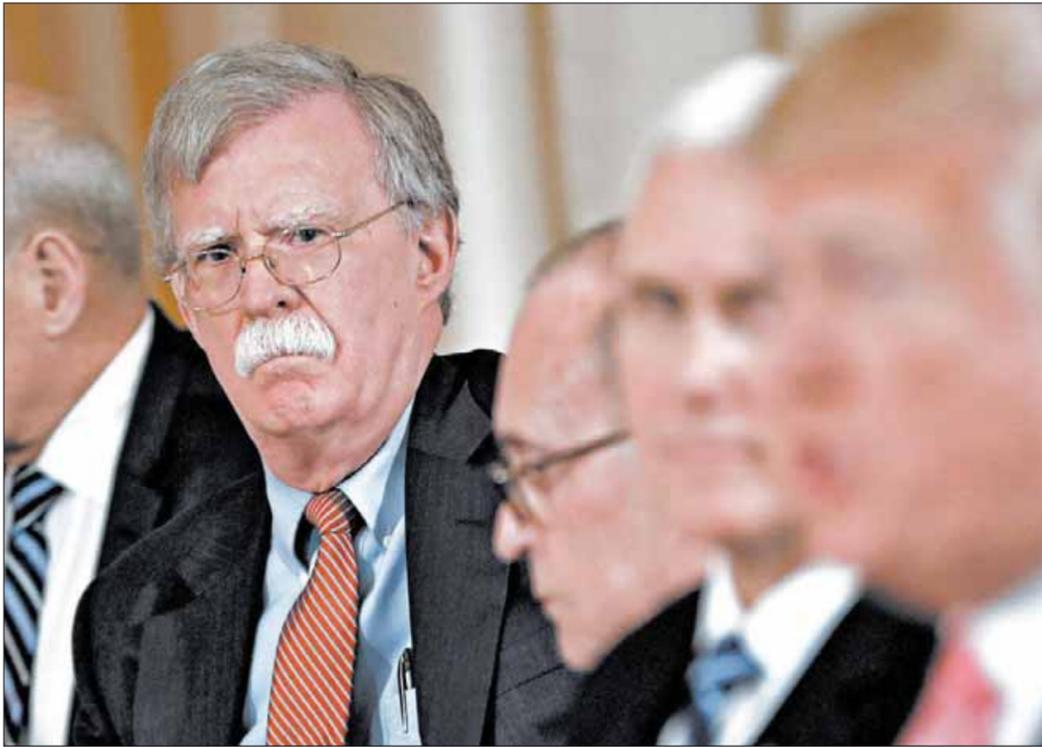
from the start.

Trump tweeted that he told Bolton on Monday night his services were no longer needed at the White House, and Bolton submitted his resignation Tuesday morning. Bolton responded in a tweet of his own that he offered to resign Monday "and President Trump said, 'Let's talk about it tomorrow.'"

Trump explained that he had "disagreed strongly" with many of Bolton's suggestions as national security adviser, "as did others in the administration."

South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, who had been traveling with Trump on Monday, said reports of Bolton's opposition to a now-scraped weekend meeting with the Taliban at Camp David was a "bridge too far" for Trump.

And one Republican familiar with the disagreements between Trump and Bolton said the adviser's opposition to a possible meeting between Trump and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani was a precipitating factor. French President Emmanuel Macron has been trying to broker such a meeting, possibly on the sidelines of the upcoming U.N. General Assembly, in hopes of salvaging the international Iran nuclear deal from which Trump withdrew.



John Bolton and President Trump offered opposing accounts on the national security adviser's departure Tuesday.

"There were many times that Ambassador Bolton and I disagreed. That's to be sure," said Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Tuesday. He added that Trump has been clear that he is willing to meet with Rouhani "with no preconditions."

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who appeared with Pompeo at the White House, volunteered: "The president's view of the

Iraq War and Ambassador Bolton's was very different."

Bolton, a former Bush administration official, has championed hawkish foreign policy views dating to the Reagan administration and became a household name over his vociferous support for the Iraq War as the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. under George W. Bush.

Trump initially supported the 2003 U.S. inva-

sion, but subsequently became a critic.

The Iranian government hailed Bolton's departure, and spokesman Ali Rabiei said it might pave the way for warmer relations.

"By dismissal of the biggest supporter of war and economic terrorism, the White House will face less barrier to understand realities of Iran," he tweeted.

Tehran calls the U.S.

sanctions on Iran "economic terrorism."

Pompeo said, "I don't think any leader around the world should make any assumption that because some one of us departs that President Trump's foreign policy will change in a material way."

Bolton's foreign policy views and harsh rhetoric for U.S. foes had turned him into a convenient boogey-

"The president's view of the Iraq War and Ambassador Bolton's was very different."

— Steven Mnuchin

man for the likes of North Korea and Iran, which have assailed him in the media.

His ouster surprised many in the White House.

Just an hour before Trump's tweet, the press office announced that Bolton would join Pompeo and Mnuchin in a briefing on new Iranian sanctions. He did not.

Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., said turnover in Trump's foreign policy team was a cause for worry.

"No one of any quality is going to take a job in the nation's national security Cabinet so long as everyone's head is permanently hovering slightly above the chopping block," he said.

But Utah Sen. Mitt Romney, the GOP's 2012 nominee for president, bemoaned Bolton's ouster, calling it "an enormous loss for the country and for the administration."

Trump said he would name a replacement next week. Bolton was named to the post in March 2018 after the departure of Gen. H.R. McMaster.

Liberty's Falwell says he's target of 'attempted coup'

BY SARAH RANKIN AND ALAN SUDERMAN
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Liberty University President Jerry Falwell Jr. said Tuesday that he is asking the FBI to investigate what he called a "criminal" smear campaign orchestrated against him by several disgruntled former board members and employees.

Falwell told The Associated Press he has evidence that the group improperly shared emails belonging to the university with reporters in an attempt to discredit him. He said the "attempted coup" was partially motivated by his ardent backing of President Donald Trump.

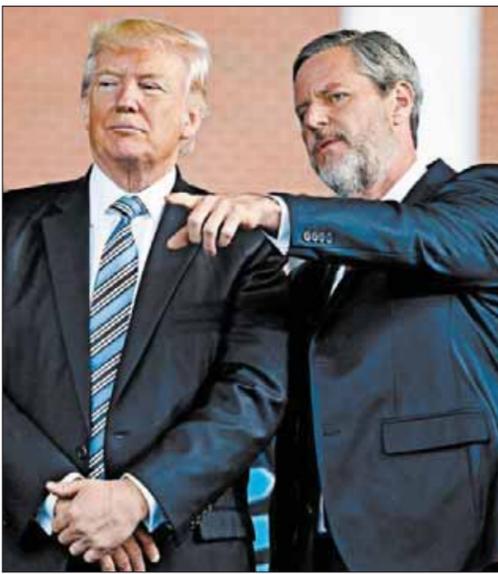
Falwell, head of the nation's most high-profile evangelical college, was among the earliest Christian conservatives to endorse Trump's campaign.

His allegations come after the publication of a story in Politico Magazine on Monday that alleged Falwell "presides over a culture of self-dealing" at Liberty that has improperly benefited him and his family. The story cited unnamed sources described as current and former officials or Falwell associates.

"I'm not going to dignify the lies that were reported yesterday with a response, but I am going to the authorities and I am going to civil court," Falwell said, referring to the reporter as a "little boy."

He added that Liberty has hired "the meanest lawyer in New York," whom he declined to identify, to pursue civil cases. Falwell also declined to identify the people he said were spreading the emails.

Falwell is the son of the late evangelist, Liberty founder and Moral Majority leader the Rev. Jerry Falwell. Falwell Jr. has come under increased scrutiny recently over his



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personal life and business investments, including his involvement in a Miami hostel.

The Hill first reported on Tuesday that Falwell had requested an FBI investigation.

Falwell said he contacted the FBI last week after he learned that reporters were reaching out to Liberty employees about the emails he insists were stolen.

"Liberty owns every single one of those emails. It's our property. They were working for us when they used our server. And our policies make it clear every email sent on our server is owned by Liberty, and if anybody shares it with anybody outside Liberty, it is theft. And so that's the underlying crime," Falwell said.

An FBI spokeswoman declined comment.

Cybercrime expert Nick Akerman said Falwell's assertion of a criminal conspiracy is "totally insane." Akerman said the ex-board members and employees

can share emails with reporters as long as they had authorized access to them and didn't hack into someone else's account. He said trade secrets are also protected under the law, but Liberty wouldn't be able to make a case there either.

"I don't think any law enforcement agency is going to be interested in this one," said Akerman, a partner at Dorsey & Whitney and former federal prosecutor.

Liberty, based in Lynchburg, Virginia, was founded in 1971 by Falwell's father with just 154 students. It now boasts an enrollment of more than 100,000, including those in its massive online education program. It has become an influential hub of conservative politics, frequented by candidates courting evangelical voters.

Falwell was an early and ardent Trump supporter, which created a rift on campus during the presidential campaign and has sparked controversy since.

NOAA chief defends Ala. office, Trump on Dorian

BY JAY REEVES
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration both defended the administration Tuesday and thanked a local weather office that contradicted President Donald Trump's claims about Hurricane Dorian threatening Alabama.

Acting administrator Neil Jacobs told a meteorology group that a NOAA statement issued Friday that criticized the Birmingham-area forecast office after it disagreed with Trump was meant to clarify "technical aspects" about Dorian's potential impact.

"What it did not say, however, was that we understood and fully support the good intent of the weather office, which was to calm fears in support of public safety," Jacobs said.

The acting chief scientist at NOAA previously said the agency likely violated its scientific integrity rules when it publicly chastised the office in the unsigned statement, and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., asked the inspector general to investigate.

Jacobs, a career meteorologist, appeared near tears at the lectern as he thanked the Birmingham office and mentioned Kevin Laws, a staff leader who was in the audience.

"This is hard for me," said Jacobs, his voice choked.

Laws, science and operations officer with the weather service office in Birmingham, said he appreciated the remarks by Jacobs, whom he has known for 20 years.

"Absolutely no hard feelings," Laws said.

Past NOAA administrators, a former National Weather Service chief and



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President Trump made an inaccurate tweet Sept. 1 and then displayed an altered map Sept. 4 about Dorian.

a former National Hurricane Center director — among others — have blasted the NOAA statement as inappropriate, saying they supported the chastised Alabama weather office.

Kathy Sullivan, who ran NOAA under former President Barack Obama, said Jacobs' words won't fix a "breach of trust" he created.

"A trust has been shattered and only actions can repair it. Trust is like glass: shatters in an instant, with a single blow, and takes a long time to restore," she said in a statement.

The world's largest general science society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said weather forecasters should not be "asked to change a weather forecast in reaction to any political pressure."

Retired Adm. David W. Tittle, an assistant NOAA administrator during the Obama Administration and former meteorology professor at Pennsylvania State University, said that it seemed Jacobs was stuck between orders from the White House and Department of Commerce and a rebellion by some in the National Weather Service.

"For some reason he seems desperate to keep his job — and this results in the pathos we saw this morning," Tittle said in an email. "Personally I think his situation is untenable; he should attempt to salvage what's left of his self-respect. He either stands by the Friday p.m. statement or he does not — but he can't have it both ways."

Paul Schlatter, president of the 2,100-member National Weather Association, where Jacobs spoke, said he doesn't envy Jacobs, who he described as a career "weather geek" caught in a tough position.

Weather officials said Birmingham forecasters didn't realize that rumors about Dorian threatening to hit the state began with a tweet by Trump, who apparently relied on information that was several days old. The office issued a tweet of its own saying Alabama wasn't at risk.

Laws declined to say who sent the tweet that contradicted Trump. "It came from all of us," he said.

On Sept. 4, Trump displayed a map of Dorian's projected path that showed the cone of uncertainty covering much of Florida but stopping in its panned. An extension was added in black marker that covered a part of Alabama.

In his last words, Khashoggi asked his killers not to suffocate him

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — In his final words, slain Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi urged his killers not to cover his mouth because he suffered from asthma and could suffocate, according to Turkey's Sabah newspaper.

Sabah newspaper, which is close to Turkey's government, published new details of a recording of Khashoggi's conversation with members of a Saudi hit squad sent to kill him. The



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Jamal Khashoggi told his killers he had asthma.

paper says the recording of Khashoggi's grisly Oct. 2, 2018, killing and reported dismemberment at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul was obtained by Turkey's

intelligence agency.

According to the transcript, Maher Mutreb, a member of the Saudi hit squad, tells Khashoggi that he has to be taken back to Riyadh because of an Interpol order against him. The journalist objects, saying there is no legal case against him and that his fiancée is waiting for him outside.

Mutreb and another man are also heard trying to force Khashoggi to send his son a message telling him not to worry if he doesn't hear from him, according to

the paper. Khashoggi resists saying: "I will write nothing."

Mutreb is later heard saying: "Help us, so that we can help you. Because in the end, we will take you to Saudi Arabia. And if you don't help us, you know what will happen in the end."

Sabah also published Khashoggi's last words before he was apparently drugged and lost consciousness.

"Don't cover my mouth," he told his killers, according

to Sabah. "I have asthma, don't do it. You'll suffocate me."

Some of the details of the transcript published by Sabah were already in a searing United Nations report over Khashoggi's killing that had been released in June. The U.N. report alleged that Saudi Arabia bears responsibility for the killing and said Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's possible role in the killing should be examined.

Saudi Arabia initially offered multiple, shifting ac-

counts about Khashoggi's disappearance. As international pressure mounted, the kingdom eventually settled on the explanation that he was killed by rogue officials in a brawl inside their consulate.

The kingdom has put 11 people on trial in nonpublic proceedings. The 33-year-old prince, who continues to have the support of his father, King Salman, denies any involvement in the slaying.

Khashoggi's remains have never been found.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Rocket blast at US Embassy in Kabul on 9/11 anniversary

KABUL, Afghanistan — A rocket exploded at the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan just minutes into Wednesday, the anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the U.S., but officials declared all-clear about an hour later and reported no injuries.

A plume of smoke rose over central Kabul shortly after midnight and sirens could be heard. Inside the embassy, employees heard this message over the loudspeaker: “An explo-

sion caused by a rocket has occurred on compound.”

It was the first major attack in the Afghan capital since President Donald Trump abruptly called off U.S.-Taliban talks over the weekend, on the brink of an apparent deal to end America's longest war.

The anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks masterminded by Osama bin Laden is a sensitive day in Afghanistan's capital and one on which attacks have occurred.

Death of person in Kansas is 6th from vaping-related illness

Kansas health officials confirmed the first death in the state Tuesday associated with an outbreak of serious lung disease related to vaping or using e-cigarettes. It is at least the sixth such death reported nationwide.

The Kansas resident was over 50 and had a history of underlying health issues, state health officials said. The person was hospitalized “with symptoms that progressed

rapidly.” Officials said they do not have information on what types of products the patient used.

The national investigation has not identified any specific vaping or e-cigarette products linked to all cases. Many patients report using vaping or e-cigarette products with liquids that contain cannabinoid products, such as THC, the active ingredient in marijuana that produces the high.

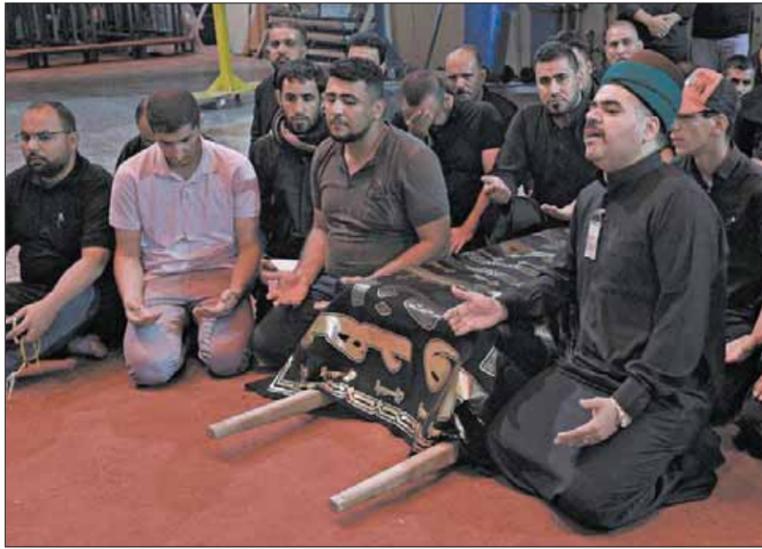
NRA sues San Francisco over ‘domestic terrorist’ declaration

The National Rifle Association sued San Francisco on Monday over the city's recent declaration that the gun rights lobby is a “domestic terrorist organization.”

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, accuses city officials of violating the gun lobby's free speech rights for political reasons and says the city is seeking to blacklist anyone associ-

ated with the NRA. It asks the court to step in “to instruct elected officials that freedom of speech means you cannot silence or punish those with whom you disagree.”

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution calling the NRA a “domestic terrorist organization,” contending it spreads propaganda that seeks to deceive the public about the dangers of gun violence.



ANMAR KHALIL/AP

Mourners pray by the coffin of a victim Tuesday after a deadly stampede by Shiite Muslims during a religious procession in Karbala, Iraq.

Officials: 31 Iraqi pilgrims die in stampede during holiday

BAGHDAD — A walkway collapsed and set off a stampede in the holy city of Karbala on Tuesday as thousands of Shiite Muslims marked one of the most solemn holy days of the year. At least 31 people were killed and about 100 were injured, officials said.

It was the deadliest stampede in recent history during Ashoura commemorations, when hundreds of thousands of people converge on the city south of Baghdad for the occasion every year.

The stampede happened toward the end of the Ashoura procession, caus-

ing a panicked rush among worshippers near the gold-domed Imam Hussein shrine, according to two officials in Karbala.

Afdhal al-Shami, a shrine official, denied there was a collapse or any cracks in the walkway.

“It was a stampede that led to this incident,” he said.

Mohammed Shenin Jebir, a pilgrim, said everything happened suddenly.

“Visitors suddenly fell on the ground and there was a strong stampede, there were many pilgrims who all fell on top of each other,” he said, speaking after being

treated for cuts and bruises above his right eye.

The somber day of Ashoura marks the killing of the Prophet Muhammad's grandson, the Imam Hussein, by a rival Muslim faction in Karbala in what is now Iraq, in 680 A.D. Hussein and his descendants are seen by Shiites as the rightful heirs to the prophet. Hussein's killing has been attributed with cementing the schism between Shiite and Sunni Islam.

At least 10 among the injured pilgrims were in critical condition, according to the officials.

Netanyahu vows to annex West Bank settlements

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed on Tuesday to annex the heart of the West Bank if he wins reelection next week, a move that could inflame the Middle East and extinguish any remaining Palestinian hope of establishing a separate state.

Arab leaders angrily condemned Netanyahu's remarks, and a U.N. spokesman warned the step would be “devastating” to the prospects for a two-state solution.

Netanyahu said he would extend Israeli sovereignty over the Jordan Valley — an area seen as the

breadbasket of any Palestinian state — shortly after forming a new government and would later annex other settlements.

Such action would swallow up most of the West Bank territory sought by the Palestinians, leaving them with little more than isolated enclaves.

Judge gives Michael Flynn new date for sentencing

WASHINGTON — A lawyer for Michael Flynn accused federal prosecutors of misconduct on Tuesday as a judge scheduled a December sentencing hearing for President Donald Trump's former national security adviser.

The arguments from Flynn attorney Sidney Powell were the latest in a series of aggressive attacks on the foundations of special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

Even as U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan set a Dec. 18 sentencing date, Powell made clear that she considered the case far from resolved and accused prosecutors of withholding information. Though she said she was not seeking to have Flynn's guilty plea thrown out, she contended the “entire prosecution should be dismissed because of egregious government misconduct.”

In Italy: Premier Giuseppe Conte's new pro-Europe government won a final confidence vote Tuesday in the Senate, clearing a key hurdle.

After easily clinching a first confidence vote Monday in the lower Chamber of Deputies, Conte successfully sought support in the Senate, where his coalition commands a slimmer majority. He won 169-133. Five senators abstained, including at least one apiece from the two main parties in the new coalition: the populist 5-Star Movement and the center-left Democrats.

The two parties, long archrivals, banded together, along with a tiny left-wing party, to forge a coalition that shut out of power Matteo Salvini, the leader of the right-wing League party.

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EDITORIALS

Nightmare in Chicago:
The killing of Treja Kelley

In some Chicago neighborhoods, the normalcy of everyday life is regularly undercut by gun violence. It is this city's ceaselessly recurring nightmare — as dizzying to comprehend as it is dismaying.



Kelley

Treja Kelley, 18, graduated from high school this year. She had college plans and thought about going to medical school. She lived in the Back of the Yards neighborhood and worked at a local store. She was pregnant.

Kelley was walking home from work Sunday night when an unidentified man armed with a handgun emerged from an alley in the 900 block of West 52nd Street. The man argued with Kelley and then shot her to death, police say. She was struck three times in the head and several times in the torso.

Three years ago, Kelley was on a nearby street with her 17-year-old cousin, Christopher Fields. She had called him, asking to be escorted on foot from a bus stop. A man in a passing silver sedan opened fire, killing Fields and wounding a 19-year-old man.

The alleged gunman in that drive-by was arrested. Eventually, Deonte Davis, 30, was convicted of six counts of murder and a single count of aggravated battery with a firearm. He awaits sentencing. Kelley testified at the trial.

Chicago Police Department spokesman Anthony Guglielmi says investigators are considering all potential motives for Kelley's death, which would include the possibility she was targeted for being a cooperating witness. No arrests have been made in connection



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

People light candles during a vigil in memory of Treja Kelley in the 5200 block of South Sangamon Street on Monday.

with her death.

The abundance of shooting and killing in Chicago is a fact of life here, but it should never be considered routine. Each lethal case is unremittingly tragic.

Chicago police say they made progress last month at stanching the blood flow, citing "the lowest number of August murders and shootings since 2011." About 90 minutes after making

that announcement, a 15-year-old boy was killed outside his home in the Austin neighborhood, shot in his leg and back. He had been set to start high school a few days later.

Treja Kelley's family and friends told Tribune reporters that she was driven, independent-minded and had worked hard to overcome the trauma of witnessing her cousin's death. During her senior year at UIC College Prep,

she wrote a passionate essay pleading for an end to gun violence, said Courtney McKenna, a former teacher at the school who was Kelley's former adviser.

"She's someone who I truly believe was going places," McKenna said. "She had a goal, and she was going to do it. She didn't stop for anything or anyone." Gun violence is Chicago's intolerable burden. The killing of Treja Kelley adds to this city's painful legacy.

There's reason to buzz about the world's largest Starbucks in Chicago

Chicago no longer has the world's tallest building, but soon it will claim the world's biggest Starbucks, set to open Nov. 15 on North Michigan Avenue. We'll take our bragging rights, and our grande nitro cold brews, where we can get them.

Chicago will be the sixth city where Starbucks operates what it calls a Reserve Roastery. The coffee giant describes these outposts as "theatrical, experiential shrines to coffee passion," and they exist only in New York, Tokyo, Shanghai, Milan and Starbucks' hometown of Seattle.

The easy thing to do would be to snort at the concept of "theatrical, experiential shrines to coffee passion." Over caffeinate much?

We choose the nobler path.

The investment by Starbucks, which will employ 200 at the roastery and brought 12,000 managers to Chicago for a conference last week, is worth cheering. The



STARBUCKS

A Starbucks Reserve Roastery is scheduled to open Nov. 15 on North Michigan Avenue.

four-story emporium will serve cocktails, but renderings also suggest a welcome alternative nightlife experience that isn't

just a bar. Remember when you could go to a bookstore on the Mag Mile and linger over just a coffee?

The roastery will rejuvenate a marquee space on Chicago's most famous retail stretch, occupying the soaring former flagship of locally founded furniture retailer Crate & Barrel.

These are challenging times for the retail industry, competing for shoppers with Amazon and other digital sellers. Michigan Avenue is a vital economic engine for Chicago. But how to keep drawing locals, tourists and business travelers to the Magnificent Mile if they are less inclined to shop in person for clothes, books and other stuff? You won't catch us using clumsy jargon like "experiential," but the concept is sound: Eating, drinking and other activities you can't do on the internet will keep the crowds coming to Chicago.

Another example: the growing number

of "food halls" that have opened in and around downtown. These are collections of higher-end, specialty food and beverage stalls gathered in one location, such as the 900 North Michigan Shops. Just don't call them food courts.

Nearby, Cooper's Hawk, the fast-growing Downers Grove-based winery and restaurant chain, is planning to open a massive Napa Valley-themed restaurant in the old Esquire Theater building in the Gold Coast.

Launched in Orland Park in 2005, the chain has 150,000 wine club members. Will its customers warm to an Oak Street location with no free parking? Cooper's Hawk soon will find out.

Trends come and go. But visitors with time and money will often seek out impressively oversized versions of whatever's new and interesting. It's something Chicago does well. See you at the roastery.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Why are America's three biggest metros shrinking? After a post-recession boomlet, the New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago areas are all seeing their populations decline. ... In many ways, Chicago's problems make it a canary in the metropolitan coal mine. Immigration to the area has declined by half since the early 2000s. High earners have swarmed the Chicago River banks, revitalizing the downtown area, but the more diverse middle class, especially the city's African American population, is evacuating Chicago's suburbs.

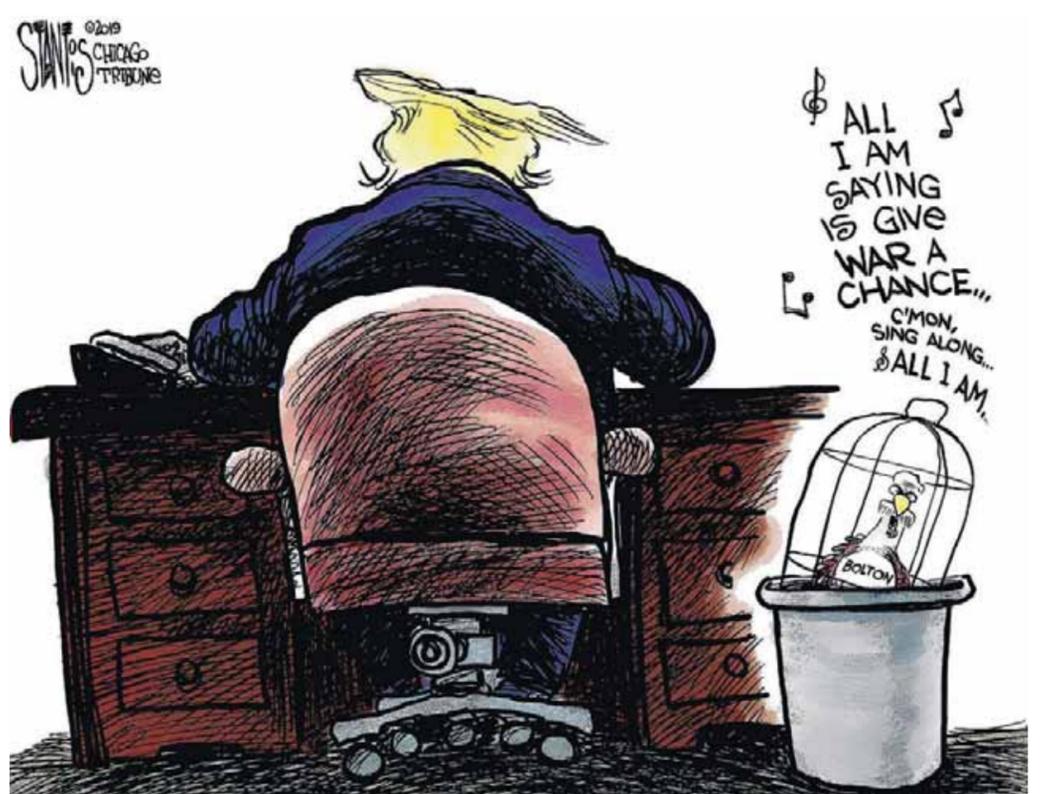
During the Great Migration of the 20th century, when millions of black Americans moved to northern cities, the population of Chicago went from 4 percent black in 1920 to nearly 40 percent black by 1990. But this century has seen a "Reverse Great Migration," as the metro black population is on pace to halve from its peak of 1.2 million by 2030.

This could reflect a flight from high-crime neighborhoods and the racist legacy of redlining throughout Chicagoland. Less pessimistically, it might be a sign that a lot of young black families would just rather live where they can afford more house, like in the suburbs of Atlanta and Houston.

Each of these Chicago phenomena — declining immigration, revitalized downtowns coinciding with a middle-class exodus, and the specific decline of the black population — has spread from the heartland to America's largest coastal metros.

Derek Thompson, *The Atlantic*

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Cubs co-owner Todd Ricketts, shown in 2018, recently paid more than \$60,000 in back property taxes on his Wilmette home.

Ethically, Ricketts owes Cook County 6 more years of property taxes. He should pay up.



ERIC ZORN

Cubs co-owner Todd Ricketts recently paid more than \$60,000 in back property taxes the law says he will owe in light of a Tribune report that his Wilmette home has long been dramatically underassessed.

Although he could have waited until next year when the actual bill came due, Ricketts, who is also the Republican National Committee finance chair, cut a check to Cook County in July not long after the Tribune's Hal Dardick reported that assessment records hadn't been updated to show that he and his wife had demolished an old house they owned and built in its place a house roughly twice the size and twice the value.

It was a speedy gesture of compliance, but really just a down payment on his ethical obligation to right the wrong from which he has benefited.

The inaccurately low assessments were the result of "a series of good faith miscommunications," according to a letter by Ricketts' attorney Patrick Collins.

Those "miscommunications" included an assessment appeal filed by James FortCamp, another attorney for

Ricketts, in which he submitted a 6-year-old photo and description of the old house from *before* it had been torn down.

"While Mr. Ricketts takes responsibility for the errors, there was no intent to deceive anyone," said Collins' letter.

It's possible. Ricketts is very wealthy, very busy and very important, and he might well not personally oversee such household financial matters. He certainly has people — accountants, executive assistants, lawyers and the like — who handle many routine bookkeeping and organizational chores, and it doesn't beggar belief that a series of crossed wires and honestly faulty assumptions resulted in the dramatically lower property tax bills.

Just to be sure, though, the Cook County Board of Review last week referred its investigation to the Cook County state's attorney's office for either a civil or criminal review to see if anyone involved in these "miscommunications" knowingly misled the assessor's office.

But as we wait with an open mind for the results of that review, we should note that if Ricketts truly intends to take "responsibility for the errors," as his lawyer wrote, he should pay back all of his undeserved gains, not just the ones that the law will require him to pay.

His fancy new house was completed in February 2010, after all. For



COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW RECORDS

This photo submitted by Ricketts' attorney for a property tax appeal shows an old house that's since been torn down.

some reason — it's a mystery! — the assessor's office wasn't notified of the upgrade, according to records, and the family continued receiving and paying property tax bills for the next nine years as though they were living in the old house.

Estimated annual savings? Somewhere in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

The more than \$60,000 Ricketts paid in July covers just the last three years' benefit of his underassessment.

A state law passed in 2011 sets three years as the maximum time assessors can go back in time to collect on errors like this.

It's a kind of statute of limitations intended to prevent backbreaking retrospective tax bills, whether the inaccurate assessments were rooted in fraud, honest misunderstandings or

simple carelessness.

The morally sound course of action for Ricketts is to pay it all anyway — to agree to work with the county to calculate the difference between what he should have been paying and what he actually paid since 2010 and then write a check to cover the balance — about twice again what he's already paid.

It would be similar to the make-good gesture then-candidate for governor J.B. Pritzker made last October when he paid the county \$331,432 to compensate for the property tax benefit he received over five years when toilets and other fixtures were disconnected in a mansion he was rehabbing, a move that lowered the value of the home by rendering it technically uninhabitable.

The county's inspector general called it a "scheme to defraud" taxpayers, but no formal judgment has been entered in the case, and the billionaire Pritzker — who also probably has people to deal with matters like this — insists that "all the rules were followed."

And yes, it was an obvious effort by the now-governor to try to put the controversy — and toilet jokes — behind him before the November election. But it was also a stand-up gesture, one that Ricketts should learn from and emulate.

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Trump's Taliban invitation is one of the most shameful moments of his presidency

BY MARC A. THIESSEN

Imagine if, back in 2011, President Barack Obama had not only withdrawn all U.S. forces from Iraq, facilitating the rise of the Islamic State, but also invited Islamic State leaders to Camp David to sign an agreement cementing his withdrawal plan. Obama's decision to pull out American troops was catastrophic, but even he was not dumb enough to seek a photo op with terrorists. Yet this is precisely what President Donald Trump tried to do when he initially invited the Taliban to Camp David for a meeting this past weekend.

Here is the image that would have been broadcast across the Muslim world: Taliban leaders sitting at the very table where U.S. officials planned the overthrow of their regime, accepting what they would have portrayed as the terms of the United States' surrender — right before the 18th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The propaganda victory for the Taliban would have been enormous, sending a message of U.S. weakness and emboldening terrorists across the world.

It gets worse. The Taliban team with whom the Trump administration has been negotiating includes five senior Taliban commanders — the "Taliban Five" — who were held at Guantanamo for 13 years before Obama freed them in exchange for U.S. Army deserter Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl.

They include Mullah Fazel Mazloom, who according to his Guantanamo military file is "wanted by the UN for possible war crimes while serving as a Taliban Army



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President Donald Trump had invited the Taliban to Camp David for a meeting, though it was canceled after a suicide attack in Afghanistan killed a U.S. soldier.

Chief of Staff" and has "operational associations with significant al-Qaida and other extremist personnel." They include Mullah Norullah Noori, "wanted by the UN for possible war crimes" and "associated with members of al-Qaida." They include Abdul Haq Wasiq, Taliban deputy minister of intelligence who "utilized his office to support al-Qaida and to assist Taliban personnel elude capture ... (and) arranged for al-Qaida personnel to train Taliban

intelligence staff in intelligence methods" and "assigned al-Qaida members to the Taliban Ministry of Intelligence."

They include Mullah Khairullah Khairkhwa, who was "directly associated to (Osama bin Laden) and Taliban Supreme Commander Mullah Muhammad Omar." And they include Mohammad Nabi Omari, "a senior Taliban official" who was "a member of a joint al-Qaida/Taliban (anti-coalition militia) cell in Khowst and was involved in attacks against U.S. and Coalition forces," including one that killed two Americans.

These are murderous terrorists with American blood on their hands. It is an outrage that Obama freed them. But for Trump to even consider allowing leaders of a designated terrorist organization to set foot in Camp David is worse than an outrage; it is an insult to all those who died on 9/11 and the American troops who gave their lives fighting them in Afghanistan.

It was only the Taliban's brutality — launching a suicide attack that killed an American service member on the eve of the Camp David summit — that prevented this debacle from unfolding. After the attack, Trump canceled the summit and tweeted, "What kind of people would kill so many in order to seemingly strengthen their bargaining position?" Terrorists, Mr. President — that's who.

Trump's defenders say this would have been no different from his diplomacy with Kim Jong Un, or his offer to meet with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani. Yes, it is. First, Kim and Rouhani are heads of

government. Taliban leaders are terrorists. They *claim* to be the heads of a state — the "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan." Hosting them at Camp David grants them undeserved legitimacy.

Second, in the cases of North Korea and Iran, Trump is acting from a position of strength. He has imposed crippling sanctions on both regimes. With the Taliban, he's negotiating from a position of weakness. He wants to get out of Afghanistan, and the Taliban knows it. A peace deal would not be a victory for the United States; it would be a victory for the Taliban.

The administration claims the Taliban had agreed to break with al-Qaida and prevent them from reestablishing a haven in Afghanistan. The Taliban made the same promise in the 1990s, before 9/11. After the attacks, its leaders were given a choice: Break with al-Qaida, or lose your regime. They chose to lose their regime. The Taliban will never break with al-Qaida.

By killing an American soldier, Taliban leaders were rubbing the United States' defeat in Trump's face. That move backfired. Trump now says the Taliban talks "are dead." Let's hope so — and that with the death of those talks dies one of the most shameful moments of the Trump presidency.

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Sen. Dick Durbin called for stricter e-cigarette regulations at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago on Monday.

I quit smoking by vaping, and now I'm worried



CLARENCE PAGE

It's not every day that a CEO of a major corporation voluntarily warns potential consumers against using his or her product. But underage consumers are a special case.

"Don't vape. Don't use Juul," Juul CEO Kevin Burns said Thursday in an interview on "CBS This Morning." "Don't start using nicotine if you don't have a pre-existing relationship with nicotine. Don't use the product."

Nice try. As a former smoker who quit tobacco with the help of electronic cigarettes, I appreciate the benefit that a little vaping can offer in easing the process of weaning oneself off traditional cigarettes, aptly nicknamed "cancer sticks."

Of course, I was only trading one form of nicotine delivery for another. Quitting e-cigs is a whole new challenge. You may lose the tar and other dangerous ingredients in tobacco by vaping, but you still have nicotine, a powerfully addictive drug that is toxic enough to be used in pesticides — and addictive enough to rank with heroin on the hard-to-quit scale.

Vaping as an aid to quit smoking trades one addiction for another, as I have learned the hard way. But at least my doctor smiled approvingly. With the jury still out on how harmful vaping might be, she said, "at least, you're not smoking."

Right. But for how long? I vaped on, suppressing my skepticism as I fed my habit. My lungs seemed to feel healthier. Maybe I could just keep on vaping until scientists find clear evidence that, yes, indeed, I'm killing myself.

Now we seem to be sliding in that direction. The Centers for Disease Control



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Some nicotine pods for Juul e-cigarettes are flavored.

and Prevention reports 450 cases of severe respiratory illness among people using e-cigarettes in 33 states and at least six deaths, including one in Illinois.

"(The) severity of the illness and the recent increase in the incidence of this clinical syndrome indicates that these cases represent a new or newly recognized and worrisome cluster of pulmonary disease related to vaping," according to a report by health department officials in Wisconsin and Illinois, who conducted a joint investigation of 53 patients.

Still, the definitive cause of the mysterious illnesses remains unknown. Vaping and the research about it is too new for scientists at CDC and elsewhere to know, for example, how many of the injuries and deaths followed vaping of nicotine or a host of other possible chemicals, such as THC, the major psychoactive ingredient in cannabis.

That's a big concern. Any drug bought from strangers on the street, as we have learned in the opioid crisis and elsewhere, exposes the user to unknown lethal and even fatal peril.

But many agree with Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin, the Senate's second-highest ranking Democrat, that the nation is in "a public health crisis that could have been avoided if the Food and Drug Adminis-

tration had acted at any point over the past 10 years to properly regulate e-cigarettes and the accompanying kid-friendly flavors and products."

Speaking at Lurie Children's Hospital on Monday, Durbin called on acting FDA Commissioner Ned Sharpless to, among other actions, immediately ban all e-cigarette flavors other than tobacco, and ban all devices not approved by the FDA from stores nationwide. He also called on the FDA to send letters to all schools in the nation warning of the dangers of vaping and asking each school to spread the word to parents and students.

Those flavors are a controversy in themselves. Juul and other leaders in the vaping industry claim to be interested only in adult customers, as Burns insisted. But like the tobacco industry, which came under fire for its cartoon figure "Joe Camel" and other suspiciously youth-oriented marketing, the vape industry has walked a fine line between marketing their products as a health care device or a tasty, trendy treat.

Juul, for example, agreed under FDA pressure to stop selling its nicotine pods with flavors that sounded like children's breakfast cereal: Grape, mango, watermelon, "strawberry lemonade" and "strawberry milk," among others. But they continued to sell the flavors online as upstart competitors parachuted in to fill the flavor gap with their own fruity, candy-colored pods.

Of course, there has been pushback against the drive for more regulation of e-cigs, no matter how well intended. Much of it comes from supporters of marijuana and THC legalization who seek more freedom of choice for consumers, not less. So do I, but for adults, not kids.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

On 9/11 anniversary, think of forgiveness

Most people who have suffered a grievous loss such as a murder or felony at the hands of another would probably tell you that the best way for them to eventually heal from this loss is forgiveness. If you can steel your courage to confront the perpetrator and forgive him or her, you will suddenly feel the great relief that comes from no longer having to bear the hurt and burden of your suffering. By forgiveness, a prime tenet of Christianity, your life will be redeemed. And the life of the perpetrator will also be redeemed.

As another anniversary of the horrendous 9/11 attacks arrives, we would do well to remember not only the bad but also a lesson from faith that most Americans share. By reacting with weapons of war, we have brought so much needless suffering to that part of the world, which, ironically, is the birthplace of so much religious faith. Can't we all now summon this faith to show forgiveness and understanding?

By this, I believe we can save our humanity and the world.

— Ken Kramer, Glen Ellyn

A legal tactic for defeating 'no snitchin''

Chicago, aren't you tired of all the gang shootings and murders? I am sick and tired of hearing, "This is unacceptable, and we must do better." There are procedures and laws already available to dramatically reduce gang shootings and murders, and to do better. Extremely better.

When a gang member is shot and refuses to cooperate with the police investigation, as soon as he or she has healed sufficiently, the gang member should be subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury. If the gang member then refuses to testify, the prosecutor can issue him or her a grant of limited immunity, forcing the gang member to testify or be jailed for contempt. (Please see *Kastigar v. United States*. Attorneys and police officials should know this case. The four attorneys who have advised me certainly do.)

Forcing gang members to testify will break the gang code of "no snitchin'," which has been thwarting police shooting investigations for years. This will give detectives the information they need to investigate these shootings and bring a limited case to court for prosecution. If the gang member refuses to testify after being issued immunity, then he or she can be held in contempt and incarcerated in the county jail. Not a perfect solution in either case, but a practical, legal and effective way to hold gang members accountable.

So why haven't Chicago officials done this? (I have personally delivered this information to two mayors and the police superintendent. No one has ever contacted me.) When they took office, the mayors and police superintendent swore to protect the citizens of this great city. Chicagoans continue to be shot and killed.

— Michael Flynn, retired Chicago police lieutenant, Chicago

The fate of team-based anesthesia

The Tribune Editorial Board frequently writes about activities in Springfield. But one concerning area of activity has been overlooked: the fate of team-based anesthesia care in Illinois.

Over the past year, multiple bills have been introduced that seek to dismantle traditional anesthesia care by allowing certified registered nurse anesthetists, or CRNAs, to practice without physician supervision. We expect such legislation to be pushed again when the General Assembly reconvenes.

Team-based care forms the foundation of anesthesia practice, especially in the high-risk, fast-paced environment of the operating room. The importance of teamwork is critical: Better outcomes occur when we work together.

Recently, the World Health Organization stated that anesthesia should be provided, led or overseen by a physician anesthesiologist when and wherever possible. Removing the physician from anesthesia care puts patients at higher risk and diminishes the quality of care, yet costs don't change.

In response to the legislation, those of us who want to keep the anesthesia team together have formed Preserve the Anesthesia Care Team PACT. You can visit the PACT website at pactillinois.org.

Everyone, from nurses to physician's assistants, plays a role on the anesthesia team. Physician anesthesiologists, with significantly more education and training, a minimum of eight years (after college) including medical school, internship and specialized residency, should lead the team.

— Dr. Wendy B. Binstock, Lurie Children's Hospital, Chicago

Good riddance to Bolton — an arrogant, reckless national security adviser



STEVE CHAPMAN

It cannot be entirely a bad thing when a president gets rid of a national security adviser notorious for arrogance, bellicosity, contempt for allies and a thirst for unnecessary wars. So I will not miss John Bolton, who was fired Tuesday by Donald Trump. The president explained that he "disagreed strongly with many of his suggestions, as did many others in the administration."

But it's a measure of Trump's confusion, ineptitude and questionable motives on matters of defense and foreign policy that it's hard to know if Bolton was fired for his bad ideas or his good ones.

He did have a few good ones. He distrusted North Korea's intentions on nuclear weapons, and he reportedly objected to Trump's June meeting with Kim Jong Un in the demilitarized zone. Trump's declarations of love for Kim, a brutal tyrant who has made no real nuclear concessions, must have exasperated Bolton, with



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President Donald Trump announced via Twitter on Tuesday that he had fired national security adviser John Bolton, right.

good reason. Trump's craven pandering to the Kremlin directly contradicted Bolton's view of Vladimir Putin as a mortal foe.

But Bolton's skepticism about adversaries often turned into reckless aggressiveness. He was a loud voice for abandoning the Iran nuclear deal, which would have kept Tehran from developing nuclear weapons for many years, and favored the pursuit of regime change.

He had the same ambition in Venezuela, and was once seen holding a notepad

with the words, "5,000 troops to Colombia." His long-sought solution for North Korea? Regime change or a preemptive U.S. attack.

He reportedly pushed to bomb Iran after it shot down a U.S. surveillance drone in June. Trump agreed to an airstrike but canceled it at the last minute. Bolton's influence was clearly waning. Trump was reported to have quipped, "If it was up to John, we'd be in four wars now."

Thankfully, Bolton didn't get his way. It's tempting to think his dismissal heralds a more moderate and restrained approach from Trump. It's worrisome, though, to think it may mean no one will be cautioning the president against appeasement of Kim or Putin.

But guessing what Trump will do without Bolton around is as futile as guessing what he would do with him around. Trump, with his uninformed, impulsive and chaotic style, is not just the wild card in this administration. He's the whole deck.

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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

University of Chicago nurses set strike date

A possible agreement could be reached to avert one-day picket

BY LISA SCHENCKER

About 2,300 nurses at the University of Chicago Medical Center plan to hold a one-day strike Sept. 20, months after their contract expired.

The strike is scheduled to start at 7 a.m. Sept. 20 and continue until 7 a.m. the next day. The nurses want lower nurse-to-patient ratios and say they're being forced to work overtime, among other things. The hospital's contract with the union expired in April.

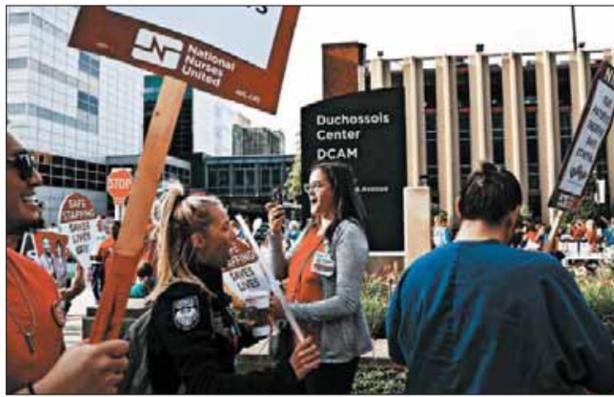
It's still possible an agreement could be reached between the union and hospital before Sept. 20, averting the strike.

"We have offered the hospital a

staffing proposal that would allow us to provide the highest quality of care to our patients, but management not only rejected our proposal, but failed to offer a counterproposal," said nurse Johnny Webb in a press release from the union, National Nurses Organizing Committee/National Nurses United. "We hope this strike sends a clear message to UCMC: We are not backing down and we will continue to fight and advocate for our patients."

University of Chicago Medical Center said in a statement Tuesday it's disappointed by the union's decision to strike.

"A strike does not help us get closer to reaching a contract," according to the statement. "From the start, the Medical Center has sought dialogue and has listened to our nurses' concerns, making a number of proposals to address them."



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Nurses demonstrate in July at University of Chicago Medical Center outside the Duchossois Center for Advanced Medicine in Chicago.

The hospital said it will be "fully prepared and equipped to serve patients without interruption during the strike."

The hospital has also defended its nurse staffing levels as better than what the union is advocating for.

Hospital spokeswoman Ashley Heher has said University of Chicago plans to use temporary, agency nurses to replace striking nurses if they walk off the job. Though the strike would last one day, agency nurses would work for five days per the requirements of the agency's contract with the hospital, she said. The hospital does not plan to have its regular nurses return to employment before the temporary nurses' five days are over, she said. That means the nurses would lose up to five days of pay.

The union is alleging that staffing issues are putting patient safety at risk.

The union filed a complaint with the Illinois Department of Public Health in June alleging that the hospital failed to adequately staff nurses and illegally mandated

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"Japan is very important to us. We're losing sales to our EU and (Trans-Pacific Partnership) competitors. So we're just really real eager to get back to a level playing field there and this deal is going to do it."

— Nick Giordano, a vice president at the National Pork Producers Council



DANIEL ACKER/BLOOMBERG NEWS

U.S. farm exports to Japan for goods like pork and beef dropped 2% after President Donald Trump bailed on the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Deal with Japan a big deal for US

With exports declining, farmers look to Trump to deliver on trade

BY KEVIN FREKING AND PAUL WISEMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American farmers have not only endured retaliatory tariffs from China and other nations, they've watched as most of their top foreign competitors used free trade agreements to make inroads into Japan, a historically protectionist market with nearly 127 million consumers.

Now they're wondering if the coming U.S.-Japan trade deal that President Donald Trump is showcasing will be as strong for farmers as the Trans-Pacific Partnership,

which was negotiated under President Barack Obama and ditched by Trump as soon as he took office.

When Trump bailed on TPP, competitors such as Canada, Mexico and Australia forged ahead with a revamped version of the trade deal. Not wanting to be left out, the European Union reached its own free trade agreement with Japan. Both agreements went into effect at the beginning of this year.

The result: Top foreign competitors to American farmers get a pricing advantage after taking into account the 38.5% import tax that is applied to American beef, the 20% tariff applied to American ground pork and

the 40% duty applied to some cheeses.

The changes have contributed to a new trade landscape that saw U.S. farm exports to Japan drop 2% to \$6.5 billion in the first six months of this year compared with the same period last year, according to the Agriculture Department.

"We've taken a temporary step backward because our competitors have had better access than us," said Nick Giordano, a vice president at the National Pork Producers Council.

Giordano is hopeful that dynamic will

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McD Labs to invest in voice technology

Fast-food giant looks to improve drive-thru wait times with robots

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

McDonald's on Tuesday announced plans to acquire a voice technology company to help speed up ordering at the drive-thru, the latest in a series of high-tech investments by the fast-food chain as it strives to improve wait times and draw customers to its restaurants.

McDonald's declined to disclose the terms of its agreement to buy Mountain View, Calif.-based Apprente, which it described as an early-stage leader in "voice-based platforms for complex, multilingual, multi-accent and multi-item conversational ordering."

The voice-recognition technology "is expected to allow for faster, simpler and more accurate order taking at the Drive Thru with future potential to incorporate into mobile ordering and kiosks," the company said in a news release.

Apprente, founded in 2017, also will be the founding member of a new Silicon Valley-based group within McDonald's called McD Tech Labs, which over time will hire additional engineers and data scientists to meet future business needs.

Automating the ordering process is among several steps McDonald's is taking to improve wait times at the drive-thru, which had increased for the past several years as the chain added more complex items to the menu.

The company has removed its signature craft sandwiches and streamlined its late-night and all-day breakfast menus, helping to cut drive-thru service times by 15 seconds in June compared with a year ago, CEO Steve Easterbrook said during the second-quarter earnings call in July.

The Apprente deal also marks McDonald's latest foray into the tech sector. The fast food giant in April paid \$300 million to acquire Dynamic Yield, whose technology personalizes digital menu dis-

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Feds accuse Chicago property developer of Ponzi scheme

Lawsuit alleges he violated securities laws by defrauding people who invested in his businesses

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE

A West Chicago property developer is accused by federal authorities of operating a Ponzi scheme that defrauded more than 300 investors in 32 states of at least \$41.6 million.

The Securities and Exchange Commission last week filed a federal lawsuit against Glenn C. Mueller, 72, of West Chicago; his company, Northridge Holdings; and other of his companies, alleging violations of securities laws by

defrauding people who had invested in his businesses.

As of February, Northridge operated 11 properties and 935 units, the lawsuit alleges. The last property, a small, 20-unit commercial building, was purchased in 2012 for \$535,000.

Since at least 2014, the suit alleges, Mueller solicited investors, many of whom were senior citizens, telling them he could purchase and renovate apartment buildings across the country and then charge higher

rents or flip them, earning returns of 3% to 12% for investors. However, Northridge doesn't own the properties outright and they "carry substantial mortgages," the lawsuit states.

From at least May 2014 through 2018, Northridge's internal documents show that the company was losing money and assets and could not pay its investors or cover its business expenses, the lawsuit alleges.

Northridge "routinely" used new investor funds to pay interest and principal to earlier investors, and Mueller created seven "shell" companies, the suit says. Mueller also used investor funds to pay

\$1.8 million in commissions and consulting fees since 2014, the suit alleges.

The SEC alleges that Mueller, through his companies, was still selling promissory notes to investors in April.

Mueller's company, Northridge, posted newsletters on its website heralding the company's success, with rising property values and revenue, the suit alleges.

Mueller wasn't immediately available for comment. A statement dated Aug. 1 that was seen Tuesday on Northridge's website said the company sent out a letter in June informing investors that

"previously scheduled distributions and interest payments were put on hold" while inquiries and allegations by "several agencies" were pending.

The payments have resumed, the website said, and "there has been no pause in our management and daily operations of the properties. The regulators inquiries are still ongoing. We hope to resolve such inquiries." The website also links to actions by regulators in four states, including Illinois.

The SEC seeks to have Mueller return funds to investors with interest and pay civil penalties.

27.5M Americans without health coverage

Census Bureau data show share rises for 1st time in a decade

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER AND RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The proportion of Americans without health insurance edged up in 2018 — the first evidence from the government that coverage gains under President Barack Obama's health care law might be eroding under President Donald Trump.

The Census Bureau also said in an annual report Tuesday that household income rose last year at its slowest pace in four years and finally matched a previous peak set in 1999. Median household income increased 0.9% in 2018 to an inflation-adjusted \$63,179, from \$62,626 in 2017.

The data suggest that the economic expansion, now the longest on record at



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The Census Bureau also said household income rose at its slowest pace in four years, but matched a peak set in 1999.

more than 10 years, is struggling to provide widespread benefits to the U.S. population. Solid gains in household incomes over the past four years have returned the median only to where it was two decades ago. And despite strong growth last year in the number of Americans working full time and year-round, the number of peo-

ple with private health insurance remained flat.

One bright spot in the report was that the poverty rate fell for a fourth straight year to 11.8%, its lowest point since 2001. The proportion of households led by women that were poor fell to a record low.

"While any reduction in poverty or increase in in-

come is a step in the right direction, most families have just barely made up the ground lost over the past decade," said Elise Gould, senior economist at the liberal Economic Policy Institute.

Though income inequality narrowed last year, it remains near record levels reached in 2017. Last year, the richest 5% of the U.S. population captured 23% of household income.

Still, steady hiring and an unemployment rate at 3.7%, near a five-decade low, have helped raise earnings for lower-paid workers employed by restaurants, warehouses, shipping centers and other sectors of the economy. This trend has contributed to a decline in poverty.

On health insurance, the Census report found an estimated 27.5 million people, 8.5% of the population, without coverage in 2018. That was an increase of 1.9 million uninsured people, or 0.5 percentage point.

More people were covered by Medicare, reflecting the aging of the baby boomers. But Medicaid coverage declined. The number of uninsured children also rose, and there were more uninsured adults ages 35-64.

Though the increase in the number of uninsured Americans was modest, it could be a turning point, the first real sign that coverage gains under Obama could be at least partly reversed. This year, the number of uninsured could rise again. That's because a previous Republican-led Congress repealed fines under the Affordable Care Act that had been intended to nudge people to sign up for coverage.

The Census report is sure to play into 2020 presidential politics. Health care is the leading issue for Democrats, with proposals including Sen. Bernie Sanders' call for a government-run system to cover everyone and former Vice Presi-

dent Joe Biden's idea for expanding Obama's law and adding a government plan open to virtually anyone.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Tuesday blamed Trump's "cruel health care sabotage" for the rising number of uninsured people.

Trump spent most of his first year in office unsuccessfully trying to get a Republican Congress to repeal the Affordable Care Act. He is now asking a federal appeals court to overturn it as unconstitutional. The president also slashed the program's sign-up season ad budget and scaled back funding to help people navigate the enrollment process. Trump also removed a subsidy for insurers, thereby triggering a jump in premiums.

Yet ACA enrollment has held fairly steady, with about 20 million people covered by its mix of subsidized private plans and a Medicaid expansion for low-income individuals.

Pinnacle sued by agency with same name for trademark infringement

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Pinnacle Advertising, a small Schaumburg-based ad agency that created Super Bowl commercials for car floor mat company WeatherTech, uses the slogan "Never Settle" on its website.

It may have to reconsider its own slogan — and perhaps even its name — after being sued by an unrelated Pinnacle Advertising, of Florida, over everything from trademark infringement to allegedly stealing clients.

The Pinnacle versus Pinnacle legal battle was started by the suburban Chicago ad agency, which sued the Florida firm last year for trademark infringement, unfair competition and cybersquatting — creating a similar-sounding domain name to divert customers to its website.

Founded in 1998, the Illinois Pinnacle alleged the Florida Pinnacle, which was launched in 2014, was hitting the same trade shows, pitching the same automotive clients and creating confusion among everyone from vendors to TV stations where the ad agencies placed commercial buys.

That lawsuit was dismissed by a Chicago federal judge in November.

In May, the Florida Pinnacle filed a counterclaim against the Illinois Pinnacle in a Florida federal court, alleging business interference, siphoning off



WEATHERTECH

An image is shown from WeatherTech's first Super Bowl in 2014. Pinnacle Advertising in Schaumburg has created Super Bowl ads for WeatherTech every year since.

automotive clients and reverse domain hacking — trying to gain control of its website through the initial lawsuit's trademark claims.

The Illinois ad agency filed for its trademark registration in 2017 — years after it became aware of its Florida namesake, the lawsuit alleges. The Florida ad agency, which has a common law trademark, is seeking to have the Pinnacle Advertising trademark cancelled or amended to give up any exclusivity rights.

Glen Calder, a spokesman for Pinnacle in Florida, declined to comment on pending litigation Tuesday.

Adding to its legal woes, the Illinois ad agency may not be covered by its liability insurance policy for any monetary damages

awarded to the Florida Pinnacle in the lawsuit. On Friday, Hanover Insurance filed a complaint in Chicago federal court asserting it has "no duty to defend or indemnify" Pinnacle against the counterclaim.

Executives at Pinnacle in Schaumburg did not respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

The Illinois Pinnacle made a name for itself in 2014, when it created the first Super Bowl commercial for WeatherTech, the Bolingbrook-based automotive floor mat manufacturer.

Pinnacle has created WeatherTech ads for every Super Bowl telecast since, competing against the biggest ad agencies with some measure of critical and popular success, according to the myriad postgame

commercial scorecards. WeatherTech did not immediately return a request for comment.

Other clients of the Schaumburg-based Pinnacle include Honda, Acura, Camping World and Arlington International Racecourse, according to the firm's website.

Clients of the Florida Pinnacle include Acura Orlando Dealers, Ponte Vedra Beach Resorts and Revolve, a luxury vehicle subscription service.

The Boca Raton-based ad agency is seeking undisclosed compensatory damages and a declaratory judgment of noninfringement, among other legal remedies.

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Uber announces layoffs on product, engineering teams

BY FAIZ SIDDIQUI
The Washington Post

27,000 employees worldwide.

Uber announced more than 400 layoffs in its engineering and product units Tuesday amid financial pressure stemming from its initial public offering, weeks after axing a similar number of marketing employees.

Company leaders blamed bloated departments for the cuts, which amounted to roughly 8 percent of the combined teams, Uber said in a statement. That included 265 engineering employees and 170 members of its product team. That compares with about 400 members of the marketing team who were abruptly laid off in July amid similar concerns.

"Our hope with these changes is to reset and improve how we work day-to-day - ruthlessly prioritizing, and always holding ourselves accountable to a high bar of performance and agility," the company said in its statement. "While certainly painful in the moment, especially for those directly affected, we believe that this will result in a much stronger technical organization."

The statement, first reported by TechCrunch, was confirmed by an Uber spokesman. Uber has a total of roughly

The Washington Post recently reported that despite a half-billion-dollar marketing campaign last year, Uber's internal metrics, based on a mixture of internal tracking tools and external polling firms, have recently placed brand sentiment near the same lows measured in the depths of its crisis. Uber's brand dilemma has also complicated its already rocky start as a public company.

The company lost \$5.2 billion in its most recent quarter, prompting stock prices to dip further. The need to ease investor concerns has triggered belt-tightening, including the marketing layoffs. The changes prompted some employees to suspect more cuts could be coming, employees told The Post.

Uber said in the statement the changes were made after Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi asked executives to examine their team through the lens of how they might look if they were building them from scratch.

"Previously, to meet the demands of a hyper-growth start-up, we hired rapidly and in a decentralized way," Uber said in the statement.

Ford stock dips a bit despite downgrade to junk credit rating

Associated Press

DETROIT — Shares of Ford Motor Co. were as low as \$9.04 shortly after Tuesday's market opening, down more than 5% a day after Moody's Investors Service downgraded the automaker's credit rating to junk status. But the stock later regained much of that ground, closing at \$9.42, down a little more than 1%.

On Monday, Moody's cited expectations that the automaker will be weighed by weak earnings and cash generation as it pursues a costly restructuring plan.

Ford responded by saying that its underlying business is strong and its balance sheet is solid.

Moody's dropped its rating for Ford's senior unsecured notes to Ba1, the top rating for debt that's not investment grade. It had been Baa3, Moody's lowest investment grade rating.

The credit rating agency said it expects Ford's restructuring to extend for several years and include \$11 billion in charges and a \$7 billion cash cost.

Ford's outlook remains stable, but its cash flow and profit margins are below Moody's expectations and also below those of peer



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companies in the auto industry, the agency said.

"These measures are likely to remain weak through the 2020/2021 period including a lengthy period of negative cash flow from the restructuring programs," Moody's Senior Vice President of Corporate Finance Bruce Clark wrote in a note to investors released after the markets closed Monday.

Ford's erosion in performance happened while the global auto industry was healthy, Clark noted. Now the company and CEO Jim Hackett must address operational problems as demand for vehicles is softening in major markets, he wrote.

The company has \$23.2

billion in cash, which is more than its debt, according to Moody's. The stable outlook reflects Moody's expectation that the restructuring will contribute to gradual improvement in earnings, profit margins and cash generation, Clark wrote.

Ford said it has plenty of liquidity to invest in its future.

"We are making significant progress on a comprehensive global redesign — reinvigorating our product lineup and aggressively restructuring our businesses around the world," Ford's statement said. It added that Ford already is addressing operating inefficiencies and problems with its China business.

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Apple unveils a cheaper iPhone, streaming TV

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
Associated Press

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Apple unveiled new iPhones that are largely unchanged from previous models and accompanied by an unexpected price cut for the cheapest model, underscoring the company's efforts to counteract a sales slump of its flagship product.

The company's new models are so similar to last year's lineup they may be upstaged by Apple TV Plus, the company's upcoming video service, which is rolling out on Nov. 1 at \$5 per month.

Apple, in fact, is already using the video service to promote iPhones, offering a free year of Apple TV Plus with new device purchases.

iPhone shipments are down 25% so far this year, according to the research firm IDC, putting more pressure on Apple to generate revenue from services such as music and video streaming, games and its App Store. Revenue from services rose 14% to nearly \$23 billion during the first half of this year.

It is cutting the price of the iPhone 11 to \$700 from \$750, the price of last year's XR. The lower prices reverses a trend in which premium phones get more expensive as people upgrade them less often.

Apple CEO Tim Cook didn't have much new to say about the TV Plus service beyond its pricing



JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY

Apple CEO Tim Cook speaks during an event to announce the iPhone 11 and other new products Tuesday in Cupertino, Calif.

and service date, although he did show a trailer for a new Jason Momoa-led series called "See."

Like Netflix and similar services from Amazon and Hulu, Apple has been lavishing billions of dollars for original programs featuring stars such as Oprah Winfrey, Jennifer Aniston and Reese Witherspoon. The service will launch with nine original shows, with five more expected in coming months. It will only carry Apple's original programming, and will be available in 100 countries at launch.

Apple also announced a new video game subscription service will cost \$5 a month when it rolls out on Sept. 19. Called Apple Arcade, the service will allow

subscribers to play more than 100 games selected by Apple and exclusive to the service.

The company's new phone models resemble last year's iPhone XR, XS and XS Max. And they have the same design — with more display space, less bezel and no home button — that Apple switched to with the iPhone X in 2017.

New iPhone cameras are intended to appeal to the growing number of people who use phones to take pictures of themselves, friends, family and the places they go. The phone's "portrait mode" now also works with pets, not just humans.

With little change, many customers who bought models in the past two

years may hold off upgrading this year, analyst Patrick Moorhead of Moor Insights said.

The biggest difference is the phone's camera, an area that Apple and its rivals have all been trying to improve as consumers snap more pictures on their devices. Even there, improvements from year to year have been small.

This year, Apple added an extra camera lens to each model. The two pricier models already have a telephoto lens for better zoom. Now, they will sport a wide-angle lens to capture more of a scene than regular shots.

Even with those additions, the new iPhones may still be catching up with the improvements that rivals such as Samsung, Huawei, Lenovo and Google have been making to their latest phones.

Unlike some of the other devices coming out this year, the new iPhones won't support upcoming ultrafast cellular networks known as 5G. Apple paid billions of dollars to settle a royalty dispute with chipmaker Qualcomm in April to gain the technology it needs for 5G iPhones, but those models won't be ready until next year.

Besides iPhones, Apple also showed off new versions of its internet-connected watch and iPads.

The AP's Barbara Ortutay contributed from San Francisco.

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change soon. The president, in need of some wins on the trade front, has said the U.S. and Japan have agreed in principle on a new trade pact that the two parties hope to make official later this month.

Trump announced the agreement a couple of days after he raised retaliatory tariffs on China and ordered American companies to consider alternatives to doing business there, moves that contributed to significant drops in the financial markets.

"We've agreed to every point, and now we're papering it and we'll be signing it at a formal ceremony," Trump said.

Trade talks involving the Trump administration tend to be subject to fits and starts. Farm groups are hoping for no setbacks.

"Japan is very important to us," Giordano said, calling it pork producers' largest-value market year in and year out. He added: "We're losing sales to our EU and TPP competitors. So we're just really real eager to get back to a level playing field there and this deal is going to do it."

For all of Trump's criticism of Obama's TPP, it's unclear whether Trump will be able to secure better terms than the ones farmers would have gained under Obama. The American Farm Bureau Federation had projected that TPP would have increased net farm income by \$4.4 billion annually.

Japanese officials are op-

timistic the two sides can reach a deal in time for the U.N. General Assembly later this month in New York. They are hoping for an agreement that gives Japan relief from the import taxes Trump slapped last year on foreign steel and aluminum and from the tariffs he's threatened to impose on auto imports. In return, American farmers would get the kind of increased access to the Japanese market they would have received under TPP.

U.S. beef has continued to enjoy strong sales in Japan this year. Kent Bacus of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association said a drought in Australia is limiting that nation's ability to export more beef. Still, he said the tariff paid for Australian beef, now at 26.6% versus 38.5% for U.S. beef, is going to encourage Japanese importers to look at other sources, including Canada, New Zealand and Mexico.

"Essentially, we're living on borrowed time," Bacus said.

Groups representing wheat and dairy farmers offered similar assessments that they too could soon expect to lose market share if the U.S. doesn't get the same terms from Japan as do top foreign competitors. They're hoping that once an agreement with the Japanese is signed, it will go into effect without the need for congressional approval. They don't want to wait months, if not years, for a congressional vote.

"We really get our bell rung if we have to wait and compete at a disadvantage for the next couple years in the Japanese market," Giordano said.

Voice

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plays at drive-thru based on time of day, weather, trending menu items and restaurant traffic, and suggests additional items for customers to purchase. Now deployed in 8,000 U.S. restaurants, the technology has increased how much customers spend per order, Easterbrook said in the second-quarter conference call.

The company also in-

vested in mobile app vendor Plexure to improve its global mobile app.

Amid stiff competition from other fast food and fast casual chains, McDonald's has been grappling with how to innovate and rein in swelling labor costs. Last quarter, it posted a 6.5% gain in same-store sales, the best improvement in seven years, but it continues to struggle to get people in its doors.

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Housing prices in unlikely Chinese cities rival London

Bloomberg News

London, Seattle, Manchester and, um, Xiamen.

Some of the world's priciest housing markets aren't where you might think. A four-year property boom in China has elevated a collection of little-known cities and turned them into real estate gold.

While that's been great news for speculators, it's raising concern about whether China's educated middle-class is quickly being priced out of these so-called second-tier cities, undermining Beijing's goal of making them home to the millions moving from rural areas.

Another risk is stretched family budgets: The average household debt-to-income ratio in China soared to a record 92% last year from just 30% a decade ago.

"A property bubble is foaming up in many places in China," said Chen Gong, the chief researcher at independent strategic think tank Anbound Consulting. "Prices are starting to look abnormal when compared to residents' income."

Vincent Fan is a case in point. The 26-year-old IT engineer says the lack of affordable housing is forcing him to consider moving from Xiamen, the city he's called home for eight years after relocating from inland Shaanxi province to study. Home prices — which in Xiamen have more than tripled over the past decade — are now 40 times his salary, he says.

"I'm getting paid like I'm in a small city, but when I'm looking to buy a home, the price is the same as in a metropolis," he said. "It's just impossible."

A 1,000-square-foot apartment in downtown Xiamen, a port city on China's southeast coast, is almost as expensive as the average home in London, even though local wages are a quarter of what's offered in the U.K. capital.

In Hangzhou, home to the headquarters of tech giant Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., prices per square foot now rival Seattle, where Amazon.com is based.

How these cities found themselves here is a confluence of urbanization and the promise of quick capital gains.

Some 90 million people have relocated from rural areas since 2012, encouraged by better job prospects and policies aimed at giving migrant workers social welfare that's more akin to urban dwellers. Some local governments have eased access to schools and hospitals, privileges traditionally enjoyed by residents born in those cities.

Owning property — or multiple properties — is something of a national obsession in China after frenetic price gains in the early years of this decade made hundreds of thousands of people rich, at least on paper.

That mentality has meant literally millions of apartments across the

country sit empty as their owners wait for prices to appreciate.

According to China Real Estate Information Corp., the average house price-to-income ratio, a gauge of how many years of earnings it takes to buy a home, rose to a record in 2018, despite Beijing's efforts to keep a lid on prices.

While it costs a Londoner around 13 times their annual salary to purchase property in the U.K. capital, residents in 14 Chinese cities including Sanya on the tourist island of Hainan and Fuzhou on the east coast, face a higher ratio.

That means increasingly large slices of a family's income are being diverted to monthly mortgage repayments, or to meet home down payments. In a coun-

try where low leverage was once seen as a buffer to any financial shock, household debt is now "approaching its limit," the Institute of International Finance said in a report last month.

Those buying homes outside of China's big cities like Beijing, Shenzhen and Shanghai are also typically the most stretched, a China Index Holdings Ltd. study last year showed. In mega metropolises, people tend to be more affluent and so don't need as big a mortgage.

"This housing surge can't be justified by economic growth or people's paychecks," said Shen Xin, a property analyst at China Real Estate Information. "Many have bought homes earlier than they planned, just to catch the price rally."

Strike

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that nurses work overtime.

The department investigated and found deficiencies tied to emergency medical equipment not being fully checked for readiness, and IV tubing not being properly labeled, among other things. But overall, the hospital was found to be in compliance with the federal government's requirements

to participate in Medicare.

Heher said last month the hospital would continue to work on improvements in those areas cited as deficiencies but saw the department's final report as "an affirmation of our safety and first-in-class staffing among Chicago-area medical centers."

The union also authorized a strike in 2015 but the planned strike was averted when the union and U. of C. Medicine reached an agreement.

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10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.08 to 1.70%	-11.90 to \$1,490.30	+0.27 to 107.43/\$1	+0.0004 to .9052/\$1	-0.45 to \$57.40

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
+3.03	+2.67	+2.52	+2.40	+0.85	+1.81	+3.61	+1.40	+3.17

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	476.75	485.50	468	484.50	+10
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	344	349.50	344	348.50	+7.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	847.25	859.25	845.50	859.25	+14.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Sep 19	28.33	28.44	28.30	28.38	+12
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Sep 19	289.50	293.50	289.40	292.90	+4.40
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Oct 19	58.03	58.76	57.20	57.40	-0.45
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Oct 19	2.606	2.648	2.571	2.580	-0.005
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Oct 19	1.5915	1.6131	1.5766	1.5908	+0.0062

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	83.21	-1.01	Equity Commonwith	N	33.69	+0.05	Middleby Corp	O	118.81	+2.15
AbbVie Inc	N	68.18	+1.48	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	128.64	-3.96	Mondelez Intl	O	54.33	-2.15
Allstate Corp	N	105.68	-1.11	Equity Residential	N	84.46	-0.65	Morningstar Inc	O	157.91	-2.25
Aptargroup Inc	N	119.11	+0.11	Exelon Corp	N	48.35	+0.05	Motorola Solutions	N	164.43	-7.24
Arch Dan Mid	N	40.29	+0.62	First Indl RT	N	53.52	+1.38	NISource Inc	N	28.97	+0.06
Baxter Intl	N	85.91	-1.29	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	53.52	+1.38	Nthn Trust Cp	O	94.47	+1.32
Boeing Co	N	369.49	+10.71	Gallagher AJ	N	88.08	-1.79	Old Republic	N	22.41	+0.06
Brunswick Corp	N	53.04	+1.39	Grainger WW	N	290.73	+4.83	Packaging Corp Am	N	104.20	+3.68
CBOE Global Markets	N	115.23	-3.47	GrubHub Inc	N	64.31	+1.56	Paylocity Hldg	O	95.15	-2.76
CDK Global Inc	O	46.24	+0.29	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	106.14	+0.37	RLI Corp	N	89.30	-3.31
CDW Corp	O	111.50	-6.01	IDEX Corp	N	166.23	-1.70	Stericycle Inc	O	48.77	+1.43
CF Industries	N	50.78	+1.93	ITW	N	157.36	+3.65	TransUnion	N	80.62	-2.81
CME Group	O	205.43	-10.15	Ingredion Inc	N	81.32	+0.94	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.64	...
CNA Financial	N	48.09	+1.37	John Bean Technol	N	110.88	+3.28	US Foods Holding	N	40.65	-0.08
Cabot Microelect	O	134.20	+2.34	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	143.74	+1.77	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	231.42	+5.26
Caterpillar Inc	N	130.29	+3.04	Kemper Corp	N	76.37	-0.71	United Airlines Hldg	O	87.56	+2.3
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.45	+0.34	Kraft Heinz Co	O	28.96	+0.88	Ventas Inc	N	71.96	-1.97
Deere Co	N	164.04	+5.68	LKQ Corporation	O	28.66	+1.26	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	56.88	+1.29
Discover Fin Svcs	N	84.32	-0.15	Littelfuse Inc	O	174.31	+3.69	Wintrust Financial	O	66.00	+1.76
Dover Corp	N	97.05	+1.52	McDonalds Corp	N	209.68	-7.58	Zebra Tech	O	192.64	-4.17

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	1.83	-0.06
Bank of America	29.35	+0.72
Ford Motor	9.42	-0.12
Gen Electric	9.14	+0.18
Mallinckrodt plc	3.88	+1.78
AT&T Inc	37.58	+0.79
Teva Pharm	8.13	+0.69
Sthwstn Energy	2.21	+0.04
Pfizer Inc	37.38	+0.55
Freeport McMoRan	10.12	+0.42
Denbury Res	1.36	+0.07
Snap Inc A	15.02	-0.29
Transocean Ltd	5.49	+0.01
Penney JC Co Inc	1.01	+0.16
Wells Fargo & Co	48.31	-0.10
Annaly Capital Mgmt	8.57	+0.19
EnCana Corp	4.70	+0.12
Macy's Inc	17.10	+0.92
VEREIT Inc	9.39	-0.26
Range Resources	4.51	-0.07
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.61	-0.17
Vale SA	11.73	+0.12
CenturyLink Inc	12.60	+0.64
Oracle Corp	55.47	+0.93

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.58	+0.79
Alibaba Group Hldg	174.99	-2.79
Alphabet Inc C	1206.00	+1.59
Alphabet Inc A	1205.70	+0.43
Amazon.com Inc	1820.55	-10.80
Apple Inc	216.70	+2.53
Bank of America	29.35	+0.72
Berkshire Hath B	208.31	+1.69
Exxon Mobil Corp	72.07	+0.58
Facebook Inc	186.17	-2.59
HSBC Holdings prA	26.07	-0.06
Home Depot	233.00	+0.13
JPMorgan Chase	116.87	+1.47
Johnson & Johnson	129.55	+2.60
MasterCard Inc	272.33	-11.03
Microsoft Corp	136.08	-1.44
Procter & Gamble	119.88	-2.29
Visa Inc	176.35	-5.20
WalMart Strs	116.05	-2.28

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.92	-0.06	+1.1
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.72	-0.03	+6.0
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	48.65	-0.09	+4.1
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	61.49	+0.03	+5.9
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	59.64	+0.03	+3.3
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	49.82	-0.18	+1.5
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	22.84	-0.01	+5.9
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	38.31	-0.01	+2.3
American Funds NvPrspctVA m	44.54	-0.31	+4.7
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	46.63	+0.04	+6.9
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.13	-0.04	+8.6
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	41.04	+0.51	+1
Dodge & Cox Stk	189.86	+1.54	+3
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.74	-0.04	+7.3
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	103.92	+0.04	+5.7
Fidelity Contrafund	12.97	-0.11	+1.5
Fidelity TlMktIdxInPrm	84.49	+0.10	+4.0
Fidelity USBdlIdxInPrm	11.93	-0.07	+9.4
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.31	+0.02	+5.4
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	11.09	...	+9.8
PIMCO InCl2	11.95	...	+6.3
PIMCO InClnst1	11.95	...	+6.4
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.46	-0.07	+9.6
Schwab SP500Idx	46.17	+0.01	+5.6
T. Rowe Price BCGr	115.57	-0.83	+6.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.70	-0.39	+5.7
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	275.97	+0.09	+5.6
Vanguard BalldAdmrl	37.64	-0.05	+6.6
Vanguard DivGrInv	30.15	-0.25	+14.5
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	76.53	+0.44	+6.2
Vanguard GridAdmrl	86.02	-0.45	+6.8
Vanguard HCAmrl	81.32	+0.17	-3.5
Vanguard InTrnGAdm	10.04	-0.05	+10.5
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.53	-0.03	+8.0
Vanguard InslIdxIn	270.80	+0.10	+5.7
Vanguard InslIdxInPlus	270.82	+0.10	+5.7
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	64.24	+0.06	+4.1
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	207.88	+0.31	+3.6
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	139.21	+0.15	+2
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.73	-0.02	+5.7
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	74.53	+0.37	-3.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.15	-0.05	+5.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.29	-0.02	+5.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	35.14	-0.03	+5.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.56	-0.01	+4.6
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	11.07	-0.06	+9.5
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIn	11.07	-0.06	+9.6
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	23.39	-0.07	+10.3
Vanguard TtInBIdxIn	35.10	-0.11	+10.3
Vanguard TtInBIdxInV	11.70	-0.03	+10.3
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	27.79	+0.02	+1.3
Vanguard TtInSIdxIn	111.15	+0.11	+1.4
Vanguard TtInSIdxInPlus	111.17	+0.10	+1.4
Vanguard TtInSIdxInV	16.61	+0.01	+1.2
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	73.93	+0.08	+4.0
Vanguard TtSMIdxIn	73.94	+0.08	+4.1
Vanguard TtSMIdxInV	73.89	+0.08	+3.9
Vanguard WlmgAdmrl	73.22	+0.03	+8.9
Vanguard WlmgInAdmrl	65.86	-0.17	+9.9
Vanguard WndrInAdmrl	64.50	+0.30	+3.0

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30-year	2.18	2.10

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Silver	\$18.041	\$18.019
Platinum	\$936.60	\$952.70

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Euro	0.9052
India (Rupee)	71.875
Israel (Shekel)	3.5455
Japan (Yen)	107.43
Mexico (Peso)	19.5257
Poland (Zloty)	3.92
So. Korea (Won)	1191.83
Taiwan (Dollar)	31.21
Thailand (Baht)	30.62

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3021.20	-3.5/-1
Stoxx600	386.44	+4/+1
Nikkei	21392.10	+73.7/+4
MSCI-EAFE	1883.15	+7/+0
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OBITUARIES

MILDRED CRONIN 1926-2019

Creator of 'Way Off Broadway' helped raise funds for new school

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Mildred "Mille" Cronin, along with her husband and other parents at St. Linus Parish in Oak Lawn, came up with the idea for an annual show called "Way Off Broadway" that over 25 years raised more than \$1 million dollars for a new parish school.

The show had its origins in the late 1960s, when enrollment at the Catholic school was booming. "We were busting at the seams," said Margaret Hayes, who was a second-grader when the shows began and is now the school's principal.

The shows, which ran from about 1971 to 1996, were a natural outlet for Cronin's love of Broadway musicals, according to her son Kevin Cronin Jr., the longtime lead vocalist and guitarist with REO Speedwagon.

"She loved Broadway musicals, that was her thing," he said. "She was a singer, a dancer."

She was also an occasional songwriter, sitting at her kitchen table with a dictionary and thesaurus to personalize popular songs for special occasions — an example for her son, whose songs include "Keep on Loving You" and "Can't Fight This Feeling."

Cronin, 93, died of Lewy body dementia Aug. 23, according to her son. She died in her home on Ted and Mille Cronin Way where she had lived since 1957. Her husband Kevin, known as Ted, died in January.

The former Mildred Stanek was born on the South Side of Chicago in 1926. She had a rough upbringing, as her parents divorced and neither was able to provide a stable environment, her son said.



FAMILY PHOTO

Mildred Cronin.

"Music and dance and the theater — that was kind of her savior," her son said. "And she shared that joy she felt with everyone she met."

After high school at the since-closed Visitation High School in Chicago, she went to Mundelein College on North Side. Her future husband was a student at the school, which is now affiliated with Loyola University Chicago. She majored in social work with a minor in theater.

She worked as a social worker for Catholic Charities for a couple of years after college, according to her daughter Maura Cronin-Chavez. By 1957, she and Ted Cronin were married and had moved to the house in Oak Lawn where she spent the rest of her life.

The "Way Off Broadway" shows began around 1971, Hayes said. And while paying off the new school was an important goal and accomplishment, the shows did much more than that.

"More than raising money, they brought the whole parish together," said Hayes. "It changed the whole dynamic of the parish."

The annual shows might

involve 1,000 people. In addition to the all-adult cast, there were set-builders, carpenters, painters and costume makers, even bartenders. Hayes said her father was one of those. "My mother was in the show," she said. "My whole family benefited."

In the early years, the show was actually made up of five shows — four smaller shows in classrooms in the school and an hourlong main stage show, the Palace Review, in the gym. "They directed all five shows in the beginning," Hayes said.

"She walked in any kind of room and lit it up," her daughter said. "She changed a lot of people's lives for the better."

In those days, the St. Linus school covered first through eighth grades. It is now pre-kindergarten to eighth, Hayes said.

Cronin and her husband followed REO Speedwagon and rarely missed a tour date within a hundred miles of Chicago, Kevin Cronin said. "She actually took on the nickname 'Mother Rock,'" he recalled.

Kevin Cronin said he wrote the last song on the band's "Hi Infidelity" album, "I Wish You Were There," at the same kitchen table where his mother wrote so many songs for the parish show.

"Her influence is there, at that writing table, in the family house," he said.

Survivors also include another daughter, Lisa Cronin; a brother, Tom Stanek; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Another son, Sean, died in February.

Services were held.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON SEPTEMBER 11 ...

In 1297, in a rare but important military victory for Scotland, clans under William Wallace defeated a large English force at the Battle of Stirling Bridge northeast of Glasgow.

In 1677, Maine became the first American colony to pass a law against liquor sales.

In 1777, American forces under Gen. George Washington were defeated by the British in the Battle of Brandywine near Wilmington, Del.

In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first treasury secretary.

In 1814, a U.S. fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In 1830, the Republic of Ecuador was established and granted a constitution under which it was to be part of the Confederation of Colombia.

In 1841, all but one member of President John Tyler's Cabinet resigned to protest Tyler's veto of a banking bill. (Only Secretary of State Daniel Webster remained.)

In 1897, a strike by coal miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia

ended with the miners winning an eight-hour workday. (The previous day, 20 Pennsylvania miners were killed when sheriff's deputies fired on them.)

In 1918, the Cubs lost the World Series to the Boston Red Sox.

In 1954, the Miss America Pageant was shown on television for the first time. (The winner was Lee Ann Meriwether, Miss California.)

In 1961, the children's program "Bozo's Circus" made its television debut on WGN.

In 1962, the Beatles recorded their first single ("Love Me Do" and "P.S., I Love You") at Abbey Road Studios in London.

In 1974, 71 of the 82 people aboard an Eastern Airlines jet were killed when it crashed while trying to land in Charlotte, N.C.

In 1976, a TWA jet seized by Croatian hijackers during a New York-to-Chicago flight landed in Paris, where the passengers were allowed to disembark.

In 1982, all 46 people aboard a U.S. Army helicopter were killed when it crashed on a highway during an air show in Mannheim, West Germany.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan agreed to meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko later in the month to try to ease tensions between the two superpowers.

In 1985, Pete Rose got his 4,192nd hit, breaking Ty Cobb's 57-year-old career record, in a game in which Rose's Cincinnati Reds defeated the San Diego Padres 2-0 in Cincinnati.

In 1989, the exodus of East German refugees from Hungary to West Germany by way of Austria began.

In 1997, Scots voted to create their own parliament after 290 years of union with the English.

In 1999, hundreds of East Timorese were dead and their capital, Dili, was burned and ravaged after a week of mayhem raised by militia thugs angered by the region's vote to end its ties to Indonesia.

In 2001, in the deadliest attack on the United States, nearly 3,000 people were killed when terrorists hijacked four jetliners, crashing two into the 110-story twin towers of New York's World Trade Center. The two others crashed into the Pentagon and in a Pennsylvania field.

In 2005, Japanese voters handed Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's ruling coalition a landslide victory in elections for the lower house of parliament.

In 2012, U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans — U.S. foreign service information management officer Sean Smith and former Navy SEAL commandos Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty — were killed during terrorist attacks on U.S. compounds in Benghazi, Libya.

In 2014, scientists reported in the journal Science the discovery of the world's first semiaquatic dinosaur — known as the Spinosaurus, which was 10 feet longer than Tyrannosaurus rex.

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Pick 3 midday 183 / 6
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Sept. 10
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SuperCash 03 17 18 29 32 33

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Sept. 10
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Daily 4 midday 3318 / 1
Daily 3 evening 693 / 7
Daily 4 evening 7020 / 7
Cash 5 13 17 22 29 33

MICHIGAN
Sept. 10
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Babka, Bernard F.

Bernard F. Babka, 86, most beloved soulmate for 63 years of Ellie L. nee Bujak; loving father of Kathryn (Timothy) Carr and Janet (Mark) Schreier; cherished grandfather of Kaitlin (Jaydeb) Powers and Daniel N. Powers; principle partner of Hammond Beeby and Babka, Chicago. Visitation Thursday 4-8 PM (Sokol service at 7



PM) at Woodlawn Funeral Home, 7750 W. Cermak Road, Forest Park where funeral service will be held Friday 11 AM. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org or Sokol Spirit, 3909 S. Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513. Info: 708-442-8500.

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Batey, Truman Robert

Truman Robert Batey age 97 of Des Plaines passed away September 8, 2019. Army Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Gladys. Loving father of Michael A. (Nancy), Robert (Susan), and Karen Kruse. Proud grandfather of 8 and great grandfather of 15. Fond brother of the late John (Frances) Batey. Visitation Wednesday, September 11, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at G.L. Hills Funeral Home 745 Graceland Ave, Des Plaines, IL. Funeral service, Thursday, September 12th at 11:00 a.m. at the Des Plaines. Burial will be at Ridgewood Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. For information 847.699.9003 or gl-hillsfuneralhome.com.

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Becker, Jr., H. William

Bill Becker, a longtime resident of Evanston and Rockford, died peacefully September 9th, 2019 after a long illness. Raised in the Edgebrook neighborhood of Chicago, he attended Taft High School, the University of Illinois and the University of Illinois Graduate School of Business. He began his career with DuPont, and subsequently joined Bell & Howell, where he served as Vice President of International Sales. In 1982 he joined Newell Brands. He retired as President of the firm's international division, Newell International, in 1997. A traveler by profession and avocation, he visited over 70 countries through the years. He was predeceased by wife and favorite travel companion Meredith (née Osman) in 2009. He is survived by daughter Barbara (Ramesh Mani) of St. Paul, MN; daughter Amy (Erik Lindberg) of Superior, CO; son Bill (Jennifer Wright) of Evanston; and granddaughter Amelia Mani. His good humor and wise counsel will be missed. Services pending. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to American Cancer Society, the Lewy Body Dementia Association or the charity of your choice.

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Bergstrom, Robert C.

Robert C. Bergstrom. Age 94 of Park Ridge. WWII Army Veteran, European Duty, 86th Infantry-Blackhawk Division. Beloved husband of Virginia, nee Jensen. Loving father of Gary (Frances), Bradley (Margaret), and Neil (Therese) Bergstrom. Proud grandfather of Walter, Samantha (Jack) Shrin, Helen and Erik Bergstrom. Dear brother of the late Donald (Margery) Bergstrom. Fond uncle of Craig and Melinda Bergstrom. Visitation Friday, Sept. 13, 9:30-11a.m., at Ryan-Parke Funeral Home, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., (2 blks S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Service 11 a.m. at funeral home. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Robert's name to your favorite charity are appreciated. Info., www.ryan-parke.com.



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Blehein, Niall

Niall Blehein (Chicago and formerly Portumna) died in his sleep on 6th September 2019. He will be deeply missed by his partner David, his mother Patricia, father Louis, sisters Ann, Irene, Thelma and Derval, his brothers-in-law Marcus, Steve and Paul, his nieces and nephews, relatives and his many dear friends. The visitation service in Chicago will be at 11am Sunday 15th September in Lakeview Funeral Home, 1458 W. Belmont Ave, followed by cremation. There will be a funeral mass in St. Brigid's Church in Portumna, Co. Galway at 12pm on Saturday 21st September. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shedd Aquarium. www.sheddaquarium.org.



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Bowden, r.c., Sister Doris V.

Sister Doris V. Bowden, r.c. passed away September 7, 2019 at the Resurrection Life Center in Chicago. She was 100 years old. Born July 4, 1919 in Boston, MA to the late Christina and the late John Bowden. Dear sister of the late Joseph Bowden. Fond aunt of Patricia Joy Guerriero and Jerry E. Geribo. Sister Bowden has been a member of the Cenacle for 72 years. She was a Director of Retreats as well as Director in the Cenacle Infirmary in North America and New Zealand. Her last 20 years have been in the Chicago area. Visitation will take place on Friday, September 13, 2019 at the Chicago Cenacle, 513 W. Fullerton Parkway, Chicago, IL 60614 from 10:00 am until time of Mass 11:00 am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Memorials may be made to the Cenacle. Services entrusted to M J Suerth Funeral Home, 773-631-1240.



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Bruno, Vincent James

Vincent James Bruno, age 30, of Elmwood Park, passed away unexpectedly Sunday Sept. 8, beloved son of the late Joseph Bruno and Debra Knutsen; loving and caring brother of Nicholas (Lauren) Bruno, dearest nephew of Pam (Bill) Schueler, Jeff (Doris) Knutsen, Cynthia Bruno, Michael (Ann) Bruno and Cheryl (Wild) Melone; fond cousin of Michelle (Jamie) Joseph, Stefanie (Scott) Hein, Amanda, Jamie Knutsen, Lisa Schueler, Scott (Ashley) Schueler; cherished godfather of Kai. Compassionate friend of many, Vince loved motorcycles, cars, bowling and traveling. Visitation at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, Friday 3:00 - 8:00 pm Funeral Service Saturday 11:30 am. Interment All Saints Cemetery. 847-966-7302 www.skajafuneralhomes.com



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Bultas, Marie E.

Marie E. Bultas, beloved wife of the late Edward Bultas and the late Oliver Curran; loving mother of Lois (the late Herman) Schell and Mary Lynn (the late Ted) Tukiendorf; cherished grandmother of 4; great grandmother of 9; great great grandmother of 1; dear aunt of many. Funeral Saturday, 9:00 a.m. from Linhart Funeral Home, 6820 W. Cermak Road, Berwyn to Saint Odilo Church. Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment private. Visitation Friday 3 to 8 p.m. Info at www.linhartfuneralhome.com or (708) 749-2255.



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Cowen, Arnold

Arnold Cowen. Beloved husband of Phyllis for 68 years. Beloved father of Lori (Bruce) Harris, Gary (Nina) Cowen, and Sharon (Allen) Lefkowitz. Proud grandfather of Nicole Harris (Matt Marcin), Mollie Cowen, Annie Harris, Emma Cowen, Jake Lefkowitz, Zach Lefkowitz, and Jeff Lefkowitz. Dear brother of Davida (the late Marty) Goldner, and the late Carole. Cherished brother-in-law of Richard (Carole) Spilberg. Service Thursday 1PM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charity of Your Choice. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com



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Dulin, Thomas Corbett

Thomas Corbett Dulin, age 28, of River Forest, suddenly on September 4, 2019. He was the beloved son of Kerry and Ann nee O'Rourke Dulin; dear brother of Kate; fond grandson of the late Lawrence and Davida Dulin and the late John and Marjane O'Rourke; cherished cousin, nephew and friend of many. Private services have been held. Memorials to NAMI (namimetsub.org) or Thrive Counseling (thrivecc.org)

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Gilliland, Richard Willett

4-5-30 to 9-4-19. Survived by his wife of 67 years, Joan (Sayman) Gilliland. Devoted father to Susan Barker (Michael), Patricia Gibson (Stephen), Virginia Mahoney (Richard) and John Gilliland (Lenore LoCascio). Beloved grandfather of Andrew (Yeschica) & Eric Barker, Jonathan & Willis Gibson, Meghan & Patrick Mahoney, and Jack, Finn & Haymanot Gilliland. Richard had a successful career with several corporations in the field of advertising & marketing during his lifetime. Memorial Service/Visitation at Beacon Hill, 2400 S. Finley Rd, Lombard, IL 60148 on Sunday, 9/15/19 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

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Greene, John

John Kaul Greene, 89, passed peacefully in his sleep on September 4, 2019. He is survived by his beloved wife Jean, his son Paul, daughter and son-in-law Valerie and Mark Flynn, and son and daughter-in-law John and Katey Greene. He is also survived by his three granddaughters Casey, Heather, and Alex Flynn and two grandsons John Greene Jr. and Kyle Greene. John was born October 10, 1929 in Birmingham, Alabama.



At the age of 13, in 1944, he enrolled at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire. John then attended Yale University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Administration. After Yale John joined the US Marines and was eventually recruited by the U.S. Clandestine Irregular Warfare Operation. He was stationed in Alaska for two years in this role. John and Jean were married on March 2, 1957 and began their lives together in San Francisco with John working at IBM. In 1958, IBM appointed John to manage their European division in Paris where John and Jean lived for four years. William McCormick Blair then recruited John to lead his company's European business, thus beginning John's 42 year career with William Blair & Company. John served on numerous boards throughout his career. The organizations he served the longest include: The Chicago Botanic Garden (54 years), Vulcan Materials Company (26 years), Hazelden Addiction Treatment Center (20 years), Kaul Land Company (Pennsylvania, 20 years), The Hugh Kaul Foundation (Birmingham, Alabama, 20 years), and the Illinois Children's Home & Aid Society (15 years). To honor his enduring and enthusiastic support as one of the longest-serving members of the Chicago Horticultural Society Board of Directors, John was awarded the 2018 Chicago Horticultural Society Medal. John's personal lifelong interests included skiing, hunting and fishing. He devoted considerable time and resources to the St. Paul's School Scholarship Fund for Alabama Students, a perpetual commitment to allow selected students the opportunity to experience the life changing education he received at the school. John will be remembered for his wide ranging intellect, his gentle sense of humor and his unique wisdom that changed many lives for the better. A church service will be held on Saturday, October 12th, 2pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Lake Forest, IL. A celebration of John's life will follow at Shoreacres Country Club in Lake Bluff at 4 pm. In lieu of flowers, the Greene family requests donations be made in John's honor to either Lake Forest Open Lands or the Illinois Children's Home & Aid Society. Info: [Wenban Funeral Home](http://www.wenban.com) (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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Halloran Jr., John P. 'Red'

John P. "Red" Halloran Jr., 78, of Elmhurst. Beloved husband of Denise "Tiny" nee Moran; loving father of Patrick (Kim), Meg (Dave) Johnson, Katy (Brian) Costello, Deirdre (Mike) Sebastian and John (Maggie Pavlik); cherished grandfather of Shane, Hannah, TJ, Nick, Jake, Declan, Keegan, Bridey, Reilly, Johnny, Charlie, Annie and Burke; brother of the

late Edward Halloran and Jean Marie Krampe; brother-in-law of Paul Krampe; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation at **Ahgrim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 13, 2019. Family and friends are asked to meet for a Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Visitation Church, 779 S. York St., Elmhurst. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for the Alzheimer's Association. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or www.ahgrim.com.

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Timothy "Tim" Hamilton, 61, of Chicago, beloved husband of the late Laura Hamilton; proud father of Sarah (Brian Schrader) Hamilton; fun loving brother of Larry (Karen) Hamilton, Melissa (Michael) Hurst, the late Robert and James Hamilton. Visitation Friday September 13, 2019 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Funeral Service Saturday, September 14, 2019 11:30 a.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077. Interment Saint Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to PAWS Chicago 1997 N Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60614. Funeral info: (847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com

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Wilma W. Jezek (nee Warzyk) age 77 of Plainfield, beloved wife of Rudolph. Loving mother of Kimberly (Daniel) Tisch. Dearest sister of Victoria Dirc, Late Walter (Kathy) Warzyk, and the late Robert Warzyk. Fond aunt of Antonette "Toni" Bongan, Nicholette "Nicki" Boyle, Butch Warzyk and Brian Warzyk. Memorial visitation Friday 1:00 PM until time of memorial service 2:00 PM. at **Bolingbrook-McCauley Funeral Chapel & Crematorium** 530 W. Boughton Rd. (1 mi. West of Rt. 53, at Schmidt Rd.) Bolingbrook. (630) 759-1212 or www.mccauleyfuneralchapel.com

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Helena O. Jordan, age 87, beloved wife of the late Raymond F.; loving mother of Olivia, Joseph (Linda) and Gregory (Bonnie); proud grandmother of Kyle, Corey, Mary and Trevor; dear sister of the late Roberta Piekarczyk; fond aunt of a niece and nephews. Visitation Thursday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:15 a.m. until time of funeral 10:15 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 11:00 a.m. at Visitation Catholic Church. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Visitation Catholic Grade School, 851 South York Road, Elmhurst IL 60126. For funeral information please call 1-630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Terry Kennedy passed away on September 8th at the age of 73. He is survived by his family: Janet, Anne (Jesse) Otzen, Katy (Kevin) O'Donnell, and Lauren (Mitch) Sharp; and grandchildren: Sean, Ryan, Parker, Paige, Caroline, and Amelia. Terry graduated from Thornridge in 1964 as Athlete of the Year. He attended Indiana State University on a football scholarship and was Captain of the team. Terry coached the Thornridge Falcons for over 13 years and was the Varsity Head Football Coach at Thornwood for 11 years. He remains the most successful coach in the Thunderbird's history. In 2006, Terry was asked to return as Interim Head Coach of the Falcons. He accepted the position on the condition he would only coach with the "dream team" - his former coaching staff. He led the team to the playoffs for the first time since 1993 and on to the Class 6A quarterfinals. That year, he was named Times Coach of the Year. Terry's love for the game radiated in everything he did and he touched many lives as a coach, mentor, and Dean of Students. His larger than life attitude and witty banter will be missed by many...and boy could he dance the Funky Chicken!

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Michael Knowles, 68 of Winthrop Harbor passed away peacefully on Sept. 6, surrounded by his family & friends. He was born in Evanston to Donald & Lillian Knowles. Mike was a Vietnam veteran & worked for Campanella Construction for 20 yrs. He was the Newport assistant fire fighter engineer for many years. Mike enjoyed riding his Harley with his many friends. He cheered on the Green Bay Packers, enjoyed fishing & traveling. Mike always loved having fun with his friends & family, always a joker. Mike is survived by his wife, Patty, brother Jeff (Kathy), sisters Mary (Dave), Ellen (Charlie) & many nieces & nephews. Preceding his death are his brother Donnie, sisters, Joanne Rohrer & Lois Longston. Mike was loved by many & will be deeply missed. A celebration of life will be held at the VFW hall, 1112 Sheridan Rd. Winthrop Harbor, IL. on September 28 from 1-5 pm.

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Fred H. La Bella, age 90, of Lombard. Beloved husband of Tressa, nee Ponsetto; loving father of John La Bella (Fiancée Jennifer Sons) and Maria (David) Martin; devoted grandfather of 11; preceded in death by 2 brothers and 1 sister; uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Memorial Gathering, Friday, September 13, 9AM until time of prayers at 10:30 AM at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. So. Of Roosevelt Rd.) Lombard. Memorial mass 11 AM at Christ the King, 1501 S. Main St., Lombard. Interment private. Memorials to Lurie's Children Hospital, 225 E Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611, are appreciated. Funeral info: (630) 932-1500 or www.knollcrest.net. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Linetsky, Doreen

Doreen Linetsky (nee Desser) 78, passed away peacefully in the arms of her loved ones on September 8, 2019. Doreen leaves a legacy of steadfast love and devotion to her children, Beth (Bruce) Brownstein, and David (Kate) Pearlman, her son-in-law, Steven (Leslye) Smith. Please join us in honoring the life and the memory of our devoted mother. Memorial Service will take place at Makom Solel Lakeside Synagogue, 1301 Clavey Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035 on Thursday September 12, 2019 at 1:00 pm. As it was Doreen's wish to donate her body to the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois, there will be no burial service. Shiva will follow immediately after the service in which will be taking place at the Brownstein residence, 1028 Talbot Lane, Grayslake, IL 60030 until 9:00 pm. In lieu of flowers the family encourages contributions in Doreen's honor to be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Please visit their website www.lls.org or contact them at 888-557-7177.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to **Northern Illinois Funeral Services, Inc** 847-833-2928.

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Peter J. Panos, at rest September 6, 2019; beloved husband of the late Claudia H. Panos; devoted father of John (Nancy), Georgia (Richard) Welch, Annie and the late Michael; loving grandfather of Peter, Emma, Claire, Sophia, Valerie, Connor, Peter III, Olivia, Ozy and Michael; cherished brother and uncle to many. Peter was a dedicated employee of Navistar, having retired after over 40 years of service. Visitation, Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m. at **The Elms Funeral Home** 7600 W. Grand Ave. (north on 76th Ave.) Elmwood Park. Family and Friends to meet Friday at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 601 S. Central Ave, Chicago for a 10:30 a.m. Service. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. For information 708-453-1234 or www.elmsfh.com

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Vivian J. Pintacura, 92, of Prospect Hts., loving wife of the late Louis; loved mother of Sam (Claire) and Angela (Greg) Hill; cherished grandmother to Carissa (Matt) Fairchild and Kevin Hill; beloved sister to the late Thomas M. Stocco; fond sister-in-law to Adele Stocco; and dear aunt to several nieces and nephews. Vivian worked as a Music and Dance Teacher for 57 years. Visitation, Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 3 pm until 8 pm at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd. (4 blocks south of Arlington Hts. Rd.), Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Visitation 9:30 am Friday, September 13, 2019 at St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church, 411 N. Wheeling Rd., Prospect Hts., IL 60070 until the 10:30 am Funeral Mass. Burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Northbrook. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Catholic Charities at <https://catholiccharities.net>. Funeral Information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Charles J. "Chuck" Prochaska III, age 59, beloved husband of Mona nee Gilbert; loving father of Charles IV (Alison) Prochaska and Cara (Alex) Weinberg; devoted grandfather of Eleanor and Charles V. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Thursday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park IL 60487 to St. Francis of Assisi Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers please preform a random kind of kindness in Chucks memory. Funeral info (708) 532-3100.

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Shirley H. Rood passed way September 7, 2019. She was born October 27th, 1926 at Ravenswood Hospital, Chicago. Her family members include the love of her life, her loving husband, the late Ray J. and children: Scott (Jen Ratcliffe), Debbie (Ken Dau), Mark (Terri Medwed), and Lisa (Tom Lesniak). Grandchildren: Ryan (Anna) Dau, Katie (Andrew) Giegler, Mike (Kara) Rood, Clay, Caroline, and Jonathan Lesniak. Great-grandchildren: Olivia, Emma, Evan, and Hailey. Devoted companion of Lucy. Shirley was the daughter of the late Henry and Ann Ayasse, sister of Lois Tolf and the late Betty Pierson. Shirley grew up in Chicago and graduated from Von Stueben High School 1944. She married her high school sweetheart and they enjoyed 67 years of marriage together. In addition to being the world's greatest Mom, Grandma, and GG, Shirley worked in banking, did the accounting for the family business and was an office manager for a mfg. rep. firm. While raising her children she started the first PTA at Frederick Stock School, serving as the president, was Sunday School Superintendent at EPLC as well as a Sunday School teacher, Director of the VBS programs for many years and Bethel Guardian of Jobs Daughters Bethel 103. Her true devotion was to her family, extended family and friends. While traveling to Hunky Dory, most of the USA including Hawaii and Alaska, Europe, South America, Central America, Africa and Asia, her favorite place to be was at "the cottage" in Twin Lakes, WI where her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends gathered for fun in the summer sun and holidays. Shirley was a member of Edison Park Lutheran Church and All Saints Lutheran in Palatine. Visitation Thursday, September 12, 4-8 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S Northwest Hwy, Park Ridge and Friday September 13, 9-10 a.m. at Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N Oliphant, Chicago. Funeral Service begins at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials to A Better Life For Kids, www.abetterlifeforkids.org or Shriners Children's Hospital, www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org are appreciated.

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ROSENBAUM, GLORIA S. Born January 1, 1924. Passed away September 10, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Irving M. Rosenbaum. Cherished mother of Mark Rosenbaum (Mary-Ann Wilson) and N. Rosie Rosenbaum (Shimon Layani). Treasured grandmother of Libby Rosenbaum (Michael Rafferty), Ted Rosenbaum (Mandy Kovach), Sharon Layani, and Karen Layani. Adoring great-grandmother of Gus Rafferty and Leo Rafferty. Loving daughter of the late Louis Satin and the late Anna (Lask) Satin. Dear sister of the late Shirley (the late Irving) Klain and the late Howard Satin. Fond aunt of Mike Klain (Janet Putnam) and Robert Klain (Peggy Cosgrove). Caring great-aunt to Emily Klain, Ellen Klain Marshall (Jonathan Marshall), Rachel Klain, and Michael Klain. Austin High School; University of Illinois; Illinois realtor. Longtime resident of Highland Park, Mission Hills Country Club in Northbrook, and the Sedgebrook Senior Living Community in Lincolnshire. Active in Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, Hadassah, O.R.T., Lyric Opera, National Jewish Health (of Denver, via Midwest Region), Institute for Learning in Retirement (Northwestern U), and many other organizations. Member of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El of Highland Park, Beth Shalom of Northbrook, and Sedgebrook Shabbat services. Avid book and film discussion group member, devoted attendee at plays and theaters throughout the North Shore, and lousy Mahjong player. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory to J.U.F. (www.juf.org), National Jewish Health (www.nationaljewish.org), or the charity of your choice. Services Thursday 2 PM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Memorial Park. Funeral information: 847-256-5700.

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 in relation to the use of an Assumed Business
 Name in the conduct or transaction of
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 with the County Clerk of Cook County
 File No.
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 Date: **August 23, 2019**
 Under the Assumed Name of: **ELDELEO**
 with the business located at:
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CHICAGO, IL, 60659

The true name and residence Address of
 the owner is: **MERITA MILA**
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 in relation to the use of an Assumed Business
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 Date: **8/13/2019**
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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Christopher Ostash Sophia Ostash

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Patricia Sasso (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00664 19JA00667

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 25, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/01/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **8 COURTROOM H**, 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
August 23, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kaiden Allison

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Joyce Allison (Mother) AKA Jocelyn Allison
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00367

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Anthony Norris AKA Anthony Norris-Williams (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 11, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/01/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **14 COURTROOM N**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 29, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Ethan Martinez Amissanna Valdez AKA Amissanna Martinez Emilliana Martinez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Hayde Valdez (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00897 19JA00898 19JA00899

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Oscar Martinez (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 16, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/01/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **10 COURTROOM J**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 3, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Deandre Smith

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Joyce Allison (Mother) AKA Jocelyn Allison
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00366

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Deandre Smith**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 11, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/01/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **14 COURTROOM N**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 29, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Leilani Evans

A MINOR NO. 2018JD00999

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 Notice is given you, **Keith Bunch, SR. (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **June 21, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this case, in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago Illinois on **09/25/2019 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **56 COURTROOM 10**

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.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
August 20, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
G. Morris, S. Bostic
 ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
 ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton
 CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois
 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000
 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
 COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Madeline Murphy

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tiffany Schlipitz (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00942

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 23, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/01/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **10 COURTROOM J**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 30, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Ethan Martinez Amissanna Valdez AKA Amissanna Martinez Emilliana Martinez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Hayde Valdez (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00897 19JA00898 19JA00899

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Oscar Martinez (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 16, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/01/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **10 COURTROOM J**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 3, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Miles Quillinan

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Lisa Marie Quillinan
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00206

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 06, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea M. Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/01/2019 at 10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **4 COURTROOM D**, 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
August 20, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Leilani Evans

A MINOR NO. 2018JD00999

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 Notice is given you, **Keith Bunch, SR. (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **June 21, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this case, in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago Illinois on **09/25/2019 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **56 COURTROOM 10**

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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
August 20, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
G. Morris, S. Bostic
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 ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton
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 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000
 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
 COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

LEGAL NOTICES

On July 16, 2019, an associate from Walmart Store #639, located at 150 Altama Connector in Brunswick, GA, was reviewing hard copy records and could not locate a set of prescription records. Walmart immediately searched for the records within the store and off-site retention locations. Unfortunately, Walmart was unable to locate the records. Walmart's investigation did not indicate that the situation was the result of theft or other criminal behavior.

The records affected pertain to prescriptions filled between July 2006 and June 2007 from Store #639. The personal information that may have been contained in the records includes name, date of birth, address, phone number, name of prescription medication, drug strength, drug quantity, prescription numbers, provider information such as provider name, and dates associated with the prescription such as the fill date. Walmart has no indication that patient information has been misused in any way.

Walmart is continuing to review the facts and circumstances surrounding this matter and is evaluating whether additional safeguards can help prevent this type of incident from occurring in the future.

Although Walmart has no reason to believe that the patient information has been misused, or is likely to be misused, Walmart is sending individual notices to affected patients regarding the incident. Affected patients are encouraged to call 1-866-775-4209 for assistance and advice regarding how this incident may have affected them. In addition, patients should always be vigilant when reviewing explanations of benefits and other information pertaining to health care. Patients should also be cautious about requests to provide any personal or financial information over the phone, by text, or by email and verify the source of any such requests.

Walmart places great value in its customers' trust and takes this matter very seriously. The company is fully committed to protecting the privacy and security of patients' personal information.

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TO: John Emeringer, Jr., Occupant, City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, Curtis Smith, and John Franklin, ; Angelina E. Eringer aka Angelina Emeringer; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002526 FILED August 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0009815 Sold for General Taxes of 2010-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. (Not Applicable) Installment No. (Not Applicable) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1522 N. Kilpatrick Ave, Chicago, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-03-101-025-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on January 24, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 24, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on February 10, 2020, at 9:30 AM you may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 24, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: August 26, 2019 Pub: 9/9, 10, 11/2019 6425133

TAKE NOTICES

TO: Wonda Faye Evans aka Wonda Hardy, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Vernita Wilborn, City of Chicago - City Clerk, Occupant 1st Floor, Occupant 2nd Floor, Neighborhood Lending Services, Inc. c/o Bruce A. Gottschall, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee For, Argent Securities Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-W4, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated 11/1/2005, and Henry Wilborn, ; ; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002529 FILED August 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0009956 Sold for General Taxes of 2013-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. (Not Applicable) Installment No. (Not Applicable) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 4735 W. Maypole Ave, Chicago, IL 60644 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-10-318-007-0000 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 January 24, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 24, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on February 10, 2020, at 9:30 AM you may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 24, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: August 26, 2019 Pub: 9/9, 10, 11/2019 6425122

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TO: New Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Occupant 1st Floor, Occupant 2nd Floor, Bishop Barry Earron Ministries, Inc., and New Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church c/o Arletha Holmes, ; ; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002531 FILED August 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0010031 Sold for General Taxes of 2013-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. (Not Applicable) Installment No. (Not Applicable) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3858 W. Ohio St, Chicago, IL 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-11-112-052-0000 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 January 24, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 24, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on February 10, 2020, at 9:30 AM you may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 24, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: August 26, 2019 Pub: 9/9, 10, 11/2019 6425001

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TO: Betty Holmes, Occupant 1st Floor, Occupant 2nd Floor, Occupant, Jurlan Market, and Betty Holmes, ; Betty Holmes; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002530 FILED August 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0009596 Sold for General Taxes of 2012-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. (Not Applicable) Installment No. (Not Applicable) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3239 W Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-11-206-007-0000 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 January 24, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 24, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on February 10, 2020, at 9:30 AM you may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 24, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: August 26, 2019 Pub: 9/9, 10, 11/2019 6425009

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TO: Debra B. Jones, Occupant 1st Floor, Occupant 2nd Floor, Ali Muhammad, Fast Property Solutions Inc., c/o Secretary of State, Fast Property Solutions Inc., City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, Neighborhood Lending Services, Inc. c/o Bruce A. Gottschall, Debra B. Jones, City of Chicago - City Clerk, City of Chicago - Department of Water, Amna Muhammad, Adrienne Scott, and Tiffany Carter; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002518 FILED August 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 19, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0003444 Sold for General Taxes of 2009-2011 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. (Not Applicable) Installment No. (Not Applicable) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 6111 S. Langley Ave, Chicago, IL 60637 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-15-414-003-0000 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 January 24, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 24, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on February 10, 2020, at 9:30 AM you may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 24, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: August 26, 2019 Pub: 9/9, 10, 11/2019 6425173

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TO: CGC Real Estate Services, LLC, CGC Real Estate Services, LLC c/o Craig Halperin, Occupant, The 6507 S. Langley Condominium Association, City of Chicago - City Clerk, and Goldman Grant; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002521 FILED August 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 19, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0005160 Sold for General Taxes of 2009-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. (Not Applicable) Installment No. (Not Applicable) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 6507 S. Langley Ave, Unit 1, Chicago, IL 60637 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-22-222-052-1001 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 January 24, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 24, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on February 10, 2020, at 9:30 AM you may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 24, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: August 26, 2019 Pub: 9/9, 10, 11/2019 6425158

TO: Paul Shipp, Kathryn Shipp, NBD Mortgage Company, City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, Home Loan Investment Corporation, Modena Shipp, Occupant, Brenda Donald, Paula Shipp, and Dionte Donald; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002517 FILED August 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 21, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0009191 Sold for General Taxes of 2009-2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. (Not Applicable) Installment No. (Not Applicable) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 7613 S. Wood St, Chicago, IL 60620 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-30-416-005-0000 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 January 21, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before January 21, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on February 10, 2020, at 9:30 AM you may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before January 21, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: August 26, 2019 Pub: 9/9, 10, 11/2019 6425187

TO: City of Chicago, Water Dept.; Dharmavaram Jayakrishna, The 1964 Fund Partnership; Occupant, 345 W 111TH PL, CHICAGO, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008105. FILED: 12/4/2018. AMENDED PETITION FILED: 8/21/2019. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 7/21/2017. Certificate No. 175-0009586. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger (2006-2015). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 345 W 111TH PL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-21-204-001-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 1/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 1/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 1/8/2020. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 1/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: August 29, 2019. Pub: 9/9, 10, 11/2019 6425942

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NOTICE INVITATION TO BID
TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO FOR PUBLIC TENDER OF BIDS A 99-YEAR LEASE ON 44.61 ACRES OF DISTRICT REAL ESTATE LOCATED SOUTH OF THE CAL-SAG CHANNEL BETWEEN CICERO AVENUE AND KOSTNER AVENUE IN CRESTWOOD, ILLINOIS; CAL-SAG CHANNEL PARCELS 12.05, 12.07 AND 12.08
LEASE NUMBER: 19-365-11
PROPOSALS ARE DUE: September 17, 2019
Sealed proposals, endorsed as above, must be deposited in the sealed bid depository located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Administration Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611 from the date of the invitation to bid, up to 11:00 a.m. on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement & Materials Management or her designee at 11:00 a.m. on September 17, 2019.
NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 11:00 A.M. ON THE ABOVE SCHEDULED BID DATE. ALL BIDS FAXED OR ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER. PROPOSALS TRANSMITTED BY U.S. MAIL OR OTHER DELIVERY WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY WHEN SAID PROPOSALS ARE IN THE DEPOSITORY AT THE TIME FIXED FOR OPENING THEREOF. THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED BY MAIL OR OTHER DELIVERY WILL BE DEPOSITED IN THE DEPOSITORY IN TIME FOR SUCH OPENING.
The land to be leased is 44.61 acres of District real estate located south of the Cal-Sag Channel between Cicero Avenue and Kostner Avenue in Crestwood, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcels 12.05, 12.07 and 12.08. Access to the site is obtained through Cicero Avenue. The site currently contains approximately 200,000 cubic yards of spoil material. The lease is subject to existing pipeline, utility and other easements, including, but not limited to, easements granted to: 1) Chicag Pipe Line Company to operate and maintain a 14-inch subterranean pipeline and cathodic protection unit at the eastern end of Parcel 12.05 (the easement expires May 27, 2044); 2) the Village of Crestwood to operate and maintain a 60-inch subterranean storm sewer on Parcel 12.05 (the easement expires May 27, 2042); and 3) the Village of Crestwood to operate and maintain a 16-inch subterranean water main on Parcels 12.05, 12.07 and 12.08 (the easement expires April 19, 2043). The lease is also subject to a permit issued to the Village of Crestwood to remove the existing spoil pile and to bring the site to grade level (the permit expires December 31, 2020). The District makes no representations or warranties that the spoil will be removed or the ultimate timing of any such removal. These easements and permit may be renewed throughout the term of any lease subject to the District's Board of Commissioners' approval.
The District's Board of Commissioners has established the fair market value of the property at \$12,625,000.00 and the minimum initial annual rental bid at \$820,625.00. In the event gaming or gambling operations are conducted on the leased premises, the District will share in the revenues derived from such operations based on a percentage of such revenues to be determined. The amount of such revenues shall not be considered in determining the highest responsible bidder for lease award purposes. A form lease to be used in this transaction is attached hereto. The District reserves the right to make any changes or modifications to the lease as it deems necessary prior to award of any lease.
The lease shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder in accordance with bid procedures set forth by state law 70 ILCS 2605/8c et seq, and subject to the acceptance and approval of the bid by the Board of Commissioners of the District. The highest bidder will be required to provide financial statements and/or other information to establish its financial responsibility.
Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement & Materials Management, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday - Friday, between 8:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Documents will be mailed in response to a fax request (#312/751-3042). Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may also be downloaded online from the District's website, www.mwrd.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business->Procurement and Materials Management->Contract Announcements. No fee is required for the contract documents.
The District assumes no responsibility for documents sent through the mail. Further, the District assumes no liability or responsibility for the failure or inability of any Bidder to successfully download any and all contract documents, including, but not limited to, specifications, proposal forms and/or plans, as a result of any type of technological computer and/or software system failure or breakdown that restricts, prohibits or prevents successful downloading of any and all District contract documents by the Bidder, whether caused by the District or other parties, directly or indirectly.
Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms. Proposal forms are to be placed in the special envelope furnished by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. If proposal forms are downloaded online, the Bidder is responsible to submit the complete set of contract documents. This volume is to remain intact. The Bidder shall place the complete set of contract documents in a sealed envelope clearly marked as follows:
Sealed Bid Depository, MOB Lobby
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
100 E Erie Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Proposal For: Lease Number 19-365-11
Failure to submit the complete set of contract documents as specified may render the bid non-responsive and the bid may be rejected.
Bidders are to include with their proposal signed copies of any addenda, or acknowledgment receipt of any addenda, if the District issued any addenda to this contract. Failure to do so may be cause for the rejection of any bid. If bidding documents are available online, any addenda issued for this contract will be available online at the District's website, www.mwrd.org. The path is as follows: **Doing Business->Procurement and Materials Management->Contract Announcements.** Addenda will also be mailed, delivered, or faxed to each person receiving a set of such contract documents and to such other prospective bidders as shall have requested that they be furnished with a copy of the addenda.
Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of cash (U.S. currency only), cashier's check, or certified check payable to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the initial annual rental based on bidder's Proposal. Such checks will be acceptable only if drawn on a bank or savings and loan association. If the check is not stamped as a "certified" or "cashier's check" on its face, such check must be accompanied by a letter on letterhead of the financial institution and signed by an officer of the financial institution stating that the check is a guaranteed obligation of the financial institution. Any proposal submitted without being accompanied by such bid deposit will not be considered and will not be read after it is publicly opened. Any portion of the bid deposit not applied to the bid will be applied to the security deposit.
The required bid deposit will be forfeited in the event the successful bidder fails to execute a lease agreement within 13 days of its tender. All other deposits will be returned to the respective depositors. The form of the lease currently used for this transaction is available for inspection at the District office identified below.
The successful bidder, if other than the initial applicant, will pay to the District the cost for obtaining the applicant's two (2) appraisal reports, the cost of which will be documented upon execution of the lease. In order for the initial applicant to be reimbursed for its costs in obtaining 2 appraisal reports, said initial applicant must submit a qualifying bid in this matter. In addition, the successful bidder will obtain at his cost a plat of survey and legal description of the subject premises and submit same to the District within 21 days of the award.
The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.
The District offers all prospective tenants that are awarded leases through competitive bidding the opportunity to participate in the District's **Green Infrastructure Program**. Participation is voluntary for all private non-governmental entities. Under the program, private entities can receive a credit equal to \$0.50 on the \$1.00, up to 10% of the annual rent owed to the District, capped at the first 10 years of the lease, for expenditures related to pre-approved green infrastructure. If interested, see the *Green Infrastructure Program Information Sheet* included with this Bid Package.
Any potential bidder with questions regarding the meaning of any part of the specifications or other bidding documents should submit such inquiries online at the District's website, www.mwrd.org. The path is as follows: **Doing Business->Procurement and Materials Management->Contract Announcements.** The District will provide an online response to such inquiries, as the District deems appropriate. Strings of appropriate questions and answers regarding the bidding documents will be available online on the District's website until the bid opening date of the bidding documents. No questions will be accepted by telephone, fax, email, mail or any other such form of delivery.
The District does not guarantee the timeliness of responses provided online, nor does the District guarantee that such responses will be provided in adequate time to affect the submission of bids. The District shall provide responses online ONLY if the responses do not interpret or otherwise change the bidding documents.
The District's responses online are NOT official responses and, therefore, are not binding to the bidding documents. Any official interpretation or change to the bidding documents will be made only by addenda duly issued to all plan holders on record by the Director of Procurement & Materials Management.
The District will only respond to questions received online up to ONE WEEK prior to the bid opening date of the bidding documents. The District will not respond to questions received after this date.
The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals.
The contact person for this contract is Christopher Murray. This contract person will provide online responses to online inquiries.
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
By: Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement & Materials Management

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On the Bears

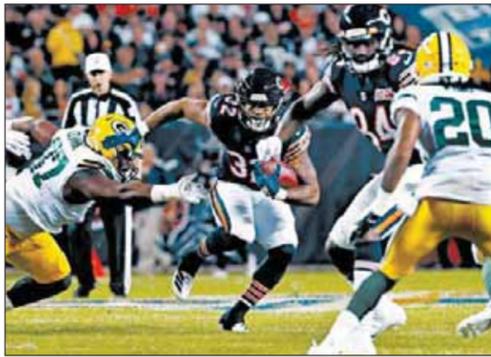
Over a long weekend, the Bears had time to contemplate where in the world their running game went in the season-opening loss to the Packers before returning to practice Monday at Halas Hall.

While no one has offered up a clear explanation for what happened in the 10-3 loss — a one-score game the whole way —

coach Matt Nagy is the one who holds the play-call sheet and makes the decisions.

Quarterback Mitch Trubisky attempted 45 passes, the third-highest total in his 27 career starts and dropped back to pass on 53 snaps. He was sacked five times and scrambled twice, running once on a busted play that was designed as a shovel pass to tight end Ben Braunecker. It created an unbalanced offense as he handed the ball off 12 times — only seven coming after the first two possessions.

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JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Getting off the ground

Rich Campbell and Dan Wiederer discuss what the Bears must do to bounce back against Vic Fangio and the Broncos in Denver. Real Talk, **Back Page**

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Blame unimportant in offense's woes

Cleaning up mess should be main focus



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

Football conditions players and coaches to be long on patience and short on memory.

If only the rest of us could forget the Bears' 10-3 season-opening defeat to the Packers that raised uncomfortable questions about quarterback Mitch Trubisky and coach Matt Nagy.

Who was more culpable for the offensive collapse?

Our civic debate over how to divvy up blame continues with no wrong answer. How Trubisky played was more deflating because of all of the hype surrounding his development. How Nagy coached was more disappointing based on expectations.

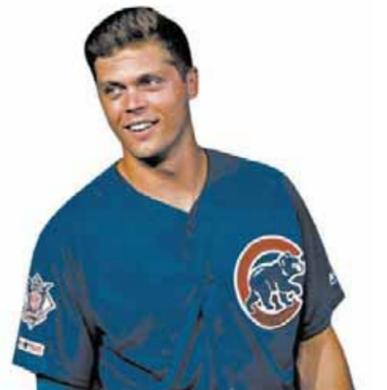
Everybody hoped for more out of Trubisky given this game began his third year as an NFL starter and second in Nagy's offense.

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CUBS AT PADRES

'NOBODY EXPECTS HIM TO BE A SAVIOR'



With injuries plaguing Cubs, **Nico Hoerner** will be playing a key role in pennant race

BY MARK GONZALES

SAN DIEGO — Ben Zobrist smiled and sighed late Monday night in assessing the significance of Nico Hoerner getting three hits in his major-league debut.

"I tell all these prospects who got their first hit in their first at-bat, it took

Cubs rookie Nico Hoerner hits a single during the second inning of Monday night's game in San Diego.
GREGORY BULL/AP PHOTOS

me 14," the 38-year-old Zobrist said. "I'm really happy he got that one out of the way."

There will be more hits coming for Hoerner, 22, who presents an intriguing situation for a Cubs team trying desperately to secure a playoff berth without Javier Baez and Addison Russell — whose injuries opened the door for Hoerner's unlikely promotion.

Hoerner, a first-round pick from

Stanford in the 2018 draft, has had only 380 professional plate appearances and hadn't played above Double A. So he might need more minor-league seasoning before he's evaluated as more than a stopgap measure in the majors.

Hoerner suffered a broken left wrist on April 23 that sidelined him for 2½ months.

"He didn't get those ABs," said Jason McLeod, the Cubs' senior vice president of scouting and player development. "In a first full season, that's a healthy chunk of time to miss."

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

ESPN quickly punts on graphic

It took a full season of viewer complaints last year to hound analyst-wannabe Jason Witten out of ESPN's "Monday Night Football" booth and back into a Cowboys uniform.

But a terrible new down-and-distance graphic that many viewers mistook as signaling a penalty?

That was gone after the first half of the first game of Monday's season-opening doubleheader, setting what appeared to be some kind of land-speed record for complaints-to-correction.

Literally, fans tweeted for two quarters of the Texans-Saints showdown about how much they loathed it and — poof! — it was gone.

Like it was some fluorescent-highlighter fever dream that had never been real in the first place.

The quickness with which ESPN abandoned this unnecessary bit of flash probably speaks more to how misguided this latest supposed "innovation" was than any increased sensitivity to the twitterati.

After all, ESPN is still running that awful halftime "entertainment" feature no one likes. Twice on opening Monday.

Who knows? Maybe someone with the NFL told them the graphic was a mistake and its disappearance would be much appreciated.

Whatever made it happen, the stupid thing is dead. We hardly knew ye, and thank goodness.

This short-lived down-and-distance was ugly and it distracted from the game.

Its yellowish tint too closely resembled the sort of on-screen adornment football fans have been conditioned to associate with penalties, which made it especially disorienting.

So, one wants to congratulate ESPN on its willingness to change course so quickly but at the same time question what kind of inane process puts this sort of thing on in the first place.

ESPN's longstanding desire to jam every possible bell, whistle and other bauble it can think of onto "Monday Night Football" has made the pylon-cam *de rigueur*, but it also gave us duds such as the Booger Mobile.

Its reverence for the NFL suggests this graphic had to have been tweaked and tested and probably required approvals from upper management. This was not some casual, last-minute add-on.



Before and after screenshots of ESPN's new down-and-distance graphic, which the network used Monday before taking off the yellow highlight after a flurry of complaints.

TWEETS FROM BILL HOFHEIMER/ESPN PUBLIC RELATIONS

Smart money says ESPN was so focused on a graphic that would be readable on a mobile phone that it didn't fully consider or simply ignored how it would look on a screen larger than a viewer's palm.

Like, you know, a television.

No one was complaining that the old down-and-distance, the one ESPN returned to, was in any way inadequate.

Not only did the supposed improvement distract from the game it was meant to enhance, it distracted from the outrage ESPN truly intended to stir up.

Viewers who watched the game via DirecTV were presented with a targeted message from ESPN, warning that its contract with the satellite service is due to expire soon.

(DirecTV parent AT&T subsequently expressed disappointment that ESPN parent Walt Disney Co. "put their viewers into the middle of negotiations," although that's exactly where DirecTV subscribers will be caught — in the middle — if there's no deal.)

If you want to tweet about that, ESPN no doubt would love to see it. But let's be realistic about the power of social media.

If tweets were all it took to get ESPN to make changes, the mind boggles at what "Monday Night Football," "Sunday Night Baseball," "SportsCenter" or its argument shows would look and sound like on any given day.

It gets kicked around a lot because it's a big, imperfect target, and it has developed a thick skin and insular attitude as a result.

That's what enables it to install and stand by an inexperienced commentator on its biggest show in once-and-future tight end Witten, stubbornly resisting calls to remove him despite mounting evidence he is a bust week after week.

The surprise here isn't that ESPN could develop and deploy such an awful down-and-distance graphic on "Monday Night Football." It's that it acknowledged its mistake, and so quickly.

The down-and-distance graphic should be suiting up for the Cowboys any day now.

LET'S PLAY 2

	Sunday @Broncos 3:25 p.m. FOX-32	Sept. 23 @Redskins 7:15 p.m. ESPN
	Wednesday @Padres 9:10 p.m. ABC-7	Thursday @Padres 2:40 p.m. NBCSCH
	Wednesday Royals 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH	Thursday Royals 1:10 p.m. WGN-9
	Saturday FC Dallas 2:30 p.m. Univision	Sept. 21 @FC Cin. 6:30 p.m. ESPN+
	Wednesday Mercury 7 p.m. ESPN2	Sunday @Aces or Sparks (if advanced)

WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

BASEBALL		
6 p.m. Braves at Phillies	ESPN	
7:10 p.m. Royals at White Sox	NBCSCH	
		WGN-AM 720
9:10 p.m. Cubs at Padres	ABC-7	
		WSCR-AM 670

BASKETBALL		
7 p.m. WNBA: Mercury at Sky	ESPN2	
9 p.m. WNBA: Lynx at Storm	ESPN2	

TENNIS		
7:30 a.m. WTA: Zhengzhou Open	Tennis	
10 a.m. USTA: Pro Circuit Cary	Tennis	

VOLLEYBALL		
7 p.m. Women: Oregon at Pitt	ESPNU	

ASK THE REPORTER

BRAD BIGGS

When Ryan Pace was asked if keeping six inside linebackers was for the present or future, he said both. Can you provide your thoughts on what he meant? I know Danny Trevathan is coming out of contract. — @rradulski

Yes, Trevathan is in the final year of his contract, and the Bears could seek a cheaper starter, knowing they will need to pay Roquan Smith. Look for the Bears to evaluate some reserves based on how they play on special teams.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Mascots should be celebrated, not trolled



SHANNON RYAN
On colleges

I know this will come as a shock. Please brace yourself to absorb this earth-shattering news. Leprechauns are not real.

Trolls are, though. Barstool Sports founder and Twitter bully Dave Portnoy manufactured another

controversy to try to ruin a college student's accomplishment for clicks. He noticed Notre Dame has a black leprechaun mascot — the second in school history — and decided this would be a perfect opportunity to whip his Twitter-soldier legion into a racist frenzy.

He tweeted that the Notre Dame mascot should always be a short “ginger.”

Of course, Portnoy will say it's just a joke and the world is filled with overly sensitive snowflakes. This is his — and his website's — recipe.

Samuel J. Jackson, the young man who earned the right to be one of three Notre Dame mascots, had a gracious response.

“Like it or not, this guy right here is still one of your Notre Dame leprechauns!” he wrote on Twitter. “How about we use this negative energy to bring us together this season? See y'all next game.”

It has been encouraging to see Irish fans support Jackson.

Notre Dame remains a campus that can be complicated for black students. Black family members and friends have told me upon their first visits to campus they are baffled by the stark lack of diversity. (Less than 4% of students are black.)

“I faced the enormous challenge of discovering my individuality within the confines of unfamiliar and overwhelmingly homogeneous surroundings,” 2004 graduate Jamie Austin wrote in the 2014 book “Black Domers: Seventy Years at Notre Dame.” “I wanted to be known as more than just ‘the black girl’ in class, but I felt the need to hold on to my ‘blackness’ so that I didn't lose my identity.”

Austin added how seeing other “firsts” among black students at Notre Dame inspired her.

“Naturally I saw great athletes, but I was also privileged to know the first black leprechaun, the first black female drum major and a black member of the Irish Guard. With the inspiration of these trailblazers in mind, I found the courage to pursue my interest in cheerleading. ... Even though I cheered before only a few fans at the soccer games in the fall, I presented to them a part of Notre Dame that was often overlooked.”

That's why Jackson is more than a mascot. It matters that Jackson is the first black leprechaun since Mike Brown in 2001, and it matters that Lynnette Wukie is the third and the first female to earn the position. She's inspiring girls — and boys — who watch Notre Dame football, proving that nothing is off limits because of someone's race or gender.

With Wukie and Jackson, this is the most diverse group of mascots Notre Dame has showcased.

(Conal Fagan, who is white and from Northern Ireland, is the third leprechaun.)

As ambassadors for the university in a role that has traditionally been played by white students, Jackson and Wukie are breaking stereotypes and barriers.



JOE ROBBINS/GETTY

Samuel J. Jackson earned the right to be one of Notre Dame's mascots through a tryout.

Jackson should be celebrated.

“The advice that I'll follow will be to bring all of myself to the field, whatever that may be or whatever the games may bring out,” Jackson said, according to reports, after he was selected in the spring. “And I will use that, along with the rest of my ‘Lepre-family’, to bring to the fans and the students and the spectators that same joy that Notre Dame brings to me.”

What kind of miserable adult must one be to try to funnel hatred toward a college student happily living his life? Maybe it's whatever racism fuels white people so accustomed to seeing themselves at the forefront that they lose it when Disney makes a movie with a black mermaid, or when “Star Wars” features a black Stormtrooper, or when a college football team has a black mascot.

“Something that was really important to me, and the rest of us is to show people that we're not changing tradition,” Wukie said in the spring. “We're not breaking tradition. We're just showing people that the tradition of Notre Dame is for anyone and everyone that wants to go after it.”

If you're a Notre Dame fan or even if you're not, you could flood Portnoy's timeline letting him in on the secret that leprechauns are fictional. Better yet, ignore him and put all your support behind Jackson.

If you're at a game in South Bend, Ind., cheer as heartily for Jackson as you do for the football team. Let the sports department and administration know how much you enjoy seeing him on the sideline.

Make this leprechaun's reality a positive one.

BLACKHAWKS



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Blackhawks forward Kirby Dach suffered a shoulder injury at the NHL Prospect Tournament in Traverse City, Mich.

Few Hawks get a little banged up

Dach, Boqvist suffer ‘minor’ injuries in Prospect tourney

By JIMMY GREENFIELD

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — With each successive injury, the NHL Prospect Tournament seemed to grow bleaker and bleaker for the Blackhawks.

Tuesday's appearance in the seventh-place game of the eight-team tournament already was disappointing enough. When Hawks first-round pick Kirby Dach left the game with a right shoulder injury after getting boarded midway through the first period, disappointment turned to shock.

But it was just the beginning.

Top defensive prospect Adam Boqvist, last year's first-round pick, headed to the locker room early in the second period holding his side. Before anyone could process that the Hawks' top two prospects were out of the game with injuries, forwards Philipp Kurashev and Mikael Hakkarainen left the game.

The Wild's Damien Giroux was called for a major penalty for boarding Kurashev, who struggled to get up before leaving the ice. Minutes later, Hakkarainen lost several teeth when he was hit with an errant stick to end his afternoon.

None of the players was made available to the media after the game — which the Hawks won 6-1 — but Hawks director of minor-league affiliations Mark Bernard said each of the four had suffered minor injuries.

“They're all minor injuries,” Bernard said. “It's more precautionary than ever. They've had a long week here in Traverse City. They show up Wednesday night in Chicago, they practice once on Thursday, they travel here and then (playing) four games in five days isn't easy for these guys. And they've got training camp ahead of them, so we want to make sure they're ready for that.”

Bernard said Boqvist suffered a bruise “up top in his chest” after going hard into the boards and wasn't the result of a bad hit. But Giroux was ejected after his hit on Kurashev and the Wild's Drake Pilon was called for a minor boarding penalty for his hit on Dach, who lay on the ground for several seconds before dragging himself off the ice to get medical attention.

IceHogs coach Derek King, who has been coaching the Hawks prospects this week, tried to downplay the Wild knocking four of his players out of the game in less than two periods.

“Team gets down, gets a little physical, guys getting a little bumped up,” King said. “Nothing major. It was a good opportunity for the other guys to get some extra ice time and I thought they handled it really well.”

The Hawks open training camp Friday and when asked if the four injured players will be available, Bernard said it was “pointing in that direction.” Kurashev and Hakkarainen have no chance to make the roster, but Dach and Boqvist are expected to fight for spots.

Boqvist is a year older than Dach and appears to be more NHL-ready, but the Hawks are set with their top six defensemen and aren't likely to use him in a reserve role.

Dach had two goals in the tournament in less than seven periods of play — including a goal before leaving Tuesday's game — and at times he looked like a man among boys. But Dach had a poor game Saturday and will need a strong camp to convince the Hawks he can perform consistently and should be on the roster when they open the season on Oct. 4 in Prague.

After Tuesday's scare, the Hawks breathed a sigh of relief that their top two prospects apparently will still have that opportunity.

Wildcats know their football history

Players dispel Fitzgerald's notion about old-time stars

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

We know how Pat Fitzgerald feels about cellphones, social media and the culture of staring down rather than looking up.

The Instagram handle @coachfitz51 has 1,692 followers ... and zero posts. Perfect.

Northwestern is honoring the 1949 Rose Bowl champion Wildcats this weekend. The team's honorary captain for their game Saturday against UNLV will be Ed Tunnicliff, who had a 45-yard touchdown run in the 20-14 win against Cal.

When Fitzgerald was asked how he might educate his players about that team, the coach replied: “They don't know who Walter Payton is, all right? To say 1949 Rose Bowl to our guys is like their great-grandparents. When you truly think about guys playing on our team now, the freshmen were born in, what, 2001? Joe Montana. Want me to keep going? Jim McMahon. They don't know who any of these people are.”

For real?

Northwestern (0-1) brought four players to media availability Monday, all veterans: defensive end Joe Gaziano, safety JR Pace, receiver Riley Lees and quarterback Hunter Johnson.

Asked if he knows who Montana is, Johnson replied: “I do. If I didn't, there would be something wrong with me.”

The Indiana native can also tell you all about Peyton Manning's greatest hits.

Lees, a Libertyville native, has some intel on the 1985 Bears, who predated him by more than a decade.

“Jim McMahon was everything you'd want in a quarterback,” Lees said. “His personality was awesome, honestly. The defense was great. Walter Payton, obviously. Other than that, I'm pretty modern.”

Gaziano likes to pretend that the '85 Bears never existed. He's a Patriots fan from Massachusetts.

“As far I'm concerned, the NFL started in 2001 when the Patriots beat the Rams, the Greatest Show on Turf,” he said. “I've done some homework on a few guys, watch ‘A Football Life’ on the NFL Network. It's fun learning the history of our game.”

Pace, the defensive back who grew up near Atlanta, said “of course” he knows who Montana is.

How about Ronnie Lott? Yup. Pace pointed to a finger, in reference to Lott's amputated pinkie. (Lott chose to lose the digit in 1986 to avoid the recovery time that would have come with reconstructive surgery.)

Jack Tatum? “Raiders,” replied Pace.

Wow. Tatum played in the '70s.

Fitzgerald would have to be impressed. Noticing players at his news conference, the coach said: “You guys can get more information in a day than my dad had in a lifetime through that thing (phones). So you are inundated with information that does not matter instead of understanding the truth of the game, the history of schools, the list goes on and on.

“Am I going to waste a lot of time explaining the 1949 Rose Bowl team to a bunch of 18- to 22-year-olds that look at Instagram? If I do a PowerPoint presentation, they will halfway fall asleep. You just gave me a great idea: We'll put out an Instagram post on the 1949 Rose Bowl team and I will educate the squad.”

Maybe it will even make his Instagram feed.

Chicago Tribune

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BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	95	51	.651	—	—	7-3	L-1	53-22	42-29
Tampa Bay	87	59	.596	8	—	9-1	W-6	43-32	44-27
Boston	76	69	.524	18½	9	3-7	L-4	36-39	40-30
Toronto	56	89	.386	38½	29	2-8	W-1	28-42	28-47
Baltimore	46	98	.319	48	38½	1-9	L-6	22-51	24-47
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	89	55	.618	—	—	6-4	W-1	41-31	48-24
Cleveland	85	61	.582	5	½	6-4	W-3	43-29	42-32
Chicago	64	80	.444	25	20½	4-6	W-2	35-37	29-43
Kansas City	53	92	.366	36½	32	6-4	L-2	29-44	24-48
Detroit	43	100	.301	45½	41	3-7	W-1	19-50	24-50
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	95	51	.651	—	—	7-3	L-1	56-18	39-33
Oakland	85	60	.586	9½	—	7-3	L-1	48-27	37-33
Texas	72	74	.493	23	13½	6-4	W-1	40-30	32-44
Los Angeles	67	79	.459	28	18½	3-7	L-3	35-36	32-43
Seattle	59	86	.407	35½	26	2-8	W-1	30-40	29-46

Late games noted below;x-clinched division

WEDNESDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Atl Keuchel (L)	7-5 3.47 9-6	0-1 7.0 2.57	3-0 19.0 0.95
Phi Eflin (R)	6:05p 8-11 4.31 9-15	0-2 5.2 19.06	1-0 18.0 2.50
Mil Davies (R)	9-7 3.69 15-12	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 13.2 3.29
Mia Lopez (R)	6:10p 5-8 4.75 6-11	1-0 6.0 0.00	0-3 14.1 7.53
Ari Ray (L)	12-7 4.03 17-12	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-0 14.1 4.40
NY Matz (L)	6:10p 9-8 4.00 14-12	0-1 6.0 7.50	1-1 16.2 2.70
STL Hudson (R)	15-6 3.40 20-8	1-0 6.0 0.00	3-0 19.2 1.83
Col Senzátela (R)	7:40p 8-10 7.19 10-11	0-1 1.2 32.40	0-3 9.2 15.83
Pit Agrazal (R)	4-4 4.94 5-6	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-1 14.1 7.53
SF Webb (R)	8:45p 1-1 6.50 2-2	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 13.0 8.31
Chi Hamels (L)	7-6 3.95 14-10	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 14.1 5.65
SD Paddack (R)	9:10p 8-7 3.54 13-11	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 14.2 4.30
AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
NY Sabathia (L)	5-8 4.93 9-11	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 10.0 6.30
Det Boshers (L)	5:40p 8-10 4.57 10-19	0-0 6.1 14.2	2-1 18.1 7.36
Bos Chacin (R)	3-10 5.60 7-13	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 7.1 11.05
Tor Thornton (R)	6:07p 4-9 5.23 9-19	0-2 10.1 12.19	0-1 13.2 4.61
Cle Plutko (R)	6-4 4.44 11-5	1-0 5.1 1.69	1-1 16.0 3.94
LA Peters (L)	7:07p 3-2 4.76 4-4	0-0 7.2 3.52	0-1 15.1 7.04
Oak Anderson (L)	11-9 4.08 17-11	0-2 10.1 6.10	1-0 17.0 4.24
Hou Verlander (R)	7:10p 18-5 2.57 21-9	2-0 21.0 1.29	3-0 21.1 0.42
KC Sparkman (R)	3-11 5.97 4-15	1-1 16.2 3.24	0-3 12.2 10.66
Chi Lopez (R)	7:10p 9-12 5.15 13-16	2-1 21.2 4.57	2-1 14.2 4.30
INTERLEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
LAD Stripling (R)	4-4 3.42 8-5	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 13.0 2.77
Bal Means (L)	6:05p 10-10 3.50 9-14	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-1 20.2 2.18
Was Strasburg (R)	16-6 3.50 18-11	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 20.0 2.25
Min Perez (L)	6:40p 10-6 4.69 15-10	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-1 14.2 6.14
Cin Gray (R)	10-6 2.75 18-10	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 18.2 1.45
Sea Gonzales (L)	9:10p 14-11 4.37 15-15	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 18.0 5.00

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 Detroit 12, N.Y. Yankees 11
 L.A. Dodgers 7, Baltimore 3
 Toronto 4, Boston 3
 Minnesota 5, Washington 0
 Tampa Bay 5, Texas 3 (11)
 Chi. White Sox 7, Kansas City 3
 Oakland 21, Houston 7
 Cleveland 8, L.A. Angels 0
 Seattle 4, Cincinnati 3
THURSDAY'S GAMES
 N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 12:10 p.m.
 Kansas City at Chi. White Sox, 1:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
 Boston at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.
 Washington at Minnesota, 6:40 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Houston, 7:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 L.A. Dodgers 7, Baltimore 3
 Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 5
 N.Y. Mets 3, Arizona 2
 Milwaukee 4, Miami 3
 Minnesota 5, Washington 0
 Colorado 2, St. Louis 1
 San Francisco 5, Pittsburgh 4
 Seattle 4, Cincinnati 3
 Chi. Cubs at San Diego, late
THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Arizona at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Miami, 12:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Colorado, 2:10 p.m.
 Chi. Cubs at San Diego, 2:40 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at San Fran., 2:45 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
 Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6:15 p.m.
 Washington at Minnesota, 6:40 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

BOX SCORES

LA. DODGERS 7, BALTIMORE 3

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pollock lf	4	0	0	2	.257
Freese 1b	3	1	2	0	.313
a-Beaty ph-1b	2	0	0	0	.284
Taylor 3b	3	1	1	0	.266
Bellinger cf	4	1	1	1	.306
Hernandez rf	4	0	1	2	.251
Seager ss	5	2	5	1	.263
Smith c	4	0	1	0	.271
Pederson dh	3	0	2	0	.250
b-Gyorko ph-dh	1	0	0	0	.174
r-Rios ph-ph	1	0	0	0	.278
Lux 2b	4	1	3	1	.250
TOTALS	38	7	13	7	.288

BALTIMORE AB R H BI SO AVG
 Villar ss 4 0 1 0 3 .277
 Mancini 1b 4 1 1 0 1 .277
 Santander lf 4 0 0 0 2 .281
 Nunez dh 1 0 0 0 0 .242
 Rugo 3b 4 0 0 0 0 .234
 Alberto 2b 4 0 1 0 0 .220
 Williams cf 3 0 2 0 0 .353
 McGhays ph 1 0 0 0 0 .257
 Stewart rf 3 1 1 1 2 .235
 a-Trumbo ph 1 0 0 0 1 .286
 Sisco c 2 1 0 0 1 .214
TOTALS 34 3 7 2 13

DETROIT 12, N.Y. YANKEES 11

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Torres 2b	5	1	1	1	.287
Gardner cf	5	2	2	3	.247
Sanchez c	4	1	1	0	.234
Encarnacion dh	5	1	1	2	.246
Gregorius ss	4	2	2	2	.252
Gea 1b	5	1	3	2	.331
Ford 1b	3	1	1	0	.233
1-Estrada pr	0	0	0	0	.246
Maybin rf	0	0	0	0	.287
Frazier lf	4	1	1	2	.274
Wade rf	3	1	2	0	.232
a-Voigt ph-1b	1	0	0	0	.276
TOTALS	38	11	11	9	.288

DETROIT AB R H BI SO AVG
 Reyes cf 5 2 1 0 1 .312
 H.Castro 2b 5 2 3 1 0 .293
 Cabrera dh 3 1 1 1 2 .289
 Candelario 1b 4 1 1 0 1 .331
 Rugo 3b 4 1 0 0 1 .245
 Stewart lf 3 1 2 2 1 .243
 Demeritte rf 5 1 1 1 2 .230
 Gea 1b 1 0 0 1 2 .208
 2-W.Castro pr 0 1 0 0 0 .189
 Mercer ss 4 1 2 1 0 .263
TOTALS 39 12 16 12 7

N.Y. METS 3, ARIZONA 2

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Marte cf	4	1	2	0	.329
Sherriff 2b	5	0	0	0	.313
Escobar 3b	4	1	2	2	.272
Walker lf	4	0	1	0	.260
Rojas lf	2	0	0	1	.253
Conforto rf	4	0	1	0	.258
Almed ss	4	0	2	0	.263
Avila c	3	0	0	2	.207
c-C.Kelly ph	1	0	0	0	.253
Gallen p	2	0	0	2	.211
1-F.Hernandez pr	1	0	1	0	.201
d-Cron ph	1	0	1	0	.213
1-Lo Castro pr	0	0	0	0	.249
TOTALS	35	2	10	2	.288

NEW YORK AB R H BI SO AVG
 McNeil lf 4 0 0 0 3 .322
 Alonso 1b 4 0 0 0 3 .268
 Conforto rf 4 0 1 0 2 .258
 Ramos c 4 0 0 0 1 .298
 Cano 2b 3 2 2 0 1 .262
 Rosario ss 2 1 0 0 0 .288
 Nimmo cf 2 0 1 0 2 .199
 Lagares cf 0 0 0 0 0 .209
 Frazier 3b 3 0 2 3 1 .236
 Wheeler p 2 0 0 0 0 .220
 b-Willie ph 1 0 0 0 0 .220
TOTALS 29 3 5 3 12

TORONTO 4, BOSTON 3

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Betts rf	5	1	1	0	.290
Devers 3b	3	1	2	0	.314
Martinez dh	4	1	1	0	.306
Moreland 1b	4	0	1	0	.249
Benintendi lf	3	0	1	0	.274
Vazquez c	4	0	0	1	.269
Bradley Jr. cf	3	0	0	2	.223
Owings ss	3	0	1	0	.100
b-Holt ph	1	0	1	0	.315
1-G.Hernandez pr	1	0	0	0	.000
a-Hernandez 2b	4	0	0	2	.295
TOTALS	34	3	8	3	.286

TORONTO AB R H BI SO AVG
 Bichette ss 5 0 1 0 2 .307
 Biggio 2b 3 2 1 1 1 .208
 Guerrero Jr. 3b 4 0 0 0 1 .273
 Telega dh 4 1 2 2 1 .223
 Vazquez c 4 0 0 1 0 .220
 Smoak dh 4 0 1 0 1 .212
 McGuire c 3 1 2 1 0 .323
 Davis cf 3 0 1 0 1 .172
 Cashner 1b 1 0 0 0 1 .167
 a-T.Hernandez 2b 1 0 0 0 0 .215
 ph-F
TOTALS 32 4 9 4 10

CHICAGO WHITE SOX 7, KANSAS CITY 3

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Merrifield rf	4	0	2	0	.307
Mondesi ss	4	1	1	2	.266
Soler dh	4	0	0	2	.250
Dodier 3b	4	0	1	0	.290
Gordon lf	4	1	2	1	.264
O'Hearn 1b	4	2	3	2	.301
b-Cuthbert ph-1b	1	0	0	0	.245
Viloria c	2	0	0	0	.232
a-McBroom ph	1	0	0	0	.300
Dini c	4	1	1	0	.189
Phillips cf	3	0	0	0	.159
Lopez 2b	4	0	0	0	.226
TOTALS	34	3	8	3	.287

CHICAGO AB R H BI SO AVG
 Garcia rf 5 1 1 0 2 .277
 Anderson ss 4 1 0 0 2 .331
 Abreu 1b 4 1 1 0 2 .283
 Moncada 2b 4 2 3 2 1 .301
 Jimenez lf 4 1 1 4 1 .249
 McCann c 4 0 1 0 1 .274
 Collins dh 2 0 0 0 1 .100
 Sanchez 2b 2 0 0 0 0 .252
 Engel cf 4 1 2 1 1 .225
TOTALS 33 7 9 7 11

a-popped out for Freese in the 6th, b-lined out for Pederson in the 7th, c-pinch hit for Gyorko in the 9th, d-flied out for Williams in the 9th, e-struck out for Stewart in the 9th, f-Pollock (2), LOB: Los Angeles 10, Baltimore 5, 2B: Pederson (15), Taylor (25), Lux (2), HR: Seager 2 (16), off Blach; Lux (1), off Scott; Stewart (7), off Sadler, RBIs: Bellinger (106), Seager 5 (74), Lux (1), Stewart (4), Nunez (82).

LOS ANGELES IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Buehler, W, 13-3 7 4 0 0 0 11 3.14
 Sadtler 1 3 3 2 1 1 2.70
 Ferguson 1 0 0 0 0 1 4.50
BALTIMORE IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Cortes Jr. 2½ 6 4 2 1 2 5.23
 Cessa 2½ 3 3 1 0 0 3.82
 Gea 1b, H, 2 ½ 2 2 0 0 6.48
 Loaisiga, BS, 0-0 ½ 2 1 2 0 4.63
 Dull ½ 0 0 0 0 0 27.00
 Ottavino, BS, 2-7 1 1 1 0 1 3 1.76
 Gea 1b, H, 2 ½ 2 2 0 0 6.48
 Adams, L, 1-0 ½ 2 1 1 0 7.23
DETROIT IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Jackson 2 6 6 6 1 2 8.51
 Alexander 4 2 2 2 0 4 5.40
 Schreiber, BS, 0-0 ½ 2 2 2 0 1 9.64
 Stumpf 0 1 1 0 0 0 4.18
 Cisneros ½ 0 0 0 0 0 3.72
 Cruz dh 1 0 0 0 2 3.02
 Jimenez, W, 3-7 1 0 0 0 2 0 4.8

One out when winning run scored, a-flied out for Wade in the 8th, 1-run for Ford in the 8th, 2-run for Greiner in the 9th, E: Torres (15), 3B: Wade (1), HR: Gardner 2 (23), off Jackson; Torres (36), off Alexander; Gregorius (16), off Alexander; Encarnacion (12), off Schreiber; Gregorius (16), off Stumpf; Stewart (10), off Cessa, RBIs: Gardner 3 (61), Ford (17), Wade (8), Torres (85), Gregorius 2 (52), Encarnacion 2 (35), Cabrera 2 (53), Candelario 3 (27), Stewart 2 (39), Demeritte (9), Greiner 2 (17), H.Castro (37), Mercer (16).

NEW YORK IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Cortes Jr. 2½ 6 4 2 1 2 5.23
 Cessa 2½ 3 3 1 0 0 3.82
 Gea 1b, H, 2 ½ 2 2 0 0 6.48
 Loaisiga, BS, 0-0 ½ 2 1 2 0 4.63
 Dull ½ 0 0 0 0 0 27.00
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CUBS

Boras sees lucrative future for Castellanos

Soon-to-be free agent could be ready to cash in offseason

BY MARK GONZALES

SAN DIEGO — Cubs right fielder Nicholas Castellanos is no fan of analytics, and as he is two months away from free agency, his agent, Scott Boras, is prepared to shoot down at least one metric.

Fangraphs.com places Castellanos' WAR (wins above replacement) at 2.4, which equates him to an average starting position player. The Cubs' leaders are Javier Baez and Kris Bryant at 4.3.

"Well, never ask an artist how paint is made," Boras said. "This post-performance analysis has nothing to do with performance."

"Believe me, we have a lot of conversations about readiness, how to prepare yourself with opposing pitchers and things

like that. ... (But) we don't particularly believe in WAR."

Boras pointed out that, according to baseball-reference.com, Rangers pitcher Mike Minor has an 8.0 WAR, compared with 7.0 for Astros ace and eight-time All-Star Justin Verlander. Verlander has five more victories than Minor and a lower ERA (2.52 to 3.08).

WAR was designed to be an all-inclusive metric for comparing players. But Boras argued there are no durability or consistency standards when using WAR as an evaluation tool.

As expected, Boras said Castellanos will listen to teams besides the Cubs, who will hold exclusive negotiating rights for five days after the World Series.

"My ideal of exclusivity is to kind of listen to everybody you can listen to, and then Nick can make his decision," said Boras, whom Castellanos hired in April. "Obvi-

ously I'd imagine any player who is a free agent is going to want to look at the process for a variety of reasons.

"Normally, they're going to want to listen to the Cubs certainly and want to listen to other teams as well."

Castellanos' value has soared since he was dealt to the Cubs on July 31 and escaped Detroit's cavernous Comerica Park.

Since joining the Cubs, entering Tuesday, Castellanos was batting .347 with 14 home runs, 27 RBIs and a 1.080 OPS.

"He's not in a bad spot," Boras said. "He's the youngest free agent, and he doesn't have a qualifying offer. So I would say he's in position to be optimally observed because he fits ... any team — whether you're a rebuilding team because of his age or whether you're a club that is close to winning and wants to win, or an existing top (level) club. He's one of those guys who fits all clubs."

WHITE SOX



TYLER TATE/AP

White Sox first-round draft pick Andrew Vaughn bats for California during a college game in May.

WHITE SOX 7, ROYALS 3

Soaking up preview of life in majors

Vaughn learned lessons in 1st minor-league season

BY LAMOND POPE

Andrew Vaughn watched Jose Abreu work out Tuesday.

He also chatted with almost every player in the White Sox clubhouse, including Lucas Giolito and Tim Anderson.

Vaughn's goal is to join them as teammates one day.

The first-round draft pick got a preview of life in the majors while visiting the team before Tuesday's game against the Royals at Guaranteed Rate Field.

"I haven't gotten to see the city and the stadium," Vaughn said, "so this has been unbelievable to experience this and truly be in the Windy City."

The Sox selected Vaughn with the third pick out of California in June's draft.

The first baseman played with the Arizona League White Sox and Class A Kannapolis and Winston-Salem.

"It definitely taught me how to be a professional," Vaughn said. "It's every day and different than being in college, playing on the weekends. Getting to experience that in Kannapolis and Winston-Salem was truly awesome and I didn't have to go to school after that, so it was kind of a nice feeling."

Vaughn hit .278 with six home runs and 36 RBIs in 55 games in the three stops.

"He blended in very well, and he went out there and performed," Sox director of player development Chris Getz said. "Winston-Salem was a pretty competitive club this year, he started out in Kannapolis and did great, and once he got to Winston, he continued to blend in with older players and had solid at-bats, which we would expect."

"We challenged him, and he fit in very well."

Vaughn said pro pitching was "like you are facing a Friday guy in every game in the Pac-12."

"The velo is harder," Vaughn said. "Guys out of the pen are definitely flamethrowers nowadays. They are 95, 98 (mph). You will see some good stuff every game."

The adjustment to a wood bat came naturally.

"I like wood bats, I always have," he said. "I used them growing (up). That's what my dad had me hit with, staying away from metal."

Getz said at this point, recovery time is important for Vaughn.

"The college season starts very early, he's been going at it for a while," Getz said. "There's been a lot of changes from being a college player and now a professional player."

"Just to get away a little bit, let his body and mind settle down, and then begin to build back up to the 2020 season."

Vaughn is the No. 3 prospect in the Sox organization, according to MLB.com. He said he doesn't feel any added pressure being a high draft pick.

"It's a great honor, but I'm still me when I play every day," Vaughn said. "I don't want to be anybody different. I go out and have fun and do my job."

And Vaughn said he doesn't have a timetable in mind for when he'd like to reach the majors.

"Can't do that," Vaughn said. "I like to live life every day and be myself and everything else takes care of itself."

Sox manager Rick Renteria returned after missing three games because of surgery on his right rotator cuff. He wore a sling.



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"No one expects him to be a savior. But knowing him, he'll compete well."

People close to Hoerner believe his maturity could make up for his lack of professional experience and land him a permanent place in the majors sooner than expected.

"You appreciate him the more you see him," former Stanford coach Mark Marquess said. "His work ethic is off the charts."

Hoerner's first three hits went to all fields, satisfying manager Joe Maddon, who has been pleading with his veterans to use the whole field and make better contact.

"He's got some nice skills," manager Maddon said.

Last October, Hoerner played in the Arizona Fall League featuring some of the majors' top prospects four months after playing his final college game.

When Hoerner returned to Stanford last winter, he picked the brains of Cubs teammate Daniel Descalso and Mariners outfielder Mitch Haniger on preparing for each at-bat during hitting sessions.

Those tips helped strengthen one of Hoerner's greatest assets — making contact. He struck out only 36 times in 375 professional plate appearances before his major-league debut and didn't strike out Monday against the Padres.

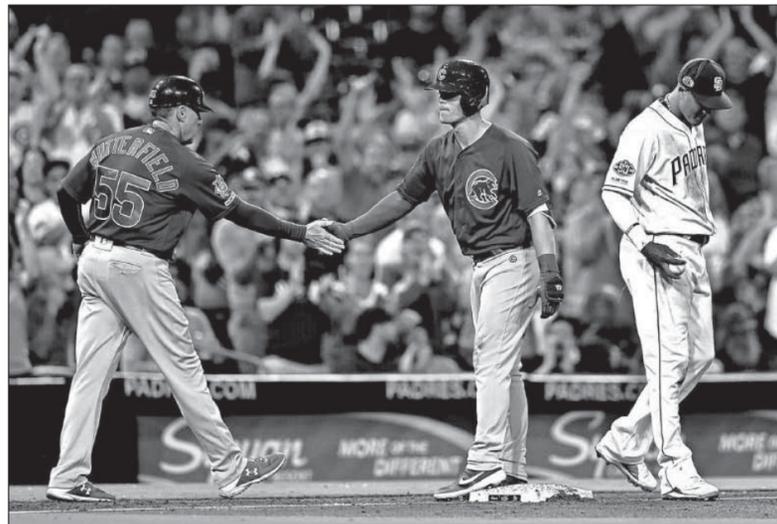
"We all want to be well-rounded players and do all five tools well," Hoerner said. "But since I was a little kid, putting the bat on the ball is something that I've definitely done well and taken pride in."

"Obviously there's a lot more to my game than that. If that's something the team values, that's going to be a big part of what I do going forward."

How much Hoerner plays the Cubs for the rest of this month could dictate whether he reports to the AFL in October.

"Time is urgent with where we are in the standings," McLeod said.

Hoerner embraced all that came with his big-league debut, from a hero's welcome in



GREGORY BULL/AP PHOTOS

The Cubs' Nico Hoerner provided a key two-run triple in the fifth inning of Monday night's 10-2 victory over the Padres in San Diego.

the dugout after scoring on a short wild pitch to receiving some playful heckling from veteran Derek Holland while conducting his first postgame interview.

McLeod sensed that Hoerner absorbed the clubhouse culture during spring training.

And McLeod gained a special appreciation for Hoerner's baseball acumen last summer when they sat together in a Wrigley Field suite while Hoerner was recovering from a strained ligament in his left elbow.

"It was the first time I really appreciated his knowledge of the game and how he spoke," McLeod said. "I told Maddon you feel he could have been Joe Maddon or one of you guys covering baseball for decades (with) how he sees the game."

If the Cubs don't reach the playoffs or bow out early, they seem destined for a major shakeup.

But until that is determined, Hoerner's best shot of sticking with the Cubs might be as a super utility player in the mold of Zobrist or Baez, who played a few games in

center field in the Puerto Rican League before the 2015 season.

Hoerner showed his versatility at Stanford, playing second base during his freshman season before moving to shortstop to take over for Tommy Edman (now with the Cardinals).

"I told my players if you have any questions, watch Tommy," Marquess said. "Nico is the same guy."

Last spring, the Cubs altered Hoerner's throwing motion at shortstop in an attempt to make his throws stronger and more accurate. He also showed off a longer throwing stroke while playing center field for 11 games at Double-A Tennessee that McLeod said looked "natural, like a normal outfielder."

"It was really fun," Hoerner said. "I didn't want to get hurt, but I was able to make some good use of the time in Arizona. I worked with the outfield coordinator Doug Dascenzo. He helped me a lot."

"I don't know if that's in my cards for the rest of this year. But it's something I feel confident in and I'll get a lot better at."

WHITE SOX RECAP

Eloy Jimenez hit the first grand slam of his career Tuesday, leading the White Sox to a 7-3 victory against the Royals at Guaranteed Rate Field. Adam Engel and Yoan Moncada also homered as the Sox won the opener of the three-game series. Jimenez hit his slam over the right-field wall in the first inning. It was his 25th homer of the season. Ivan Nova (10-12) allowed three runs on six hits with five strikeouts and no walks in 5²/₃ innings. He surrendered three solo home runs but earned his first win since Aug. 19. Moncada had three hits, including a homer in the seventh. It was his 23rd homer of the season. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

BEARS

Biggs

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The predictable pass-heavy attack made it easier for the Packers to guess what was coming, and Trubisky struggled. He completed 25 of 46 passes for 228 yards, averaging 4.96 yards per attempt — and 3.94 yards on passes not intended for Allen Robinson. The Bears continued to throw against a Packers defense that used only one inside linebacker, Blake Martinez, for the entire game as 5-foot-11, 197-pound safety Raven Greene played a hybrid role. So Trubisky was throwing against sub personnel all night.

"It's one-dimensional," Nagy said Friday. "Even with it being a 7-3 game, I knew that. I was aware of that. But we'll figure this thing out. We'll get it right."

The Bears opened in an unusual personnel package with three running backs — Tarik Cohen, David Montgomery and Mike Davis — along with two tight ends. The Packers countered with their nickel package, substituting size for speed and athleticism. Cohen fumbled the pitch and the Bears were fortunate that Packers nose tackle Kenny Clark was called for holding. There was a clear alley to the left had Cohen not mishandled the ball.

"If we hold on to that ball, that might be down the sideline for 40 yards," Nagy said. "It was blocked up like a gem."

Cohen didn't get a handoff the rest of the game. The carries went to Montgomery (6), Davis (5) and wide receiver Cordarrelle Patterson (1) on a third-and-1 dive play that was blown up by Clark. Montgomery did catch a 27-yard pass down the seam, tying for the longest gain of the night for the offense.

"Between him, Mike Davis and Tarik Cohen, those three guys, they're all special when they have the football in their hands," Nagy said Monday. "I recognize that, I realize that."

None of the eight quarterbacks with the most pass attempts in Week 1 won. The Bengals' Andy Dalton, the Redskins' Case Keenum and Trubisky were the only ones involved in games that were within 10 points entering the fourth quarter. Here's a look.

■ **Kyler Murray, Cardinals:** 54 pass attempts, trailed 17-6 entering the fourth quarter, tied.

■ **Andy Dalton, Bengals:** 51 pass attempts, led 17-14 entering the fourth quarter, lost.

■ **Ben Roethlisberger, Steelers:** 47 pass attempts, trailed 30-3 entering the fourth quarter, lost.

■ **Matt Ryan, Falcons:** 46 pass attempts, trailed 28-0 entering the fourth quarter, lost.

■ **Matthew Stafford, Lions:** 45 pass attempts, led 17-6 entering the fourth quarter, tied.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears coach Matt Nagy on the sideline during the season opener against the Packers.

■ **Mitch Trubisky, Bears:** 45 pass attempts, trailed 7-3 entering the fourth quarter, lost.

■ **Case Keenum, Redskins:** 44 pass attempts, trailed 21-20 entering the fourth quarter, lost.

■ **Eli Manning, Giants:** 44 pass attempts, trailed 35-10 entering the fourth quarter, lost.

The outlier is Stafford as the Lions led the Cardinals by 11, but the Lions' running game has been either inconsistent or nonexistent in the two decades since Barry Sanders retired.

The Bears were balanced offensively last season, evidence that this could be an easy correction for Nagy. They were sixth in the NFL running on 45.2% of plays, the kind of pass/run balance that quickly got away from him against the Packers. The bottom six in rushing play percentage did not make the playoffs last season.

Trubisky's career-high 50 pass attempts came in Week 7 last year, a 38-31 loss to the Patriots. The Bears trailed 38-24 midway through the fourth quarter. He attempted 46 passes in a 20-10 loss to the Lions in Week 15 of 2017, when the Bears trailed by 17 midway through the third quarter.

Next up for the Bears is a trip to Denver, where their former defensive coordinator, Vic Fangio, inherited dynamic bookend pass rushers in Von Miller and Bradley Chubb. Asking Trubisky to drop back and throw 40-plus times again could put him in serious danger.

"When the run is called, we up front need to do a better job," right guard Kyle Long said. "We need to eliminate the bad techniques that don't give us a chance to have success. If you don't do anything miraculous but you don't do anything wrong, you tend to get the job done. It doesn't take a superhuman effort to get the run game going. We're all working together."

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We expected more out of Nagy given he is a more proven play-caller than Trubisky is a quarterback and is the reigning NFL coach of the year.

We can agree the narrative needs to change beginning Sunday in Denver or else this season risks getting away from the Bears quicker than an Aaron Rodgers release. In Vic Fangio, the Bears face a proud man who believes he should have been hired instead of Nagy and who has unique knowledge of what troubles Trubisky most. Nobody will care whose fault it was if Trubisky and Nagy prove they can learn from their mistakes immediately.

Trubisky bears slightly more responsibility because he left too many yards on the field by missing throws and reads that could have bailed out Nagy for his strategy. That's what real franchise quarterbacks do. Too often Trubisky resembled a rookie trying to adapt to the speed of NFL defenses rather than a guy starting his 28th game. His statistics lied. He played much worse than completing 26 of 45 passes for 228 yards with an interception and a 62.1 passer rating implied. The Packers dropped at least two more passes that could have been picks.

The gap between Trubisky and some of the young, playmaking quarterbacks of Week 1 widened. With the Bears defense clearly elite, all Trubisky needs to do is be among the NFL's middle-of-the-pack quarterbacks, but he fell well short of that standard.

When Hall of Famer Steve Young bluntly criticized Trubisky for a "high school staredown" on the interception by Packers safety Adrian Amos, it stung because the truth hurts. When Packers cornerback Tramon Williams revealed the game plan — "We knew if we could get Mitchell Trubisky to play quarterback, we could win," Williams told reporters — it provided an enlightening glimpse into the minds of NFL defensive coordinators. Expect more defenses to focus on setting the edge to keep Trubisky in the pocket and force him to rely on his head and arm more than his legs.

Perhaps the most alarming part of Trubisky's uneven performance was that it came as little surprise to those who paid attention to Bears practices throughout the preseason. That inconsistency and inaccuracy carried over into the game — underscoring why Trubisky needed preseason action more than anybody wanted to admit.

Trubisky repeating bad habits tied to his inability to locate secondary receivers also reminded everyone — perhaps even the Bears coaching staff — how much

more evidence is required before the organization feels confident making a nine-figure commitment to an unproven player. At this point, it's premature to assume Trubisky will play well enough in 2019 to make a conversation about a contract extension one worth having.

As for Nagy, his growing reputation as an offensive mastermind has begun to outweigh the results. Nagy took the league by storm as the Bears averaged 29.8 points through the first nine games of his first season. But in the second half of his brief tenure — the nine games since Week 11 last Nov. 18 — the Bears have averaged just 18.8 points. That's a precipitous drop-off that suggests the league is adjusting.

Running the ball occasionally appears to bore Nagy, who regretted the play-calling within minutes of losing his second straight opener. No viable excuse works for Nagy calling 50 pass plays to 15 runs. Nagy wore a fedora to Soldier Field as a tribute to George Halas, then paid homage to Don "Air" Coryell by abandoning the run. Nagy citing the number of run-pass options called that turned into pass plays — essentially putting those choices on Trubisky — raised an eyebrow.

But not as much as hearing Nagy offer special teams coordinator Chris Tabor as a sacrificial lamb during his explanation of why he passed on a 51-yard field-goal attempt. According to Nagy, he followed Tabor's recommendation that the Bears weren't close enough for Eddy Pineiro to try a field goal on fourth-and-10 from the 33-yard line.

If the Bears can't trust a kicker to attempt a 51-yarder under ideal conditions in a 7-3 game, they chose the wrong kicker. If the coach can't overrule a special teams coordinator on such a pivotal decision, it's fair to question the judgment of both.

Nothing but a lack of confidence in Pineiro explains Nagy's decision — or supports his logic. Since 2010, according to Pro Football Reference, NFL kickers have converted 68.7% of field goals from 51 yards (147 of 214). Analytics show the probability of making that field goal was much higher than moving the chains on fourth-and-long. Nagy won't go 12-4 again by coaching scared. The Bears won't get to the Super Bowl by playing tentatively.

The defense held up its end by holding Rodgers and the Packers to 10 points in a championship-level effort. The offense lacked execution from its quarterback and discretion from the coach. Both must do their jobs better. Raise your hand if that sounds familiar after 99 years of pro football in Chicago.

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Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	13	43	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	3	33	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
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Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	24	16	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	40	26	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
L.A. Chargers	1	0	0	1.000	30	24	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
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Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	17	31	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
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Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	10	3	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	28	12	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Detroit	0	0	1	.500	27	27	0-0-0	0-0-1	0-0-1	0-0-0
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	3	10	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
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San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	31	17	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	30	27	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	21	20	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	27	27	0-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-1	0-0-0

WEEK 2

THURSDAY'S GAME

Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7:20 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Seattle at Pittsburgh, noon

Indianapolis at Tennessee, noon

Arizona at Baltimore, noon

New England at Miami, noon

L.A. Chargers at Detroit, noon

Dallas at Washington, noon

Jacksonville at Houston, noon

San Francisco at Cincinnati, noon

Buffalo at N.Y. Giants, noon

Kansas City at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.

Chicago at Denver, 3:25 p.m.

New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 3:25 p.m.

Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAME

Cleveland at N.Y. Jets, 7:15 p.m.

WNBA PLAYOFFS

WEDNESDAY, RD. 1 (single elimination)

#8 Phoenix at #5 Chicago, 7 p.m.

#7 Minnesota at #6 Seattle, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, RD. 2 (single elimination)

Lowest-Seeded at #3 Los Angeles, 2 p.m.

Highest-Seeded at #4 Las Vegas, 4 p.m.

SEMIFINALS (Best-of-five series)

#1 Washington vs. #2 Connecticut

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at LA Angels off Cleveland off

at Chi White Sox -155 Kansas City +145

at Houston off Oakland off

NATIONAL LEAGUE WEDNESDAY

Atlanta -135 at Philadelphia +125

Milwaukee -147 at Miami +137

at NY Mets -114 Arizona +104

St. Louis -146 at Colorado +136

at San Fran. -105 Pittsburgh +105

at San Diego -105 Chi Cubs -105

INTERLEAGUE WEDNESDAY

LA Dodgers -196 at Baltimore +181

Washington -138 at Minnesota +128

Cincinnati -132 at Seattle +122

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WEEK 3 FRIDAY

at Wake Forest 3 N. Carolina

at Boston Coll. 21 Kansas

Wash. St 9 Houston

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SATURDAY

Ohio State 15½ at Indiana

at Miss. St 7½ Kansas St

NC State 7 at W. Virginia

Maryland 7½ at Temple

at Cincinnati 17 Miami (Ohio)

at Penn St 17 Pittsburgh

at Illinois 8 E. Michigan

at Georgia 33 Arkansas St

at Colorado 3½ Air Force

San Diego St 16 at New Mex. St

FAU 2½ at Ball St

at Notre Dame 34½ New Mexico

at Cent. Mich. 3½ Akron

at UCF 7½ Stanford

Alabama 25½ at S. Carolina

at Navy 17 East Carolina

USC 4½ at UTSA

at Minnesota 15½ Ga. Southern

at Northwestern 18½ UNLV

Oklahoma St 14 at Tulsa

Memphis 18½ at S. Alabama

Iowa 2½ at Iowa St

at Arkansas 9½ Colorado St

Louisville 10 W Kentucky

at Michigan St 13½ Arizona St

at California 14 North Texas

Louisiana Tech 10½ at Bowl. Green

Buffalo 4½ at Liberty

at Troy 2½ Southern Miss

at Charlotte 18½ UMSS

at Marshall 5½ Ohio

at Auburn 35 Kent St

Florida 7½ at Kentucky

at W Michigan 10 Georgia St

at SMU 17½ Texas St

Duke 6½ at Mid. Tenn.

at Washington 21 Hawaii

TCU 2½ at Purdue

Clemson 27½ at Syracuse

at Virginia 7½ Florida St

Oklahoma 22½ at UCLA

at Nebraska 14 N Illinois

Texas 32½ Rice

Texas Tech 2 at Arizona

NFL WEEK 2

THURSDAY

at Carolina 7 Tampa Bay

SUNDAY

at Tennessee 3 Indianapolis

LA Chargers 2½ at Detroit

Buffalo 2 at NY Giants

at Baltimore 13 Arizona

New England 18½ at Miami

Dallas 4½ at Washington

at Houston 8½ Jacksonville

at Pittsburgh 3½ Seattle

at Cincinnati 1 San Fran.

at Green Bay 3 Minnesota

Kansas City 7½ at Oakland

at LA Rams 2½ New Orleans

Chicago 2½ at Denver

Philadelphia 1 at Atlanta

MONDAY

Cleveland 2½ at NY Jets

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Kansas at Boston College, 6:30 p.m.

N. Carolina at Wake Forest, 5 p.m.

Houston at #20 Wash. St., 8:15 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Top 25

#1 Clemson at Syracuse, 6:30 p.m.

#2 Alabama at S. Carolina, 2:30 p.m.

Ark. St. at #3 Georgia, 11 a.m.

NW St. at #4 LSU, 6:30 p.m.

#5 Oklahoma at UCLA, 7 p.m.

#6 Ohio State at Indiana, 11 a.m.

N. Mex. at #7 Notre Dame, 1:30 p.m.

Kent St. at #8 Auburn, 6 p.m.

#9 Florida at Kentucky, 6 p.m.

Idaho St. at #11 Utah, 3:15 p.m.

Rice vs. #12 Texas, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at #13 Penn St., 11 a.m.

Montana vs. #15 Oregon, 9:45 p.m.

Lamar at #16 Texas A&M, 6 p.m.

Stanford at #17 UCF, 2:30 p.m.

Ariz. St. at #18 Mich St., 3 p.m.

#19 Iowa at Iowa State, 3 p.m.

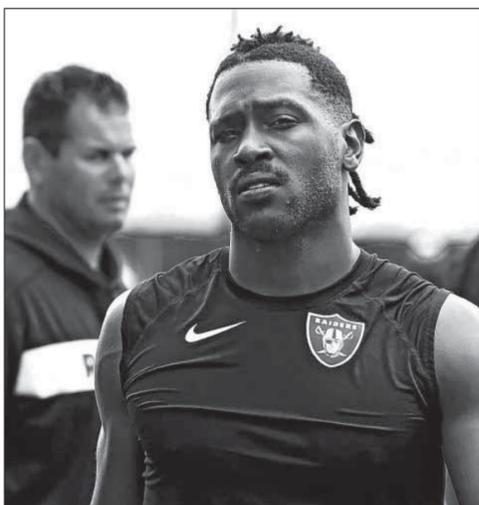
#21 Maryland at Temple, 11 a.m.

Portland St. at #22 Boise St., 9:15 p.m.

Hawaii at #23 Washington, 6:30 p.m.

#24 USC at BYU, 2:30 p.m.

Florida St. at #25 Virginia, 6:30 p.m.



JEFF CHIU/AP

Antonio Brown, now with the Patriots, was accused of rape in a lawsuit filed Tuesday in federal court.

NFL NOTES

Brown denies rape allegation

In lawsuit, new Patriots WR accused of sexual assault by former trainer

News services

Patriots wide receiver Antonio Brown has been accused of rape by a former trainer.

Britney Taylor says Brown sexually assaulted her on three occasions, according to a lawsuit filed Tuesday in the Southern District of Florida.

Brown has denied the allegations. Darren Heitner, a lawyer representing Brown, told The AP his client plans to countersue.

Heitner said Brown and Taylor had "a consensual... relationship."

The New York Times first reported the lawsuit.

"As a rape victim of Antonio Brown, deciding to speak out has been an incredibly difficult decision," Taylor said in a statement. "I have found strength in my faith, family, and from the accounts of other survivors of sexual assault. Speaking out removes the shame that I have felt for the past year and places it on the person responsible for my rape."

Taylor also said she will cooperate with the NFL and any other agencies.

Brown, 31, a Miami native, was released by the Raiders last week after clashing with the team throughout training camp. He agreed to a contract with the Patriots on Saturday, but didn't

play in Sunday night's season-opening win against the Steelers.

Watch it: Odell Beckham Jr.'s taking a stand against the NFL on his lavish wrist wear.

Beckham said that he intends to keep wearing his \$190,000 Richard Mille watch that he had on during Sunday's season opener against the Titans.

The showy receiver believes the league has made an issue out of his jewelry only because it's him.

A league spokesman had said there's no rule prohibiting players from wearing jewelry. However there is a policy "prohibiting hard objects."

Jets get WR Thomas: The Jets acquired receiver Demaryius Thomas from the Patriots for a 2021 sixth-round pick.

Thomas, 31, a four-time Pro Bowler, played for Jets coach Adam Gase from 2010-14 when Gase was wide receivers coach and then offensive coordinator with the Broncos.

The Jets waived Kaare Vedvik two days after he missed an extra point and 45-yard field goal in a one-point loss to the Bills and signed Sam Ficken.

Defensive tackle Nathan Shepherd was suspended six games by the league for violating its PEDs policy.

IN BRIEF

Auto racing: Seven-time F1 champ Michael Schumacher was admitted to a Paris hospital to be treated with cutting-edge stem-cell therapy, Le Parisien reported. The 50-year-old German, who suffered a near-fatal brain injury in a 2013 skiing accident in the French Alps, was expected to be discharged Wednesday. ... Paul Menard, 39, will retire at the end of the NASCAR Cup season. Wood Brothers Racing hired Matt DiBenedetto, 28, to replace him in the No. 21 Ford.

Basketball: Ricky Rubio scored 19 points, including a pair of 3s in a game-deciding 11-0 run in the final minutes, and Spain advanced to the World Cup semifinals by topping Poland 90-78 in Shanghai. ... Longtime sportscaster and announcer Fred McLeod died Monday. He was 67. No cause of death was given. McLeod did TV play-by-play coverage of the Pistons and Cavaliers. The Cleveland-area native joined the Cavs in 2006 and called the team's 2016 NBA championship.

Colleges: Stanford senior QB K.J. Costello will return Saturday against No. 17 UCF. Costello sat out last weekend's loss to USC with a head injury he suffered in the Cardinal's season-opening win over Northwestern. Also, junior T Walker Little will undergo season-ending knee surgery. ... Former Adidas consultant Thomas "T.J." Gassnola, who became a key government witness in a college basketball corruption case, was sentenced to one year of probation. Gassnola, 47, had pleaded guilty in a scheme to funnel secret payments to the families of top recruits and agreed to testify against a former Adidas executive and two other defendants at a 2018 trial. All three were convicted on fraud charges.

Soccer: Jordan Morris scored his first international goal in more than two years in the 79th minute, giving the U.S. a 1-1 tie against Uruguay in a friendly in St. Louis. Uruguay's roster didn't include forwards Luis Suarez and Edinson Cavani or midfielder Nicolas Lodeiro. ... Cristiano Ronaldo scored four goals to lead defending champ Portugal to a 5-1 win over host Lithuania in qualifying for next year's European Championship.

Also: The Devils re-signed restricted free-agent center Pavel Zacha, 22, to a three-year, \$6.75 million contract. ... Two-time Grand Slam finalist Kevin Anderson of South Africa will take the rest of the ATP season off as he continues to recover from a knee injury. He last played at Wimbledon in July.

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NFL POWER RANKINGS

Defense lifts Pack to 10

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune



BEARS

REAL TALK

Seeking formula for rebound against Broncos in Week 2

BY RICH CAMPBELL
AND DAN WIEDERER

The Bears' season-opening dud would have stung no matter when they played. But because it was the NFL's Thursday night showcase, the team and its fans had three extra days to process the 10-3 loss to the Packers and navigate the tradition of overreacting to Week 1 results.

So how should the Bears' season debut be put into perspective? What important truths did we learn heading into the Week 2 reunion with Vic Fangio and the Broncos? How do the Bears win 12 of the remaining 15 games, as they did last year?

Tribune writers Rich Campbell and Dan Wiederer zoom out and look ahead in this edition of Real Talk.

Rich Campbell: Usually I'd make some wisecrack here about fans hyperventilating into paper bags or about the shards of glass littering Chicago from all the smashed "Break In Case of Emergency" boxes. But I'm going to cut folks some slack, Dan. That loss Thursday was h-e-a-v-y.

The Bears woke up Tuesday in sole possession of last place in the NFC North. More important, there are 65 plays suggesting the offense didn't look shaky in training camp just because it was going against an elite defense. That performance Thursday breathes life into questions about Matt Nagy's strategic expertise, Mitch Trubisky's upside and the offensive line's ability to make it all shine.

On the bright side, the defense is still mean and nasty. So there's a formula for team success within everything we saw against the Packers.

Maybe don't go crazy on the paper bags just yet.

Dan Wiederer: On Sunday night, when I finally grew tired of that lopsided Patriots-Steelers game, I took another look at the Bears' opening-night loss. And I emerged with similar feelings as I had pulling out of Soldier Field in the wee hours of Friday morning. Yes, the Bears offense was abysmal. And it's quite possible we just watched the worst performance on that side of the ball that we'll see all season. There's definitely legitimate reason for serious concern. But on the bright side, this Bears defense is freaking nasty. For real.

Review those first two tackles by Roquan Smith, with the second-year linebacker streaking around the field like a comet. Notice the relentlessness of Roy Robertson-Harris, who was literally tackled (and illegally held) by Packers guard Lane Taylor yet still got up to maul Aaron Rodgers for a 10-yard sack. Witness the athleticism and effort of Leonard Floyd, who had two sacks and a third negated by a Kyle Fuller penalty.

Are you noticing a thread here? Big plays by young defenders who weren't part of the team's Pro Bowl contingent in 2018. If Chuck Pagano can get breakthroughs from players such as Smith, Floyd and Robertson-Harris while still being able to count on standout production from Khalil Mack, Akiem Hicks, Eddie Jackson and Fuller? Whoa. This team will win a lot of games.

Campbell: Remember two seasons ago when John Fox didn't just have training wheels on Trubisky but had him fully strapped into a baby stroller? It was borderline unwatchable, but Fox's ball-control approach was his attempt to play to the strength of his roster. There's some wisdom in that.

I'm not saying Nagy should have Trubisky throw only seven passes in a game. But to have 53 passes or pass-options in 65 plays, as the Bears did in a one-possession game Thursday, is not playing to the strength of the roster.

My sense is that Nagy realizes this after being humbled by coordinator Mike Pettine and the Packers' improved, creative defense. Here's what the coach and play-caller said Monday when asked if rookie running back David Montgomery earned more touches than the seven he got.

"Every touch that he had, he did well — I'll put it at that," Nagy said. "Between him, Mike Davis and Tarik Cohen, those three guys, they're all special when they have the football in their hands. I recognize that. I realize that and again, I'm well aware of it."



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears rookie running back David Montgomery looked good, but he only had seven touches against the Packers on Thursday.

Wiederer: Certainly sounds like an introspective coach who realizes his Week 1 efforts as a play-caller left a lot to be desired. That awareness counts for something. But now it's about Nagy making a firm commitment to the run Sunday in Denver. And then in Week 3 in Washington. And again at Soldier Field against the Vikings to end the month. And so on and so forth.

This has to be a season-long deal, starting with the next game. You have to imagine we'll see much more of Montgomery and much different results against the Broncos.

Needless to say, it was unsettling the way Trubisky and the offense played in the opener. In Nagy's own words, "Three points is ridiculous." But it will take more than one lousy performance for me to believe this team is cooked. At the very least, Thursday's disaster offered a sobering reminder of just how much effort, focus and sharp execution are required to win big in this league.

Campbell: You hit on the big question. Is Nagy willing to sustain that commitment to running the ball?

He's a quarterback at his core; throwing is in his DNA. But the Bears did run the ball on 53% of first-and-10 plays last season, the ninth most frequent in the NFL, according to sharpfootballstats.com. Nagy knows how a potent running game helps a quarterback, so let's see him prioritize points over passing.

This is especially important Sunday against the Broncos, when Fangio will have a full bag of tricks ready for the young quarterback he saw in practice every day for the last two seasons. Fangio mixes and disguises coverages. He understands offenses' tendencies. And you can bet he'll have more than a few ideas about how to rattle Trubisky.

If David Montgomery doesn't get 15-plus touches, there should be an inquest into the exacts of the Bears' offensive philosophy. And yes, there's plenty of reason to be concerned about what Fangio can do to put a young, unsteady quarterback in distress.

Wiederer: That will certainly be one of the top focuses Sunday: tracking how the Bears can aid Trubisky with a solid running game. If David Montgomery doesn't get 15-plus touches, there should be an inquest into the exacts of the Bears' offensive philosophy. And yes, there's plenty of reason to be concerned about what Fangio can do to put a young, unsteady quarterback in distress.

Remember what he cooked up for Jared Goff and that high-powered Rams offense in December? Less than three weeks after scoring 54 points against the Chiefs, the Rams managed to squeeze out just six against Fangio's Bears at Soldier Field. (That was 27 points below their season average.)

But guess what? That was with an array of impressive playmakers who now take direction from Chuck Pagano. And because we promised big-picture perspective and clues into how the Bears can get to 1-1, I'll circle back to the distinct possibility the Bears storm into Empower Field at Mile High and fluster the heck out of Joe Flacco and Broncos offensive coordinator Rich Scangarello.

The Bears can't rely on the defense to carry them every week in 2019. But this week, it should be a formula that works.

Campbell: For as well as the defense played against the Packers, the final score reflected a missing ingredient from last season's success: takeaways.

Aaron Rodgers has a rare ability to protect the ball, so it wasn't surprising the Bears didn't force a turnover. But it underscored what made the defense so special last season.

An NFL-best 36 takeaways. Six defensive touchdowns.

Wiederer: To your point, there were only two games last season in which the Bears went without a takeaway: Week 8 against the Jets and Week 17 against the Vikings. (They won both.)

So, yeah, it felt a bit unusual Thursday that there were no short fields for the offense or choreographed defensive celebrations to speak of. But if the Bears create consistent pressure on Flacco this weekend the way they did against Rodgers, there will be more than a few opportunities for interceptions and fumbles.

I expect a hungry and focused Bears team Sunday. An 0-2 start would be disorienting. But a take-care-of-business win is there for the taking and should calm the angst.

BEARS NOTES

OLB Floyd aces first test after studying his craft in offseason

BY DAN WIEDERER

Of all the defensive silver linings to come out of the Bears' deflating 10-3 loss to the Packers on Thursday, Leonard Floyd's big night was one of the most positive developments.

Floyd had spent the entire spring and summer adding to his pass-rush repertoire and becoming a dedicated student as an outside linebacker. And when the chance to demonstrate his growth arrived, he cashed in. The fourth-year edge rusher sacked Aaron Rodgers twice and had a third negated by a Kyle Fuller penalty. Overall, Floyd's flashes heartened the coaching staff.

"The rewarding part is that Leonard earned it," Bears outside linebackers coach Ted Monachino said. "He earned it by his work and by his studies and by the time he spent working on his craft and getting better at it. All of us who have been around and seen him operate for the last seven

months, we all expected that from him."

The sack that didn't count for Floyd was noteworthy. It came with Floyd using a delayed stutter step against All-Pro left tackle David Bakhtiari, then bursting inside of Bakhtiari and into the pocket to drill Rodgers.

Said Monachino: "That's part of his study. We knew that those protectors had a certain style and we took some things that we learned and used some of those things during the game. That was just a changeup for Leonard. It wasn't anything where he was in coverage and then decided to add into the rush late in the down. It was just that he had set up a number of things with David, and that was one that was successful."

"All protectors have that certain style and that certain way that they like to protect. And when we can take them out of those things and make them beat you left-handed, sometimes it gets a little hard for them."

Wrong place, wrong time: For those wondering why reserve safety Deon Bush was on the field for the only touchdown drive of Thursday's game, defensive backs coach Deshaea Townsend offered a simple explanation.

"Bush had a good preseason," Townsend said. "That's what we talked about between me and the safeties. He was going to get an opportunity to play. The guy played a really awesome preseason. And you never know. At some point, we're going to need every guy in that room."

As a reward for his productive August, Bush replaced Ha Ha Clinton-Dix on the Packers' fourth series of the game but was on the wrong end of Aaron Rodgers' two biggest passes. On the first, a 47-yard deep completion to Marquez Valdes-Scantling, Bush lost track of his coverage responsibilities, sucked in by a play-action fake and drifting into no man's land as Valdez-

Scantling broke behind cornerback Prince Amukamara on a post route.

"It's the little things we always talk about," Townsend said. "He's a pass defender first. Once he sees that tight end block, look away. Because that's where the passing strength is. That's how simple this game is. Just take care of your key and roam the field with your eyes."

Three plays later, Rodgers bought time and threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to tight end Jimmy Graham, a jump ball that the former University of Miami power forward easily grabbed over Bush.

Clinton-Dix was back on the field for the rest of the game and Bush learned a tough lesson.

"When your number is called, step up and go make a play," Townsend said. "We talk about it all the time. One play does not define you. But when your play is there, you have to make sure you make it."

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AP FILE

Browns quarterback Bill Nelsen tries to escape from the Jets defense during the first "Monday Night Football" that opened the 1970 NFL season.

Prime-time beginnings

Jets-Browns squared off in MNF's debut in 1970

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR. | Associated Press

It was the prime-time football game that kicked off decades of must-see TV.

Broadway Joe and the New York Jets traveled to Cleveland to take on Leroy Kelly and the Browns in the 1970 season opener, with excited viewers around the United States glued to their sets — along with a club-record 85,763 at Municipal Stadium — to watch the first "Monday Night Football" game.

The Jets fell behind 21-7 on Homer Jones' 94-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to open the second half, but Joe Namath's 33-yard touchdown pass to George Sauer in the fourth quarter cut the Browns' lead to three at 24-21.

Billy Andrews sealed the win for Cleveland by intercepting Namath late in the game and returning it 25 yards for the final score.

It was the first in what would become the longest-running sports series in TV history. The teams will meet again this Monday night at MetLife Stadium — this time with the Browns' Baker Mayfield and Odell Beckham Jr. sharing the spotlight with the Jets' Sam Darnold and Le'Veon Bell, and both teams looking to avoid starting the season 0-2.

Here's a look at how that first "Monday Night Football" game affected each team in subsequent seasons:

Jets

The glory days of Namath and the Jets were already fading, two seasons after winning the franchise's first — and, still, only — Super Bowl title.

There was plenty of optimism in 1970 after New York made the playoffs the previous season, but the loss to the Browns was an omen of disappointment to come.

The Jets rebounded the following week with a 31-21 victory over the Boston Patriots, but Namath was lost for the season in Week 5 when he broke his wrist against Baltimore in the teams' first meeting since New York's Super Bowl victory.

Al Woodall replaced Namath and helped snapped the Jets' six-game losing streak with consecutive wins against the Los Angeles Rams, Boston and Minnesota. They then skidded to the end of the season with three straight losses.

Namath came back, but played in just 23 games over the next three seasons because of various injuries. The Jets went 17-25 during that span and didn't get back to the playoffs until the 1981 season — four years after Namath retired following a one-season stint with the Rams.

That 11-season postseason drought is the longest in franchise history, with this current Jets squad second at eight years.

Browns

The Browns were coming off consecutive appearances in the NFL championship game, losing to the Colts in 1968 and the Vikings in 1969. There was lots of uncertainty about the future, though, as the merger between the NFL and AFL was completed and Cleveland moved to the newly formed AFC.

The win over the Jets on Monday night didn't springboard the Browns to continued success. Cleveland opened the season 3-1, but scuffled to a 7-7 finish and failed to make the playoffs. It was also the final season for coach Blanton Collier, who retired.

Nick Skorich took over and guided the Browns back to the postseason the next two years while going 19-9 in that span. But Cleveland then went through several years of mediocrity while failing to reach the playoffs again until 1980 under Sam Rutigliano.

The Browns are still looking for their first Super Bowl appearance — joining the Jacksonville Jag-



AP FILE

Browns defensive ends Jack Gregory (81) and Ron Snidow (88) blast through the Jets pass protection to pressure Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Namath during the game. The Browns won 31-21.

uarder, Detroit Lions and Houston Texans as the only active franchises to not make it to the NFL's biggest game.

These days, Cleveland will take just making it to the playoffs, of course. The Browns' 16-year postseason drought is the league's active longest skid.

Memorable games

1979: The Jets tied it on Kevin Long's 5-yard TD run with under a minute left, but Pat Leahy missed what would have been the go-ahead extra point. The Browns fumbled the ensuing kickoff and the Jets recovered, allowing Leahy to redeem himself by booting a go-ahead 21-yarder. But Brian Sipe rallied Cleveland down the field and Don Cockroft kicked a tying 35-yarder to send it to overtime. An interception of Matt Robinson by Oliver Davis gave the Browns the ball in the extra period, and Cockroft's 27-

yarder won it 25-22 for Cleveland.

1987: Another OT game, this time in the teams' only postseason meeting. Freeman McNeil's TD run gave the Jets a 10-point lead with just over four minutes left, but a late hit by Mark Gastineau on a third-down play kept the Browns alive. Bernie Kosar rallied Cleveland to tie it and send it to overtime. Mark Moseley missed a 23-yard field goal in the first overtime, but was good on his 27-yarder in the second OT to send the Browns to the AFC championship game with a 23-20 victory.

2002: The Jets took a 21-3 lead under Chad Pennington, then Tim Couch marched the Browns back in the second half. Phil Dawson kicked a 35-yard field goal to put Cleveland ahead 24-21 with 3:30 left, and Courtney Brown blocked John Hall's 44-yard tying attempt in the closing seconds to seal it for the Browns.

2010: Moments after Nick Folk's field goal put the Jets ahead by seven with 2:42 left, Colt McCoy rallied the Browns to a tying touchdown to send it to overtime. Appearing as though the game would finish in a tie, the Jets got the ball with 24 seconds left. Mark Sanchez connected with Santonio Holmes, who took the short pass 37 yards for a touchdown to give New York the 26-20 victory.

2018: The Jets grabbed a 14-0 lead on two touchdown runs by Isaiah Crowell, who celebrated the second against his former team by wiping his rear end with the football in the end zone. It was all downhill from there for New York. Rookie Baker Mayfield replaced injured starter Tyrod Taylor in the second quarter and dazzled in his NFL debut, leading the Browns to a 21-17 comeback victory that snapped Cleveland's 19-game winless streak.

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Getting right back to it

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

Seventeen days after Rory McIlroy cashed in by winning the FedEx Cup, a new season begins at The Greenbrier.

That's nothing new.

A year ago, there were only 10 open days between the final putt in the Tour Championship (Tiger Woods) and the first shot of the next season (Nick Taylor). It was an even shorter turnaround when factoring in the Ryder Cup in France, which ended four days before the Safeway Open in California.

The biggest difference is the amount of golf in the fall — and the amount of streaming coverage.

"PGA Tour Live" is adding weekday featured group coverage from seven tournaments in the fall, along with live streaming of featured matches all four days of the Presidents Cup at Royal Melbourne in Australia.

It adds up to 140 extra hours of live content, bringing the total for subscribers to 1,100 hours over the new season. "PGA Tour Live" is available in the U.S. on NBC Sports Gold and Prime Video channels, and internationally on Discovery-owned Golf TV.

The other tournaments to get live streaming of featured groups are the Sanderson Farms Championship, the Safeway Open, the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in Las Vegas, the Houston Open and the RSM Classic at Sea Island.

There are 11 tournaments over 10 weeks in the fall portion of the PGA Tour schedule, which includes a new event in Bermuda held the same week as the World Golf Championships event in Shanghai. That also includes a three-week swing through Asia with limited fields and no cuts.

When the wraparound season began, there were six tournaments.

As for the value of the fall, six of the eight winners last fall reached the Tour Championship at East Lake.

Solheim dates

The PGA Tour ending its season before football has freed a popular date on the calendar for golf — the Solheim Cup.

Tickets have gone on sale for the next Solheim Cup in 2021 at Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio. It will be played Sept. 4-6, starting on a Saturday and ending on Labor Day for the first time.

Before the PGA Tour went to a more compact schedule — with only three FedEx Cup playoff events — Labor Day was the final round of the playoff event outside Boston.

Stricker looks ahead

Steve Stricker used to have a short PGA Tour season even when it ended in late October. Even with a compact schedule, this one ended earlier than usual. He hasn't played since July 14, a sixth-place finish at Firestone in the Senior Players Championship.

Despite playing only nine events, he is No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings but still unsure how much he will on the PGA Tour Champions the rest of the year. There is an elk hunting trip coming up in the fall.

Stricker also played seven times on the PGA Tour, his last appearance a tie for 22nd at the Memorial, and now the Ryder Cup captain is thinking about one more full season on the regular tour. He has taken his one-time exemption from being top 25 in career money on the PGA Tour. He is contemplating a tournament or two in the fall. And then next year figures to be plenty busy with the Ryder Cup.

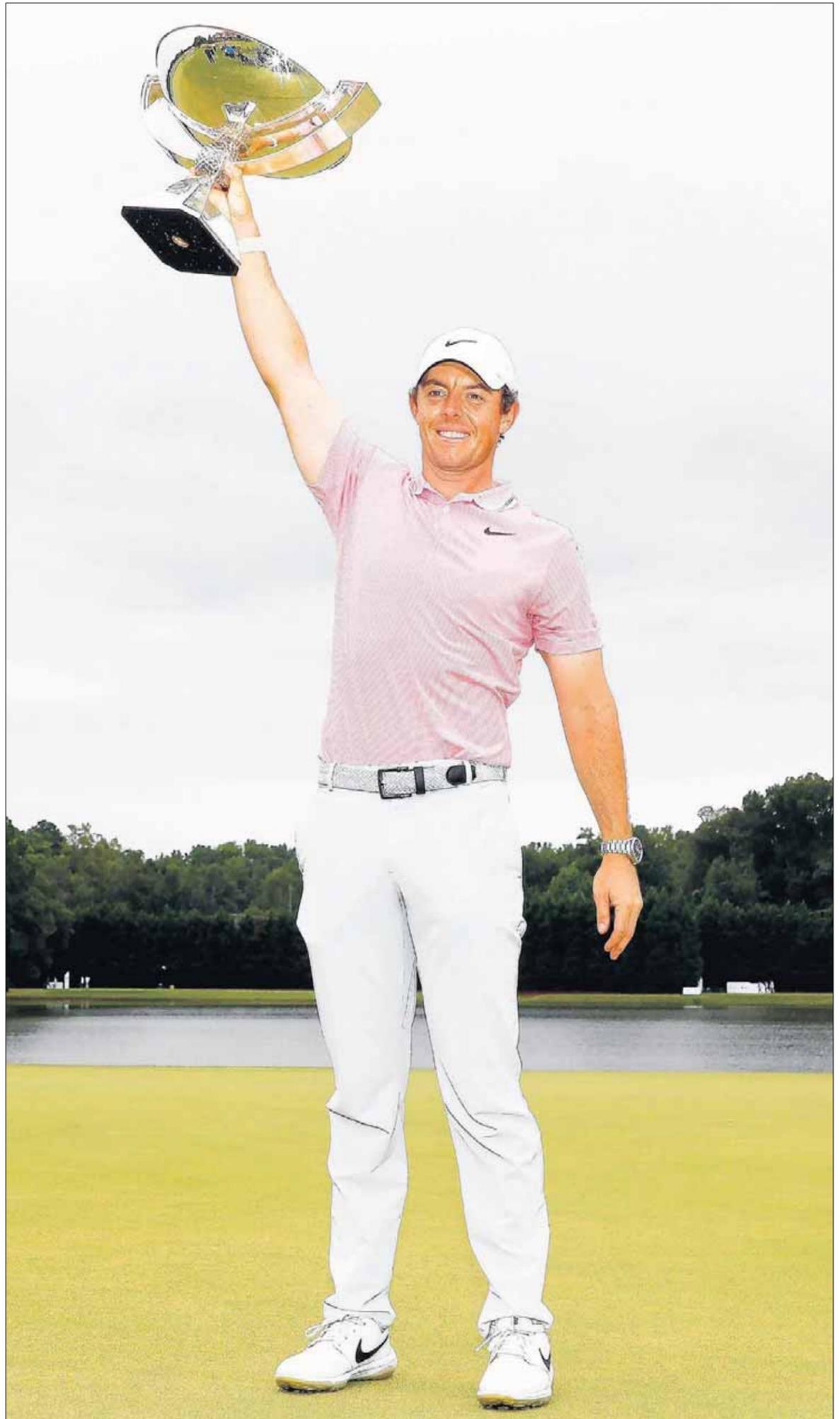
"I'd like to get in those FedEx Cup playoffs. Those looked pretty cool," Stricker said.

As a vice captain in the Presidents Cup in Australia, he is not likely to start next year with another long trip to Hawaii. But he figures to play more than seven times. And that includes two majors — the PGA Championship (as Ryder Cup captain) and the U.S. Open at Winged Foot from having won the Senior U.S. Open.



STACY REVERE/GETTY-APP

Despite playing only nine events, Steve Stricker is No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.



KEVIN C. COX/GETTY-AFP

Rory McIlroy celebrates with the FedEx Cup trophy after winning the Tour Championship in Atlanta on August 25.

Celebration of The King

The King is gone but far from forgotten. Arnold Palmer would have turned 90 on Tuesday, and his group of companies is celebrating with various activities from his hometown of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, to Orlando, Florida, and even the Empire State Building in New York. It started with ceremonial tee shots at 7 a.m. from Bay Hill Club and Latrobe Country Club to commemorate the time he was born. Those hitting shots at 7 a.m. or throughout the day in his honor were encouraged to share video with the hash tag "LifeWellPlayed."

The colors from his signature umbrella logo — red, yellow, white and green — are being displayed on the 400-foot Ferris wheel in Orlando, while a choreographed display of 90 lit umbrellas will be at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe. Also at Bay Hill, 90 ticket packages were available that offer two passes to the Arnold Palmer Invitational for any day, along with a \$50 gift card to a PGA Tour Superstore.

"My father's legacy is really one of inspiring people to do better and to look forward — he wasn't a fan of looking back, as he said — and so I'm thrilled to see his birthday used as an opportunity to do that, celebrating him and the impact he continues to make via the Arnold & Winnie Palmer Foundation," said his daughter, Amy Palmer Saunders, chairwoman of the Arnold Palmer companies and the Foundation. The Empire State Building will be lit in his umbrella colors to cap off his birthday celebration. Palmer died Sept. 25, 2016, of complications from heart problems.

Return of AMEX

American Express is back in the title sponsor business.

The PGA Tour said it has a multiyear agreement with American Express to be title sponsor of what had been The Desert Classic in January. The Jan. 16-19 tournament, held after the two-week Hawaii Swing, now will be called The American Express.

The tournament joins Pebble Beach as the only two PGA Tour events that have a pro-am format.

American Express previously was the title sponsor of the World Golf Championship that rotated between the U.S. and Europe — twice in Spain, twice in Ireland and once in England — until the sponsorship ended in 2006 and the WGC was moved to Doral.

The company also had a partnership with the U.S. Open for 13 years.

Divots

PGA champions Davis Love III and Dave Marr II are among six people who will be inducted into the PGA of America Hall of Fame. Joining them in the Nov. 5 ceremony are Annika Sorenstam, LPGA co-founder Shirley Spork, former PGA of America President Derek Sprague and the late Karsten Solheim, who founded Ping Golf. The ceremony is part of the PGA's annual meeting in West Palm Beach, Fla. ... Viktor Hovland of Norway has received an exemption to play the BMW PGA Championship next week at Went-

worth, the first event where European Tour members can earn Ryder Cup points. ... Phil Mickelson and Brooks Koepka have committed to play the Shriners Hospital for Children Open in Las Vegas on Oct. 3-6. For Mickelson, it will be his first appearance in the Las Vegas event since 2005. ... RSM and Davis Love III are expanding the "RSM Birdies Fore Love" charity program. The top three players who make the most birdies or better in the 11 fall events will earn \$300,000, \$150,000 and \$50,000 for a children- or family-based charity of their choice. Players who record the most birdies or better from each tournament in the fall will get \$50,000 for his charity. RSM and the Davis Love Foundation have generated more than \$13 million for charities since the RSM Classic at Sea Island began in 2010.

Stat of the week

The Americans have never won a Solheim Cup in Scotland, losing at Dalnahoy in 1992 and Loch Lomond in 2000.

Final word

"Everyone says we want a bit of rain for the Americans. No, we want beautiful weather so the galleries can get out there and enjoy themselves and just cheer us on and be the 13th man out there, because that's what the home soil advantage gives you." — Laura Davies on the Solheim Cup in Scotland.



BRYAN DAVID HALL PHOTO

Martin Kove: "When I started out, I was always playing third heavy from the left."

MY WORST MOMENT

Phone tag tale: He's it

Tastefully tenacious Martin Kove dogged Quentin Tarantino

BY NINA METZ

Martin Kove's career has spanned the gamut, playing everything from the cocksure police detective Isbecki on "Cagney & Lacey," to John ("Finish him!") Kreese, the sensei you root against in "The Karate Kid" films — the latter of which is a role he has returned to for the YouTube TV adaptation "Cobra Kai."

But when Kove first began acting, the jobs he landed were small parts on episodes of TV shows like "Gunsmoke" — close in spirit to the fictional TV series "Bounty Law" that's depicted in flashback in the Quentin Tarantino movie "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood," in which Kove appears as the sheriff.

"When I started out," said Kove, "I was always playing third heavy from the left, like (Leonardo DiCaprio's character) Rick Dalton in 'Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood.' So this is a world I knew really well.

"Actually, this is a great story: It was 1977 and I was doing 'Charlie's Angels' and my character was kidnapping Sammy Davis Jr. We were in his trailer between scenes and I'm a big Western buff and he pulls out a leather double rig, which has a holster on each side, and it has his monogram on the back. It was done by Arvo Ojala, a famous leather-maker who did all the Western holsters in the '60s, that Rick Dalton period. So Sammy gave me the holster as a gift.

"I keep it for 40 years and I never did anything with it because his waist was totally different than mine, ya know? I couldn't wear it, I couldn't put guns in it. But when I did this movie I said to myself, 'If I have a good time doing this, I'm gonna give Quentin Tarantino this rig because he'll love it and all of Arvo Ojala's stuff is from this time period.' Sure enough, I have a great time. So I bring the rig to set and I give it Quentin and he's ecstatic. And it's in the movie

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Actor Parker Guidry, center, runs through a challenging scene for a performance of "Head Over Heels" at Theater Wit.

One step forward, two steps back

Finding roles as trans and nonbinary actors in Chicago resembles a shuffle

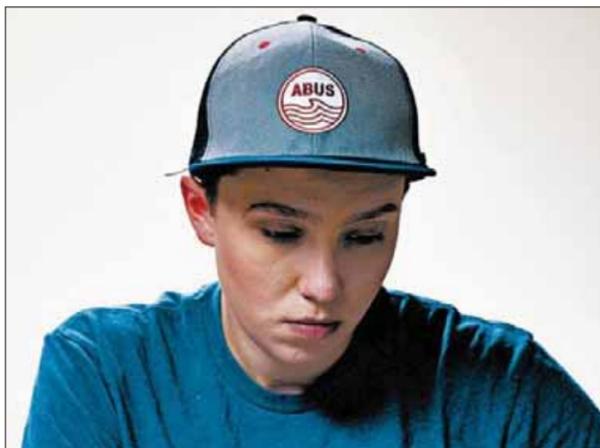
BY NICOLE BLACKWOOD

When nonbinary actor Rae Hamilton-Vargo first began their career in Chicago, they had two resumes: one with their pronouns, and one without. They would look at audition postings and perform mental calculations to decide how trans inclusive a project might be before choosing which resume to submit. It was a delicate balance — career and identity seemed inextricably linked and inherently incompatible.

"I think both as actors and as trans people, we're taught to have very low expectations for how much our dignity is worth," Hamilton-Vargo said.

These days, Hamilton-Vargo has one resume, and auditions tend to ask for pronouns upfront. What might seem a small detail to an outsider, is a reflection of cultural shifts as conversations centered around roles for trans and nonbinary actors have entered a national arena. Cisgender actors choose to play transgender roles and face backlash, while a select few trans actors are cast in popular series.

Chicago, where storefront theaters pay little and film opportunities are comparatively scarce, falls to the wayside of debate, and progress is a mixed bag. Projects like Lilly Wa-



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Rae Hamilton-Vargo attends the first read-through of William Shakespeare's "Richard III" at Broadway United Methodist Church.

chowski's upcoming Showtime series, "Work in Progress," are currently casting trans and nonbinary actors in the city, and theater productions like March's "Southern Comfort," produced by Pride Films and Plays, are majority trans. But theaters continue to cast cis actors in roles trans performers could or should play, and those who make it through the door are often what actor Emilie Modaff referred to as "palatable" for mainstream audiences.

Like Hamilton-Vargo, most actors agree that their art form looks different today than it did a few years ago. Yet difference can be both monumental and incremental, according to trans actor Lars Ebsworth. The experiences of trans and nonbinary actors in

Chicago resemble a shuffle: one step forward, two back, and a long pause for everyone to catch their breath.

"Most discourse is diversity versus inclusion," Ebsworth said. "We're getting cast more frequently, but it's a matter of where the work stops on how we're being included."

Above all, the deep-seated fear remains that the work might stop altogether. The stakes are as high today as a few years ago, said actor Theo Germaine; though the present moment feels like a turning point, trans and nonbinary performers can't rely on what they're given.

"Sometimes there are cycles of things being more inclusive. And then Hollywood can be like, the trend is over, now back to our

regularly scheduled programming," Germaine said. "That's unacceptable. This is going to be the regularly scheduled programming."

'The pendulum at this moment'

Most bystanders' concerns about representation in media begin and end with casting. Yet for actors in Chicago, the story has a more complicated structure and the end result matters more.

Delia Kropp, who has acted in Chicago for decades, said that fictional representation becomes a matter of real safety. Many people, she said, won't encounter trans individuals in their daily life, or won't realize if they do.

"Most of their experience of a trans person tends to be what they see in TV shows and movies, and in Chicago, in certain instances also onstage," Kropp said. Lack of visibility can lead to sustained apathy. Music director Kyra Leigh said that when a trans person is killed, "it doesn't click with people because they don't see them as a real person."

Representation offers a subconscious way forward, one at the beginning of being tried and tested. Monty Cole, director and former Artistic Programs Manager at Victory Gardens, noted that diversity in casting is typically discussed in terms of race. Gender has recently become part of Chicago casting conversations, though the process often feels like a hasty scramble.

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Huffman and Macy tell their side of admissions scandal



DAN STEINBERG/INVISION

Felicity Huffman, left, and her husband, William H. Macy, in 2014.

BY MATTHEW ORMSETH
 Los Angeles Times

What Felicity Huffman now calls the worst decision of her life came to a head at 6 a.m. March 12, when six federal agents showed up at the door of her Hollywood Hills home, guns drawn, to march the actress, in handcuffs, out of the realm of the beloved and into the realm of the scorned.

Letters that Huffman and her husband, William H. Macy, wrote to the judge who will sentence her this week offer the most detailed explanation to date about how the couple got involved in the scandal and how they are grappling with Huffman's extraordinary fall from grace.

Both award-winning actors said they were trying to be good parents. Huffman expressed deep regrets for her actions, adding she had disgraced herself and betrayed her daughter.

Perhaps because of her acting fame, perhaps because she had dispensed folksy advice on motherhood from her blog, Huffman became a face of an admissions scandal that burst into view six months ago, when federal prosecutors in Massachusetts alleged wealthy parents had for years paid staggering sums to fix their children's college entrance exams and slip them into elite universities as phony athletes.

Yet, until Friday, Huffman had

said little about why she paid a college admissions consultant \$15,000 to rig her daughter's SAT score, leaving the public to wonder: Why would a mother who could offer her children everything resort to fraud to get them ahead?

In her letter, Huffman said she had panicked, having come to believe her daughter's low math scores on the SAT would hamstring her dreams of becoming an actress.

"In my desperation to be a good mother," she wrote, "I talked myself into believing that all I was doing was giving my daughter a fair shot. I see the irony in that statement now because what I have done is the opposite of fair:"

Prosecutors on Friday filed a blistering memo of their own, saying crimes committed by Huffman and her co-defendants should not be interpreted as runaway parental zeal.

"All parents want to help their kids get ahead," they wrote in asking a judge to commit Huffman to prison, "yet most manage to steer clear of conspiracy, bribery and fraud."

Huffman's letter describes how she came to meet William "Rick" Singer, a college admissions consultant to the wealthy and the mastermind of the fraud exposed by prosecutors this year. Singer pleaded guilty in March to four

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Meryl Streep and Joaquin Phoenix arrive for their premieres at the Toronto International Film Festival.

TIFF pays tribute to Streep, Phoenix

TORONTO — In a gala dinner held Monday amid the Toronto International Film Festival's unspooling premieres, the festival paid tribute to Joaquin Phoenix, Meryl Streep, filmmaker Taika Waititi and cinematographer Roger Deakins.

With the city teeming with stars in town for the festival, TIFF this year added a star-studded fundraising dinner that coincided with some of its most anticipated premieres. Streep stopped by just as her financial industry satire "The Laundromat" was screening. Phoenix's "Joker" was simultaneously making its North American debut just blocks away.

"When I was 15 or 16, my brother River (Phoenix) came home from work and he had a VHS copy of a movie called 'Raging Bull,' and he sat me down and made me watch it," said Phoenix of his brother who died in 1993. "And the next day he woke me up, and he made me watch it again. And he said, 'You're going to start acting again, this is what you're going to do.'"

"He didn't ask me, he told me. And I am indebted to him for that because acting has given me such an incredible life," he said.

"Joker" arrived in Toronto fresh off its Golden Lion win Saturday at the Venice Film Festival. Earlier in the day, Phoenix visited painted wall murals advocating for veganism at a Toronto subway station.

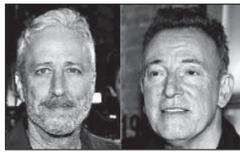
At the tribute gala, Streep encouraged fellow performers to choose roles with a social mindfulness.

"Every artist here has made a choice about the material they've done and they've decided to contribute — either by default or intention," said Streep.

"Even though we didn't create the moment we find ourselves in, we can't cure it individually, we can't control it, but we sure can contribute to its toxicity."

Waititi, whose "Jojo Rabbit" premiered Sunday in Toronto, received the festival's Ebert Director Award, named after the late film critic Roger Ebert. Deakins, who photographed "The Goldfinch," was honored for his life's work.

— Associated Press



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

Jersey boys: Two New Jersey icons — Bruce Springsteen and Jon Stewart — will once again headline this year's Stand Up for Heroes fundraiser, which benefits injured veterans and their families. The comedy and musical event will also feature John Oliver, Hasan Minhaj and Ronny Chieng. It will be held Nov. 4 at the Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

In court: A conservative TV network is suing Rachel Maddow for calling it "paid Russian propaganda." One America News seeks \$10 million in a federal suit that alleges Maddow's comments on her July 22 show were retaliation after OAN's president accused Comcast of censorship for refusing to carry the channel. The suit also names MSNBC, its parent, and Comcast. Maddow's comment referenced the fact that an OAN employee also wrote for Sputnik News, which is linked to the Russian government.

Vegas, baby: Van Halen's high-kicking David Lee Roth is jumping to Las Vegas for a mini-residence at the House of Blues at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino beginning Jan. 8. Roth said in a statement: "A weekend with me is interactive way beyond just music. It starts with the best food on Earth. The fellas smoke their three cigarettes for the year and we all stay up way past our bedtime!"

Sept. 11 birthdays: Director Brian De Palma is 79. Actress Lola Falana is 77. Actress Amy Madigan is 69. Actor John Hawkes is 60. Actress Virginia Madsen is 58. Musician Moby is 54. Singer Harry Connick Jr. is 52. Actress Taraji P. Henson is 49. Rapper Ludacris is 42.



ASK AMY

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Sober mom struggles with amends

Dear Amy: I am a recovering alcoholic and the mother of two beautiful adult daughters.

While I have been sober for seven years, my relationship with my elder daughter, now 30, is non-existent. I continue to do the work I need to do through a 12-step program, but her estrangement puzzles me. She said she could not have a relationship with me unless I quit drinking. Well, I did quit drinking.

I have tried to make amends for not being more present as her mother during those years when drinking took over my life. I have continued to send random texts letting her know that I think about her. I've sent care packages, as well as birthday and Christmas gifts. She always replies with a cordial text, thanking me and telling me it was thoughtful and kind of me to do so.

She left home before she turned 16. I've seen her maybe five times in 15 years. She is a virtual stranger to me, and I feel that my efforts are useless.

Some people tell me that "she'll come around," but others tell me to stop my efforts and move on.

Amy, I've carried sadness and regret over this broken relationship for 15 years. I'm losing hope. Any suggestions?

— Don't Know How to Let Go

Dear Don't Know: Apologizing is a "call to action" for the other person. When you apologize, you are asking the person to forgive you and to actively move on in a relationship with you.

Making amends is a

personal call to action for YOU. You are the one who will work the change, regardless of the outcome.

What a sad, challenging childhood your daughter had! She likely faced the burden of not only trying to mother you, but to try to shield and protect her younger sister. And then when other girls her age had far lighter burdens, she had reached her limit and was out of the house.

You cannot undo the past. You can only treat her with lovingkindness now.

You are doing that. You are also hoping to persuade or manipulate her into a fuller relationship with you. You are doing what you need to do for your recovery. But what about her recovery? Being in a closer relationship with you might not be good or healthy for her.

You should continue to love her anyway, in the way that you are doing. Her cordial and kind responses to you are evidence that she values your efforts, and that is something. It might have to be enough for you.

Dear Amy: I am struggling with heartbreak from three years ago. Last night, I dreamed about her, where she professed her love for me again. I woke up feeling worse than ever.

Long story short, her parents broke us up because they did not approve of a same-sex relationship (neither did my parents).

I put it all on the line fighting for our love, but she didn't, after her parents broke her phone, threatened to send her to a psych ward, and left her locked up in her house.

I waited for over a year. Then I realized she had

regained access to Facebook and had a new phone, and yet no message to me!

I never got closure, and I was left with a broken heart and long-lasting emotional hurt. I really want to know how someone can do this after saying they love you and want to marry you.

I've thought so many times of messaging her, but I don't know what to do.

— Emotionally Destroyed

Dear Destroyed: Please do message her. You may not hear what you want to hear, but knowing where she stands should help to provide the closure you seek. You both had the odds stacked against you, and I agree that this is heartbreaking.

Dear Amy: "Upset" was a mother upset that she was asked to share the expense for a restaurant meal with her family. I was so surprised at your response. Most waitstaff will not do a separate check for a big party.

Usually it is the parents who pick up the tab (and not the kids), if they can afford it. If she is needy, she should talk to her son. Otherwise, she should pay for them!

— Surprised

Dear Surprised: You and I live in different worlds. In my world, working adults take care of their parents, including picking up the tab for their widowed mother's modest slice of pizza when they go out.

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Romantic comedies leave 'happily ever after' at altar

TV series turn to challenges of love

By ASHLEY LEE
Los Angeles Times

Once upon a time, romantic comedies promised viewers "happily ever after." But now, in the thick of a rom-com renaissance, TV series are questioning the sentiment, becoming less interested in fairy-tale endings than the challenges of modern love.

From "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" — about a 1950s housewife-turned-stand-up-comedian — to "Fleabag" — about an irreverent Londoner who falls for a Catholic priest — a number of recent entries in the genre confront that fanciful notion in favor of another, more realistic feeling: uncertainty.

"Traditionally, the stories present a relationship like some sort of destination or achievement, but it's not

my experience of the world," said Aline Brosh McKenna, who wrote "The Devil Wears Prada" and "27 Dresses" and co-created the CW's romantic musical comedy "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," which completed its four-season run this year.

"Relationships are wonderful, but there's a lot that goes into being in a romantic relationship that's past the 'Cinderella' kiss, which just started to really seem like bull ... to people," she said. "I think now, people are a little more interested in what happens after that."

Which means rethinking the "after," exchanging the widely accepted ideal of children's stories for the uncomfortable truth that there is no relationship or job that guarantees indefinite bliss. In life as on screen, people are simply



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In "Younger," Sutton Foster's Liza has chased after Peter Hermann's Charles, but their onscreen union hasn't exactly been "happily ever after" — refreshing for a rom-com.

doing their best, putting one foot in front of the other and hoping it works out. These rom-coms embrace fickleness, indecision,

doubt — an appealing angle for contemporary viewers, especially in the current climate.

TV Land's series "Younger" has done this with aplomb. For five seasons, Sutton Foster's Liza — a 40-year-old single mother posing as a 26-year-old to get an entry-level job in publishing — has been romantically bouncing between her young, tattooed boyfriend, Josh (Nico Tortorella), and her age-appropriate, buttoned-up boss, Charles (Peter Hermann), who's shared many of the same life experiences as she has. In the logic of the series, though, there's no obvious right answer, no "one true person" with whom she should be. That authentic lack of resolution, season after season, has kept audiences tuned in.

"One thing I think the characters in this show learn is that one person doesn't check every box," "Younger" creator Darren Star told The Times. "These men represent two different viable choices for her, but with any one person, you can't have everything. And I just have to say for the record: These two guys aren't the only fish in the sea."

Last season's climactic finale shattered that love

triangle: Liza had left Josh, Charles left his job, and the two confessed their relationship to their friends and colleagues.

Throughout its sixth season, which ends Wednesday, "Younger" has illustrated that choosing to be with a person is not the end of a story — it's a ripe beginning. Charles and Liza butt heads over professional and personal matters. They have trouble explaining their newly public status. They disagree on fundamental issues. And many times Liza has doubted her decision.

That instability, though terrifying in real life, is a bottomless well for the storytelling in "Younger." "We took up what we thought of as a basic, and kind of a gimmicky, premise, and we've really evolved beyond it," said Star of Liza's initial lie.

"Ultimately, the show is about a woman who did everything she did because her career is what was important to her. She wasn't pursuing a man, she was pursuing a job. It's very much a romantic comedy that has real professional stakes to it. These are all characters who are not prioritizing romance over career." Indeed, American women's definition of "happily ever after" appears to be evolving as well. Pew Research Center reports that Americans are staying single longer (the median age at first marriage is 30 years for men and 28 years for women, its highest point on record).

While there are numerous theories for the rom-com revival — they're more inclusive across race, gender and sexual orientation; they're flipping the genre's tropes on their heads; and they're an increasingly large component of Netflix's programming — all share the same fundamental insight: If the romantic comedy is to remain one of pop culture's dominant forms, it will have to channel the changing priorities of its historically female-

skewing audience.

Amazon Prime's "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," currently filming its third season, achieves this goal by beginning its adventures where rom-coms traditionally end: after the wedding. Rachel Brosnahan's exemplary 1950s housewife Miriam (nicknamed Midge) seemed to have "happily ever after" stitched into the fabrics of her New York City apartment, but the facade fell away quickly amid her husband's insecurities and infidelity. She then discovered a new kind of happiness in stand-up.

And then, of course, there is "Fleabag," the second and final season of which was released on Amazon this year. Its six episodes did indeed tell "a love story," as creator Phoebe Waller-Bridge's titular lead promises viewers, breaking the fourth wall with a smile. Audiences watched her pursue a fraught relationship with a priest (Andrew Scott) — someone who saw her fully and completely and loved her for it. But he loved God too. "Fleabag" did not end with a freeze frame, in which Waller-Bridge and Scott hugged, kissed and grinned about their shared future together. It ended with a second split: between Fleabag and her audience, as she shook her head, flashed a wry smile and gave us a little wave goodbye.

"Not every romantic story has to have a happy ending," Cathy Schulman, executive producer of "The Edge of Seventeen," told The Times. "We can still do romance with different kinds of endings, endings that are satisfying and still let the characters overcome their obstacles and achieve their goal. But it doesn't have to mean they jump into a lifelong relationship."

"The genre format has largely been this idea of: girl meets boy, they don't realize they're right for each other, they figure it out, boy runs after train to get girl. It's ridiculous and outdated and not artistic."

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"I think a lot of times we think diversity means we're adding on this thing now, and then we're adding on this thing now, versus trying to look omnidirectional," he said.

But when thoughtful representation exists, the results are apparent. Actor North Rory Homeward cited a conversation with his mother about a nonbinary character in the TV show "Billions." His mother, who fumbled his pronouns for 17 years, used the correct pronouns for the character. The distinction is logical, if frustrating, Homeward said — identification with characters is devoid of complicated history.

What identification looks like below the surface is another debate. A common argument is that acting invites the unknown, so cis actors should be able to play trans characters. The problem, said actor Bea Cordelia, is that trans actors are unable to separate embodiment from their art, as each informs the other.

Before she was out, Cordelia, who recently moved from Chicago to Los Angeles, was hiding behind roles, using the identities of others to avoid her own. Now she feels able to express herself authentically via performance, a creative reckoning few cis actors could emote.

"I don't think I was able to act until coming out," Cordelia said. "When you're that shut off from yourself, it's hard to access other people's humanity on a deep level."

Even casting a trans actor in a role comes with caveats. Actor Parker Guidry said that it's expected of nonbinary actors in Chicago to play cisgender roles. But because casting now tends toward the "palatable," performers must consider presentation even in trans roles.

Comedian KJ Whitehead was told by friends to watch the TV show "Pose" and grew frustrated, as most of the trans actors were passing — correctly perceived as women — something Whitehead doesn't see as wholly representative of her community. A trans woman of color, Whitehead said, is most comfortable for audiences when they pass.

And comfort swings in the opposite direction; Kelsey McGrath said that they're called in to audition for nonbinary roles but aren't cast due to presenting as femme. Casting directors, they said, want a clear-cut image. It's a show business rule for all gender identities, but one always at the back of McGrath's mind.

"Actors probably think about how they're perceived more than a normal person," McGrath said. "And expression is super important for gender nonbinary folks because that's how they tell the world about themselves."

Still, Chicago performers have varying conceptions of what an ideal world would look like. Some would prefer to play roles that align with their identity, others would play any role.

Reconciling the gender of a character, according to actor McKenzie Graham-Howard, isn't a challenge for many trans and nonbinary performers, who grapple with identity daily. As a result, most actors want smaller roles — Uber drivers and baristas — to be played by trans and nonbinary actors, which Cordelia said would "reflect the world we live in," even if the gender of the character is unspecified. And ultimately, performers speak about inclusive casting as a means to an end, according to actor David Lovejoy. No cultural moment lasts forever.

"The pendulum at this moment is swinging far to the side of: People shouldn't be playing roles they don't fit in," Lovejoy said. "How much do you have to fit a role to play that role?"

There is, Lovejoy said, no universal answer. Still, the pendulum will eventually find equilibrium, and a conversation beyond casting can free itself from the tipping point.

'We'll only get our stories told when it costs a dime'

But working toward that moment requires large-scale cooperation. According to Hamilton-Vargo, most cities are make-or-break places.

Chicago, they said, is a "more of a gradient" — an actor can work heavily without getting paid, and actors jump between venues. Perhaps as a result, community ties are especially valuable. Guidry referred to casting calls for trans actors as "trans family reunions," where everyone vies for a handful of parts.

Since an actor's success depends on the number of roles available, the distinctions between mediums become apparent. Film, according to Modaff, sees major progress in spurts while for the most part, theater in Chicago is known to be a viable



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Music director, conductor and keyboard player Kyra Leigh, left, and actor Parker Guidry hang out backstage while preparing for a performance of "Head Over Heels" at Theater Wit. Guidry plays the "nonbinary plural" oracle of Delphi, Pythio, in the production.



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The Eclectic Full Contact Theatre gathers at the Broadway United Methodist Church in Lakeview East to perform the first read-through of "Richard III."

"Change sometimes happens slow. ... If people are stepping on eggshells — 'I don't want to get it wrong' — they're not going to try."

— Honey West, performer

avenue for trans and nonbinary actors. To cast someone as a gender they might not "read" as is, Hamilton-Vargo said, possible due to a "suspension of disbelief."

Yet productions that do cast trans actors often don't receive the same media coverage as similar shows in New York, according to David Zak, executive director of Pride Films and Plays. And musical theater tends to be particularly conservative, as accommodating trans voices often requires key changes and board members are viewed as figures concerned with subscriber bases, Germaine said.

"Companies slowly introduce things because they're like, 'Whoa, we don't want to scare the median audience subscriber,'" Germaine said. "Which is a white person in their 50s and 60s."

Laura Alcalá Baker, former casting director and artistic programs manager at Victory Gardens Theatre, said that this slowness is largely the result of complicated equations. Often, a theater will choose to push boundaries on one show and play it safe with the next in order to grow a base willing to watch. But according to Lucas Garcia, who has worked as a freelance dramaturg at institutions like Goodman Theatre and Victory Gardens, theater bureaucracy varies widely — in most cases, boards don't directly oversee artistic content.

Instead, Cole said that decisions are made by individuals who work directly with actors, meaning a lack of inclusion is a collective failing. When it comes to casting a trans actor in a role written for a cis performer, anyone, at any point in the process, can introduce the idea. Similarly, anyone, at any point, can "put the brakes on it."

Progress, he said, is far from simple. And a lack of visible progress is, according to Victory Gardens executive director Erica Daniels, in part the result of a lack of transparency. When theaters don't communicate their methods, frustration grows.

Because diverse casting is collective, necessitating approval from all levels, casting agencies working in both film and theater



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A rainbow flag is seen in the Broadway United Methodist Church.

must take the onus upon themselves to send trans actors out for roles that don't demand them. AJ Links, casting director at Paskal Rudnicke Casting, described this process as "being honest in casting." Catherine Miller, a nonbinary casting director at First Floor Theater, said that it involves asking challenging questions of creatives: "When someone says they want a normal cast — well, how do you define normality?"

But even making it to an audition room means combating hidden barriers to access. Lovejoy said the common refrain of casting directors is that they couldn't find trans individuals who were "good enough," a cycle that perpetuates itself: a lack of opportunities means a lack of experience, and one begets the other.

Part of the problem, according to Cole, is the places Chicago casting directors search, as even smaller theaters aren't guaranteed to produce work that includes trans and nonbinary performers. And when casting and theater companies put out general casting calls, Cole said it can further seed a preexisting divide.

"There's an issue of trust: 'Why would I trust that this theater company suddenly wants to do a show about people that look like me, and can I trust them that they're going to make a space that feels safe?'" Cole said.

As a result, trans and nonbinary actors compromise. According to Guidry, Chicago is known for producing impressive shows that pay little, which "feeds into this idea that we'll only get our stories told when it costs a dime." While many performers face financial strain, actor Jerome Riley Jr. said this is particularly true for cis and trans people, who often navigate their creative identities with no safety net. Riley said they feel obligated to cater to agents and casting directors, continually auditioning despite discomfort "because I'm black, because I'm queer. It's a weird

respectability politics thing."

Though national conversations about trans and nonbinary actors end at casting, compromise rarely does. When a trans or nonbinary actor is cast, Hamilton-Vargo said, they're often the only one in the production, from pre to post. This means that actors work as unofficial, unpaid consultants, validating the decisions of cisgender directors and writers or objecting at their own professional risk.

While director and Court Theatre associate producer Regina Victor said they hope institutions will begin to compensate actors for this labor, this is far from the norm in Chicago.

It's an unending burden, according to Cordelia. Most productions will move forward with or without any one actor, so trans and nonbinary actors often feel a responsibility to "minimize harm" where they can. A one-person boycott, Cordelia said, won't hold weight on an institutional level — the lights, camera and action chug on.

"If we're getting a paycheck and are able to pay our bills, that's something," she said.

'Let's keep creating our own art'

Though the current moment is a frenzy of casting controversy, and though institutions can slow growth, the ultimate goal in Chicago is creative solidarity. Worthwhile art happens, Homeward said, when actors are able to be comfortable in a space, focused wholly on the work at hand; theater, first and foremost, is a reckoning with the self. He recalled performing in "Southern Comfort" and feeling an "innate" sense of security in the rehearsal room, where actors freely discussed topics like hormones.

Some believe this security is possible no matter who holds the camera. Performer Honey West is less upset about the minutia of how trans stories find their way

onstage and onscreen; progress, she believes, perfects itself organically.

"Change sometimes happens slow," West said. "I'm happy to see things happening and I'm happy that people are trying. If people are stepping on eggshells — 'I don't want to get it wrong' — they're not going to try."

But many, including JD Caudill, director of "Southern Comfort," believe that worthwhile change happens when trans actors are able to "create space for (themselves)." They recalled a trans teenager coming to see "Southern Comfort" and crying at the show's raw openness. Nothing onstage was mediated by a cisgender actor; art was rendered real, and therefore made meaningful.

"I wish my community was invited to every audition room, but until that day comes, let's keep creating our own art," Caudill said. "There are plenty of people out there who want to tell our stories that aren't our community, and they aren't getting it right."

Garcia, a Chicago actor recently cast in Netflix's "Tales of the City," agreed, noting that in the '90s, it was "crazy to see two people of the same sex in bed together" onscreen or onstage. The future seems comparatively hopeful.

"Trans and nonbinary folks will be so embedded in the field that we'll be directing and writing and showrunning," Garcia said. "We'll have that little piece of the field in our hands."

But for now, Ebsworth said, change means turning common arguments on their heads. In 2018, Ebsworth helped found Trans Voices Cabaret CHI, an offshoot of its New York counterpart, to allow musical theater actors to perform songs of their choice. If an agent sees performers successfully covering the musical theater canon, no excuses remain.

"My goal is to give you a palatable way of just how you can include us in your world," Ebsworth said. "(That) work will never be done. It's so much labor to do something we love."

And love is at the center of discussion: Most actors agree that it's impossible to separate the current moment from discussions about film and theater as a whole.

Performer Hannah Starr is frustrated by theater directors complaining that the art form is dying. If that's true, Starr argued, it's because audiences aren't able to see themselves onstage. Performance in 10 years may be different, but how different depends on the adaptability or intransience of institutions.

Change is inevitable, Starr said. The medium demands it.

"It's exciting and it's also scary because anything where you don't know what's going to happen is scary," Starr said. "But it's the beginning of the marathon."

And progress is visible. Currently, Guidry is playing Pythio in "Head Over Heels," a musical at Theater Wit. Pythio, the "nonbinary plural" oracle of Delphi, claims to "transgress" convention during their introduction. The audience chuckled at the line; a few finger-snaps hit the air. While Guidry said casting nonbinary actors is still viewed as a "concept" what was most surprising was how easily the audience adapted. The show is like any other musical: It demands sustained energy. So when the script called for laughter, the audience laughed; when it called for applause, they applauded.

Just like that. It seemed almost simple.

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ROBERT FRANK 1924-2019

Influential photographer, author of 'The Americans'

BY HILLEL ITALIE
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NEW YORK — Robert Frank, a giant of 20th century photography whose seminal book "The Americans" captured singular, candid moments of the 1950s and helped free picture-taking from the boundaries of clean lighting and linear composition, has died. He was 94.

Frank died Monday in Inverness, on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia, according to his second wife, June Leaf. The couple divided their time between Nova Scotia and New York.

The Swiss-born Frank influenced countless photographers and was likened to Alexis de Tocqueville for so vividly capturing the U.S. through the eyes of a foreigner. Besides his still photography, Frank was a prolific filmmaker, creating more than 30 movies and videos, including a cult favorite about the Beats and a graphic, censored documentary of the Rolling Stones' 1972 tour.

Black-and-white Super 8 pictures by Frank were featured on the cover of the Stones' "Exile On Main Street," one of rock 'n' roll's most acclaimed albums. But he was best known for "The Americans," a montage that countered the 1950s myth of bland prosperity and opened vast new possibilities for photography, shifting the paradigm from the portrait to the snapshot. As essential to post-war culture as a Chuck Berry song or a Beat poem, Frank's shots featured jukeboxes, lunch-eonettes, cigars, big cars and endless highways, with an American flag often in the picture.

The 83 black-and-white photographs were culled from more than 28,000 images Frank took from 1955 to 1957 during a cross-country trip. He made the trip on a Guggenheim Fellowship secured for him

by American photographer Walker Evans, whose stark pictures from the 1930s had helped define the country during the Great Depression.

"When you are an artist you are influenced by, you know, by the cars outside, by a painting, by literature, by Walker Evans," Frank told Art in America magazine in 1996.

Frank was a shy, sad-eyed man who openly, and gruffly, preferred being the storyteller and not the subject. His photographs, deadpan and unconventionally cropped, have the feel of someone standing on the outside, intently looking on.

"The more distressing new quality in Frank's pictures was their equivocating indirection, their reluctance to state clearly and simply either their subject or their moral," John Szarkowski, a former head of the Museum of Modern Art's photography collection, wrote in 1989.

Considered by many as one of the most important books of photography published since World War II, "The Americans" was not initially well received. The photos were perceived as a critique of American life, depicting it as bleak, dark and unhappy: Black and white passengers gazing out a racially segregated trolley in New Orleans; a tuba player at a political rally in Chicago, his face obscured by his instrument; a parade in Hoboken, New Jersey, of two women looking out a brick building, their faces obscured by a fluttering American flag. "The Americans" was eventually published by Grove Press, which had a history of releasing taboo-breaking works. The introduction was by "On the Road" novelist Jack Kerouac, who directly addressed his subject: "To Robert Frank I now give you this message: You got eyes."



Detail of Robert Frank's "Political Rally, Chicago," from "The Americans," 1958. The photography book was considered by many as one of the most important since World War II.

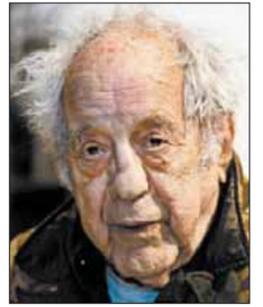
One of the images, "Indianapolis, 1956" shows an unsmiling black couple on motorcycles staring at nothing in particular as a crowd surrounds them. As with all his photos, Frank left the interpretation to the viewer, a mysterious quality the photographer himself seemed to share.

"He has by turns been described by people who do not know him as ornery, reclusive, hard, manipulative to the point of destructive, and cold as a bowling ball. He rarely gives interviews," Vanity Fair reported in 2008.

Frank is the recipient of numerous awards, includ-

ing the 2000 Cornell Capa Award from the International Center for Photography in New York and the 1996 Hasselblad Foundation's International Photography. The documentary "Don't Blink — Robert Frank," by Laura Israel, came out in 2015.

Born in 1924, he grew up



KATHY WILLENS/AP 2016

Robert Frank, one of the 20th century's greatest photographers, died Monday at age 94.

in a wealthy Jewish family that lived in Switzerland during World War II, sparing Frank the worst of the Nazis, but leaving him with a lasting awareness of human tragedy. Finding his father too materialistic and his early surroundings too narrow, he emigrated to New York in 1947.

In his new country, he started out as a fashion photographer and became friends with Willem de Kooning and Allen Ginsberg, among others. After meeting Edward Steichen, then director of the Museum of Modern Art, he was included in a 1951 group exhibition at the museum, "51 American Photographers." In the early '60s, the Art Institute of Chicago presented a solo exhibition of Frank's work, and MoMA again featured him in a show in 1952. The first retrospective of his work was in 1974 in Switzerland at the Kunsthaus Zurich.

Thirteen years after publication of "The Americans" in the United States, Frank produced another critically acclaimed book of autobiographic images titled "The Lines of My Hand." His other books included "Paris" and "Black, White and Things."

Former Associated Press reporter Ulana Ihnytzky was the principal writer of this obituary.

Scandal

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felonies, acknowledging he rigged SAT and ACT exams for his clients and misrepresented their children as promising recruits for sports they didn't actually play.

But when Huffman went searching for a college counselor in 2016, concerned that her daughter's public high school had just one overworked counselor for 300 students, Singer was recommended by a friend "as one of the best experts in LA," she wrote. "I was told I would be lucky if I could get him to sign on to help me."

Huffman said she didn't "go shopping" for a fixer to rig her daughter's SAT, and didn't even know it could be done.

Singer tutored her daughter legitimately, helping her with the math section of the SAT, Huffman said, and she was "relieved that he seemed so good at his job, was so confident and knowledgeable."

But after a year of tutoring, Singer told Huffman they weren't making much progress. "We still had a serious problem and, according to him, he had the solution," she said.

As described by prosecutors, Singer explained to Huffman and Macy that he could pay a test proctor to allow an accomplice, Harvard-educated Mark Riddell, to correct their daughter's answers on the SAT.

"We will make sure she gets the score she needs," he told Huffman, according to her letter.

Riddell has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit fraud and money laundering. When she pleaded guilty to fraud conspiracy in May, Huffman said she did not dispute the prosecution's account of her dealings with Singer.

Macy hasn't been charged with a crime. Although they don't identify him by name, charging

documents filed by prosecutors show Macy discussed and assented to the cheating.

On a Saturday morning in December 2017, Huffman's daughter took the SAT at a private school in West Hollywood. Once she finished, Riddell corrected her answers. Both prosecutors and Huffman said the girl had no knowledge of the scheme.

Two months later, Huffman and Macy made a \$15,000 "contribution" to Singer's foundation, which has since been exposed as a conduit that allowed Singer's clients to funnel money to him, test proctors and college coaches while taking a tax write-off.

Huffman was arrested March 12. Two days later, Macy said in his letter, their older daughter flew to an audition at a college.

When she landed, she learned in an email that the college had rescinded her invitation to audition.

"She called us from the airport in hysterics," Macy said, "begging us to, 'Do something, please, do something.'"

Ironically, Macy said, the college — which he didn't name — doesn't require applicants to take the SAT.

He said their daughter "has nightmares from the FBI agents waking her that morning with guns drawn."

The early-morning arrests of Huffman and 32 other parents in Manhattan, the Los Angeles Westside and other wealthy enclaves across the country raised eyebrows from some legal observers, who noted prosecutors often let those charged with similar nonviolent offenses to negotiate a surrender.

But from the day the case was unsealed, prosecutors have emphasized that they intend to treat Singer's moneyed clients no different from any other accused felons.

They cited that reasoning again Friday in arguing why Huffman and 10 other parents should be imprisoned for conspiring with Singer.

"Incarceration is the only leveler," they said. "In prison everyone is treated the same, dressed the same, and intermingled regardless of affluence, position or fame."

Prosecutors have asked that Huffman receive a one-month prison sentence when she appears before U.S. District Judge Indra Talwani on Sept. 13 as the first parent to be sentenced in the scandal.

Huffman's attorneys say probation, a \$20,000 fine and 250 hours of community service would suffice.

Since her arrest, Macy said in his letter, Huffman has hardly left their home because the paparazzi "have an uncanny knack of finding her." She's received no job offers or auditions, he said, and it's unclear "when or how Felicity will resume her acting career."

Their older daughter has decided to take a gap year but plans to apply to college again, Macy said. Their younger daughter is in her last year of high school.

"She hurt her daughters," Macy said. "It was the one thing she swore never to do, and she did it. It's a great lump of pain she carries with her every night and day."

Other letters submitted to the judge in support of Huffman included one from her "Desperate Housewives" co-star Eva Longoria. She said Huffman took her under her wing on the show and was kind "I was the lowest-paid actor on the show, by far," Longoria said in the letter. "Felicity brought up that we should negotiate together, something we call favored nations that means we all make the same. This meant that my salary would significantly increase and I would be on par with the more experienced actors. Well needless to say, that did not go over too well with the others. But Felicity stood up for me, saying it was fair because the success of the show depended on all of us, not one of us."



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Chance the Rapper, seen here performing in Garfield Park on July 25, will reschedule his Sept. 29 show at the United Center. No new date has been announced.

Chance the Rapper postpones arena tour

He is wanting to spend more time with his family

BY JESSI ROTI

After ushering in his debut album and welcoming a new baby, daughter Marli, Chance the Rapper has postponed his upcoming arena tour to spend more time with his family.

Breaking the news to fans on Instagram on Monday afternoon, the rapper — who made a guest star appearance at Kanye West's Sunday Service at Northerly Island — wrote, "This year has been one of the greatest of my life; Marriage, new baby, first album etc. But with it being so eventful it has also been very strenuous having to divide my time and energy between family and work."

The Grammy winner continued, explaining that after older daughter Kensli was born in 2015, he went on tour and missed important milestones in her life. "... but more importantly," Chance wrote, "I was absent when her mother needed me the most."

"At this point as a husband and father of two I realize that I can't make that mistake again. I need to be as helpful and available as possible to my wife in these early months of raising Kensli and Marli. I apologize because I know how many people were counting on seeing me soon, but I hope you'll understand and forgive me in time."

Chance married his longtime girlfriend Kirsten Corley in a civil ceremony in Chicago in 2018, but the pair made it official in March with a star-studded event in California. The

couple shared the news they were expecting their second baby weeks later.

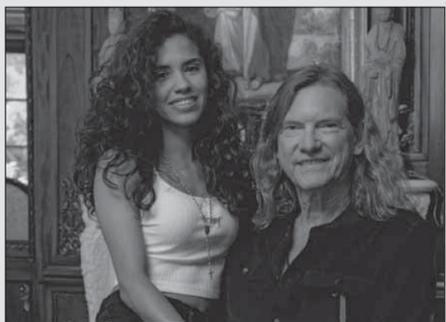
The tour supporting the artist's latest "The Big Day" (released in July), set to kick off in San Francisco on Saturday, will commence Jan. 15, 2020. Information regarding refunds can be found at www.chancerrap.com, where tickets for future dates are still available for purchase.

Not all fans are out of luck, however. The rapper confirmed his Sept. 28 Chicago concert at United Center is still on, as are his appearances at Life is Beautiful festival in Vegas, iHeart Music Fest and Miami Beach Pop Fest.

United Center confirmed, however, that his second night at the venue (Sept. 29) has been rescheduled. No new date has been announced.

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Brianna Ramirez and Bill Hutchinson

"Marrying Millions" (9 p.m., 1:01 a.m., Lifetime): In the first-season finale, "Marriage or Money?," Julia steps in to play attempted matchmaker after her mom, Katie, breaks up with Kolton. Elsewhere, Bill has a major surprise in store for Brianna, and Gentile is racked by indecision over whether to say, "I do." Meanwhile, Sean and Megan's wedding may stall because of his father's strong disapproval of the nuptials.

"BH90210" (8 p.m., FOX): The line between real life and reel life has kept getting blurrier in this quasi-reboot of a drama that was one of Fox's earliest flagship series, and it seems likely art will imitate life yet again in the Season 1 finale, "The Long Wait" — a title that refers to the show's cast members waiting to hear whether the network is picking up their show for Season 2. As of this writing, Fox hasn't shared its decision. Tori Spelling, Jennie Garth and Ian Ziering star.

"In the Shadow of the Towers: Stuyvesant High on 9/11" (8 p.m., 3:45 a.m., HBO): When New York's World Trade Center was attacked in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the teenage students at nearby Stuyvesant High School found themselves being evacuated from their classrooms and faced with a harrowing journey home that led through a danger zone choked by debris. Amy Schatz reveals what it felt like to be near Ground Zero on that fateful day.

"9/11: Inside Air Force One" (8 p.m., 12:03 a.m., History): This new two-hour documentary takes viewers aboard Air Force One — as well as into cockpits, command centers and bunkers across the United States — to recapture the chaotic activity on one of the most terrifying days in American history. The film includes interviews with former President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.

"Queen Sugar" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., OWN): The personal history that Violet (Tina Lifford) shared with mill owner Sam Landry (David Jensen) comes to light in the new episode "I Am." Later, a dismayed Charley (Dawn-Lyen Gardner) realizes that Landry has used her in pursuit of his own secret agenda. The Bordelon family presents a united front, determined to face an uncertain future together.

"Snowfall" (9 p.m., 10:03 p.m., 12:08 a.m., FX): In the Season 3 finale, "Other Lives," Franklin (Damson Idris) decides it's time for him to walk a different path in his life, while daily existence for those living in South Central Los Angeles starts to change forever. That chapter-ending note sets the tone for Season 4, which FX recently greenlit. The show — which remains among the cable network's top performers — has weathered the untimely loss last April of co-creator John Singleton, who died of a stroke at age 51.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Ron Burgundy.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): TV personality Kim Kardashian West; model Winnie Harlow; Iggy Pop performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor James McAvoy; author Stephen King; Vampire Weekend performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (12:35 a.m., ABC): Talk show host Sharon Osbourne; comic Bill Burr.*

* Subject to change

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MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Big Brother (N) ©		SEAL Team: "My Life for Yours." ©		S.W.A.T.: "Trigger Creep." ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	America's Got Talent: "Live Results 5." (N) ©		(8:01) Songland: "OneRepublic." (N) ©		Hollywood Game Night (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs ©	Schooled ©	Modern Family ©	(8:31) Single Parents ©	MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at San Diego Padres. (N) (Live) ♦		
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N) ♦
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller ©	B. Miller ©	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.
	This TV 9.3	Not Without My Daughter (PG-13,'91) *** Sally Field.		Chicago Tonight (N)	Animal Babies: First Year on Earth (Series Finale) (N) ©	Navy SEALs (R,'90) *** Charlie Sheen. ♦		Magical (Series Finale) (N) ♦
	PBS 11	Bulletproof (Season Finale) (N) ©		Hypnotize Me (N) ©		Broke Girl ©		Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil (N) ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		The Steve Wilkos Show ©		Cops ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith ©	Andy Griffith ©	Gomer Pyle ©	Green Acres ©	Hogan Hero ©		C. Burnett ©
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next ©		Star Trek: Deep Space 9 ©		Star Trek ♦
Bounce 26.5	The Game ©	The Game ©	What's Love Got to Do With It (R,'93) *** Angela Bassett. ©					
FOX 32	MasterChef: "London Calling -- Pt. 2." (N) ©		BH90210: "The Long Wait." (Season Finale) (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Later with Leon	
Ion 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: "Blowback." ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ♦	
Telem 44	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)		El final del paraíso (N) ©		Preso No. 1 (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Dateline ©		Dateline ©		Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	(6) Enamorándonos ©		Apocalipsis ©		Noticiero Uni Nosotr. ©		Nosotr. ©	
WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church ©		Joyce Meyer Robison ©		Coach's Cor. Paid Prog. ©		Monument ©	
Univ 66	La Rosa de Guadalupe ©		La Rosa de Guadalupe ©		Sin miedo a la verdad (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Ghost Hunters ©		Ghost Hunters (N) ©		(9:01) Psychic Kids (N)		Psychic ♦
	AMC	(6) Jaws (PG,'75) *** Roy Scheider. ©		I Was Prey ©		I Was Prey: "All Alone." (N)		I Was Prey ♦
	ANIM	I Was Prey ©		I Was Prey (N)		I Was Prey: "All Alone." (N)		I Was Prey ♦
	BBCA	Anaconda (PG-13,'97) ♦ Jennifer Lopez, Ice Cube. ©		2019 Black Girls Rock!		Anaconda (PG-13,'97) ♦ Ice Cube ©		
	BET	The Family That Preys ♦♦		2019 Black Girls Rock!				
	BIGTEN	Big Ten Elite ©		The B1G Show ©		BTN Football in 60 ©		BIG Show ♦
	BRAVO	Real Housewives-Dallas ©		Real House. (N)		Housewives/OC ©		Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7 ©	News (N)	News at 8 ©	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics ©
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	South Park ©	South Park ©	South Park ©	South Park ©	South Park ©	South Side ©	Daily (N)
DISC	Expedition Unknown (N)		Expedition Unknown (N)		(9:01) Contact (N) ©		Expedition ♦	
DISN	Raven ©	Roll With It ©	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Coop ©	Sydney-Max ©	Raven ©	
E!	Hitch (PG-13,'05) *** Will Smith, Eva Mendes. ©						Hitch *** ♦	
ESPN	♦ MLB Baseball: Braves at Phillies (N)				MLB Baseball: Cubs at Padres (N) ♦			
ESPN2	♦ WNBA Basketball (N)		WNBA Basketball: First Round: 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	(6:30) Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13,'07) ♦♦ Johnny Depp.				700 Club ♦			
FX	(6) Furious 7 (PG-13,'15) *** Vin Diesel. ©				Snowfall: "Other Lives." (Season Finale) (N)		Snowfall ♦	
HALL	Valentine Ever After (NR,'16) Autumn Reeser. ©				Golden Girls ©	Golden Girls ©	Golden Girls ©	
HGTV	Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunt Intl (N)		Property ♦	
HIST	♦ 102 Minutes		9/11: Inside Air Force One (N) ©				102 Mins. ♦	
HLN	CNN Films Presents: "9/11." ©				Forensic ©	Forensic ©	Forensic ©	
IFC	(6:45) Tommy Boy (PG-13,'95) ♦♦ Chris Farley. ©				Showcase ©	Tommy Boy ('95) ♦♦ ©		
LIFE	Married (N)	Married at First Sight (Season Finale) (N) ©		Marrying Millions (Season Finale) (N) ©		Married ♦		
MSNBC	All in With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	Ridiculous. ©		The Challenge (N) ©				Ghosted: Love Gone	
NBCSCH	MLB Baseball: Kansas City Royals at Chicago White Sox. (N) (Live)						Postgame	
NICK	Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG,'11) ♦♦ Jim Carrey. ©				Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦	
OVATION	(6) Doc Hollywood (PG-13,'91) *** Grease 2 (PG,'82) ♦♦ Maxwell Caulfield. ♦							
OWN	Queen Sugar: "Here." ©		Queen Sugar: "I Am." (N)		David Makes Man (N)		Sugar ♦	
OXY	NCIS: "Toxic." ©		NCIS: "Legend." ©		NCIS: "Legend." ©		NCIS ♦	
PARMT	Coming to America (R,'88) ♦♦ Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall. ©				Coming to America *** ♦			
SVFY	(5:45) Fast & Furious ♦♦		Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13,'14) ♦♦ Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt. ©					
TBS	Big Bang ©	Big Bang ©	Big Bang ©	Big Bang ©	Full (N)		Conan ©	
TCM	12 Angry Men (NR,'57) *** ©				(8:45) Sweet Smell of Success (NR,'57) *** ©			
TLC	Extreme ©	Extreme ©	Extreme ©	Extreme ©	Extreme ©	Extreme ©	Extreme ©	
TLN	Baptist King ©		Diane ©	The Three ©	Life Today ©	Exalted ©	Humanit ♦	
TNT	Battleship (PG-13,'12) ♦♦ Taylor Kitsch. ©						Safe House (R,'12) ♦♦	
TOON	Amer. Dad ©	Amer. Dad ©	Burgers ©	Burgers ©	Family Guy ©	Family Guy ©	Rick, Morty ©	
TRAV	Mountain Monsters ©		Mountain Monsters (N)		When Monsters Attack (N)		Monsters ♦	
TVL	Raymond ©	Raymond ©	Raymond ©	Raymond ©	Two Men ©	Two Men ©	King ©	
USA	Law & Order: SVU ©		Suits (N) ©		(9:01) Pearson (N) ©		Law-SVU ♦	
VH1	Basketball Wives (N) ©		Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Black Ink Crew (N)		Black Ink ♦	
WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order: "Panic." ©		Law & Order: "Entitled." ©		Law ♦	
WGN America	Dog's Most Wanted ©		Dog's Most Wanted (N)				Dog	
PREMIUM	HBO	(5:35) Aquaman ('18) ♦♦	Towers (N)	(8:35) Mary Queen of Scots (R,'18) ♦♦ ©				
	HBO2	The Deuce ©		Black Lady ©		United 93 (R,'06) ♦♦♦ David Alan Basche. ©		
	MAX	The Getaway (R,'18) Aaron Paul.				(8:40) Fifty Shades Freed (R,'18) ♦♦ Dakota Johnson.		
	SHO	On Becoming a God ©		Tell It to the Bees (NR,'18) Anna Paquin. ©				The Affair ♦
	STARZ	♦ You, Dupree! (7:40) Live Free or Die Hard (PG-13,'07) ♦♦♦ Bruce Willis.						Gone ♦
STZENC	(5:48) W. (PG-13,'08) ♦♦		Cinderella Man (PG-13,'05) ♦♦♦ Russell Crowe. ©					

Moment

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— he put it in the office scene." Working with Tarantino has been a career high point. But trying — and repeatedly failing — to get Tarantino on the phone to make that happen will go down as one of his worst moments, Kove said.

My worst moment ...

"I'm a member of the Directors Guild and they were having a screening of 'Inglourious Bastards.' This was in 2009. Brad Pitt is on the dais, Diane Kruger and Michael Fassbender. I had seen the movie already and I knew Quentin was going to do 'Django Unchained' in a year or so and I just wanted to be considered for it, so I went to the screening. Afterward I raised my hand to ask a question and Quentin calls on me and says, 'Marty Kove, you're one of my favorite actors — you starred in a movie called 'Firehawk' and I loved you in that.' 'Now, 'Firehawk' is this real piece of (crap) that I did in the Philippines in 1992. I loved the character but the movie was not good. But anyway, Quentin loved it and I'm in front of 500 of my peers when he said that so I felt like a million bucks. Then Brad says, 'Mr. Kove, we just screened 'Karate Kid' in my house for my 6-year-old daughter and you're a legend in my home.' So I was ecstatic and I'm feeling really good.

"Afterward I go backstage and I say, 'Quentin, we have to exchange numbers, I'm dying to work with you.' And he says, 'Yeah, absolutely!' He gives me his



COLUMBIA PICTURES

Martin Kove as John Kreese, the leader of the hated Cobra Kai dojo in "The Karate Kid" franchise, a role he reprises in the YouTube TV adaptation "Cobra Kai."

number and then I give him my number. And then I get in my car, put the top down on my convertible, light a cigar and drive home with my girlfriend and I'm feeling like James Bond.

"The next day, I go to call the number and I can't read his handwriting. I couldn't believe it.

"So I eventually find the number for his production office and I call that and nobody picks up. And I never hear from him either.

"A couple years go by and I'm at a screening of a Kurt Russell Western called 'Bone Tomahawk' and Quentin was at the restaurant next door and I went up to him, we shook hands, big hug. And I tell him, 'You know, I couldn't read the writing when you gave me your number.' And he says, 'Marty, what — are you kidding? Do you think I blew you off? Here's the number again.'

"The next day I go to call him and it's the same number that I had from before for the production office, and no one answers. No voicemail. It just rings. Or you get a busy signal. I tried the number a couple days ago just as a goof and it just rings and rings.



RICK KRUSKY PHOTO

Martin Kove, right, with "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood" writer-director Quentin Tarantino.

I've never been able to reach anybody at that number. The reason I exchange numbers and not emails when I meet someone is because I'm a computer dinosaur. And I really want to chat with someone, you know? I'm from the old school.

"So I bump into Quentin a *third* time after a screening of 'The Hateful Eight' and I said to him, 'You know Quentin, you gave me your number twice and I couldn't get through — I'm dying to do a Western with you!' And he says, 'You'll be in the next one.'

"And I figured, I can't do anything more; I've let him know that I'm really interested in working together. But really, the worst part of it was that he did two Westerns back to back — 'Django' and 'Hateful Eight' — and I saw so many other actors go in there with two or three lines and I really wanted to be part of that.

"The dejection was horrible. I thought maybe I should just give this up. I was dejected that I couldn't make contact even though I had been as tenacious as

possible. So I figured, well, I'm just not going to work with Tarantino."

Is it hard to gauge when people in Hollywood are being sincere?

"I personally don't make any insincere statements. But there are a lot of people who do and you can't really tell who's sincere and who's not.

"I hate when you call an agent and their assistant speaks like this: 'I don't have him now, can he return?' What they mean is: He's not available now, or he's not in his office, can he call you back? But instead it's that Hollywood: 'I don't have him now, can he return?' It makes my skin crawl. I just cringe. It's just so Hollywood.

"That's what 'let's do lunch' is — I would never say, 'Let's do lunch.' But people say it. And usually those who say it are full of it. You get it all the time.

"But with guys like Tarantino, everybody in town wants a piece of him, so I understand it. And you understand the level of protection that's like 'Entourage.'

Guys like that really need a buffer."

How did Kove eventually connect with Tarantino?

"Time goes by. And then August of last year I get a call: 'Quentin wants you for this Western sequence.' And I said, 'I'll do it!'

"Here's the conclusion to this story: We're at the pre-party at his office two weeks before we start shooting and I walk up to him and we hug and he said, 'I love the show,' meaning 'Cobra Kai.'

"And I said, 'Quentin, did you give me this part because I'm hot off the show? Or because I've been driving you nuts all these years?' And he looks at me and smiles and says, 'A little bit of both.' He was honest!"

The takeaway ...

"It turned out to be a happy experience. I guess what I believe is that you never give up. And if you don't get hired — and this has been my motto forever — it's their mistake. Here was an example of staying with it. And I was never embarrassed about it. I went up to Quentin each time if I was at a screening and he was there. I didn't have a problem with that because he's receptive. He loves actors, you know?"

"So I feel that being tenacious — *tastefully* — got me the opportunity to work with him. You can't go overboard. Do you know how many times in the early days I wanted to pop into an office and say, 'I'm perfect for this part?' But you can't do that. But be as tastefully tenacious as you can and ultimately you'll get what you want."

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PRINTER'S ROW ART FEST

SEPTEMBER 14-15

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Sept. 11): Home centers you this year. Maintain and grow artistic, creative and passion projects for satisfying results. Winter romance kindles into flame before a team effort shifts course. Domestic renovation disruption subsides before your crew hits the mark. Love, beauty and fun feed your spirit.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Friends sweeten your memories and schedule. It's also nice to lay low and relax. Avoid risky business or controversy. Social connections can open opportunities.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Review professional options. You may see new opportunities that were before hidden. Reality wins over fantasy. Stick with practical priorities.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. A fork appears in the road. One direction's blocked, and another beckons. Facts don't support an assumption. Don't react blindly.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Monitor the budget closely. Cash flow shortfalls could disrupt plans. Avoid arguments. Review options, and resolve together. Find new savings hiding in plain sight.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Stick to familiar routines and topics with your partner. Provide stability when turbulence and chaos abound. Avoid antagonizing anyone.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Set priorities carefully with health and work. Recent changes require adaptation. Embrace optimism. Stick to reliable routines, therapies and techniques. Patiently consider all options.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Things could get romantically awkward. Go for substance over symbolism. Relax, and enjoy family fun. Wait for better conditions. Consider what you want.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Focus on home and family. Resolve a breakdown with repairs, cleanup or an upgrade. Listen for what's wanted and needed. Collaborate on solutions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Reach a creative barrier. Slow to consider options. Research prices and practical considerations. Don't fall for a trick or scam. Anticipate more changes.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Don't finance a fantasy. Stick to practical matters. Avoid frivolous distractions. Bypass an expensive line item that you don't need. Get terms in writing.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. False hopes can be shattered. When facing personal doubts or worries, defer theory to action. Avoid gambling. Prioritize love over money.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Nurture yourself through a transition. Rest and consider past, present and future. Indulge in nostalgia without abandoning responsibilities. Expand in the direction of least resistance.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, West deals

North	♠ K J 10	♥ J 6 5	♦ A Q 6 5	♣ A Q 6	East	♠ 9 8 6 5	♥ 10 9 8 7	♦ J 10	♣ 10 9 8
West	♠ 4 3 2	♥ 4 3 2	♦ 4 3 2	♣ 5 4 3 2	South	♠ A Q 7	♥ A K Q	♦ K 9 8	♣ K J 7

The source of this deal is Renee Sucrete, from Londres. Londres is the French spelling of London. That name, as well as this deal, might be the products of a vivid imagination.

We are told that West was having a bad day in his rubber bridge game and decided to "stir the pot" with a fanciful three-heart opening. His partner's conventional redouble

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
3♥	Dbl	Redbl*	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	Pass	7NT

All pass
 *Heart fit with no high honor in hearts
 Opening lead: Four of ♠

put East-West in a contract that might not have been much fun to play, but South saved the day when he Blackwooded his side into a grand slam. West, trying to be deceptive, led the four of spades. South cashed three top spades as East showed an even number of cards in that suit. This was followed by three top hearts, and again, East showed an even number of cards.

The ace, queen, and king of diamonds came next, as East followed to the first two diamonds and then discarded the 10 of clubs. The ace, queen, and king of clubs were next as West false carded with the three, four, and five. South began to score up his grand slam when he was informed that there was still one trick to go. A furious search of his hand, the table, and the nearby surroundings did not turn up the missing seven of diamonds. What to do?

The rule book clearly states that in such a case, the lead passes to the player on the left. West tabled his two of clubs and defeated the grand slam when nobody could beat the two. It pays to pre-empt!

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



Baby Blues



Zits



Mr. Boffo



Frazz



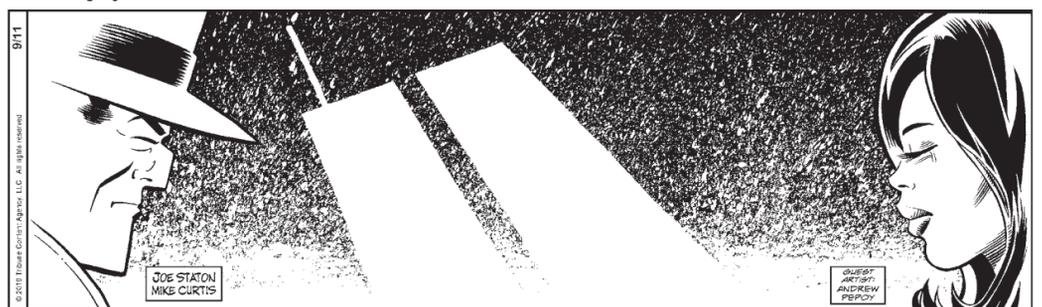
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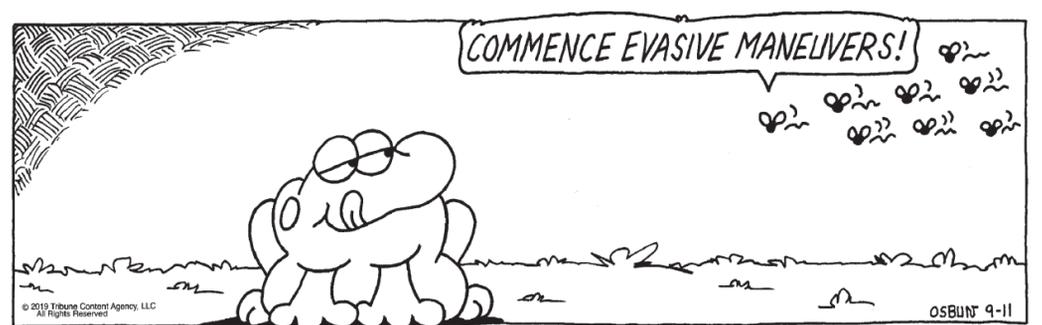
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Prickly City



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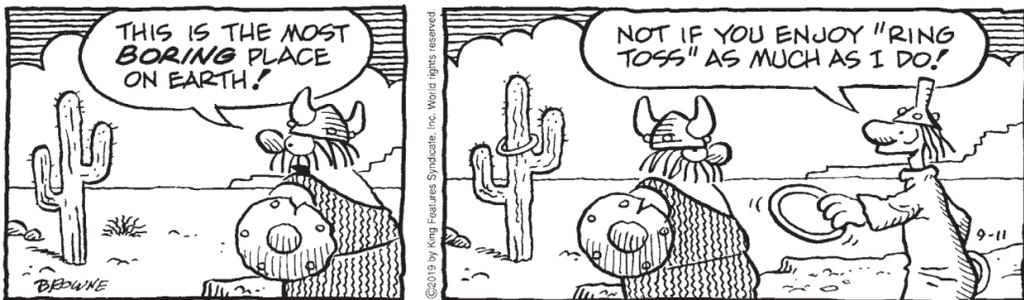
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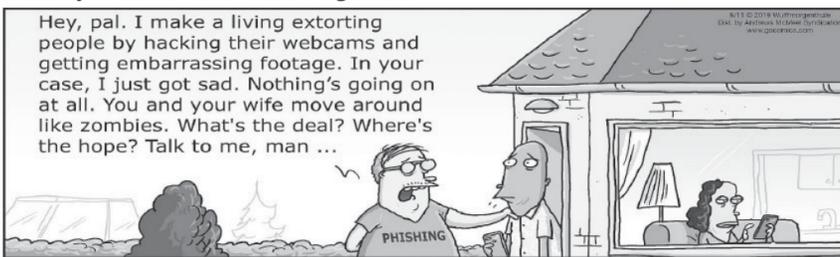
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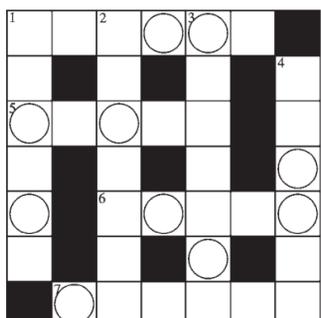
Trivia Bits

Mattamuskeet, Walla Walla and Vidalia are sweet varieties of what food crop?

A) Apple
B) Lettuce
C) Onion
D) Potato

Tuesday's answer: Mr. Whipple famously requested, "Please don't squeeze the Charmin."

Jumble Crossword



- ACROSS**
- CLUE ANSWER
- Rejuvenate VEREVI
 - Guard STOAC
 - Complete UTUCN
 - Bad odor CENSHT
- DOWN**
- CLUE ANSWER
- Suppose CNORKE
 - Bridge of arches AIVCUTD
 - City ACNAVIT
 - pine HOCTSC

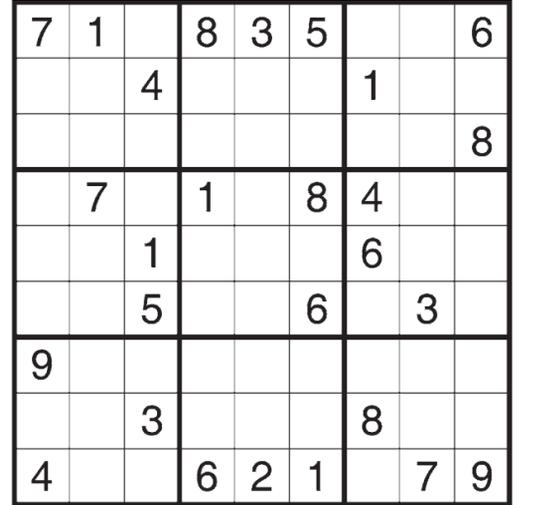
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

9-11-19 CLUE: _____ is located in the Atlantic Time Zone.

BONUS ○○○○○○ ○○○○○○

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

9/11



4	1	9	8	7	3	5	6	2
3	7	2	6	5	4	8	1	9
8	6	5	2	1	9	4	3	7
7	2	4	3	9	1	6	5	8
1	8	6	5	2	7	9	4	3
9	5	3	4	6	8	2	7	1
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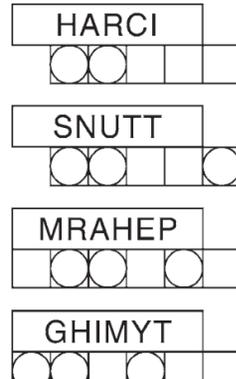
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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.



Answer here



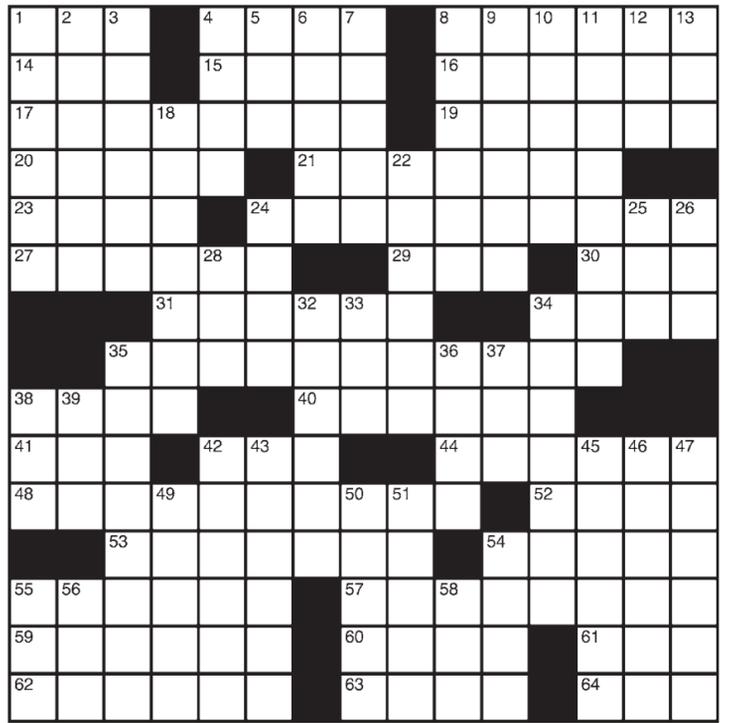
Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: ACUTE ELDER SNAPPY SCARCE
Answer: When the reclusive celebrity was spotted, it — CAUSED A "SEEN"

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Crossword

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- Across**
- Braying beast
 - "Diamonds & Rust" folk singer Joan
 - Hop, skip and jump
 - Where lowers lie
 - Ready and willing partner
 - "Booksmart" director Wilde
 - Psychedelic decorative light
 - Beaus
 - Savory taste
 - Board game gadget
 - University of Nevada city
 - Not even a little high
 - Set up
 - Chinese "way"
 - Aqua in Aquitaine
 - Whoopi's Oscar role in "Ghost"
 - Palm fruit
 - New York waterway
 - Leaning
 - OTC antacid brand
 - Possess
 - Notable time span
 - EPA mandates, taken together
 - Structure renamed for a president in 1947
 - Arp contemporary
 - Behind
 - Type, as data
 - Develop a liking for
 - Simon & Garfunkel hit, and hint to the starts of 17-, 24-, 48- ... and 35-Across, too!
 - Gobsmacked
 - Story of life after death?
 - Quaint "Tsk!"
 - Zealous crusades
 - Letters on Broadway-bound letters
 - Craze
 - Kissy-kissy
 - Doctor in training
 - Places for scrubs and wraps
 - "Mangia!"
 - Poe's "The Murders in the ___ Morgue"
 - Do the math
 - "Amadeus" subject
 - Actress Gasteyer
 - Unscrambling device
 - Jewish Festival of Lights
 - Checkout counter unit
 - Shark or Dyson, briefly
 - Short cut
 - Jima
 - Worked on text
 - Repairs, as infield grass
 - Fire
 - Pianist de Larrocha
 - Signaled slyly
 - Gibbons of TV talk
 - Sanders, only athlete to play in both the Super Bowl and World Series
 - Sheikdom of song
 - "Roar" singer Perry
 - Mahal
 - Mate, across the Channel
 - 60 secs.

Tuesday's solution



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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11 NORMAL HIGH: 77° NORMAL LOW: 56° RECORD HIGH: 95° (1952) RECORD LOW: 42° (1993)

Humidity and warmth extends into Thursday

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 88 **LOW** 69

■ **Thunderstorms possible early, then sun and mixed clouds, warm and muggy. Scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms.**

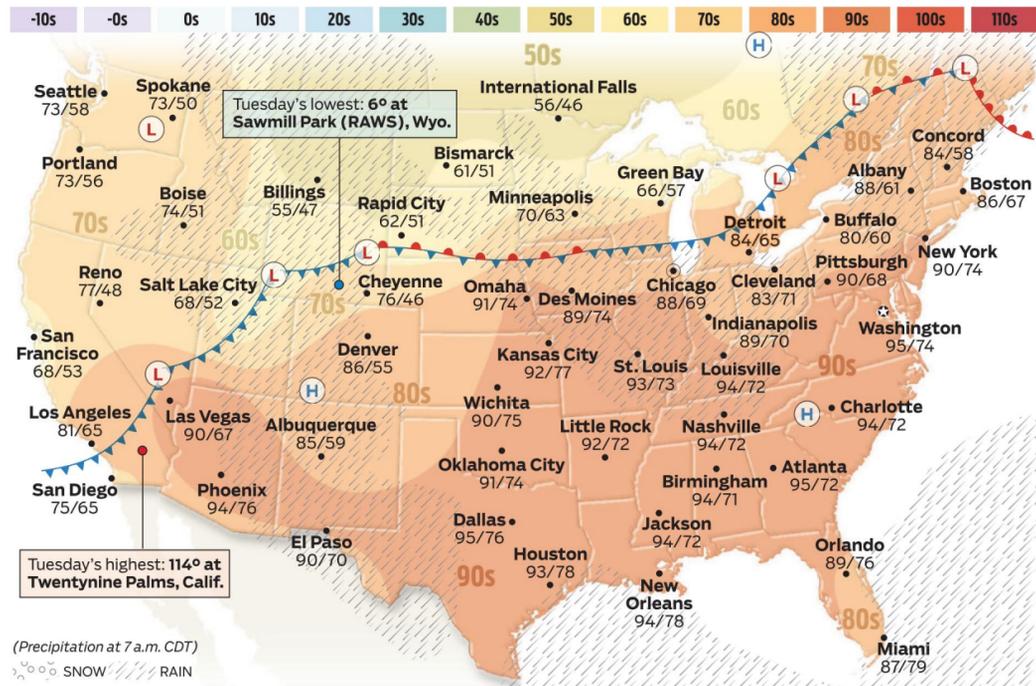
■ High in the upper 80s, about 10 degrees above normal.

■ Southwest winds 8-16 mph.

■ Mostly cloudy overnight with scattered thunderstorms. Low in the upper 60s but cooler near the lake.

■ Nighttime winds diminish and turn northeast off the lake at 4-8 mph.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Temperatures will remain 10 degrees or more above normal today and Thursday. Humidity will be high with dew points in the low 70s on Wednesday and Thursday before a cold front passes Thursday night, bringing more seasonal and much less humid conditions for Friday and Saturday. Temperatures begin to rise again after Saturday, reaching the low 80s Sunday and the mid 80s with higher humidity on Monday and Tuesday.

With the warm temperatures and high humidity will come a chance for thunderstorms. The best chance for storms will be Wednesday and Thursday nights. The Thursday night storms would be enhanced by a passing cold front. Localized heavy rain could be possible during thunderstorm activity, similar to the heavy rain experienced in the northern suburbs early Tuesday morning.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

HIGH 87 **LOW** 60

Partly cloudy, breezy, warm and humid. Isolated thunderstorms possible. High in the upper 80s but cooler lakeside with SE winds. Mostly cloudy overnight with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Low near 60.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

HIGH 77 **LOW** 58

Slight chance of an early morning shower. Becoming partly sunny, windy and cooler with lowering humidity. High in the upper 70s. West winds 15-20 mph gusting to 30 mph. Clear overnight with a low in the upper 50s.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

HIGH 77 **LOW** 62

Abundant sun. Breezy with seasonable temps and humidities. High in the upper 70s. W winds turn SW in the afternoon 8-12 mph, gusting to 18 mph. Increasing clouds overnight with a slight chance of a thunderstorm.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

HIGH 81 **LOW** 63

Slight chance of an early shower or t-rstorm then partly sunny and warmer with increasing humidity. High in the low 80s. SW winds 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph. Decreasing clouds overnight.

MONDAY, SEPT. 16

HIGH 84 **LOW** 66

Mostly sunny, breezy, and more humid. S winds 8-15 mph. Slight chance of an isolated thunderstorm. High in the mid 80s. Mostly cloudy overnight with a slight chance of a shower or thunderstorm. Light SW winds at night.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

HIGH 86 **LOW** 66

Continued hot and humid. A little warmer with a high in the mid 80s. An isolated t-storm possible. Chance for an evening and overnight shower/t-storm. Low in the mid 60s with light south winds.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
We have all heard the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs." What is the historical derivation of that saying?

Sylvia Lentern,
East Lansing

Dear Sylvia,
Several explanations exist, but here is a plausible one: In mythological tales once prevalent across northern Europe, cats and dogs were believed to be associated with the weather. It was thought they were even able to cause or influence it. English sailors attributed gales and violent rainstorms to cats. And in many areas of northern Europe, the dog was a symbol of the wind. The wind is often pictured in old German drawings as originating with the breath of a dog. The mythology thus brought together the separate concepts of rain, winds, gales, cats and dogs into a single enduring expression, "It's raining cats and dogs."

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Chicago area warmth continues; possible severe weather

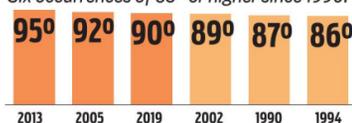
HEAT NOT UNUSUAL FOR THIS DATE
Tuesday's 90° recorded at O'Hare and 91° at Midway are not as unusual as one might think for Sept. 10

Since 1872, (148 years), Chicago's high temperature has reached 90° or higher 15 times or 10% of all Sept. 10ths



■ Since 1990, the max temp on Sept. 10 has been 86 or higher 6 times or 20% of the time, matching the 148 year frequency

Chicago Max Temps for Sept. 10
Six occurrences of 85° or higher since 1990:



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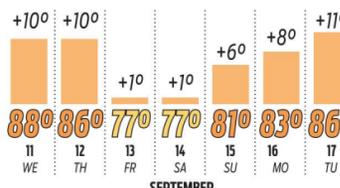
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Tuesday's rainfall amounts



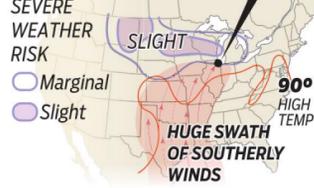
CHICAGO TEMPERATURES FORECAST

Highs and departures from normal (SEPT. 11-17)



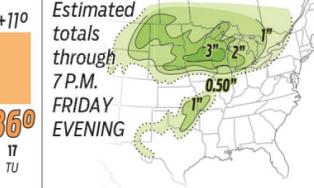
WEDNESDAY OUTLOOK

Winds, temps and severe weather



RAINFALL OUTLOOK

Heavy rains setting up across Plains and a swath of Midwest



MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	pc	93	70	su	93	71
Champaign	pc	91	70	su	91	70
Decatur	pc	90	70	su	89	69
Moline	pc	91	72	ts	88	63
Peoria	pc	91	72	ts	89	68
Quincy	pc	91	73	ts	88	64
Rockford	ts	86	68	ts	85	66
Springfield	pc	91	72	pc	90	69
Sterling	pc	89	69	ts	88	64
Indiana						
Bloomington	pc	90	69	pc	90	71
Evansville	pc	93	70	su	93	72
Fort Wayne	ts	86	68	ts	86	70
Indianapolis	pc	89	70	pc	90	71
Lafayette	pc	90	69	ts	89	71
South Bend	ts	87	68	ts	86	70
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	rn	66	57	sh	67	64
Kenosha	ts	83	65	ts	78	67
La Crosse	ts	80	65	ts	80	59
Madison	ts	80	64	ts	78	63
Milwaukee	ts	80	63	ts	74	66
Wausau	rn	63	54	ts	64	57
Michigan						
Detroit	ts	84	65	sh	73	65
Grand Rapids	ts	87	69	ts	77	68
Marquette	sh	57	51	rn	59	56
St. Ste. Marie	sh	64	48	sh	66	56
Traverse City	rn	70	57	sh	72	62
Iowa						
Ames	ts	88	72	ts	81	55
Cedar Rapids	ts	87	69	ts	82	56
Des Moines	pc	89	74	ts	80	58
Dubuque	ts	86	68	ts	83	59

OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	sh	88	61	cl	71	51
Albuquerque	pc	85	59	su	85	59
Amarillo	pc	85	65	ts	86	60
Anchorage	pc	61	52	sh	61	50
Asheville	ts	87	64	ts	89	63
Aspen	pc	87	38	su	66	38
Atlanta	pc	95	72	su	96	72
Atlantic City	pc	80	70	ts	82	64
Austin	pc	96	75	pc	96	74
Baltimore	pc	94	75	ts	91	70
Billings	rn	55	47	pc	74	51
Birmingham	pc	94	71	pc	95	71
Bismarck	sh	61	51	rn	55	46
Boise	su	74	51	pc	78	54
Boston	pc	86	67	sh	70	57
Brownsville	ts	92	77	ts	93	77
Buffalo	ts	80	60	sh	69	57
Burlington	sh	80	54	pc	67	46
Charlotte	su	94	72	pc	96	72
Charlottesville	su	85	72	su	84	73
Charlottesville WV	pc	94	68	pc	93	68
Chattanooga	pc	96	72	su	98	72
Cheyenne	ts	76	46	pc	69	45
Cincinnati	pc	91	69	pc	92	70
Cleveland	ts	83	71	ts	76	69
Colo. Spgs	pc	84	50	su	77	50
Columbia MO	su	92	73	ts	88	64
Columbia SC	pc	93	70	su	96	71
Columbus	pc	91	69	pc	91	70
Concord	pc	84	58	cl	59	41
Corps Christi	su	90	79	ts	90	77
Dallas	su	95	76	su	96	76
Daytona Bch.	ts	86	77	ts	85	78
Denver	pc	85	55	su	79	52
Des Moines	sh	52	47	rn	52	50
Duluth	pc	90	70	pc	93	71
El Paso	pc	90	70	pc	93	71

WORLD CITIES

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Fort Smith	pc	93	73	pc	93	72
Fresno	su	89	63	su	97	65
Grand Junc.	ts	77	47	su	77	48
Great Falls	sh	57	41	su	73	49
Harrisburg	pc	95	71	ts	88	67
Hartford	pc	88	66	sh	75	53
Helena	sh	60	43	su	72	47
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Houston	ts	93	78	ts	94	77
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New Orleans	pc	94	78	su	94	73
New York	pc	90	74	ts	81	64
Norfolk	ts	86	69	ts	90	71
Ola. City	su	91	74	ts	89	68
Omaha	pc	91	74	ts	78	57
Orlando	pc	89	76	pc	89	77
Palm Beach	pc	88	79	ts	86	78
Palm Springs	su	98	73	su	103	75
Philadelphia	pc	91	72	ts	88	65
Phoenix	pc	94	76	pc	100	77
Pittsburgh	pc	90	68	ts	86	68
Portland, ME	sh	82	60	ts	89	69
Portland, OR	sh	73	56	pc	81	60
Providence	pc	85	65	sh	72	51
Raleigh	pc	90	69	pc	93	71
Rapid City	ts	62	51	pc	62	46
Reno	su	77	48	su	84	54
Richmond	pc	94	72	ts	96	72
Rochester	ts	84	59	sh	67	54
Sacramento	su	90	58	su	94	60
Salem, Ore.	pc	74	53	pc	81	57
San Antonio	ts	95	77	ts	96	75
San Diego	pc	97	75	pc	97	76
San Francisco	su	88	53	su	72	54
San Juan	pc	89	78	sh	89	79
Santa Fe	pc	77	51	su	78	50
Savannah	pc	88	72	su	89	72
Seattle	pc	73	58	pc	78	60
Shreveport	pc	95	75	su	97	74
Sioux Falls	ts	82	67	ts	72	54
Spokane	pc	73	50	pc	78	56
St. Louis	pc	93	73	pc	92	72
Tucson	pc	91	70	pc	97	72
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On a visit to Tijuana, Mexico, Robin Cressman discovered she could get her diabetes drugs south of the border for less than 10% of what she pays in California.

Shopping abroad for drugs

How to avoid legal risks and bad medication

BY BERNARD J. WOLFSON
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In its effort to temper the sky-high prices Americans pay for many vital medications, the Trump administration recently unveiled a plan that would legalize the importation of selected prescription drugs from countries where they sell for far less. But the plan addresses imports only at the wholesale level; it is silent about the transactions by millions of Americans who already buy their medications outside the United States.

Americans routinely skirt federal law by crossing into Canada and Mexico or tapping online pharmacies abroad to buy prescription medications at a fraction of the price they would pay at home.

In some cases, they do it out of desperation. It's the only way they can afford the drugs they need to stay healthy — or alive. And they do it despite warnings from the

Food and Drug Administration, echoed by the pharmaceutical industry, about the risk of contaminated or counterfeit products.

"The reality is that literally millions of people get their medications this way each year, and they are either saving a lot of money or they are getting a drug they wouldn't have been able to get because prices are too high here," says Gabriel Levitt, president of PharmacyChecker.com, an online company that allows people to compare prescription drug prices among international and U.S. pharmacies.

For people with diabetes, the inability to pay U.S. prices for insulin can be a matter of life and death, which is why so many families look to Canada or Mexico to meet their needs.

Robin Cressman, who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 2012 and has become a vocal advocate for lower drug prices, says that even with insurance she was paying \$7,000 a year out-of-pocket for the two insulin drugs she needs: Lantus and Humalog. At one point, her credit card debt hit \$30,000, says Cressman, 34, of Thousand Oaks, California.

While on an outing in Tijuana, Mexico, last year, she popped in to a few pharmacies to see if they stocked her medications. With little fanfare, she says, she was able to buy both drugs over the counter for less than 10% of what they cost her north of the border.

"I left Tijuana that day absolutely trembling because I could not believe how easy it was for me to get my insulin," she says, "but also how little money it cost and how badly I was being extorted in the U.S."

If you are planning to cross the border for your medications, or get them through an online pharmacy abroad, here are two things you should know. First: It is technically illegal. Second: It is unlikely you will be prosecuted.

Despite the official prohibition, FDA guidelines allow federal agents to refrain from enforcement "when the quantity and purpose are clearly for personal use, and the product does not present an unreasonable risk to the user."

Personal use generally means no more than a 90-day supply. You should think

twice before bringing in quantities larger than that, because if authorities suspect you have commercial intentions, you could land in legal jeopardy — and lose the drugs.

People familiar with the practice say you generally can pass through customs without much hassle if you have no more than three months' worth of a medication, you declare it to customs agents and you show them a doctor's prescription or a personal note attesting it is for personal use, along with contact information for your physician.

Even in the worst-case scenario, an unsympathetic agent might confiscate the drugs — but not arrest you. Ordering drugs online from foreign pharmacies also tends to go largely unchallenged. Legally, the FDA can refuse entry of the package at an international mail facility.

"That does happen from time to time," but not often, says Levitt.

It is more common for shipments that do get through to be detained for several days pending FDA inspection. So, if you need to take your medication every day, be sure to build in a sufficient margin for potential delays.

A far bigger risk if you're shopping abroad for medications is that you might not get what you paid for — and it might not be safe. "There's a lot of junk in the pharmaceutical world," says Dr. Ken Croen, a primary care physician at the Scarsdale Medical Group in Westchester County, New York, who advises many of his patients on how to buy drugs safely in Canada.

And there are plenty of rogue operators, especially in the world of online pharmacies. You will need to do a little vetting.

Before doing business with an online pharmacy, confirm it is licensed in its country of origin and that the country has strong pharmacy regulations, says Dr. Aaron S. Kesselheim, a professor of medicine at Brigham & Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Countries with well-regulated pharmacies include Canada, New Zealand, Australia, much of Western Europe and Turkey.

Also, check to make sure the pharmacy posts an address and phone number on its website. Experts advise against using online pharma-

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Accepting parenting advice from a stepmom



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Balancing Act

A Facebook group I belong to shared a letter this week that I think merits some discussion.

It was written to Slate magazine's parenting advice columnist, and it was headlined, "My Friend Equates Her Stepmom Experience With My Natu-

ral Motherhood and It Drives Me Crazy?"

The letter writer is expecting her first child and she's *done* listening to her friend, who's raising a 13-year-old stepson, go on and on about her parenting chops.

"She's been married to

Joe for the past seven years," the letter writer explains. "He has custody of his 13-year-old son from a previous marriage, and he lives with them full time except for every other weekend. He's a great kid. Nicole has really taken to being a stepmom. She ne-

ver wanted biological kids, and still doesn't, but her generosity toward Joe's son is admirable: She reads lots of advice books and supports her stepson in so many ways."

So far, so good.

However ...

"She keeps trying to give

me advice and platitudes about parenthood," the writer complains. "Nicole has a lot of experience, but I don't think our situations are the same. I'm getting ready to bring a baby from my body into the world,

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Study: 'Fast and feast' diet works for weight loss

A registered dietician says alternate-day fasting would be difficult to maintain

BY SERENA GORDON
HealthDay

Tired of that spare tire? Low-calorie diets work, but can be difficult to follow. A much simpler approach to losing weight might be to just stop eating every other day.

It's called alternate-day fasting (ADF). As the name implies, you starve yourself by fasting one day and then you feast the next, and then repeat that pattern again and again.

In a monthlong trial of the ADF diet, study volunteers lost more than seven pounds.

That weight loss occurred even though people on the ADF diet ate about 30% more on the days they were allowed to eat than they normally would. Even with that extra food on feast days, the study volunteers still consumed fewer calories overall because of their fasting days, the researchers explained.

"This is an easy regimen — no calculation of calories — and the compliance was very high," said the study's senior author, Frank Madeo, a professor of molecular biology at Karl-Franzens University of Graz, in Austria.

Madeo said the researchers didn't study how the ADF diet might compare with other types of intermittent-fasting diets or to a more typical lower-calorie diet. He said that the ADF study didn't appear to have any impact on the immune system (at least in this

short-term study), but that diets that simply rely on lower caloric intake may dampen immune system function.

Why does intermittent fasting work?

"The reason might be due to evolutionary biology," Madeo suggested. "Our physiology is familiar with periods of starvation followed by food excesses." It's only in recent history that humans have had such an abundance of food that they need to restrict calories to maintain weight, he added.

Intermittent-fasting diets have gotten a lot of attention in the past few years. A number of celebrities, like Beyoncé and Jimmy Kimmel, are rumored to use intermittent fasting to lose weight.

There are a number of variations for fasting besides ADF. Some people eat as usual for a set number of days per week, and then may fast or eat very little during the rest of the week. Some people restrict the number of hours they eat in the day, eating only from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., as an example.

That kind of diet worked for Jared Sklar, 27, of Woodland Hills, California. He went from 285 pounds before an intermittent-fasting diet to 190 pounds seven months later. Sklar told CNN that he only eats between the hours of noon and 8 p.m. each day — leaving the next 16 hours as a fast. He also started eating healthier and exercising. "There's always some-



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thing in front of me to keep me motivated, to make sure that I don't fall back into my old habits," Sklar said.

In the new study, Madeo's team recruited 60 people, all healthy, nonobese adults. On average, they were just slightly overweight at the start of the study.

Half of the study volunteers relied on an every-other-day fasting plan for a month. So, in a 48-hour period, they only ate during a 12-hour period. Eating during this time wasn't restricted.

The other 30 people ate as they normally did without any restrictions.

Folks in the "fast and feast group" lost an average of 4.5% of their body weight. The group eating normally went up an average of less than a half pound.

In addition to losing weight, the fast and feast group also saw healthy changes in heart disease risk factors, such as lower cholesterol, according to the study authors.

Despite these positive findings, the researchers aren't yet recommending ADF diets for everyone because the long-term effects of this diet aren't known.

Registered dietician

Samantha Heller from NYU Langone Health in New York City said that although people lost weight, a diet where you fast every other day would be difficult to maintain.

"What if you want to exercise? What if you have a physically active job? Our bodies are OK with not eating for a while, but they're happier when we have a consistent source of healthy foods to provide nutrients needed to accomplish the tasks we challenge our bodies with every day," she said.

Plus, Heller added that it's important to learn how to improve your lifestyle.

"Someone who loses weight by fasting every other day won't learn strategies for living a healthy life," she said. "You need to create a healthy eating pattern that you can live with."

One simple change people can make would be to extend the natural intermittent fast everyone already does while they sleep.

"For many people, after dinner is when they sit in front of the computer or TV and snack. So, close the kitchen after dinner," she suggested.

The study was published online in August in *Cell Metabolism*.

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which is something she hasn't experienced. While she stepped up to stepparent, and is doing great at it, I don't think it is the same as being a birth mother."

She wants to know how to politely put Nicole in her place.

The advice columnist has thoughts:

"You've written this letter and gotten something off your chest. Now let the matter go. Don't confront Nicole about this. Don't think about this anymore. Maybe most importantly: Don't think this way anymore."

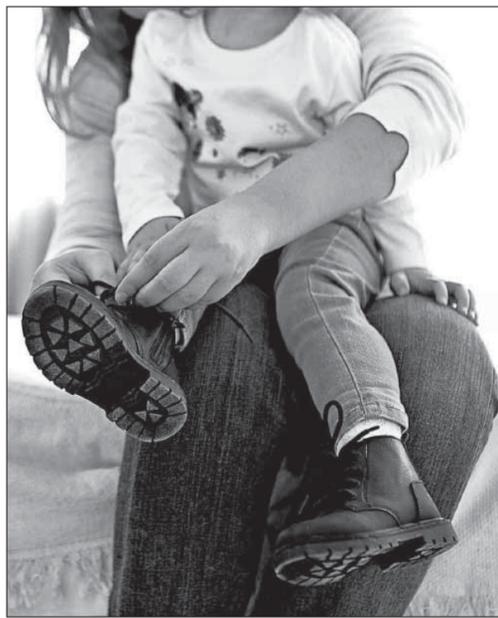
The answer continues: "Maybe someday, after you 'bring a baby from your body into the world,' you'll have the perspective to realize that you're not being a very generous friend to someone you've known for most of your life. Maybe you'll chuckle at what a know-it-all you were, certain that a mere stepmom would have nothing to teach you about being a mom. ... For your sake, I hope that's the case."

Amen. I have a few more thoughts. Because the way we regard stepmoms in this culture is problematic and toxic, both to children and to the people raising them. (I blame Disney.)

I am a mom and a stepmom. My kids are being raised by me, their biological mom, and my ex-husband's wife, their stepmom. My stepson is being raised by his biological mom and me, his stepmom.

I'll tell you something about "the stepmom experience" and "natural motherhood." There's a whole lot of overlap.

Both ask you to set aside your ego, your needs, your comfort, your mornings, your days, your nights, your weekends, your command of the fridge/the spot by the front door where all the shoes gather and multiply/every flat surface of your home.



DASHA PETRENKO/ISTOCK

Both invite you to unconditionally love a human who will, at times, find new and practically inconceivable ways to vex you.

Both care very little for your exhaustion. Or your desire to finish whole sentences. Or your need for some quiet.

Both require almost constant calibration. What works one month is an utter failure the next. What they loved last year, they loathe today. What they feared last week, they'll embrace in a day or two. Keep up.

Both are an utter privilege and an absolute joy and incredibly humbling and, many days, leave you questioning your identity and your purpose and your priorities and whether you're doing any of it right.

When I am on the sidelines of my son's flag football games or the bleachers of my daughter's gymnastics competitions or the sticky seats of a bus full of kids heading on a field trip or the auditorium seats of a school awards assembly, day or night, I am surrounded by stepparents. Cheering, wiping tears, tying shoelaces, handing out snacks, holding hands, laughing, shouting, crying — parenting, that is.

And they do all this knowing, in their heart of hearts, that their very presence is a constant reminder that something went awry. A marriage ended. A parent died. A grown-up stopped showing up and now this one is in her/his place. And knowing that their presence may be met with love and gratitude, at times, eventually, or it may be met with resentment and grief. Maybe a little of all of those things.

So it may be tempting to put up barriers between your parenting and someone else's, based solely on how you each arrived at your roles, but it's misguided and shortsighted and mean. If you're both there in service to a kid, if you're both surrendering your heart and your time and your ego, if you're both a little bewildered but also quite besotted, congratulations. You're both parenting. Godspeed.

Join the *Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group*, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.

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Throwing a beach-party farewell to summer's end



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

We've saluted SoCal's brassy highlights all season: the glint of a mountain campfire, some flaming race cars, the wink of a French horn in the morning sun.

Now we're at the bonfire beach, LA's candelabra by the sea. What a way to wrap our summer series.

"Just shut up and light the fire," you say?

OK, fine. You surfer types are so stoic sometimes. The ocean does that to a person; the beach repairs us. It fills any need we might have for mysticism and poetry.

We always insist we'll still get to the beach after Labor Day, because Californians crave the water, the horizon, the soothing ions allegedly produced by breaking waves — the way the beach repairs us. But we rarely do.

Besides, in a few more weeks, the currents will change, coming down cold from the Gulf of Alaska with the migrating whales. The coastal winds soak up the chill, and summer is gone for good.

But not tonight. Tonight we have Dockweiler State Beach, where even the sunsets do a slow burn.

This may be SoCal's most populist hangout, virtually free, except for the parking. And what a pageant, what laughter, what an anything-goes, wedding-crasher demeanor.

You're not supposed to drink on the beach, but I hear people do. It's more free-form than most other local beaches, where you're under constant scrutiny of lifeguards and



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A bonfire burns during sunset at Dockweiler State Beach in El Segundo, California.

police. The county says the bonfire tradition goes back decades.

"Welcome to Burning Man in the South Bay," says Jim Walsh.

Walsh is here early with a huge rental wagon full of scrap wood, the remnants of the skateboard ramp he just tore down in his yard.

Now that Walsh's four sons are older, Dad thought a giant halfpipe blaze would be a symbolic moment, a way to pencil-mark this period of family change.

"I want my kids to enjoy the pleasures I did," Walsh says. "I want them to be outside, surf, do things like this."

Sometimes good parenting starts with an inferno.

It glows, this beach, did you get that? Not just with bonfires, but companionship, rites of passage, sloppy first kisses, maybe a contraband brewski or two.

As with most bacchanals, the mood improves during the long summer slowdown. The food smoke smells better and the behavior turns a little raucous.

By 9 p.m., it's as if the Roman cavalry rolled in. By 10, it's like a Mel Brooks musical put on by chimps. Fires are in full flame. You can flit from one party to another. Not everyone is welcoming, but mostly they are. The atmosphere is collegiate, and seems to

follow the fundamental rule of a functional society: that most people are good.

Need more lighter fluid? Just ask. Forgot a corkscrew? Sure, right over here.

What a fire we had, built in pyramid formation and raging for hours into the moonless night.

You know, Greek soldiers made fires like this to keep warm. Swiss farmers built bonfires to announce their independence from the Habsburgs. To this day, Cajuns still light stacks of flaming logs to guide St. Nick down the Mississippi River.

And why do we? Because, in an increasingly solitary world, the lure of other people, in the caramel-tint of a roaring beach fire, is just too rich to resist.

Such spectacle. At times, you just need to step back toward the waterline, 25 paces away, your ankles frosted with sea foam.

You need to step back to appreciate this vivid tableau — the bonfires entertaining thousands of beachgoers, who like us are saying their final summer farewells.

I hate goodbyes — no good at them at all. So no goodbyes here. Just a flaming marshmallow toast.

Here's to summer. Here's to the best beach I know.

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cies that don't require a doctor's prescription: They are more likely to cut other corners, as well.

A couple of websites do the vetting for you, using

these and other criteria.

The Canadian International Pharmacy Association runs a site (cipa.com) that allows you to compare drug prices among dozens of pharmacies whose legitimacy it has certified. Its customers "tend to be people who live in the U.S., are on fixed income or low

income and can't afford the medications where they live," says Tim Smith, the association's general manager.

To buy through one of CIPA's certified pharmacies, you must have a valid prescription and submit a medical profile to help guard against adverse drug

interactions. The site also maintains a list of "rogue" online pharmacies.

PharmacyChecker.com offers a similar service, linking customers to a broader range of online pharmacies abroad and in the U.S.

Levitt, its president, notes that while importing

drugs from overseas is a "critical lifeline" for many people, it is still possible to buy many medications affordably in the U.S. He and others suggest you take the time to comparison shop in the U.S. because prices can vary significantly from pharmacy to pharmacy.

Levitt recommends asking your doctor if there is a viable therapeutic alternative or lower-cost generic drug. Research from PharmacyChecker shows that 88% of the most commonly prescribed generic drugs can be purchased more cheaply in the U.S. than from Canadian pharmacies.

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One mere cat scratch away from financial peril

Encounter leads to rabies shots — and \$26,000 in costs

By CAITLIN HILLYARD
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I was just petting an orange tabby cat in my Falls Church, Virginia, neighborhood, a cat I'd never met before. He was purring and butting his head against my hand. Until he wasn't.

He sunk his teeth into my wrist, hissed at me and ran off. So began my personal episode of Law & Order: Feline Victims Unit, complete with cat mug shots and weekly check-ins from local animal control and public health officials. And rabies shots. Multiple rabies shots in the emergency room. And more than \$26,000 in health care costs, an alarming amount considering I was perfectly healthy throughout the whole ordeal.

What I learned, besides fascinating facts about rabies, its transmission and the horrible ways one can die from it, was that any one of us is a mere cat scratch away from financial peril if we aren't lucky enough to have good health insurance. Our confusing health care system makes it too easy for a person who should get medical care to postpone it or avoid it — even when that decision could be fatal.

After the encounter with the cat, I headed to a nearby storefront urgent care clinic, where a nurse handed me a form to fill out, which the city uses to track animal bites. She faxed the form to the health department, and a police officer visited me as soon as I returned home.

I was asked: "Do you know the cat?" After some sleuthing in my neighborhood Facebook group, I developed a suspicion about who owned the cat. But I couldn't be positive.

Which is why three days after the bite I was in the waiting room in the emer-



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An estimated 40,000 to 50,000 people get treatments each year following exposure to potentially rabid animals.

gency room. When an animal bites someone, the procedure is to quarantine it for 10 days. If the animal doesn't develop rabies symptoms during that time, it's safe to say the bite victim won't develop the disease either.

But if the animal can't be identified or captured, the recommendation is to begin post-exposure preventive treatment for rabies. I'd need a one-time injection of human rabies immune globulin and then four injections of the rabies vaccine over two weeks.

An estimated 40,000 to 50,000 people get such treatments each year following exposure to potentially rabid animals, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

I did consider taking my

chances and skipping treatment. The odds the cat that bit me was rabid were, I'd guess, almost zero. He was probably someone's pet and didn't appear to have any symptoms. But rabies is fatal. That was the line my doctor, the animal control officer, my friends and public health officials kept repeating. A small chance is not the same as no chance.

I tried to be a responsible health care consumer and research cost-effective options. The ER is the only place that can administer immune globulin, so I knew that was my first stop. But I hoped to go elsewhere for the next three appointments, where I would receive the rabies vaccine.

I sat on the phone with insurance company agents while they tried to find an

in-network provider that stocked the rabies vaccine. They found nothing. My primary care doctor told me people generally ended up doing the follow-up doses in the ER. The urgent care clinic staff told me they didn't keep the vaccine in stock but could have ordered it ahead of time if they had known I would need it.

Since I hadn't anticipated being bitten by a cat, I neglected to call ahead.

The staff at the ER told me that specialized clinics for travelers can administer the vaccine, but the procedure is not generally covered by insurance. Also, to adhere to the strict vaccination schedule, I needed a location with Sunday hours, which I was unable to find.

The Fairfax County

public health department said it does not administer rabies vaccines at its clinics. Two hospital urgent care clinics also told me they couldn't provide the vaccine, even though one of those clinics is on the same campus as the ER.

Which left me back where I started. Although my insurance picked up the full tab for that first emergency room visit, the hospital bill came to \$17,294.17. My insurance provider negotiated that bill down to \$898 and paid it.

For the next three visits, I received doses of RabAvert, made by Glaxo-SmithKline. Even though I received the same treatment for each of these visits, the hospital billed my insurance slightly different amounts each time: \$2,810.96, \$2,692.86 and

\$2,084.36. (If I could have bought it from a pharmacy, it would have cost about \$350 a dose.)

Rabies is not the only possible complication of a cat bite. Many bites become infected, which is why I left my urgent care visit with a 10-day supply of amoxicillin, an antibiotic.

My insurance company had to pay one final bill — \$206 to see my primary doctor after I developed a rash, likely from the antibiotic. If you're keeping score at home, that brings the grand total to \$26,229.35.

So, I leave this experience behind with modestly increased immunity, little understanding of how medical bills are calculated and a new fear of outdoor cats — but also with a new appreciation for public health workers.

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Study: Exercise slows down colon cancer

HealthDay

Waging a successful battle against advanced colon cancer should include regular doses of exercise, a new study suggests.

It found that physical activity was associated with slower cancer progression and reductions in severe treatment side effects in more than 1,200 patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Exercise — even low-intensity activity such as walking — helped.

"What we found was that people who engaged in some type of physical activity had a statistically significant improvement in progression-free survival (20%," said senior study author Dr. Jeffrey Meyerhardt, from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

The results also suggested that exercise might extend overall survival, but

the data were not statistically significant and that possible connection requires further investigation.

"Physically active patients in our study also appeared to tolerate chemotherapy better," said study first author Dr. Brendan Guercio, who worked on the study while a hospitalist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

"Total physical activity equivalent to 30 or more minutes of moderate daily activity was associated with a 27% reduction in severe treatment-related toxicities," Guercio said in a Dana-Farber news release.

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Study: Exercise slows down colon cancer

HealthDay

Waging a successful battle against advanced colon cancer should include regular doses of exercise, a new study suggests.

It found that physical activity was associated with slower cancer progression and reductions in severe treatment side effects in more than 1,200 patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Exercise — even low-intensity activity such as walking — helped.

"What we found was that people who engaged in some type of physical activity had a statistically significant improvement in progression-free survival (20%," said senior study author Dr. Jeffrey Meyerhardt, from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

The results also suggested that exercise might extend overall survival, but

the data were not statistically significant and that possible connection requires further investigation.

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About 37 million U.S. adults have chronic kidney disease, and over 720,000 have kidney failure. Every year 5,000 people in the U.S. die while waiting for a kidney transplant.

U.S. transplant centers discard thousands of kidneys each year

HealthDay

When it comes to using kidneys from deceased donors, the United States might want to follow France's example.

That's according to new research that found kidneys from older donors are much more likely to be used for transplants in France, and if more of those "lower-rated" kidneys were used in the United States, tens of thousands more Americans would receive a kidney transplant.

Between 2004 and 2014, U.S. transplant centers discarded about 18% of over 156,000 deceased-donor kidneys recovered, about two times higher than the discard rate in France.

Meanwhile, French transplant centers would have transplanted more than 60% of the nearly 28,000 kidneys refused in the U.S. during that time, the findings showed.

"These findings highlight the striking disparities in organ acceptance between the two countries and suggest that many of the 90,000 Americans awaiting a kidney transplant could reap major benefits from a more aggressive approach," said study co-author Dr. Peter

Reese. He's an associate professor of medicine and epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia.

Age seemed to be a deciding factor with deceased donors. The average age of a kidney donor in France was 56 years old, compared with 39 in the United States, according to the study published in August in JAMA Internal Medicine.

"Our study provides fresh evidence that organs from older deceased donors are a valuable, underused resource — particularly for people on the waitlist who otherwise may not receive a transplant at all," Reese said in a university news release. About 37 million U.S. adults have chronic kidney disease, and more than 720,000 have kidney failure and require either a transplant or dialysis to survive. Every year, 5,000 people in the United States die while waiting for a kidney transplant.

Organ donor age is a risk factor for transplant failure, but research shows that kidneys from donors in their 50s or 60s may extend the lives of transplant candidates, particularly older recipients, according to the report.

The study authors also

noted that it's been found that transplant candidates older than 65 lived longer if they shortened their transplant wait time by accepting kidneys from "extended criteria" donors — those older than 60, or those older than 50 with health problems, such as high blood pressure.

There is a large need for kidneys for older adults in the United States, where the proportion of transplant recipients older than 60 rose from 22% in 2004 to 32% in 2017, the study authors said.

In the United States, there are more than 35,000 people older than 60 waiting for a kidney.

According to co-author Dr. Alexandre Loupy, "This study demonstrates that there is more the U.S. can do to prevent the deaths of thousands of Americans each year who are waiting for a transplant." Loupy is a nephrologist at Necker Hospital in Paris and head of the Paris Transplant Group.

"Our findings reinforce how collaboration between countries can lead to a concrete, new direction on how to help address a global health problem and advance care for wait-listed kidney patients in the United States," Loupy added.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Aloe vera has many uses, but can it help bug bites?

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q. I have recently started using aloe vera gel for mosquito bites. It stops the itch immediately. I was desperate since I had multiple bites on my legs.

There is no odor or color. If I understand correctly, aloe vera is actually good for your skin.

A. Aloe vera has a long history of medicinal use, going back as far as ancient Egypt. The clear gel from the center of the leaf has antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties and may protect the skin (Phytotherapy, June 20, 2019). Scientists have studied it as a complementary treatment to help heal wounds and prevent skin ulcers (Iranian Journal of Medical Sciences, January 2019). We haven't seen any research on its benefits against mosquito bites, though. Perhaps if others try it, they will report on how well it works for them.

Q. I have taken Zyrtec daily for over four years to manage animal and seasonal allergies. I recently went on vacation and did not take Zyrtec during that time.

After a few days off the medicine, I developed a sudden and excruciating itching. The itch started in my inner thighs and spread to my sides and back.

I went online and searched the reactions I was having. My symptoms matched those of others who stopped Zyrtec suddenly.

Once I realized this was a withdrawal reaction, I took a Zyrtec pill. Within the hour the itching stopped. Now I am afraid to ever stop taking



ROBIN CARLSON/CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Aloe vera has a long history of medicinal use.

Zyrtec.

A. Readers of this column alerted us to this withdrawal phenomenon nearly a decade ago. At that time, cetirizine (Zyrtec) was available only by prescription. The prescribing information did not warn about a withdrawal itch reaction.

The Food and Drug Administration has now acknowledged that many people experience unbearable itching (pruritus) when they stop cetirizine suddenly (Therapeutic Advances in Drug Safety, July 5, 2019). According to the report: "Some patients described the itch as so intense that it impacted their ability to work, sleep or perform their normal daily activities."

The agency now requires a warning about this withdrawal reaction in the prescribing information for both cetirizine and its chemical cousin levocetirizine (Xyzal). As far as we can tell, however, this alert is not included in the over-the-counter labels.

Q. I take sildenafil (Viagra) for erectile dysfunction. It works quite well. But not long after taking it I experience pretty unpleasant heartburn. Needless to

say, this interferes with the romantic mood. Do you have any recommendations?

A. All of the erectile dysfunction drugs (sildenafil, tadalafil and vardenafil, aka Viagra, Cialis and Levitra) can cause heartburn as a side effect. They work by relaxing smooth muscle that lines the blood vessels going into the penis. However, smooth muscle elsewhere in the body, such as that in the lower esophageal sphincter in the digestive tract, also relaxes in response to these drugs. That promotes acid reflux. Ask your doctor whether taking an antacid like Tums or Rolaids along with your sildenafil might relieve heartburn.

Q. I have been following a ketogenic diet for several months and have begun to notice strong underarm body odor. None of the usual antiperspirants have worked.

I found a half-used bottle of original formula Sea Breeze and have been wiping my armpits with it. This is working. The bottle states it deep-cleans down to the pores.

A. Sea Breeze Astringent Original Formula contains water, denatured alcohol, a number of herbal extracts, the preservative sodium benzoate and coloring. We assume that the benefits you've noticed come from the herbal ingredients: camphor, peppermint oil, clove oil, eucalyptus oil and eugenol (also from cloves). Perhaps they affect the microbes that thrive on the skin under your arms.

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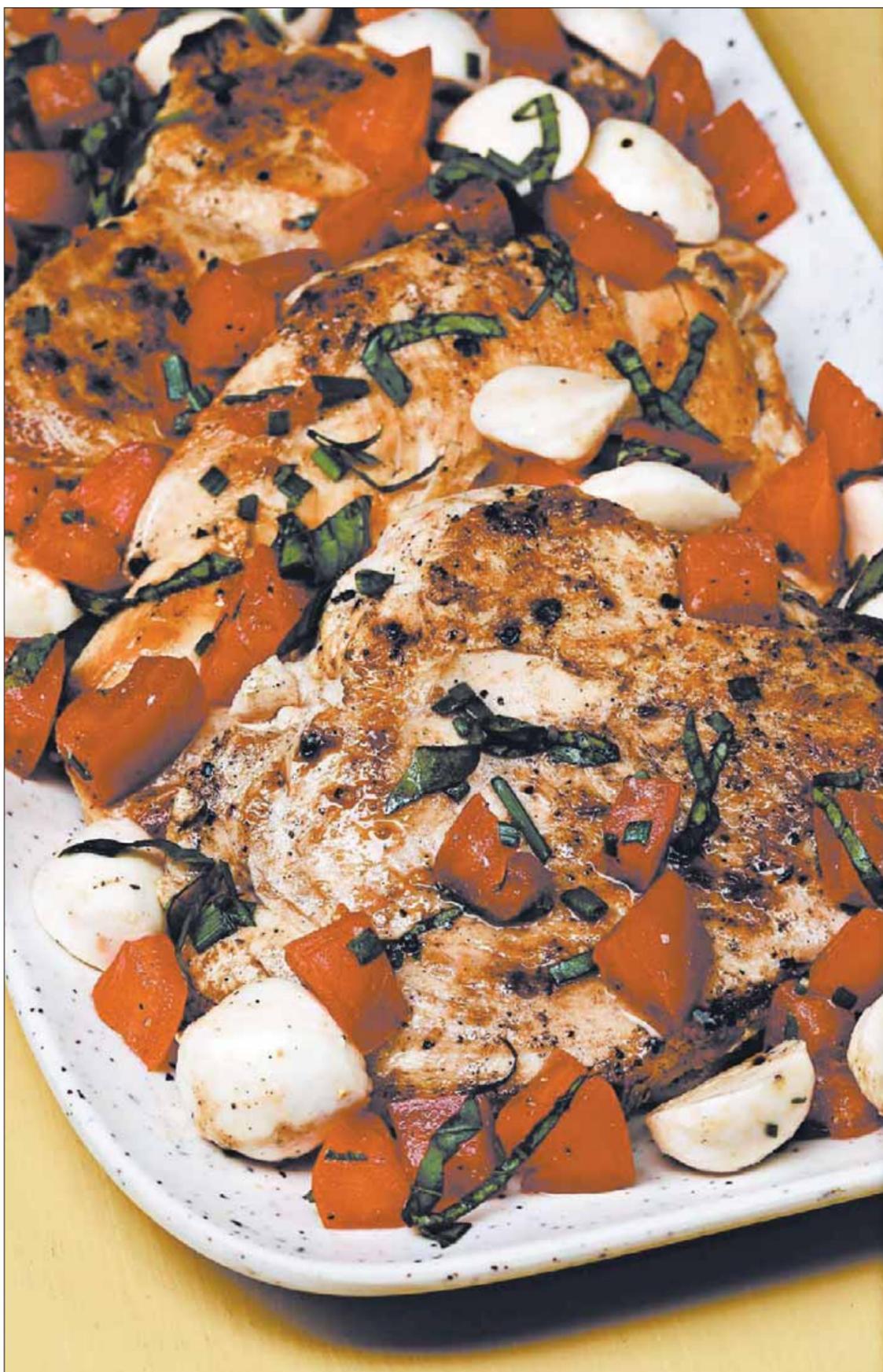
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Griddle-seared chicken with Caprese-style tomatoes features a smoky flavor.

Weeknight chicken challenge

Create flavorful dishes with a hot griddle and fast recipes



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

At least one day a week, chicken factors into our dinner plans. Turns out, we are not alone. Chicken is the No. 1 source of protein in the U.S. and in 2018 we ate more than 93.5 pounds per capita, according to the National Chicken Council.

Around our house, we cook most of our per capita chicken. On the occasion that I purchase fully-cooked chicken, I'm usually disappointed. More often than not, it's bland and dry.

So the weeknight chicken challenge is this: Moistness *and* more flavor, despite little time.

Most of the year, the charcoal grill is my preferred chicken cooking method

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A jerk pork shank fried rice dish is featured at Flora Fauna in Chicago.

REVIEW Flora Fauna ★★

Adventurous owners still feeling their way

BY PHIL VETTEL

I'm not entirely sure what 4-month-old Flora Fauna is, nor what it is going to be. But it'll never be boring.

Taking over from the former Bohemian House space in River North, the interior affects a casual tropical vibe, as though someone ran wild with a Pier 1 credit card. Rattan-covered chairs pull up to mahogany-toned high-top tables, underneath wicker-woven hanging lights. A dining alcove is papered in an exotic-bird pattern.

Up front, a waiting area with canopy rattan chairs and low-slung loveseats virtually screams "Insta-worthy." In one visit, I saw no fewer than three parties posing for pre- and/or post-dinner photos.

The restaurant is the brainchild of chef Jonathan Meyer (previously executive chef at W Hotel and Broken Shaker, and chef de cuisine at Beatnik) and mixologist Liz Pearce, who has created beverage programs all over town. (She still oversees the cocktails at Aba.) The two, who are married, aim to wed their disparate culinary travels — he to Costa Rica, Honduras and Mexico, she to various ports of call in Southeast Asia — into intriguing, geographically fluid dishes.

The approach is most evident in the Stone Bowls, which are a combination of protein-forward molcajete dishes and brothy Asian hot pots. (Indeed, the dishes were originally labeled as hot pots, but customer confusion prompted the rebrand.)

They're served in dolsot bowls (typically used for bibimbap) and contain nopales (cactus paddles), braised greens and panela cheese, with warm tortillas on the side; the supporting broth is more Asian inflected, with a warm (but not hot) chile oil undercurrent. There are seafood, meat and vegetarian bowls (a vegan version omits the cheese), plus a Chef's Ration bowl that combines mustard greens, shellfish, chicken and pork.

The bowls arrive piping hot to the table, so crammed with ingredients that a server does the initial portioning. The effect is not unlike that of the arroz

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The Chef's Ration bowl combines mustard greens, shellfish, chicken and pork.

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Vettel

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gordo at Fat Rice, though Flora Fauna's combos are considerably less spicy.

The rest of the menu consists of 10 small plates, divided into vegetable and vegan (flora) and meat and seafood (fauna) dishes; and five "larger format" platters. In contrast to the jumbled abundance of the Stone Bowls, these dishes are carefully, even artfully plated.

Among the veggie options are roasted yams, beneath a blanket of hearts of palm, passion fruit, pickled onions, salsa verde and queso fresco; grilled cauliflower with unripened mango and mustard-seed chow chow, alongside a wide smear of goat's milk yogurt. Dandan "noodles" of green papaya mingle with braised jackfruit, crushed cashews and an assertive spice presence; crispy elote cakes are topped with sweet corn mixed with Kewpie mayo and cotija cheese.

On the fauna side, the seared octopus is a star, over crisscrossed stripes of guajillo-pepper sauce and avocado puree (the bright and umami flavors mesh wonderfully); gooseberries and tomatoes add brightness, and extra texture comes via plantain shoestring fries.

Also worthy is the lamb tartare, arranged prettily over overlapping lotus-root chips and enlivened by a soursop vinaigrette, made from the tropical fruit. Seafood fritters are a bit overwhelmed by the curry sauce and coconut cream supporting it; tamarind-glazed quail, in separate pieces alongside pickled vegetables, probably work best as a shared dish, as a bite or two are all you need. A seafood "daiquiri" places the day's catch in an acidic bath of cucumber aguachile, lime granita and finger chiles; when the catch is firm and meaty enough (as was the case on my visit, when the featured fish was halibut), this is a good option.

There are five larger-format plates. One diner might be able to polish off the fried fish and lettuce-wrap plate, or the prime rib-eye with yucca "Tater Tots." The molasses-glazed duck breast, accompanied by confit leg and thigh and a fingerling-potato salad (the duck and steak are the menu's conservative concessions), will make two people happy.

But you'll want to bring friends to tackle the jerk pork shank fried rice, a huge shank poised over a melange of rice, egg yolk, plantain, radish and more. In size and concept, this is basically a brothless Stone Bowl, the sort of dish that captures the attention of neighboring tables. (Meyer said he created this dish as a dual ode to Peking duck and a Costa Rican pig roast.)

The eye-catching dessert is the "Giant F#@\$ing Banana Split," a fruit-fac-



The front lounge at Flora Fauna, which opened four months ago, features rattan chairs and low-slung loveseats.



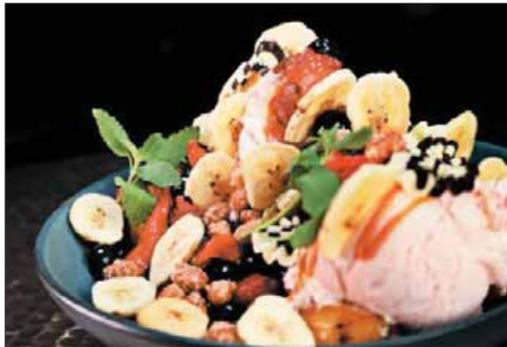
The seared octopus includes guajillo-pepper sauce and avocado puree, gooseberries, tomatoes and plantain shoestring fries.



The Basic Beach cocktail is made with mezcal.

tory explosion of bruleed banana slices, marinated berries, angostura-soaked peanuts, horchata ice cream, dulce de leche and shaved chocolate. What's not to like? Place it in the middle of the table and watch diners play Hungry Hungry Hippos with spoons.

The "Miami Vice" tres leches cake is a play on the cocktail of the same name, which is a cross between a strawberry daiquiri and a



Bruleed banana slices, berries, angostura-soaked peanuts, horchata ice cream, dulce de leche and shaved chocolate make up the The Giant F#@\$ing Banana Split

пина colada. There's some strawberry-infused coconut milk among the three milks soaking the cake, along with rum-flambeed pineapple and toasted coconut. The sleeper dessert is the white-chocolate panna cotta, topped with lemongrass-scented blackberry sauce, chopped cashews and pink peppercorns.

Pearce's cocktails also have a beachy feel, none more so than the Basic

Beach, which is essentially a Miami Vice made with mezcal instead of rum. There's also a refreshing yuzu daiquiri, a boozy pineapple Old-Fashioned, and, for those who like bitter tastes, a Negroni mixed with a little passion-fruit.

A cute touch is the build-your-own-cocktail adventure, allowing customers to choose one of five spirit flavors (mojito, gin and tonic, margarita) with one



Flora Fauna's Jonathan Meyer is the chef and co-owner with his wife and beverage director Liz Pearce.

Flora Fauna

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Tribune rating: ★★

Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday

Prices: Large plates \$17-\$52

Noise: Conversation-challenged

Ratings key: Four stars, outstanding; three stars, excellent; two stars, very good; one star, good; no stars, unsatisfactory. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

of five flavor twists (banana-mango-turmeric, raspberry-cucumber-ale). The most popular combo so far is margarita with

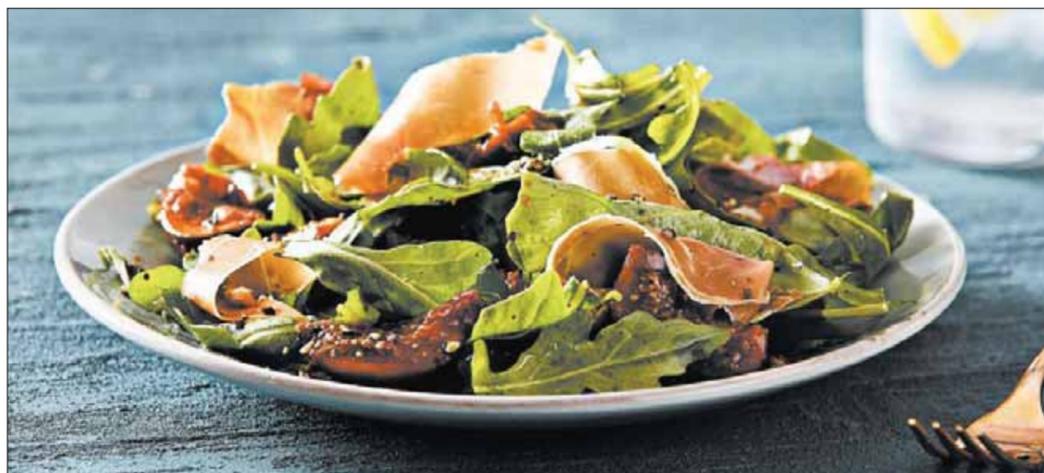
pineapple-passionfruit-habanero. "We're going through so much tequila," said Pearce.

There are beer and sake options, and a small, focused wine list at friendly prices. By-the-glass wines, sparklers excepted, are kegged, and there are a dozen of those (each at \$12 per glass).

I'm left with the impression that Flora Fauna is still feeling its way in the culinary world, and the continent-hopping does make for some interesting culinary marriages.

Meyer combines ingredients fearlessly, at times seemingly recklessly, but fans of assertive flavors are likely to enjoy themselves immensely.

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Italian sauce brings out the best in fall's figs

BY ELLIE KRIEGER
The Washington Post

Agrodolce — a traditional Italian sweet-and-sour sauce (agro means "sour" and dolce "sweet") — is a mouthwatering tussle of contrast that seems to tickle every taste bud. Figs lend themselves to achieving the sauce's yin-yang blast in a healthier way, because their

inherent sweetness needs little added sugar is needed to balance its vinegary pucker.

Balsamic vinegar, with its own deep, natural sweet notes, gets simmered with browned shallot, some water and just a tablespoon of honey until the liquid is reduced to a sumptuously tangy syrup.

Then, quartered black

mission figs (an especially sweet variety) and a little salt and pepper are tossed into the warm sauce. (You can use any variety of fresh figs, but you may need to adjust the flavor with a little more honey depending on how sweet they are.)

Here, the figs get scattered on a mound of simply dressed arugula — the pleasant pepperiness of the

greens offsets the bold sweet-tang of the fruit — and partnered with bites of salty, silky prosciutto. It's a salad so flavorful, you'll wish you could have it all the time. But make it now while you can, during this relatively brief window of fresh fig season.

Ellie Krieger is a nutritionist and cookbook author.

Arugula salad with figs agrodolce and prosciutto

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings

The figs can be made up to three days in advance.

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1/3 cup thinly sliced shallots (2 medium shallots)

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

1/4 cup water

1 tablespoon mild honey

8 fresh black mission figs, stemmed and quartered (cut into eighths if large)

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

4 cups baby arugula

4 slices prosciutto (1 1/2 ounces)

1. In a medium skillet over medium heat, warm 1 tablespoon oil until shimmering. Add the shallots; cook, stirring, until they start to soften and turn brown on the edges, 2 to 4 minutes. Add the vinegar, water and honey to the skillet, raise the heat to medium-high and bring to a boil. Cook until the liquid thickens and is reduced to a syrup, 2 to 4 minutes. Remove from the heat. Add the figs and 1/8 teaspoon each salt and pepper; toss gently to evenly coat the figs.

2. In a large bowl, toss the arugula with the remaining tablespoon of olive oil and the remaining 1/8 teaspoon each of the salt and pepper. Divide the arugula among 4 salad plates. Divide the figs evenly, then scatter torn pieces of the prosciutto around the plates and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 190 calories, 9 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 25 g carbohydrates, 20 g sugar, 5 g protein, 290 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

Climate change issues in vineyards

Answer may be in the soil and not the grapes

By Dave McIntyre
The Washington Post

Sustainable, organic, biodynamic. These three styles of viticulture are followed (and marketed) by wineries to show care for their vineyards and the environment. Sustainable in Practice, or SIP Certified in California; Low Impact Viticulture and Enology (LIVE) and Salmon-Safe in Oregon; or Demeter for biodynamics are certifications meant to demonstrate accountability in farming.

But in the context of climate change, some winemakers are questioning whether these practices are enough. They advocate a broader focus than just the vineyard and challenge current concepts of eco-friendly farming. And they are looking beyond this vintage, or even the next decade, and asking tough questions about the long-term future of wine.

Mimi Casteel was an infant when her parents brought the family to Oregon's Willamette Valley in the late 1970s and founded Bethel Heights winery. She grew up in the vineyards, then left to study forestry science and fight wildfires in California before returning to join the family business. She now has her own winery, Hope Well Wine and Vineyards, in the Willamette's Eola-Amity Hills district.

Casteel raised eyebrows in July in an interview with sommelier-journalist Levi Dalton on his podcast, "I'll Drink to That," in which she questioned some sacred tenets of modern grape farming. Dalton gave the episode the provocative title, "Mimi Casteel Says



BOB MCCLLENAHAN

Larkmead Vineyards winemaker Dan Petroski is researching which grapes will be suited to Napa's future climate.

Your Sustainability Sucks. Try Again." This accounting of Casteel's views come from the podcast and a subsequent interview with me in Oregon later in July.

Casteel's forestry and firefighting experience convinced her that mankind's encroachment on nature was destroying natural habitats crucial to agricultural productivity. Although it may take decades or even a century or more to show, we are now feeling the effects in declining productivity and nutrient quality. Modern agriculture and viticulture allow farmers and grape growers to add nutrients such as nitrogen to crops and soil, but Casteel advocates promoting a healthy "habitat" that will produce those nutrients naturally in the soil. And that means a diversity of crops rather than a singular emphasis on grapevines.

"We think we can grow one thing at the expense of all others, and we call it 'sustainable,' but it's really not," Casteel said. For example, emphasis on monoculture (grapes) prompts growers to clear stream beds to expand vineyards. This disrupts habitat by dislodging pests that then attack the vines, requiring

more chemical treatments that eventually wash into the stream with soil erosion.

Modern vineyards often have bare soil between the vines, easier for tractors to work the rows. Cover crops are viewed as competitors with the vines. Even when used, cover crops are typically tilled and plowed under to "add nutrients" to the soil, a practice endorsed even in biodynamics. Casteel says this is wrong, because any exposure of the soil loses important nutrients and releases carbon into the atmosphere. This is her most controversial argument, because it challenges widespread viticultural dogma.

"Active and constant cultivation" — as in plowing or tilling — "works against maintaining a healthy soil biology," Casteel said. "Bare soil loses carbon and reduces the ability to support the life that supports our life. You don't see bare soil in nature unless there's been a catastrophe."

Healthy soil can capture more carbon than trees, she argues, making a case for "carbon farming."

"Soil is the one true thing we have to fight climate change," Casteel said, adding, "It's not that hard, and



HOPE WELL VINEYARDS

Winemaker Mimi Casteel with compost she uses to build a healthy habitat for micro-organisms and robust topsoil at her vineyard in Oregon's Willamette Valley.

it doesn't have to be at odds with the economics of the business. But people have a one-generation view of sustainability."

In California's Napa Valley, Larkmead Vineyards is looking way beyond one generation. The winery, founded in 1895 and owned by the Solari-Baker family since 1948, recently announced plans to plant a three-acre "research block" to develop the grape varieties of Napa Valley's future in a warmer world.

"Climate change is very real and already affects vintners around the world," Larkmead winemaker Dan Petroski said. "Cabernet sauvignon may no longer be well-suited to Napa Valley's climate in 20 to 30

years. We need to research and plan for inevitable warmer temperatures."

Larkmead's research block will include chenin blanc, petite sirah and zinfandel, "heritage varieties" that once were popular in Northern California but were largely supplanted in recent decades by cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay as the market for those wines grew. Petroski and his team will also plant Mediterranean varieties such as aglianico, tempranillo and touriga nacional.

The research block is similar to moves in France, where recent changes in the appellation laws allow growers in areas such as Bordeaux and Chateaufort-du-Pape to

experiment with untraditional varieties that might be better suited to a changing climate than the grapes that have defined those wines for generations.

While Petroski tries to identify the grapes of Napa Valley's future, Casteel hopes that reviving natural habitats can slow, or at least adapt, vineyards to that change.

"My children won't be able to buy Burgundy as we know it, because that climate is not going to support it," she says. "We have an obligation to farm for the wine we want to drink, but also to prolong our ability to make it."

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Moroccan vegetable salads: orange salad with black olives, from left, chickpea salad with red pepper, cucumber and mint, and flame-grilled green pepper and fresh tomato salad. According to traditional Moroccan hospitality, the more choices one offers a guest, the higher one's esteem for him or her.

Chickpea salad

Makes: 4 servings (about 5 1/2 cups)

3 cups low-sodium cooked chickpeas (from two 14.5-ounce cans)

5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice, or more as needed

Kosher salt or sea salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1/4 red bell pepper, cored, deribbed, seeded and cut into small dice

1 medium cucumber, seeded, or 1/2 seedless cucumber, peeled and cut into small dice

1/4 cup packed, minced fresh mint leaves

1. Rinse and drain the chickpeas; transfer to a large saucepan and add 2 cups water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then drain in a colander until cool.

2. In a large serving bowl, whisk together the oil and lemon juice until well blended. Season lightly with the salt and pepper. Add the drained chickpeas, along with the red bell pepper and cucumber. Toss gently to incorporate. Taste, and add more salt, if needed.

3. Stir in the mint just before serving.

Nutrition per serving:

320 calories, 10 g protein, 28 g carbohydrates, 21 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 280 mg sodium, 9 g dietary fiber, 6 g sugar

Orange salad

Total time: 25 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

2 navel or Valencia oranges

1 1/2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil (may substitute walnut, hazelnut or culinary argan oil)

2 teaspoons minced fresh flat-leaf parsley

Kosher salt or sea salt

Freshly ground black pepper (optional)

16 black olives, pitted and cut in half (preferably oil-cured Moroccan olives; may substitute Kalamata)

1. Trim off the top and bottom ends of the oranges and reserve. Using a paring knife, remove the orange peel, along any of the white pith. Cut the orange crosswise into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Over a large bowl, pull the segments into triangular pieces and then drop into the bowl. Squeeze the reserved ends into the bowl as well.

2. Drizzle the oil over the oranges, then add the parsley, and season lightly with salt and, if using, pepper. Toss gently to combine. Cover and refrigerate until chilled, about 1 hour. Before serving, toss again and garnish with the olives.

Nutrition per serving: 100 calories, 8 g total fat, 1 g saturated fat, 150 mg sodium, 10 g carbohydrates, 2 g dietary fiber, 6 g sugars

VIBRANT PLATES

With these Moroccan salads, vegetables come first — and in dazzling abundance

BY JEFF KOEHLER

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Moroccan cuisine is colorful, sophisticated and always artfully presented. “First, we eat with the eyes,” goes one particularly telling expression.

It is also often meat-rich. Succulent slow-cooked lamb tagines with dried fruits and a heady mélange of spices (ginger, cinnamon, turmeric, sweet paprika, saffron) and chicken with preserved lemon and olives are among its signature dishes.

Yet, especially for guests and on special occasions, it is an array of vegetarian salads that open meals — often in spectacular fashion.

According to traditional Moroccan hospitality, the more choices one offers a guest, the higher one's esteem for him or her. It is a measure of one's hospitality.

The range of what a host might offer is wide and, depending on the season, can include chilled caramelized cubes of butternut squash dusted with cinnamon; mashed eggplant and tomato zaalouk with plenty of garlic and maybe some hot paprika; flame-grilled green peppers tossed with chopped tomatoes, herbs

and some preserved lemon peel; and cucumbers in a sweet marinade given a scattering of dried wild thyme before serving.

This course of fresh and “cooked” salads is one of the country's most delectable culinary traditions and offers an ideal showcase not just for the cook's ability but the cuisine's originality. After 20 years of traveling in Morocco, I continue to be awestruck by the impressive salad spreads on the tables from the seaside capital city Rabat to Berber villages in the High Atlas to humble places in the desert south.

When deciding on which salads to prepare, contrasts in flavors, colors and textures are key. To highlight this, the salad selection often includes versions that use the same principal ingredient. For instance, a dish of tangy beets with plenty of fresh cilantro and parsley might appear beside a sweet one of beets tossed with orange segments and a hint of orange blossom water.

My favorite coupling is with carrots. One classic savory salad is rounds of boiled carrots tossed with olive oil, sweet paprika and plenty of cumin. This is chilled and given a squeeze

of lemon juice and a scattering of fresh flat-leaf parsley before serving. The carrot's natural sweetness balances the bold and earthy punch of spice. Ideally, beside it comes a bowl of grated raw carrots steeped in freshly squeezed orange juice, garnished with raisins then given a dash of orange blossom water and a pinch of ground cinnamon for aroma. The texture has a pleasing crunch, and the flavors are fresh and fruity. (To continue the playful combination, beside it might be a plate of orange segments tossed in oil — olive, walnut or even Moroccan argan — and garnished with black olives.)

Whenever possible, I have a whole meal of these salads. With some of the country's traditional round loaves of bread, there are few things I would prefer for lunch or dinner when traveling in Morocco.

Or even back home. I like to prepare a half-dozen salads to savor over several days, either together for light meals with bread or as sides to something heavier.

While the eyes might be the first to feast on the colorful array of salads on the table, the palate follows soon after.

Flame-grilled green pepper and fresh tomato salad

Makes: 4 servings (2 cups)

Called tchektchouka (or chakchouka), this favorite salad combines the smokiness of grilled peppers with the freshness of tomatoes. Grill the peppers over a gas flame, on a charcoal grill or under a broiler. Serve at room temperature or chilled. Stir in a tablespoon of finely chopped preserved lemon for a zesty touch.

2 medium green bell peppers, rinsed and patted dry

2 ripe medium tomatoes, peeled, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch chunks

1 small clove garlic, minced

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh cilantro

Pinch ground cumin

1/4 teaspoon sweet paprika

Kosher salt or sea salt

Freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1. Wash the peppers and pat dry with a paper towel. Roast over a gas flame on the stove, under a broiler or on a grill, turning as the skin blackens and blisters, 8 to 15 minutes.

2. Cover the peppers with aluminum foil or newspaper and allow to cool, 10 to 15 minutes. (The steam will make peeling easier.) Peel away the blackened skin and rinse. Remove the stems and seeds, and cut the peppers into 1/2-inch square pieces.

3. In a large bowl, combine the peppers, tomatoes, garlic, parsley, cilantro, cumin and paprika. Season with the salt and pepper, drizzle over the oil, and gently toss to combine. Cover and refrigerate until chilled.

4. When ready to serve, add the lemon juice and gently toss again.

Note: Peel the tomatoes by scoring their bottoms with a wide, shallow “X,” then drop them into boiling water for about 15 seconds. Lift out of the water; as soon as they are cool enough to handle, peel and discard the skins.

Nutrition per serving: 90 calories, 1 g protein, 6 g carbohydrates, 7 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 40 mg sodium, 2 g dietary fiber, 3 g sugar

DRINK

New Pabst Hard Coffee offers a different kind of buzz

BY LISA FUTTERMAN
Chicago Tribune

I had to try it to believe it. Pabst Blue Ribbon, the maker of the original ironic hipster beer, has created a hard coffee beverage. Yes, you read that correctly, and no, this is not your mother's white Russian.

“We wanted to make something that tasted like delicious iced coffee, not beer,” says Brand Manager John Newhouse. “Our innovation team nailed it.”

Nailed it they did. I chilled my precious cans (Pabst Hard Coffee is available only in five states currently — Pennsylvania, Maine, New Jersey, Florida, Georgia — and the company could not say when it would roll out more

widely.) and took them to my neighborhood drinking establishment, where I excitedly shared them, over ice, with a drinking buddy who happens to be a beer expert. “They don't taste like beer,” we marveled. “They don't even taste like alcohol,” we whispered. The owner passed them around, and soon the entire bar sat in awe. Pabst Blue Ribbon has created a hard coffee (at 5% alcohol) that looks and tastes like a creamy, sweet and completely delicious iced coffee, and put it in a can.

But why make hard coffee at all? Do people want booze with breakfast? Are soccer moms going to make the switch from kombucha to hard coffee in their water bottles? I asked

Newhouse, and he gave the corporate answer. “At Pabst Blue Ribbon, we like to push ourselves on the innovation front, and we started noticing that the lines between beverage types are blurring more and more. Ready-to-drink coffee has been growing for a few years and is expected to continue growing. So our R&D team came up with a tasty new way to bring coffee into the alcohol space.”

Blah blah blah.

Is coffee hour while camping about to get a lot more fun? When hard seltzer gets too boring, are the bros gonna move to hard coffee? (Side note, Pabst just introduced a new lime-flavored Stronger Seltzer that packs a big 8%

ABV, perhaps for those bros who already spike their hard seltzer with vodka for the ultimate vodka soda?)

Judging from the results on social media, people who have tried it, dig it. Dozens of early adopters on Instagram liken it (positively) to Yoo-hoo, the chocolate drink that for decades has sat next to sodas in the soft drink aisle. To us, it tasted much more like a vanilla Frappuccino. But either way, it seems American drinkers are ready for change, in the form of alcoholic drinks that don't taste like booze, but mimic other beverage favorites. Pabst Blue Ribbon is leading the way.

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Pabst has created a hard coffee that looks and tastes like iced coffee, and put it in a can.

Chicken

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for maximum flavor and speed. However, weather and the time to set up the grill often deter.

Instead, I turn to another favorite piece of cooking equipment — a relic from early in my cooking career called a Bayou Blackener No. 1111. This heavy, rectangular cast-iron griddle heats quickly on the stove-top (or in about 10 minutes in a 425 oven or hot grill).

The beauty of cast iron is in how hot it gets and then how well it retains heat — meaning faster cooking and better browning. Lodge Cast Iron and other manufacturers make a variety of affordable cast-iron griddles and skillets. Nonstick skillets prove more foolproof than cast iron, but know that they never get as hot as, or retain the heat as well as, cast iron.

Pan selected, let's talk chicken. Buy the best you can afford — at grocery stores and butcher shops, I seek out natural chicken, free of antibiotics. Organic chicken from the butcher counter or sold frozen by the farmer at our local farmers market always seems to taste best.

Chickens in general have grown in size over the years. Modern breeding, improved veterinary care and a steady supply of nutritious food mean even organic chickens are larger. Today, most supermarket chickens weigh nearly double those that I learned to cook in my chef's apprenticeship days years ago.

I reserve roasting whole chickens, brined chicken and cut-up chicken on the bone for days when I have more time to cook. For our weeknight chicken challenge, boneless, skinless breasts win hands down.

Older recipes typically call for boneless, skinless

chicken breast halves weighing 4 to 6 ounces each. Somewhat thin, these small breast halves cook in less than 10 minutes. However, a super-informal survey of my area grocery stores reveals many prepackaged chicken breast halves weighing 10 to 14 ounces. So, I prefer to butterfly these huge chicken breasts to make them thinner (so they cook faster) and more uniform in thickness (so they cook evenly without drying).

Please don't be afraid to use heat in the kitchen. Yes, of course, in the form of fresh chiles and chili powder. But, here, I'm talking about heat under the pan. Start with the empty pan or griddle on high heat and then turn it down to medium-high for cooking. This way you'll certainly get beautiful browning and a bit of crustiness and avoid a bland unattractive meal.

The griddle-seared chicken can be customized to suit any taste or season

of the year. In late summer, I tuck garden-fresh tomatoes into everything I cook. In the recipe here, diced ripe tomatoes and marinated mozzarella turn Caprese-style salad into a main-course offering.

In the fall, roasted diced apples, onions and butter-nut squash make a delicious accompaniment. So does a bath of melted butter swirled in the pan after the chicken cooks, stirred while scraping up the browned bits — try adding some canned artichoke hearts and 1 or 2 tablespoons of drained capers. I can't resist a sandwich made with hot, freshly griddled chicken breast on whole grain toast with a smear of avocado and a handful of arugula.

The recipes that follow can be cut in half. But whenever possible, I like to cook enough for the meal at hand, plus enough for a few leftovers to add later to salads, soups, stir-fries and rice bowls.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Quick-griddled chicken with herbs

Prep: 15 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

3 or 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves, total 2 ½ pounds

1 ½ teaspoons coarse (kosher) salt

1 teaspoon esepette pepper or sweet paprika

2 tablespoons minced fresh herbs, such as a combination of thyme, tarragon, oregano (or 1 tablespoon dried mixed herbs)

1 teaspoon minced fresh sage or ½ teaspoon ground sage

1 tablespoon safflower, sunflower or expeller-pressed canola oil

1 or 2 tablespoons butter, cut into small bits or extra-virgin olive oil

Sprigs of fresh herbs

1. Pat chicken dry. Remove the chicken tenders from the underside of the breasts and save for another use. Place one breast half on the cutting board. Using a very sharp knife, butterfly the chicken as follows: Starting at the thickest side, slice the chicken horizontally in half cutting nearly three-fourths of the way through to the other side. Open the chicken like a book (or a butterfly) and cover with a sheet of plastic wrap. Pound until uniformly about ½ inch thick. Cut in half if desired. Place on a baking sheet and repeat with remaining chicken breasts.

2. Mix salt, esepette pepper and herbs in small dish. Sprinkle on all sides of chicken. If working ahead, refrigerate loosely covered up to a day. Otherwise, leave on the counter in a cool kitchen for up to 30 minutes.

3. Heat a large cast-iron or nonstick griddle (or large skillet) over high heat until a drop of water sizzles on contact. Turn on the exhaust fan.

4. Reduce heat under the griddle to medium-high. Add about 1 teaspoon of safflower oil then immediately add the chicken in a single, uncrowded layer. (Work in batches if necessary.) Cook, without turning, until golden brown, about 4 minutes. Use tongs to flip chicken and cook second side until golden, about 3 minutes more. Remove chicken to a platter. Repeat with more oil and remaining chicken.

5. Dot the top with bits of butter or drizzle with olive oil. Repeat to cook remaining chicken. Garnish with herbs.

Nutrition information per serving: 242 calories, 9 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 110 mg cholesterol, 0 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 38 g protein, 572 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Griddle-seared chicken with Caprese-style tomatoes

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

When I want to add a smoky flavor to the chicken, I put the cast-iron griddle on the grill grates of a hot charcoal or gas grill. After the griddle is hot, add the chicken in a single, uncrowded layer, cover the grill and cook as directed. If you can find them, use marinated mozzarella balls, dressing the salad with some of the oil from the container.

4 large boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, total 2 ½ pounds

Salt

1 container (16 ounces) celtigene mozzarella balls, drained

2 to 3 cups cored, seeded, diced ripe tomatoes

2 to 3 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh chives

Extra-virgin olive oil

Freshly ground black pepper

Safflower, sunflower or expeller-pressed canola oil

½ cup thinly sliced fresh basil leaves

Shredded Parmesan cheese

Fresh herb sprigs

1. Pat chicken dry. Remove the chicken tenders from the underside of the breasts and save for another use. Place one breast half on the cutting board. Using a very sharp knife, butterfly the chicken as follows: Starting at the thickest side, slice the chicken horizontally in half cutting nearly three-fourths of the way through to the other side. Open the chicken like a book (or a butterfly); cover with a sheet of plastic wrap. Pound until a uniform ½ inch thick. Cut in half if desired. Place on a baking sheet and repeat with remaining chicken breasts.

2. Season chicken generously with salt. If working ahead, refrigerate loosely covered up to a day. Otherwise, leave on the counter in a cool kitchen for up to 30 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, slice mozzarella balls in half. Put into a bowl. Add tomatoes, chives and 1 or 2 tablespoons olive oil. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

4. Heat a large cast-iron or nonstick griddle (or large skillet) over high heat until a drop of water sizzles on contact. Turn on the exhaust fan.

5. Reduce heat under the griddle to medium-high. Add a light coating of safflower oil then immediately add the chicken in a single, uncrowded layer. (Work in batches if necessary.) Cook, without turning, until golden brown, about 4 minutes. Flip chicken; cook second side until golden, about 3 minutes more.

6. Transfer chicken to a platter. Drizzle with olive oil. Repeat to cook remaining chicken. Stir basil into tomato mixture, then spoon mixture over chicken. Sprinkle with Parmesan and garnish with herb sprigs. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 446 calories, 25 g fat, 12 g saturated fat, 158 mg cholesterol, 2 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 52 g protein, 153 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

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Suburban coffee roasters

Small artisan operations in Illinois and Indiana focused on specialty brews

BY STEVE ZIMMERMAN

The tasting notes at Tala Coffee Roasters read like a dessert menu.

Pear. Blackberry. Blood orange. Shortbread?

That can't be right, can it?

It can — and is. The mission at the North Shore roastery, one of several small, suburban artisan roasters that has sprung up in recent years, is to showcase the natural flavors tied to coffee's origin and demonstrate there's more to coffee than the medium roasts many are accustomed to.

It's all about the beans, and how you roast them.

"The trend toward really acidic and fruity cups of coffee is super interesting," said Pete McMahon, soon-to-be head roaster at Brewpoint Coffee in Elmhurst. "They can be a wildly different experience. It really comes down to what your customers enjoy."

When Keith Lilja and Joanna Tong, two of the four founders of Tala, were choosing what kind of roasts to focus on when they started the business in 2017, they shared a common flavor-focused goal: "sweet, beautiful coffees."

"That was an easy process,"

Joanna said, joking that all the other details of starting the business were, "overwhelming, terrifying."

Staying with the mission has its challenges. While Tala offers traditional medium-roast blends, like Ruca ("the Swiss Army knife for all situations," Lilja said), its lineup of fruit-forward, single-origin roasts are what sets it apart in a crowded coffee marketplace.

Tala's offerings rotate every three to six months. Currently, its natural-processed Ethiopian coffee, Shakiso, has subtle notes of blueberry, grape and honey. Past offerings such as Kenale, from Papua New Guinea, had distinct blackberry and green-tea qualities. One of the staff's favorites was one of its first: a Peruvian coffee named Cajamarca that had vibrant notes of pineapple and mango.

It was so striking that when the supply ran out, they bought more to reproduce it, but they were not able to replicate the intensity. The Cajamarca is an example of the fleeting, unpredictable nature of specialty green, or unroasted, coffee. They've acquired beans from the same importers, from the same location in Peru, but the crops either didn't develop as they did before or something else affected the flavor.

"Specialty coffee beans are so seasonal," Lilja said. "There is a lot of turnover (in single origins)."

"You can never roast quality into coffee; the quality comes from the bean."

At Tala and other roasters, it makes for a very fluid inventory of coffees with different regions and different flavors. The other challenge is matching a roasting profile that accentuates each one.

"I feel a big responsibility," Lilja said. "When people buy single-origin coffees, they expect (flavors) to be clear. They expect the total experience and to bring out the inherent fruit and acidity."

"It's one of the more fun things we do, to give that feeling to customers, to give them an 'aha' moment in our cafe. It's super cool."

Five & Hoek, which began as River City Roasters in 2011, is one of the more established suburban roasters in the Chicago area. Since then Tugboat (2013), Ffine (2013), Brewpoint (2014), Tala (2018) and others — such as Modest, Maple Leaf and Sandhill — have opened roasteries, cafes or both.

"We have a growing group of roasters striving for similar things," said Five & Hoek co-owner Tyler Fivecoat. "I think the roasters in the suburbs have identified what type of coffee best suits their city."

"We roast to highlight terroir, or what the coffee should taste like from the places it came from."

Five & Hoek also reinvented itself last year when it changed its name and upgraded its roasting equipment. It's still going through a remodel of the cafe and roastery in downtown Wheaton.

It took Tala less than a year to go from roasting in a rented warehouse space in Libertyville to opening a cafe in Highwood. The interest in specialty coffee was reflected in a vote of residents regarding what kind of business would occupy a decommissioned fire station on Green Bay Road. When presented with the option of a wine bar or specialty coffee shop, residents voted for the cafe.

"People are starting to see more customers going into the specialty realm," Lilja said. "It's an exciting opportunity to educate people, make them curious and want to explore. It's just like the craft beer industry."



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Tala Coffee Roasters in Highwood, which opened in 2018, is located in a decommissioned fire station.



Alex Axotis modifies the settings on his Loring roaster at the Ffine Coffee roasting facility in Crown Point, Indiana. He is one of several suburban coffee roasters making specialty brews.

Here's a look at the flavor pursuits of a few suburban roasters, proving there's more out there than what comes from Fulton Market or along Milwaukee Avenue.

TUGBOAT COFFEE, ADDISON

Roastery, 151 S. Rohlwing Road, Addison; www.tugboatcoffee.com; \$13-\$26 per 12 ounces.

Tugboat owner Erik Barkley said he follows a Nordic approach to roasting, highlighting sweetness and acidity. Much like Tala, Tugboat offers a constant rotation of roasts and lets what coffee he can acquire dictate what he roasts and sells.

"I really don't practice a balanced approach to origins or flavor profiles," Barkley said. "I just constantly cup new origins and farms and purchase what stands out. My goal is to have four to five coffees that everyone likes, 12 months a year. The other coffees are more niche focused, with some resembling tea more than coffee."

Several of the roasts really straddle that line between coffee and tea when it comes to body and depth. The current lineup boasts eight single-origin and four blends. Popular is a light-to-medium roast from Guatemala that has brightness with noticeable hints of lemon and milk chocolate.

"(Guatemalan coffee) is the best representation of Tugboat," Barkley said. "It is also the most crowd-pleasing coffee I have ever come across. It has incredible nuances and subtle flavors that change with temperature, but with a backbone of approachability."

"It works well as an introduction to specialty coffee and palate expansion."

Best bets: A new single-origin from Machakos, Kenya, delivers a

dynamic, juicy punch of fruit with body and acidity. It is a very light roast and limited in availability, which is reflected in its price tag (\$26 per 12 ounces). There's also a peaberry (normally a more flavor-intense bean) from Tanzania that is vibrant and surprisingly creamy.

TALA COFFEE, HIGHWOOD/LIBERTYVILLE

Cafe, 428 Green Bay Road, Suite B, Highwood; Roastery, 834 Liberty Drive, Libertyville; talacoffee-roasters.com; \$14-\$17 per 12 ounces.

Best bets: While Ruca, the modest and medium-bodied blend featured at Tala, is the best-seller, the single-origin coffees spotlight the mantra of the year-old roaster: sweet, beautiful coffees. El Palto is a crisp and tangy Peruvian brew with bright notes of raspberry and lemon.

BREWPOINT COFFEE, ELMHURST

Founders Cafe, 124 W. Park Ave., Elmhurst; Workshop and Roastery, 617 N. York Road, Elmhurst; Lexicon Cafe (inside Elmhurst Public Library), 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst; brewpointcoffee.com; \$13-\$17 per 12 ounces.

With roasts named Stargazer, Acrobat and Illusionist, there is a whimsical ethos at Brewpoint that's easy to detect and easy on the palate. The roast lineup is limited but robust in flavor, featuring a clarity of purpose reflective of owner Melissa Villanueva and soon-to-be head roaster McMahon.

"My whole approach ... is to make coffee approachable ... to everybody," Villanueva said. "I want to turn people on to coffee, really good coffee."

Instead of chasing new and nuanced flavor profiles, Brewpoint has an identity — smooth, straight-forward blends — and its

Coffee from fruit

So how does coffee — traditionally known to taste toasty, bitter, maybe with hints of chocolate — get fruit flavors? It can be added after a roast, which is known as flavored coffee, but it can be naturally extracted from the coffee bean, which comes from a cherry. It comes down to three primary factors.

Natural flavor: Coffee cherries are grown in trees in warm, tropical, elevated climates near the equator. Soil, fertilization, weather and growing conditions all come into play, as with any agricultural product. The cherries, while bitter to taste, vary in flavor like apples or grapes.

Processing: How much of the natural flavor is preserved can vary greatly by how beans, or seeds, are separated from berries. They may be washed, semiwashed or honey processed, or naturally processed. How much of the fruit pulp is preserved and how much pulp is absorbed into the bean through drying also affects its taste. Every step in production and conditions during transportation — often by cargo ship — can deteriorate quality and impact flavor.

Roasting process: How much heat is applied to beans, what kind of heat (direct or indirect), and when heat is applied all comes into play. Light roasts tend to be brighter, acidic and preserve nuanced, fruity notes; medium roasts introduce more body and darker, caramel or toffee-like flavor; and dark roasts add a deeper, chocolatey, smoky finish.

"You're breaking down carbohydrates and caramelizing sugars," said Keith Lilja of Tala Coffee Roasters.

The fruit notes are usually subtle, often secondary, but add a crisp, citrus, tart finish to a cup, much like dry white wine. Elusive is the medium or dark roast that can thread the needle and include a juicy wave of dark berry.

roasts flourish with heavy hits of chocolate, toffee and caramel as well as low acidity. It appeals to a broad base and, Villanueva said, has stacked up against established brands in tastings.

"We use a much higher end temperature for both Stargazer and Illusionist," McMahon said. "Which is why you'll get notes of dark chocolate, burnt sugar and earthy flavors. For lighter roasts, our aim is to let the coffee's natural flavors and compounds speak for themselves. That involves us imparting a smaller amount of roast influence."

"Essentially, we start the roaster at a higher temperature and then slowly pull back the gas during the roast. That way, the coffee is getting hotter but at a slower rate throughout. The heat acceleration is decreasing as the roast time increases."

Best bets: Stargazer is the cafe crowd-pleaser and delivers a "light" dark roast with distinct dark chocolate finish. Illusionist is slightly darker and delivers on its promise of dried fruit and spice, almost reminiscent of holiday cookies.

FIVE & HOEK COFFEE, WHEATON

Cafe and roastery, 114 N. Main St.; www.fiveandhoek.com; Cost: \$17-\$20 per 12 ounces.

Five & Hoek was inspired by time spent exploring tea gardens in India. Many of the company's roasts, especially Gishubi from Burundi, have distinct floral and citrus notes that are complex and sweet. A recent house drip coffee, Jose Blas, from Honduras, had a very crisp and tangy taste.

"Our Burundi was a really delicate approach," co-owner Fivecoat said. "We roast to reflect flavor of origin. We don't want to highlight caramelization or carbon from overdeveloped roasts. Instead, we like to roast developed coffees that are enjoyable adventures and end up light to medium."

One batch, no longer available, from Timor-Leste in Southeast Asia, had a robust butterscotch

flavor.

Best bets: Five & Hoek's flagship espresso blend, Fleet, flirts with the berry and chocolate sweet spot. It won a bronze medal at the 2018 Golden Bean national tasting competition.

FFINE COFFEE, CROWN POINT, IND.

Roastery, 1085 Millennium Drive, Crown Point, Ind.; www.ffine.com; Cost: \$13 per 12 ounces.

Blends are the name of the game at the Ffine, where owner/roaster Alex Axotis has switched gears from strictly offering single-origin coffees to mostly blends to meet the demand of consumers. He uses a hybrid Loring roaster that zeros in on precise applications of indirect heat.

The result has been roasts with a remarkable richness and low acidity as well as best-sellers that incorporate beans from as many as three different regions. Ted, also known as Teodoro, incorporates Columbian, Costa Rican and Honduran beans and offers a distinctive caramel and toffee flavor. Mexican Cake delivers dark chocolate sweetness and bitterness using beans from Brazil and Mexico.

"There's a new generation of coffee drinkers," Axotis said. "We're riding the coattails of the craft beer market. (Beer) can't be based on an origin or the name of a hop. It's all about the market when you come down to it, and that's why blends matter."

"A blend is just a compilation of single origins."

Best bets: Ted and Mexican Cake are standouts and stack up well against some of the more established coffees from bigger roasters. Xanadu is a lively, more fruit-forward compilation with coffee from Ethiopia and India. Joyride, a blend made with beans from Rwanda and Papua New Guinea, is a nod to Axotis' past career in the performance lighting industry.

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Celebrating my heritage with pastry

Where to find an honored autumn tradition in the city

By GRACE WONG

Often equated with the Western Thanksgiving, the Mid-Autumn Festival is the time of year when family members reunite from around the world to celebrate the full moon, give thanks and enjoy each other's company. It's primarily celebrated by people of Chinese and Vietnamese heritage and falls on the 15th day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar.

There's no food more ubiquitous to the Mid-Autumn Festival than the mooncake, an ultrarich pastry traditionally filled with a dense lotus seed paste and a salted egg yolk at its center. Packaged in boxes with auspicious designs, these treats are given to friends, families and colleagues every year as a way to bless the receiver with longevity or harmony, and are often enjoyed together, cut into smaller pieces to eat alongside tea.

My family was no different, receiving boxes decorated in watercolor paintings gifted to us by members of our Chinese church when we couldn't visit my family in China. But growing up in a predominantly white community, these annual treats felt like an audacious affront to my personal goal of blending in and going through life as un-Asian as possible. I was taught that sweet treats shouldn't have salted egg yolk centers, not to mention a thick lotus seed paste

interior. And my palate, accustomed to cafeteria sugar cookies and ice cream social sundaes, thought that mooncakes were never sweet enough. I couldn't appreciate the intricate designs nor the extravagant packaging, and they were an annual reminder that the foods I ate at home were intensely foreign from the ones I'd seen my peers eat, a thought that terrified me. Despite my parents' diligent efforts to educate me and help me appreciate them, the beautiful symbolism they carried was lost on me.

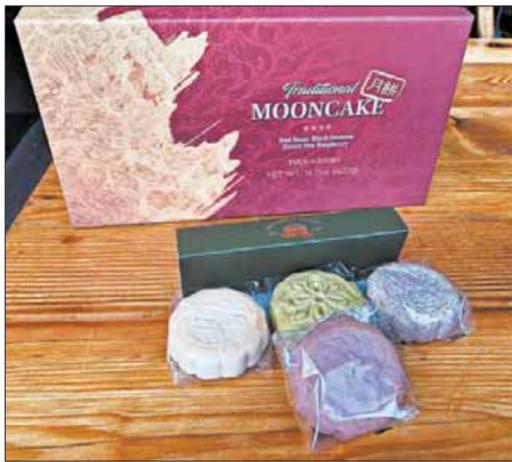
I'm thankful that, over time, I've learned to not only love my culture and heritage, but also the mooncakes that come around as the days grow shorter and the temperatures drop. Much like my annual Pumpkin Spice Latte at Starbucks, I look forward to the boxes of mooncakes that start appearing in Asian supermarkets and in my family's home as a decided mark of fall.

This year, the pastries have an even bigger role in light of the protests in Hong Kong against the extradition bill proposed by the Beijing-backed government, which protesters say will undermine their autonomy and freedom. Some shops are using the mooncakes to show support, stamping protest movement slogans in place of traditional designs. Wah Yee Tang bakery, a Hong Kong bakery that makes mooncakes, decorated its mooncakes with popular rallying phrases like "No withdrawal, no dispersal" and "Hong Kong people" in support of the city's pro-democracy movement.



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The Peninsula makes non-traditional egg custard mooncakes by hand every year for the Mid-Autumn Festival.



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Tous Le Jours makes handmade mooncakes in four flavors: red bean, green tea, raspberry and black sesame.

Mooncakes themselves have changed a bit, too. In addition to snow skin mooncakes, a Hong Kong original made with an exterior similar to mochi and filled with custard, you'll also find ice cream mooncakes, chocolate-filled mooncakes and even cheesecake mooncakes. Considering Starbucks

China already has a line of its own (flavors include lava black sesame, light lime cheese, lava custard, citrus jasmine with raspberry, and coffee-flavored mooncakes), it's probably only a matter of time before my two fall staples join forces and produce a pumpkin spice-flavored variety.

While it's more common

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to buy mooncakes from Asian grocery stores, there are still bakeries and restaurants making their own. This year's Mid-Autumn Festival lands on Sept. 13 and restaurants and bakeries have already been preparing, creating and baking mooncakes for weeks. These are just a few places you can buy handmade mooncakes in Chicago.

The Peninsula Chicago, eight pieces, \$88

The Peninsula has made its own line of mooncakes since 1986, when head pastry chef and dim sum ambassador Yip Wing Wah created the recipe for the hotel's Spring Moon Restaurant. These are filled with an egg custard and have a custard crust. Chef Elmo Han of The Peninsula Chicago has prepared

nearly 10,000 by hand, and you can order the mooncakes via email or phone until Sept. 13. Shanghai Terrace, the restaurant at The Peninsula, will also have an eight-course dinner that ends with the mooncakes. — 108 E. Superior St., 312-573-6567, peninsula.com, diningpch@peninsula.com

Tous Les Jours, eight pieces, \$21

Tous Les Jours, with locations in Chinatown, Wicker Park, Schaumburg and Naperville, has a gift set of eight mooncakes in four flavors: red bean, green tea, raspberry and black sesame. Owner Richard Kim recommends them with tea or coffee. — 2144 S. Archer Ave., 312-225-8488, tljus.com

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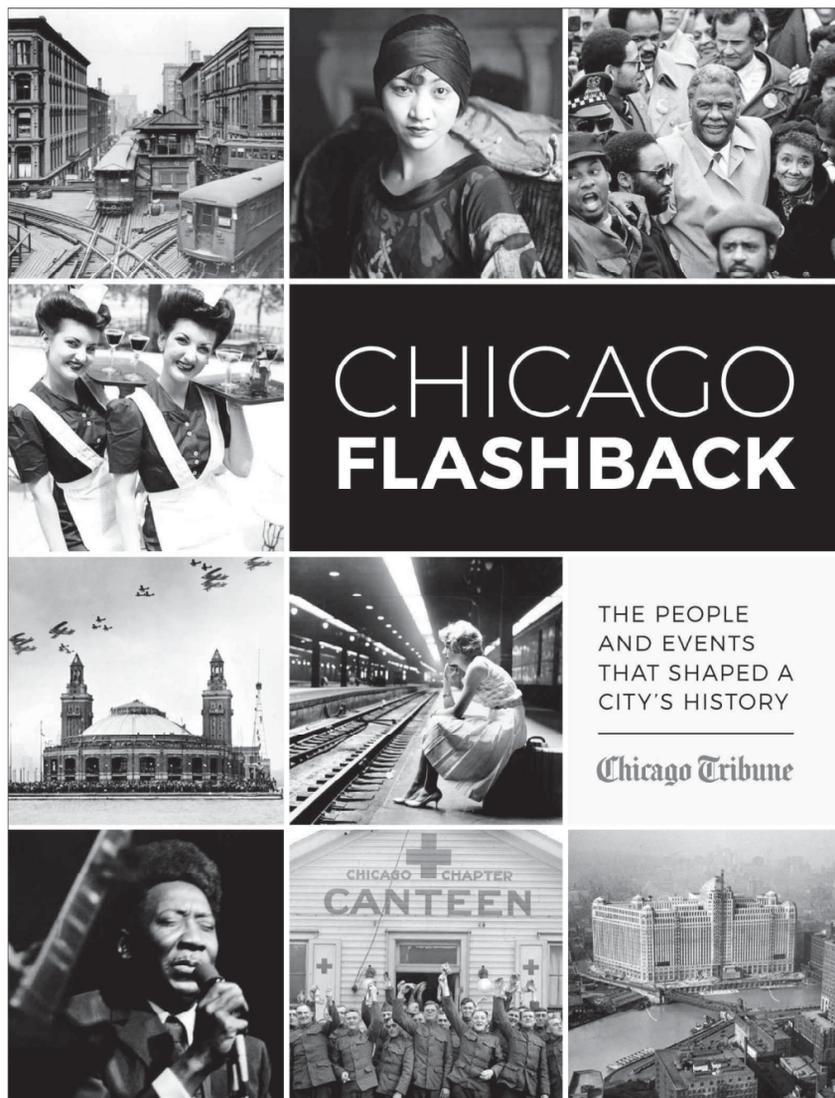
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