

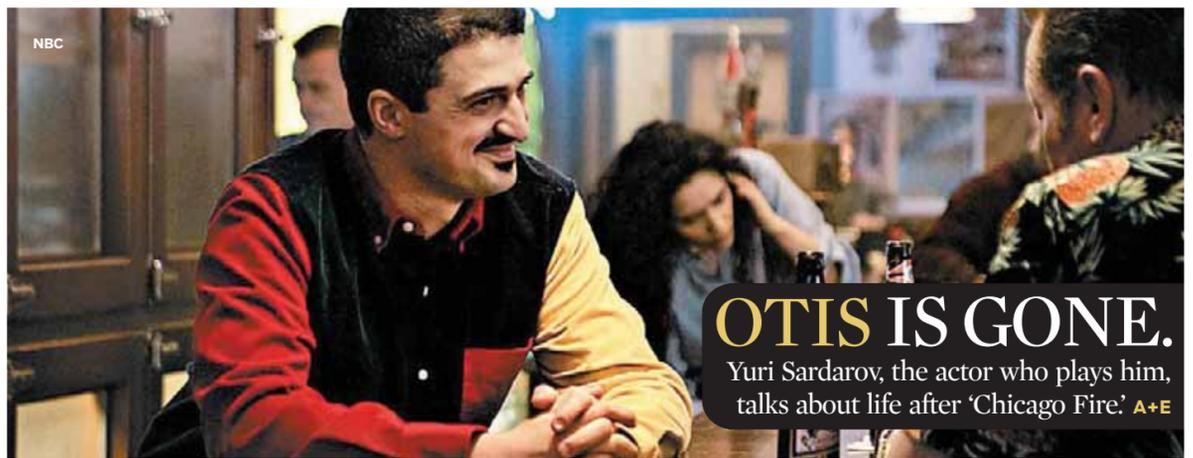
A blaxploitation star rises again

"Dolemite is My Name" warms hearts, but the breezy, fact-based account of underground comedy star and unlikely action movie hero Rudy Ray Moore hands Eddie Murphy his juiciest leading role in years.

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Pritzker proposes merging public safety pension funds

Under status quo, \$1M forfeited a day

BY DAN PETRELLA AND JAMIE MUNKS

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Thursday unveiled a plan to merge roughly 650 local pension funds for suburban and downstate police officers and firefighters into two statewide funds in an effort to narrow a widening funding gap and ease the property tax burden on homeowners.

The idea of consolidating the public safety pension funds — which together have roughly \$11.5

billion in unfunded liabilities — is not new, but many previous attempts have failed to gain traction in the General Assembly as police and firefighter unions and other interests have pushed to retain local control.

The governor is now calling on lawmakers to take swift action to require the funds to combine under a plan recommended by a task force he assembled shortly after taking office in January.

According to the task



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker is urging lawmakers to merge the funds under a plan pushed by a task force he formed.

force's 22-page report, each day the funds remain separate, they collectively

forfeit nearly \$1 million in potential investment returns, "forcing most municipalities to rely on a never-ending cycle of increasing local property taxes or cutting services to meet their pension obligations."

"That's not just a missed opportunity; that's a hole that these funds are digging deeper every year," Pritzker said at a news conference in Chicago on Thursday. "And then municipalities have to ask taxpayers to fill the hole."

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Former Paul Manafort attorney Kevin Downing, right, represents businessmen Igor Fruman and Lev Parnas.

Giuliani associates arrested

Pair tied to Ukraine probe illegally gave to Trump-allied PAC, feds say

BY MICHAEL BIESECKER, MICHAEL BALSAMO, DESMOND BUTLER AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two Florida businessmen tied to President Donald Trump's lawyer and the Ukraine impeachment investigation were charged Thursday with federal campaign finance violations.

The charges relate to a \$325,000 donation to the group supporting Trump's reelection.

Igor Fruman and Lev Parnas, associates of Rudy

Giuliani, were arrested Wednesday trying to board an international flight with one-way tickets at Dulles International Airport in Virginia, according to Geoffrey Berman, the U.S. attorney in Manhattan. No destination was disclosed.

Fruman and Parnas were arrested on a four-count indictment that includes charges of conspiracy, making false statements to the Federal Election Commission and falsification of records. The pair had key roles in Giuliani's efforts to launch a

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"He helped feed his brother and sister, helped teach them how to walk. Yes, he should be punished, but he needs mental help, that's what he needs." — Katie Alwood, 28



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Katie Alwood's 9-year-old son faces arson and murder charges after an April mobile home fire killed five.

Boy, 9, charged in fire 'not a monster'

Central Illinois mother makes plea as her son faces 5 counts of murder

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS AND PETER NICKEAS

GOODFIELD, Ill. — The mother of a 9-year-old boy charged with murder in a fire that killed four of his relatives and the mother's fiance said her son is "not a monster."

"He made a terrible mistake," Katie Alwood, 28, said of her 9-year-old son. "He's a child."

People should instead "pray that he gets the help he needs," she said Thursday in an interview with the Tribune.

The fire, which took place in early April in a mobile home east of Peoria, claimed the lives of the 9-year-old's two half-siblings, a cousin, his mother's fiance and his great-grandmother.

Woodford County State's Attorney Gregory

Minger confirmed Thursday that a 9-year-old was charged with five counts of first-degree murder, two counts of arson and one count of aggravated arson, but did not identify him. Alwood confirmed her 9-year-old son was charged. The Tribune is not naming him because he has been charged as a juvenile.

The decision to charge a 9-year-old with murder

prompted concerns from juvenile justice advocates, who said that children that young have long been believed to need help, rather than punishment, if they are found guilty of even the most serious crimes.

"It doesn't matter how serious the charge is," said Elizabeth Clarke, president of the Juvenile Justice Initiative. "Neuroscience, brain development, all of it points to the fact that young children shouldn't be held culpa-

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Amid probe, some want Sandoval off transportation panel

Dems break with Cullerton as they seek chair's ouster

BY JAMIE MUNKS AND DAN PETRELLA

Discord is growing among Illinois Senate Democrats over President John Cullerton's decision to allow state Sen. Martin Sandoval to remain perched in the chairman's seat of the influential Transportation Committee while he's under federal investigation.

In the more than two weeks since federal agents searched Sandoval's Springfield and Cicero offices and his home, Cullerton repeatedly has said he wanted to wait for additional details before removing Sandoval from his committee position and a leadership post.

Some Senate Democrats who sit on the Transportation Committee, however, are urging Sandoval, who hasn't been charged with any wrongdoing, to step down. If he



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'Communications' with ComEd subpoenaed

A federal subpoena last week demanded the company turn over all "communications" between them and state Sen. Martin Sandoval. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

doesn't step aside voluntarily, some Democrats on the committee said they think Cullerton should remove him, matching a call Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker made publicly last week.

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When: Monday, Oct. 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Broadway Playhouse at Water Tower Place, 175 E. Chestnut Street
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A man who holds a city job said precinct workers campaigning for Ald. Marty Quinn, 13th, came to his home eight times after he turned them away. He said this camera image captured two of the workers in action. **OBTAINED BY THE TRIBUNE**



JOHN KASS

Boss Madigan and the icy heart of the 13th Ward

If you really want to know Chicago and the icy heart at the center of broken politics, you will read the front-page Chicago Tribune story from the other day.

"Inside Madigan ward's push to keep college student off the ballot."

Brilliantly reported and cleanly written by longtime Springfield and city political reporter Ray Long, and Greg Pratt, who covers Chicago's City Hall, theirs is a story about muscle and fear under the color of law.

And about people afraid to publicly speak their minds though they live in America, and about the intimidators from the 13th Ward organization run by Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan.

That's Boss Madigan, boss of the Illinois Democratic Party, boss of every Democratic lawmaker in the state (and many Republicans on bended knee), boss of taxes, boss of judges, boss of the Chicago and Illinois political maps and boss of his neighborhood.

The story tells of how the 13th Ward organization bullied its residents to sign sworn affidavits revoking their support for young David Krupa, who had the gall to challenge a Madigan minion, Ald. Marty Quinn, 13th.

Loyal readers may remember Krupa, a student at DePaul University, from those initial stories I wrote about what happened to him during the last city election.

What happened was some 2,000 ward residents were muscled into committing perjury to pacify political goons trying to knock Krupa off the ballot.

"I hope the FBI reads the Chicago Tribune story," Krupa told me Thursday. "It's all about fear. It's extremely enlightening, and one of the most in-depth examinations ever of how the Madigan machine works and how they intimidate voters to do what they want. I just hope the FBI reads it."

I've got a feeling the FBI has read it, and that they know about Boss Madigan and the 13th Ward. That big federal bus, driven by a guy named Rico, keeps rolling from Chicago to Springfield.

To get on the ballot and challenge Madigan's man Quinn, Krupa required signatures from registered voters. Krupa submitted 1,729 signatures to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.

Panicked that Madigan's power would be challenged — that just doesn't happen in the 13th Ward — Quinn's people went door to door demanding people sign affidavits that they were withdrawing their signatures from Krupa's petitions.

The strategy: Strip enough valid signatures from Krupa and he'd be forced off the ballot. But the tactics require people to knock on doors, and notary publics to notarize the affidavits.

All that requires coordination. And nobody coordinates a thing in the 13th Ward without the boss saying it's OK.

The Quinn precinct captains, accompanied by notary publics, collected 2,796 affidavits of withdrawal.

Yet Krupa submitted only about 1,700 signatures.

So, what about the thousand or more extra affidavits? Only 187 people who signed those 2,796 affidavits of withdrawal had signed Krupa's petitions.

Falsely signing such an affidavit is a crime: perjury.

In the Long and Pratt story, there is a quote that expresses almost everything about this.

A woman of the 13th Ward, a strong woman, talked about being silenced by fear.

"You can see there's Quinn signs everywhere for him," she said, about the yard signs marking Ald. Quinn's territory. "I don't need him coming over here. He's got so much muscle in this neighborhood. You know what I'm saying? I'm scared. I don't want no one to know I said anything."

That sounds like something from the old Chicago Outfit. It sounds like the fear residents in other neighborhoods express when asked about gang crime.

But this is politics, under the color of law. The wise guys take their chances. Politicians don't need a gun. They've got a pen and a phone and government is the hammer.

Another woman said that after she signed Krupa's petition, she hid for weeks from the 13th Ward politicians.

They'd knock at her door, sometimes three times a day, and she'd tell her husband to give excuses of why she wasn't doing what they asked.

"They kept coming and coming and coming to my house," she told the Tribune.

Finally, weeks later, she thought she was safe. She answered the door. There they were.

She signed their affidavit of revocation to keep them from harassing her, she told the Tribune. She was afraid that if she complained publicly, she'd lose city services.

In other words, they broke her, not in China, not in the old Soviet Union, but on the Southwest Side.

The thing is, the 13th Ward didn't really need to do all that to beat Krupa, then a college freshman without much money and organizational support.

After I began putting heat on them for this, the 13th Ward abruptly dropped its challenge to Krupa's petitions. It happened on a Saturday to minimize news coverage.

The 13th Ward crushed Krupa in the election with 86% of the vote. They knew they'd crush the kid. But that's not what this was about.

It was about crushing the people. It was about crushing dissent. It happens on social media, in the cancel culture. It happens when Republicans accuse critics of being unpatriotic. And it happens when Democratic bosses get a stone in their shoe.

Nobody's claiming credit for being the brains behind all this. That tells you something.

It's the silence that tells the story about Chicago, about Illinois, and about that heart of ice that never melts, but beats at the center of things.

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'People don't expect a boss to look like me'

Welteroth on leading Teen Vogue and challenging our biases



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

On her summer book tour, at the beginning of the audience Q&A portion, Elaine Welteroth would invite people to the front of the room to answer the following:

"My name is (blank). I am claiming space for (blank). No matter what (blank) may say."

It was a nod to her book title, "More Than Enough: Claiming Space for Who You Are (No Matter What They Say)," but it was also a way to get the crowd talking about challenges and naysayers they bump up against day after day.

"A lot of times it's the voice in your own head telling you you're not capable," Welteroth, 32, said. "Sometimes it's people literally telling you, 'You can't do something you want to do because of the way you look, where you come from, what you have or don't have.'"

The exercise is a little scary at first, she said.



Elaine Welteroth walks the red carpet at the 76th Venice Film Festival.
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"But once it gets going, it is absolutely so powerful to see what comes to the surface when you create space for people to feel safe and seen and heard," Welteroth said. "When you invite vulnerability to the table and lead with your own vulnerability. Every single time, it would blow my mind."

Welteroth became editor-in-chief at Teen Vogue in 2017, the youngest person to ever hold the position. Under her watch, the magazine evolved into a politically- and socially-minded publication, tackling politics and abortion and social justice alongside health and beauty. Prior to Teen Vogue, Welteroth was the senior beauty editor at Glamour — the first black beauty editor at Conde Nast.

On Tuesday, she'll serve as the keynote speaker for the Chicago Foundation for Women's annual luncheon.

"We live in a society that has conditioned us to believe certain things and see people through a certain lens," Welteroth said. "When we acknowledge it, that's when we can take away some of the power from the bias and claim our own power to reframe how we see the world, how we see each other, how we see ourselves."

For her, that has meant changing the role and reputation of a beauty and fashion magazine — and challenging expectations of what that magazine's leadership looks like.

"Young people aren't expected to be political," she said. "Women aren't expected to be fierce leaders. People don't expect a boss to look like me or wear their hair like mine in corporate spaces."

She tells a story about sitting in a meeting at Conde Nast shortly after being promoted to editor-in-chief at Teen Vogue.

"We sat there waiting and I finally said, 'Are we waiting for anyone else?' and the woman next to me said, 'We're just waiting for the editor-in-chief to arrive,'" Welteroth said. "I said, 'Great! Let's get the meeting started!'"

I asked her what workplaces need to do to create more space for people from underrepresented groups. It shouldn't all be on the space-seekers to muscle their way into rooms where they haven't historically been invited, after all.

"Companies need to hire for their blind spots," she said. "When we continue to hire people who look like us, who see the world the way we see it, it only reinforces our worldview. We're incapable of speaking to a diverse world or catering to a diverse customer base. We're limiting growth, limiting resonance. Hiring outside of your culture fit isn't just a nice thing to do. It's a business imperative if you intend to stay relevant."

And not just at the entry level, she said.

"It's even more important to hire outside your comfort zone, outside

"It's so much harder to change culture from the bottom up because people who don't look like everyone else cycle out before they ever make it into managerial roles. There's no sense of belonging there. There's no one there to foster a more inclusive culture."

— Elaine Welteroth

what already fits your culture, in leadership roles because culture trickles down," she said. "Culture changes from the top down. It's so much harder to change culture from the bottom up because people who don't look like everyone else cycle out before they ever make it into managerial roles. There's no sense of belonging there. There's no one there to foster a more inclusive culture. There's no one who looks like them that they can aspire to."

Welteroth left Conde Nast after a year and a half as Teen Vogue's editor-in-chief. (The company folded the print edition of the magazine.) Since then, she's written a book, served as a judge on "Project Runway" and written for the sitcom "Grown-ish."

I asked her what she hopes to be doing at 40.

"I hope to have another book out, a successful TV show that amplifies underrepresented voices, a family of my own," she said. "That's my American dream."

She has goals for the world around her, too.

"I hope by the time I'm 40 we aren't still talking about diversity and inclusion," she said. "I hope those words feel so utterly outdated and we're finally living that reality. And I hope people stop saying they don't see race or color. Claiming blindness is not the best solution. I hope people know better than to say they don't see something that deeply reflects other people's lived experiences."

And I hope Welteroth continues to be a beacon of light and guidance for all of us — at 40 and well beyond. I have a good feeling she will.

The Chicago Foundation for Women luncheon takes place from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave. Tickets at cfw.org.

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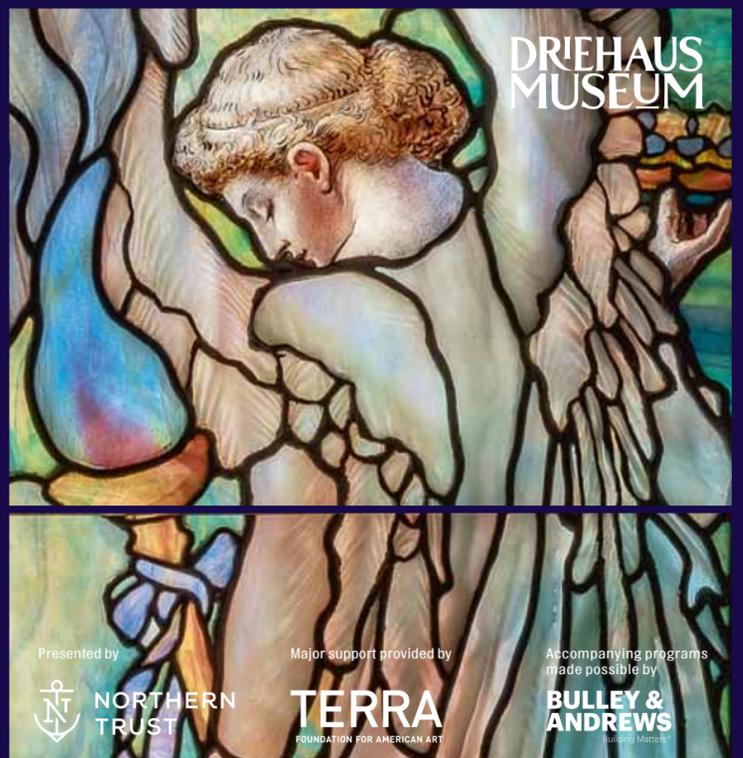
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FBI and IRS agents raided State Sen. Martin Sandoval regional office in Cicero and his Southwest Side home on the same day ComEd got the subpoena.

ComEd: Feds subpoenaed all ties to Sandoval

Company said FBI wanted 'communications' with Illinois senator turned over

BY RAY LONG AND JASON MEISNER

Utility giant Commonwealth Edison and parent Exelon received a federal subpoena last week demanding they turn over "communications" between the companies and state Sen. Martin Sandoval, whose offices and home were raided by the FBI in September.

The disclosure ties Sandoval, the powerful chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, for the first time to an ongoing federal probe of ComEd and its lobbying activities in Springfield.

In a filing Wednesday with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Exelon said the Oct. 4 subpoena from the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago required "production of communications between Exelon and ComEd with certain individuals and entities," including Sandoval.

The filing said the companies have "cooperated fully" with prosecutors' requests and will continue to do so with any future inquiries. To avoid potential conflicts of interest, Exelon has formed a special oversight committee "comprising solely independent directors and advised by independent outside legal counsel" to handle the matter, the statement said.

Sandoval's daughter, Angie, works for ComEd as a senior account representative.

A spokesman for U.S. Attorney John Lausch declined to comment Thursday. Sandoval could not be reached for comment.

The Sandoval subpoena was received 10 days after federal agents raided the senator's state Capitol office on Sept. 24, looking for a wide range of information — from concrete and construction businesses to lobbyists, public officials and "items related to any official action taken in exchange for a benefit," according to documents released by the Illinois Senate.

FBI and IRS agents also raided Sandoval's regional office in Cicero and his Southwest Side home that same day, as well as the Bartlett office of Bluff City Materials, a sand and gravel operation owned by construction magnate Michael Vondra, a major Sandoval campaign donor.

Two days later, similar raids unfolded at village halls in suburban McCook and Lyons, while FBI agents also conducted "investigative activity" in nearby Summit. Records released by McCook last week show agents targeted the office of Mayor Jeffrey Tobolski, who doubles as a Cook County commissioner.

The Chicago Tribune has reported that clout-heavy red-light camera company Safespeed LLC, which does millions of dollars in business in suburbs within Sandoval's district, is one focus of the federal probe that sparked the raids.

The ComEd lobbying investigation, meanwhile, dates back to at least mid-May when the FBI executed search warrants at the homes of former lobbyist Mike McClain of Quincy, a longtime confidant of House Speaker Michael Madigan, and ex-23rd Ward Ald. Michael Zalewski.

The information sought by the FBI included records of communications among Madigan, McClain and Zalewski about attempts to get ComEd lobbying work for Zalewski, the Tribune has reported.

Also in mid-May, the FBI raided the Chicago home of Ald. Marty Quinn's brother, Kevin, a political and government operative Madigan parted ways with last year amid sexual harassment allegations.

ComEd first disclosed in June that it had received a federal grand jury subpoena "requiring production of information concerning their lobbying activities" in Illinois.

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Preckwinkle says \$6.2B budget is 'responsible and responsive'

BY LOLLY BOWEAN
AND JUAN PEREZ JR.

As the person who has the job she wanted wrestles with closing an \$838 million city of Chicago budget gap, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle on Thursday presented a nearly \$6.2 billion spending plan that steers clear of new taxes or fees to pay for it.

While Preckwinkle didn't mention Mayor Lori Lightfoot, her budget speech echoed many themes the County Board president trumpeted during her failed mayoral campaign earlier this year.

Among other things, Preckwinkle said her budget would invest money into reforming the criminal justice system by spreading a chunk of more than 260 new full-time jobs between the offices of State's Attorney Kim Foxx, the clerk of the Circuit Court and Chief Judge Timothy Evans, so that there are people to process expungements, offer pretrial services and do the work of keeping poor defendants out of jail.

That move comes even as Preckwinkle and Lightfoot have differed over how to reform the criminal bond system and the best way to tackle gun violence.

Besides the new jobs and health care centers, Preckwinkle's proposal would pay more money into pensions, cover charity hospital care, offer grants to agencies that give job training, and provide social services to teenagers. The plan also calls for redesigning the Cook County Jail campus.

"On its surface, the budget is paperclips and pens, people and pensions, principles and priorities," Preckwinkle said. "But it's more important than that. The budget reflects our values."

Preckwinkle on Thursday also touted her administration's efforts in whittling down a \$487 million budget deficit when she took office to a projected \$18.7 million hole in 2020. She said her budget plan, which would open two new health care clinics and start construction on a new Provident Hospital, was a road map that values "equity" and "excellence."

"We've come a long way since I walked in the door," Preckwinkle said. "And while I pointed out the problems we faced early, I believe inherited challenges shouldn't make for easy excuses. We rolled up our sleeves, we made difficult decisions and took hard votes."

Preckwinkle's proposed spending plan isn't likely to face significant opposition from county commissioners, since it includes no divisive spending cuts and doesn't hit up taxpayers for additional money.

Skeptical county commissioners may still question whether the new jobs she proposes are justified as stagnant revenues and ongoing fiscal concerns in the county health and hospital system fuel part of expected budget gaps in coming years.

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Preckwinkle's proposed \$6.18 billion budget marks an increase of roughly \$260 million from the current budget plan. Much of the money, \$2.8 billion, would be allocated to the county's health and hospital system, which covers medical costs for lower-income, uninsured and underinsured residents.

Her second highest expenditure of \$1.3 billion would go toward public safety.

Preckwinkle said the county would use motor fuel tax money to help pay for plans to lower fares and increase service on both the Metra Electric and Rock Island train lines. That effort is intended to help South Side and suburban residents gain better access to transit, but it's garnered opposition from Lightfoot because of its possible damage to Chicago Transit Authority ridership.

In a meeting with the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board, Preckwinkle said there isn't a specific spending amount listed for the plan in the county budget, however.

"We are in negotiations with Metra and we've promised to try to make them whole," Preckwinkle said. "That's going to result in a subsidy from Cook County," she said.

Preckwinkle also wants to pour \$25



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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle presents her 2019 budget on Thursday.

million into election equipment that she says is more secure for voters.

"As Congress investigates a president who has shown little or no concern about the preservation and protection of our elections, we must be mindful and we must be prepared," she said in her speech.

In her budget plan, Preckwinkle would save money by permanently eliminating 638 vacant health care positions. Those nursing, patient care coordinator and administrative jobs have long been empty. As a result, patient care will not be compromised by the job cuts, Preckwinkle's staff said.

But, while Preckwinkle has delivered a balanced budget, she has yet to address future financial challenges that are sure to come because of stagnant revenue and increasing costs of the health care system. The county deficit is expected to start climbing again next year, a summary of her budget proposal shows.

The county has yet to find revenue sources to offset growing costs from operating its two hospitals and providing noncompensated health care to poorer residents. The county faces a projected budget gap of \$109 million in 2021, a figure that could steadily rise to about \$307 million by 2024.

"What I'd like to focus on is the fact that for the last 10 years we've closed our budget gaps and provided balanced budgets," she told the editorial board. "And this is another balanced budget and it reflects the hard work we've done for a decade."

In her earlier budget preview, Preckwinkle predicted her office would collect about \$6.6 million from the state from new cannabis taxes and sports wagering. But her office now admits it can't expect any revenue in the coming year from recreational marijuana, because while it becomes legal Jan. 1, tax collection won't begin until the fall of 2020. Sports wagering, which has yet to get off the ground, is only expected to bring in \$1.75 million.

Preckwinkle pointed out that the county can't yet collect sales taxes when residents make online purchases, which is one possible future revenue stream depending on state legislation.

Thursday's presentation was just another step in the budgetary process. It still requires County Board approval and public hearings on the budget will run through early November with a final vote set for Nov. 21.

"As she outlined it, there are some

concerns in this budget," Commissioner John Daley, chairman of the board's Finance Committee, said of Preckwinkle's plan. "The great thing is there's no new taxes for the people of Cook County."

Republican Commissioner Sean Morrison said he was concerned the county could be adding "a lot of employees in a lot of departments."

"Some of the things I want to look at are the new jobs that are coming on, and where did the revenue come from," Morrison said.

The county health and hospitals system already estimates it will spend nearly \$550 million on uncompensated care this year. That's a jump of 73% from 2014, according to the county, and marks the highest such expense since Medicaid expanded in the county under the federal Affordable Care Act.

"Uncompensated care is on my mind," Morrison said. "There was some discussions that I've had with some of my colleagues here as it comes to the health care system: Should we still be in the health care system?"

Preckwinkle said the county could try to get more patients to use its Stroger and Provident hospitals, press other area hospitals to care for more uninsured patients and work to enroll and retain more patients in Medicaid.

"I think we have to talk to private hospitals to see how much more they could do in charity care, but our mission is charity care, that's what we've been set up for," Daley said.

The hospitals system said demand from uninsured patients is still outpacing demand from patients with insurance, despite efforts to attract insured customers with renovated or new outpatient health care facilities. That imbalance cuts back revenue the health system can use to absorb the cost of treating patients who can't or don't pay.

"The challenge is that we may be getting to a tipping point," county health system spokeswoman Caryn Stancik said in a statement.

"The costs related to charity care are growing at an unsustainable rate and at a rate not seen by any other hospitals in the region. So much so that we may have to limit the amount of charity care we provide based on available resources."

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Shimkus says he no longer supports Trump after Syria call

BY RICK PEARSON

U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, the dean of Illinois' House Republican delegation, said Thursday he no longer supports President Donald Trump because of the president's decision to withdraw U.S. military forces from Syria and allow Turkey to attack America's Kurdish allies.

"It's terrible. It's despicable. I don't have enough words to mention it. I am embarrassed by it and I am saddened for the Kurdish people," Shimkus, who is retiring after 22 years in the House, told KMOX radio in St. Louis.

"I'm heartbroken," said the congressman from Downstate Collinsville. "In fact, I called my chief of staff in D.C. I said pull my name off the 'I support Donald Trump list.' I mean, we have just stabbed our allies in the back."

Asked what happens in Syria from here on, Shimkus replied: "I don't know."

Trump's decision to abandon Syria and allow Turkey to engage in military action



Shimkus

has caused deep rifts between the White House and Republicans who staunchly support the president in the face of House Democratic attempts to impeach him.

The sharp GOP congressional criticism has raised questions whether fault lines are developing among Republicans opposing impeachment.

The comments from Shimkus went further than just including the president's policy in Turkey to include an indictment of Trump's foreign policy.

"I think President Trump is a populist who wants to put America first, to the detriment of our allies and friends — people that we've been associated with for decades," Shimkus said.

"Some people in this country like that. I do not," he said. "I think that your allies and friends, people that have been with you for years, you develop relationships. And I'm a

very loyal person, so loyalty is very important to me."

Shimkus later issued a statement saying: "While my votes will continue to support the president's domestic policy agenda, because of this terrible foreign policy decision I asked that my name be removed from his campaign's official list of supporters."

Shimkus is among five Republicans in the Illinois delegation to the House along with 13 Democrats. All of the Democrats support impeachment proceedings against Trump.

Shimkus announced in August he would not seek reelection to his 15th Congressional District seat representing an area that includes some of Trump's strongest support in Illinois. His district stretches east from the Metro-East area near St. Louis, south to the Kentucky border and north along Illinois' border with Indiana to Danville.

Shimkus is a West Point graduate who served five years in the Army. He was first elected to Congress in 1996.

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Video played of alleged cash theft in FBI sting

Prosecutors show undercover recordings to court in corruption trial of 2 cops

By JASON MEISNER

Chicago police Sgt. Xavier Elizondo and his tactical team descended on the motel parking lot near Midway Airport on a chilly January evening after a tip from an informant that drugs and cash were stashed in a rental car.

With flashlights bobbing in the dark, Elizondo found the key that had been hidden under the rear bumper of the gray Hyundai sedan and popped the trunk. After several minutes of searching, he found what he was looking for: two tightly wrapped bundles of cash — \$18,200 in all — stuffed into Burger King bags hidden in a secret compartment.

But the money didn't belong to a drug dealer as Elizondo thought. It had been planted there by the FBI, and agents were watching the entire search unfold from a darkened motel room a few yards away.

Undercover video of the 2018 search was played in a federal courtroom Thursday in the corruption trial of Elizondo and a member of his team, Officer David Salgado, who are accused of stealing \$4,200 of the purported drug money and then trying to cover their tracks when they realized it was a sting.

Chicago police Lt. Timothy Moore, a Bureau of Internal Affairs investigator working with federal investigators in the probe, testified Thursday that when he and an FBI agent went to the Homan Square police facility the day after the search to tow away the Hyundai as evidence, they encountered Salgado as he was arriving for his afternoon shift.

Salgado followed the tow truck on foot as it was leaving the parking lot with the Hyundai on the flatbed. When Moore approached, Salgado asked if he was with

the rental car company.

"I told him I was from the Bureau of Internal Affairs, and I was taking the car because it was part of my investigation," Moore testified.

"(Salgado) took a step back. He seemed shocked," Moore told jurors. "I told him that I would be in contact with him in a little bit."

Elizondo and Salgado have pleaded not guilty to conspiracy and obstruction of justice charges alleging they paid off informants, lied in affidavits so judges signed off on search warrants, and stole cash and drugs during raids. Elizondo is also charged with attempting to destroy evidence, while Salgado faces one count of lying to the FBI.

Elizondo, 47, known by colleagues and on the street simply as "X," has been with the department for 23 years. Salgado, 39, has been on the force since 2003. Both were placed on paid desk duty in January 2018 pending the outcome of the case.

The trial before U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly has put a rare spotlight on the arcane process that Chicago police officers use to obtain John Doe search warrants that don't require the sworn testimony of an informant for a judge to approve.

On Thursday afternoon, one of the officers assigned to Elizondo's squad, Jose Sanchez, took the witness stand against his former colleagues, testifying that Elizondo and Salgado were so tight they all called Salgado "Little X."

On the night of the search of the rented Hyundai, Sanchez testified, neither Elizondo nor Salgado "called out" that they had found anything in the vehicle's trunk as they ordinarily would on finding evidence.

Sanchez told the jury that Elizondo then mysteriously



FEDERAL COURT DOCUMENT

On Dec. 20, 2017, Sgt. Xavier Elizondo, right, and his gang-crimes tactical team are seen in undercover video executing a search warrant at a purported drug stash house in the 1500 block of North Maplewood Avenue that was actually a setup by the FBI.

ordered them to "move out" in the middle of the search. They relocated to a food storage warehouse nearby, with Salgado driving the Hyundai into the parking lot before the search resumed, he said.

"I didn't know what was taking place or why," Sanchez testified.

Prosecutors showed jurors the report filed by Salgado later that night that alleged only \$14,000 was found in the vehicle. He also

failed to mention anything about the car being relocated to the warehouse. Elizondo signed off on the report eight minutes after it was submitted, the records showed.

On Wednesday, Circuit Judge Mauricio Araujo testified that he approved a warrant for Elizondo's team outside a Christmas party at the Smith & Wollensky steakhouse to raid a purported drug stash house in December 2017 that turned

out to be another FBI ruse.

Araujo, 54, told the jury that over the years he signed off on many search warrants for Salgado, whom the judge said he was "friendly" with but would not call a friend.

"He would ask me if I was available, and I would say yes," Araujo testified.

Prosecutors have also played a series of undercover recordings in which Elizondo promised the informant who told him about a West Side stash house that

everyone would get a cut of the loot.

"Like, you know, we're businessmen, let's do some business," Elizondo said on one recording. "Everybody's going to eat here. ... If we can hit this by Wednesday, you know what I mean? Christmas is a week after that."

When Elizondo and his gang crimes team raided the residence the next day, they found \$15,000 in purported drug money that the FBI hid in the ventilation hood over the kitchen stove, according to the charges.

But they also found video-recording equipment that agents had set up in a closet to record the raid, raising concern they were being watched, according to prosecutors. In the end, Elizondo and the team inventoried every dollar they found.

In a recorded phone call played Wednesday for jurors, Elizondo told the informant, Jeffrey Owens, who went by the street name "Cuba," that he didn't steal anything because he was worried the drug dealers were recording him.

"If we didn't find it, those cameras ... it would have been a good Christmas for everybody, you know what I mean?" Elizondo said.

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Lightfoot proposes mergers as she works to close budget deficit

By GREGORY PRATT

Mayor Lori Lightfoot wants to merge two city departments to save \$1 million as she works to close an \$838 million budget shortfall.

Lightfoot announced plans Wednesday to consolidate the Chicago Department of Innovation and Technology with Fleet and Facility Management. Any merger would need to be approved by the City Council and would take effect in 2020, the administration said.

The proposed merger highlights the political and financial challenges Lightfoot is confronting ahead of a budget address later this month where she'll unveil proposals to close the city's budget gap.

Lightfoot also announced that the chief data officer and chief information officer positions will move to the mayor's office, which the administration said would allow them to "build new data initiatives that support more efficient operations, including spearheading a renewed open data strategy and harnessing large data sources to drive transformation throughout programs and operations."

Lightfoot in a statement said the moves "will ensure a more efficient, 21st century data and technology model to put Chicago at the forefront for driving excellence and innovation across all operations, and for the residents we serve."

"The proposed consolidation will retain all current technology and data talent and services provided by DoIT today, aligning them with a department focused on supporting other city departments in providing the most efficient and effective services to neighborhoods," Lightfoot spokeswoman Lauren Huffman said in a written statement. "This move will help re-

imagine the use of technology, and will also generate savings as we work to maximize efficiency throughout our operations for the 2020 budget and beyond."

But merging the two departments drew some criticism on social media.

Tom Schenk Jr., who served as the city's chief data officer under Rahm Emanuel, tweeted: "Today, City of Chicago has made a terrible decision to merge IT operations with fleet and facility (who manages properties and city vehicles). That's right, someone is going to have to manage cars, buildings and IT in one job."

Derek Eder, board president of Chi Hack Night, tweeted that the merger "seems like a bad idea."

"From my understanding, the roles and responsibilities of these two departments don't really overlap at all," Eder wrote. "It also downplays the innovation role that DoIT takes in a major way - something the City really needs more of!"

Dating to her campaign for mayor earlier this year, Lightfoot has repeatedly promised to cut expenses wherever she could before seeking to raise politically unpopular taxes.

But the city's gargantuan shortfall is large enough that some form of increased taxes will be necessary, as the mayor has previously acknowledged.

Lightfoot has not yet detailed her plans to close the budget shortfall. She will give a budget address to the City Council on Oct. 23.

The administration has said it would need help from state legislators in the upcoming fall veto session, including a potential increase in the real estate transfer tax on expensive homes, but it's not clear how much help the legislature will provide.

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'Our youth deserve to see some colors on our walls'

New Dia de Los Muertos mural painted in Little Village

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

When Elizabeth Reyes first saw graffiti tags, she thought they were just really nice handwriting. At 13, Reyes started to imitate the intricate hand lettering in her school notebooks and later joined a graffiti crew in Little Village when she started high school.

"That was a really big thing growing up, being in a crew," said Reyes, 32. "It was just hanging out in the 'hood and going where we can paint. We had to explore to find those nooks where you can go and paint."

Now her ever-changing crew is working on a mural inspired by the Mexican holiday Dia de Los Muertos. The mural, painted on the side of Nuevo Leon Restaurant in Little Village, fea-

tures colorful depictions of skull figures moving through a field of marigolds, holding various offerings for an *ofrenda*, or altar.

Dia de Los Muertos is observed over the course of two days. Nov. 1 is Day of the Children and Nov. 2 is All Souls' Day.

The holiday marks a time to remember loved ones who have died.

"It represents our community and traditions, it's in memory of all our loved ones," Reyes said. "When people see it, I would hope they see that as well. I hope it makes people feel some type of feeling."

Three other Chicago artists, Jesse Navarrete, Derek Ware and Abie Vasquez, are also working on the mural project, which was commissioned by AARP.

"I love connecting with

the community while we're painting and getting feedback from them," Reyes said. "We get really good energy from everybody and people relate to the painting. The community here is really open to graffiti."

Reyes also teaches a graffiti mural program at the neighborhood's Community Links High School where she passes on her over 15 years of experience to students interested in art and graffiti.

"Graffiti is history and art and muralism," she said. "We talk about graffiti and the positivity in using spray paint, we also try to find walls in the neighborhood."

Reyes said she enjoys working in a growing crew and has learned what she knows about graffiti from other local artists.

"I had a lot of artist



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Artist Elizabeth Reyes works on a two-story mural celebrating community and culture, including Day of the Dead, at 26th Street and Lawndale Avenue in Chicago, on Wednesday.

mentors, I just surrounded myself with all these cool artists and learned from there," she said. "I've been learning throughout my teachings and by who I've

been around."

Reyes is also inspired by the positive reception the community continues to give her and the crew.

"I think that our youth

deserve to see some colors on our walls, this community is already so full of color so to be able to contribute to that, I feel so honored," she said.



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The site of an April mobile home fire that killed five near the central Illinois town of Goodfield is seen Thursday.

Boy

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ble. ... I'm not saying there shouldn't be some sort of accountability. But they need services, not sanctions."

Minger said that bringing the charges was a difficult decision.

"Because it was a 9-year-old," he said. "And all the way around, it was a tragedy."

If convicted, the maximum sentence would be probation with options for counseling or treatment, but no detention or placement in the department of juvenile justice, due to the child's age, Minger said.

But the child's aunt, Samantha Alwood, whose 2-year-old daughter, Rose Alwood, died in the fire, said late Thursday she doesn't think probation would be sufficient punishment if there's a guilty verdict. She wishes the sentence could include detention in the juvenile system followed by a prison sentence into adulthood.

"Some days it's easier to breathe than others," said Samantha Alwood, 21, about the effect her daughter's death has had on her. "It hurts knowing that I won't get to see her first day of school. I won't get to see her first tooth fall out. I won't get to see her become someone amazing."

Along with Rose, the dead included Jason Wall, 34; and two children he and Katie Alwood had, Daemion Wall, 2, and Ariel Wall, 1. Kathryn Murray, 69, also died in the fire; she was Alwood's grandmother.

The five deaths were ruled homicides by Woodford County Coroner Tim Ruestman, who said his determination was made after consulting with the Eureka-Goodfield Fire Protection District, Woodford County sheriff's office and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The state fire marshal's office helped determine the origin of the fire, a spokesman for the agency said. He would not release details about the fire. The county sheriff and chief of the fire protection district didn't return calls for comment.

'A good heart'

Alwood said her son suffered from schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and ADHD, and took medication each morning.

"He does have a good heart," she said, sitting near a memorial of flowers at the base of a tree near the scene of the fire. "He helped feed his brother and sister, helped teach them how to walk. Yes, he should be punished, but he needs mental help, that's what he needs."

"He loved Jason, Jason was his daddy," Alwood said of her 9-year-old boy. "He called him daddy."

"Even though he lit the fire, I know his intentions were not to kill anybody," she said. "I know that. He cries and cries and cries because he misses his family."

She added that her son would bring food to the memorial at the tree, thinking his siblings were going to return and eat it.

"He did take a lot from me," she said. "But God tells us not to judge."

She says she knows her family in heaven would want her son "to get the help he needs."

"I've never seen anything go up in flames so fast," she said, adding she has post-traumatic stress disorder after barely surviving the fire, and the sound of a smoke alarm still gives her panic attacks. "My niece died in my arms. I can still hear them screaming."

DCFS investigating

The state's Department of Children and Family Services opened an investigation into the circumstances of the deaths two days after the fire, according to an agency spokesman. Alwood said they took custody of her son shortly after the fire.

The agency had 13 previous contacts with the 9-year-old's family before the fire, dating to when he would have been an infant.

In most cases, the agency either referred Alwood to community services or determined allegations were "unfounded" after the family took some action to fix the situation.

DCFS took custody of the boy shortly after the fire, and he was placed into a foster home, according to an agency spokesman.

Clarke, of the Juvenile Justice Initiative, said she couldn't understand why the boy was charged with murder. State law doesn't allow children under 13 to be sentenced to state facilities and doesn't allow children under 10 to be held at county facilities.

Judges have wide leeway to prescribe mental health care, residential treatment, hospitalization or any other remedy to help a child in both cases of juvenile delinquency and where a child is a victim of an abusive or neglectful home.

Illinois is the home of the world's first juvenile court — in Cook County, Clarke said. Juvenile court judges, she said, have opted for alternatives to detention as developments in science over the last three decades have given social workers, police officers and others in the world of childhood trauma a greater understanding of how children's brains develop.

Under the best of circumstances, a child's brain doesn't develop a sense of time and consequences until later in adolescence, according to Amanda Moreno, a professor at the Erikson Institute, a graduate school focused on early childhood development.

Children develop their executive function in two ways, sometimes referred to as "hot" and "cold," Moreno said. Cold refers to tasks like sorting objects by shape or color and develops early in life, but hot refers to things like weighing risk against reward and is developed much later.

"Even at age 8 or 9, there's a lot they don't know about being future oriented," Moreno said. "Just because they answer a question like, 'Do you understand that if you set fire to something, that someone could get hurt?' doesn't mean you understand what would happen in the future because of your specific actions," she said. "Sense of time is an extremely late developing skill."

Peter Nickeas reported from Chicago.

Sandoval

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"If he doesn't do it on his own, the Senate president should remove him from the Transportation Committee and from leadership as long as he's under investigation," said state Sen. Melinda Bush, a Grayslake Democrat.

Bush said she has communicated her stance to Cullerton and to Pritzker.

"When these kinds of behaviors are called into question, it reflects on all of us," Bush said. "It's incumbent on us to make sure these individuals are removed from decision-making power positions until they're cleared."

Pritzker and others have sought to distance themselves from Sandoval amid concern that the federal investigation into the senator taints the \$45 billion statewide infrastructure package that the governor signed into law in June that resulted in higher gas taxes and license plate fees.

In his committee chairman role, Sandoval was a key sponsor of that legislation, coined "Rebuild Illinois," and he chaired hearings around the state where he pushed local officials requesting state dollars for their projects to back tax increases to fund them.

Investigators are looking into allegations that Sandoval, a Chicago Democrat, used his official position to at least one company in exchange for kickbacks, a source with knowledge of the investigation told the Tribune.

The federal agents who raided Sandoval's state Capitol office were looking for "items related to any official action taken in exchange for a benefit," and information related to concrete and construction businesses, lobbyists and public officials, according to a heavily redacted search warrant and related documents the Senate released last week in response to an open records request.

Agents seized cell-phones, computers, hard drives and a spreadsheet from Sandoval's campaign fund, and were seeking evidence of violation of seven federal corruption statutes, including bribery, theft from a federally funded program and mail and wire fraud, according to the documents.

The same day Sandoval's offices were raided, FBI agents also were present at a Bartlett sand and gravel business with ties to a major Sandoval campaign contributor.

On Wednesday, Exelon and Commonwealth Edison disclosed in a regulatory filing that the companies have received a subpoena from the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago that required "production of communications between Exelon and ComEd with certain individuals and entities, including (Sandoval)."

Assistant Democratic leader Don Harmon said it would be "wise" for Sandoval to step down "while the investigation unfolds."

Sen. Iris Martinez, a Transportation Committee member and assistant

Democratic leader, said if she were in Sandoval's position she would step down from the committee chair position as a "courtesy" to the other committee members while the investigation runs its course. But whether Sandoval steps down or is removed is ultimately something for him and Cullerton to decide, Martinez said.

Sen. Antonio Munoz, an assistant Democratic leader who like Sandoval came up through the now-defunct Hispanic Democratic Organization, issued a statement Thursday backing Cullerton's approach.

"Clearly, the current allegations against Sen. Sandoval are very troubling," Munoz said. "However, we don't know much about the investigation at this time, and I trust President Cullerton to take the proper action as we find out more."

Democratic leader Kimberly Lightford of Maywood and other members of the Senate Democratic leadership did not respond to the Tribune's requests for comment.

Sen. Julie Morrison echoed Bush, saying she's "thought a lot about this."

"I would hope that after many years of service in the Senate, out of respect for the institution of the Senate and the people he represents, that (Sandoval) would voluntarily step down," said Morrison, a Deerfield Democrat. "And if he chooses not to do so, I think the responsibility to remove him falls on the president of the Senate."

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Of the 14 Democrats on the Transportation Committee, including Sandoval, five responded to questions about him retaining the title of chair as the investigation goes on. Sandoval has not spoken publicly since his offices and home were raided on Sept. 24.

"As the Senate president has said, clearly recent events are troubling," Cullerton spokesman John Patterson said in a statement. "At the same time, Sen. Sandoval has not been accused of any wrongdoing. The Senate president will continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate action as developments warrant."

The day after the raids on Sandoval's offices and home, Cullerton said he wanted to make an informed decision "after we see what happens."

"I believe my president is trying to be fair — you're innocent until proven guilty," said Sen. Emil Jones III, a Chicago Democrat. "But I think, considering what the investigation is about, (Sandoval) should temporarily step down."

Sen. Cristina Castro, an Elgin Democrat, also thinks Sandoval should step down, she said.

Across the aisle, Senate Republican leader Bill Brady said in a statement that Sandoval should not remain in charge of the Transportation Committee.

"Given the seriousness of this matter, and in order to protect the interests of

Illinois residents, I believe he should be removed from serving as chairman of the Transportation Committee, or any committee," Brady said.

Several of the eight Republican members on the committee were not as quick to reach that conclusion.

Sen. Don DeWitte of St. Charles, the GOP spokesman on the committee, declined to comment, and five other Republicans didn't respond to requests for comment.

For their part, Sens. Jim Oberweis of Sugar Grove and Dale Fowler of Harrisburg in southern Illinois both said they'd like to hear an explanation from Sandoval before reaching any judgments.

Fowler said he doesn't want to make "an impulsive decision."

"I'm one of those that quite honestly has the stance of let the process run its course," he said.

Oberweis pointed to Cullerton's assertion that he needs all the facts about what federal authorities were seeking in the Sandoval raids before he can make a determination about the chairmanship.

"If he doesn't have the facts, I'll guarantee you that I don't have all the facts," Oberweis said.

But Oberweis said he doesn't believe Cullerton needs to wait for any possible indictment to make a decision, as he did when Sen. Tom Cullerton, a Villa Park Democrat, was accused of embezzling almost \$275,000 in salary and benefits from the Teamsters union despite doing little or no work. After he was indicted, Tom Cullerton, a distant cousin of the Senate president, shifted from being chairman of the Labor Committee to chairing the Veterans Affairs Committee. Tom Cullerton also sits on the Transportation Committee.

"I don't think you have to wait for an indictment," Oberweis said. "We don't know whether there will be an indictment."

Oberweis has often called Sandoval a friend, and has said their across-the-aisle alliance has allowed them to overcome legislative hurdles. Their relationship even earned them the title of the "odd couple" in Springfield. Oberweis told the Tribune in a 2014 interview.

Two days after agents raided the senator's offices and homes, they descended upon the village halls in McCook and Lyons, two western suburbs in Sandoval's district. A search warrant executed in McCook shows Village President and Cook County Commissioner Jeff Tobolski was the target. Lyons has not yet released the search warrant executed there.

The Tribune has reported that one focus of the ongoing public corruption probe is SafeSpeed, a politically connected red-light camera company with ties to Sandoval, Tobolski and Lyons Village President Christopher Getty.

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Gov. J. B. Pritzker's plan could face strong opposition from some police unions.

Funds

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If the funds were to perform similarly to larger Illinois pension plans over the next five years, it would mean additional investment returns of \$820 million to \$2.5 billion over the next five years, according to the report, which cites a state Department of Insurance analysis.

Under Pritzker's plan, there would be separate statewide funds for police officers and firefighters, each managed by an eight-member board with equal representation of municipalities and police officers or firefighters.

Each police or fire department would maintain a separate account within the funds, and the money would be held in a pair of trusts separate from the state treasury. Assets and liabilities would not be shifted from one municipality's plan to another. But the funds would be able to pool their assets for investment purposes and cut down on administrative fees currently paid separately by each local fund.

The first-year Democratic governor's push to win approval for his plan could be his next major test following a spring session in which he accomplished nearly all of his legislative priorities. Pritzker on Thursday called addressing unfunded pension liabilities for local governments and "the surging property tax burdens they create" among the most critical fiscal challenges before him.

While legislation to consolidate the funds has not yet been introduced, Pritzker wants lawmakers to take up the issue when they return to Springfield at the end of the month for the first half of the scheduled six-day fall veto session.

Noting that a bipartisan task force ensured "we had all the voices heard from in the process," Pritzker said he feels "good about the prospects for veto session."

Former Illinois Senate Republican leader Christine Radogon, one of the task force co-chairs, said at the same news conference that without taking this action, "taxpayers will be asked to pay more. There's no doubt about that."

The plan has picked up a key backer in the state's firefighters union. But winning support for such a monumental change over the next month won't be an easy task for Pritzker, and consolidation will face strong pushback from police unions and from a statewide association that represents trustees of the existing funds.

Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan "will take the proposal under review" while lawmakers are briefed on the governor's plan, spokesman Steve Brown said.

The governor's plan addresses only one small part of the state's crushing pension problems. Not dealt with in the report are \$134 billion in unfunded liabilities in statewide retirement systems covering teachers, university employees, state workers, legislators and judges; and Chicago's nearly \$30 billion in unfunded liabilities across four funds.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot at one point had floated the idea of Chicago being part of a consolidation, but her latest legislative asks don't include that idea.

Pritzker said examining the potential benefits of consolidating the state and city funds will be among

the next jobs for the task force, though the report says "consolidation would not achieve material improvement of their investment returns" for the much larger funds.

Over the past decade, the annual investment returns reaped by the suburban and downstate police and fire funds, on average, have been about 2 percentage points lower than those of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, which has more than 429,000 members across 3,000 units of local government, excluding Chicago. IMRF — the state's best-funded public pension fund — is a model for the proposed consolidation.

Opponents of consolidation have argued for the importance of local control and pushed for fewer restrictions on how small funds invest their money. Given the opposition to pension fund consolidation, the task force found mandatory consolidation would be "the sensible approach." Better performing plans would perform "at least as well in the long term under a consolidated model," while "the worst performing plans would perform substantially better."

The new statewide police fund would have \$8.7 billion in assets, according to the Department of Insurance analysis, while the firefighter fund would have roughly \$6.3 billion. Currently, 65% of the local funds have less than \$20 million in assets and 44% have less than \$10 million, which creates limitations on the types of investments available to them.

Collectively, the existing funds have enough assets to cover only 55% of liabilities, far short of the state-mandated target of 90% funding by 2040 and a figure that has dropped since it was at nearly 63% before the Great Recession, according to a report earlier this year from the legislature's bipartisan Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. In all, the funds — which are required for any town with at least 5,000 residents and one full-time police officer or firefighter — cover about 20,000 police and 14,000 fire department employees and retirees.

The task force is also proposing a costly series of changes for police and fire pensioners hired after 2011, in response to concerns that the current setup may violate federal rules for workers who are exempt from Social Security.

The proposal would reinstate surviving spouse benefits for that group of police officers and firefighters, increase their pensionable salary cap and amend their final average salary calculation. The report estimates these changes to suburban and downstate plans would offset between \$70 million and \$95 million of the projected \$820 million to \$2.5 billion in investment return gains over a five-year period.

The task force also will continue to look at whether even more money could be saved by centralizing the administration of benefits rather than leaving that in the hands of the local pension boards.

Amanda Kass, associate director of the Government Finance Research Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said the report's lack of detail about the upfront transition costs of consolidation stood out to her.

The report acknowledges initial costs for transitioning assets into the

consolidated pool, but said that would be "substantially less than the upside from stronger investment returns over a matter of a few years."

"I think in general the idea of having assets pooled together and centrally managed makes a lot of policy sense," Kass said. "I'm a little skeptical or unsure on how much money it's going to really save, especially in the short-term."

Pritzker's plan will face strong opposition from some police unions and from a statewide association that represents trustees of the existing funds.

Sean Smoot, director and chief counsel of the Police Benevolent and Protective Association of Illinois, said his group is "philosophically opposed to consolidation," a position he said he expressed to Pritzker when he sought an endorsement during last year's race for governor.

Smoot objected to his union and the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association, of which he is deputy counsel, being excluded from the governor's task force.

A major concern for opponents now is that lawmakers will heed Pritzker's call for quick action this fall. "That would be a complete recipe for disaster," said Smoot, who had not seen the specifics of the governor's plan.

The voice for police officers on Pritzker's task force was Tim Kobler, chairman of the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council. But Kobler said his role diminished after he expressed the FOP's opposition to the proposed composition of the board of the statewide police pension fund.

The existing local boards are made up of two representatives elected by current police officers, one elected by retirees and two appointed by the local mayor. Kobler said the FOP felt strongly that the statewide board should mirror that structure.

"We appreciate Gov. Pritzker taking this on," Kobler said. "It is an issue that we want to be part of the solution, but governance is a major issue for us."

Lawmakers should take the time to get it right rather than "hurry up and make a rash or quick decision," he said.

While the state's largest firefighter union has opposed consolidation proposals in the past, Pat Devaney, president of the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois and another task force co-chair, said he's confident that the plan Pritzker put forth will be in the best interest of firefighters across the state.

While members of the firefighters union have expressed concern about greater state involvement in their pension funds, Devaney said the plan would ensure that each fund's assets and liabilities will be walled off and that, for the time being, the existing local boards continue to administer benefits.

"I went into this process on behalf of the firefighters with an open mind, and these decisions were very data-driven," Devaney said. "We looked at this and looked back five years, 10 years, 20 years, as many ways as we could, and at the end of the day, it was conclusive that we could drastically improve our returns and lower our fees with a consolidated investment pool."

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Father of Tyshawn Lee guilty of weapons charges

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

The father of slain 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee was convicted of felony weapons charges just days after two reputed gang members were found guilty of killing Tyshawn in retaliation for his father's suspected role in an earlier shooting.

Pierre Stokes, 29, still faces much more serious charges of attempted murder for allegedly shooting the girlfriend of a man convicted last week in Tyshawn's slaying. He is being held without bail in that case.

Cook County prosecutors elected first to go to trial on gun charges dating to June 2014, more than a year before Stokes' son was killed.

On Wednesday, after a bench trial at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, Judge Kenneth Wadas found Stokes guilty of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and possessing a firearm as a felon.

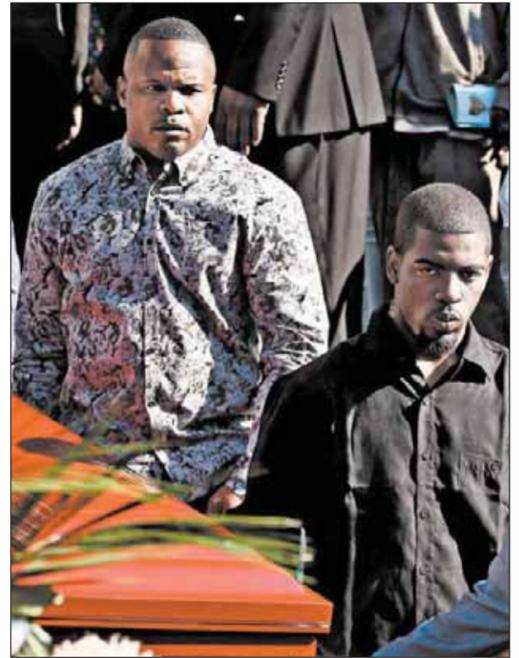
Stokes fled into an apartment near the 8000 block of South Marshfield Avenue with police hot on his heels after he pulled a gun from his waistband and ran off, according to court documents and testimony Wednesday. Officers later found what appeared to be the same gun stashed in a purse in the apartment.

After his arrest, Stokes told police he was "out beefing with those guys across the street" when he saw officers, got scared and ran inside the apartment, according to police records.

Assistant State's Attorney Emily Stevens referenced that statement in closing arguments before Wadas on Wednesday.

"When he saw police, he ran. Why run?" she asked. "It's not illegal for a felon to have an argument with someone. It's illegal for a felon to have a firearm."

Stokes' attorney, Assistant Public Defender Celeste Addyman, said police could not realistically have



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Pierre Stokes, right, is among the pallbearers for his slain son, Tyshawn Lee, 9, at the funeral in 2015.

known that the item they saw in Stokes' hand was in fact a gun, since they were 50 to 75 feet away when they spotted him.

Wadas rejected that argument and found Stokes guilty. He noted from the bench Wednesday that the circumstantial evidence was "very strong in this case" and multiple eyewitnesses — including the woman who initially called police — testified credibly that they saw Stokes with the weapon.

Stokes is alleged to be a member of the Killa Ward faction of the Gangster Disciples, which for years was in deadly conflict with the Bang Bang Gang/Terror Dome set of the Black P Stones on the city's South Side.

After alleged Bang Bang Gang member Tracey Morgan was killed and his mother wounded in an October 2015 shooting, his brother Corey and two other fellow Terror Dome members were furious and

sought revenge on Killa Ward, prosecutors have said. Since the wounding of Morgan's mother breached an unwritten gang code, authorities said, they considered their rivals' family members fair game.

Corey Morgan along with Dwright Doty and Kevin Edwards targeted Tyshawn since Stokes, his father, was a ranking member of Killa Ward, prosecutors said at trial this fall.

In November 2015, Doty lured Tyshawn into an alley near Dawes Park and shot him multiple times at close range while Morgan and Edwards watched from a nearby SUV, prosecutors said. Separate juries convicted Morgan and Doty of first-degree murder last week after about three weeks of trial. Edwards pleaded guilty in early September in exchange for a recommended sentence of 25 years in prison.

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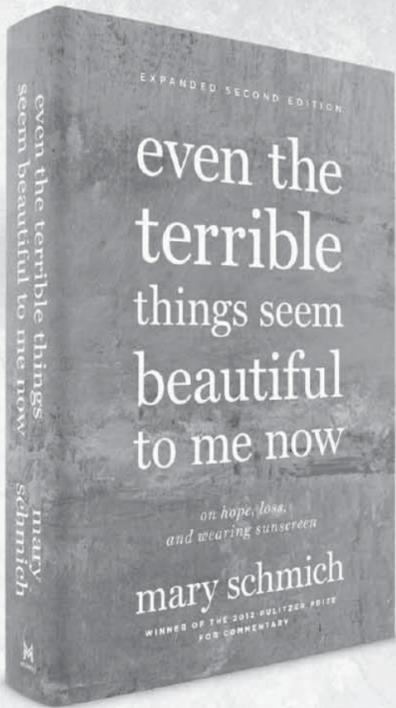
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Swastika found at U. of I. building

Officials try to combat anti-Semitic incidents at Urbana campus

By Dawn Rhodes

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign leaders are investigating two recent incidents of anti-Semitism.

A swastika was found in the Foreign Languages Building on Monday, according to a campus email sent Wednesday by Chancellor Robert Jones. Additionally, some reported that a recent presentation at a staff development program contained anti-Semitic content. Jones said campus officials are talking to people who attended that meeting to better understand what happened.

It is not clear what the offensive content entailed.

Chantelle Thompson, a spokeswoman for the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, said the incident occurred at a weekly staff meeting for students who serve as resident advisers and multicultural advocates.

The training involved is part of the campus' Multicultural Advocates program, whose members are part of the residential life team and seek "to create communities of allies in the residence halls by planning programs and learning events that deal primarily with diversity, multiculturalism and social justice issues," Thompson said.

Jones said in his campus note that the meeting involved 11 student employees and a full-time staff member.

"Concerns were raised that the presentation inaccurately linked some identities or viewpoints with

violence and terrorism," Thompson said in an email.

"This exercise was part of a university program created to help students learn to share diverse ideas and perspectives that lead to new understanding. Instead of fostering dialogue, it incited division, distrust and anger," Jones wrote. "The program allowed our students to enter an extremely challenging and potentially volatile situation without the preparation, training, education and professional oversight they needed to succeed. This is inexcusable and unacceptable. This is a failure to our students, and that is my responsibility."

Asked if anyone involved was facing discipline, Thompson said: "None of the students involved are to blame for the outcome."

We expect training and oversight processes for our all of our staff programs to prepare our employees to lead conversations on challenging topics. This is not what happened in this instance," Thompson said.

University officials are responding sternly.

The student affairs office is reviewing the hiring, training, professional oversight and management processes of U. of I. resident advisers and Multicultural Advocates. All housing staff, RAs and advocates will be required to undergo anti-Semitism training, Jones said.

"I want to state publicly and unequivocally that acts and expressions of anti-Semitism are acts and expressions of hatred and discrimination that are in

direct opposition to our core values," Jones said. "Bias and prejudice are antithetical to the educational foundations of our university and hurtful to our entire community. The idea that any individual feels threatened for expression of personal religious or ethnic identity is unacceptable. We will always recognize the rights of those on the campus to safely and freely express their perspectives and opinions. But we will also be ready to condemn statements and actions that violate our shared values and seek to demean, intimidate or devalue others in our community."

Shortly after the fall term began, a 19-year-old U. of I. sophomore was charged with a hate crime, accused a leaving a noose inside a dorm elevator.

Other racist incidents have inflamed the downstate campus in recent years.

Early this year, black employees in the U. of I. system filed a lawsuit saying they were "exposed to threats of racial violence, such as nooses, swastikas, KKK garb, racist graffiti and confederate flags." The lawsuit also alleged that university staff members used racial slurs and other racially charged language against black workers.

In 2016, someone drew three large swastikas at three campus buildings the same year a university employee was fired for tossing a noose down on a table in front of a black employee.

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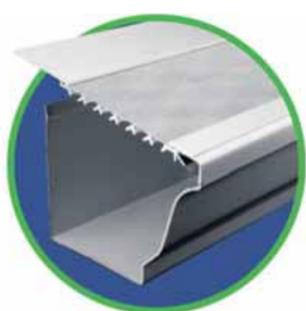
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Turkey presses assault on Kurds

Thousands flee the fighting along the Syrian border

By LEFTERIS PITARAKIS AND MEHMET GUZEL
Associated Press

AKCAKALE, Turkey — Turkey pressed its assault against U.S.-allied Kurdish forces in northern Syria on Thursday for a second day, pounding the region with airstrikes and an artillery bombardment that raised columns of black smoke in a border town and sent panicked civilians scrambling to get out.

Amid the fierce fighting, residents fled with their belongings loaded into cars, pickup trucks and motorcycle rickshaws, while others escaped on foot. The U.N. refugee agency said tens of thousands were on the move, and aid agencies warned that nearly a half-million people near the border were at risk.

It was a wrenchingly familiar scene for many who had fled the militants of the Islamic State group only a few years ago.

The Turkish air and ground assault was launched three days after U.S. President Donald Trump opened the way by pulling American troops from their positions near the border alongside their Kurdish allies.

At a time when Trump faces an impeachment inquiry, the move drew swift criticism from Republicans and Democrats in Congress, along with many national defense experts, who say it has endangered not only the Kurds and regional stability but U.S. credibility as well. The Syrian Kurdish militia



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People in Akcakale, Turkey, at the border with Syria, watch smoke billowing inside Syria, during bombardment Thursday by Turkish forces.

was the only U.S. ally in the campaign that brought down the Islamic State group in Syria.

Trump warned Turkey to act with moderation and safeguard civilians. But the opening barrage showed little sign of holding back: The Turkish Defense Military said its jets and artillery had struck 181 targets so far.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said the military intends to move 19 miles into northern Syria and that its operation will last until all “terrorists are neutralized.”

More than a dozen columns of thick smoke rose in and around the Syrian town of Tel Abyad, one of the offensive’s first main targets. Turkish officials said the Kurdish militia has fired dozens of mortars into Turkish border towns, including Akcakale.

As the shelling intensified, cars packed with civilians crowded a bridge linking Syria and Iraq. “When we came, there were about four lanes of cars on the road and a 1-kilometer-long queue of cars,” said Murad Hassan, a Syrian Kurd from Qamishli.

Turkish officials in two border provinces said mortar fire from Syria killed six civilians, including a 9-month-old boy and three girls under 15. On the Syrian side, seven civilians and eight Kurdish fighters have been killed since the operation began, according to activists in Syria.

A Kurdish-led group and Syrian activists said that despite the bombardment, Turkish troops had not made much progress. Their claims could not be verified.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said 109

“terrorists” were killed, a reference to the Syrian Kurdish fighters. He did not elaborate, and reports from the area did not indicate anything remotely close to such a large number of casualties.

Erdogan also warned the European Union not to call Ankara’s incursion into Syria an “invasion.” He threatened, as he has in the past, to “open the gates” and let Syrian refugees flood into Europe.

Meanwhile, the Kurdish forces halted all operations against IS in order to focus on fighting Turkish troops, Kurdish and U.S. officials said. The Syrian Kurdish fighters, along with U.S. troops, have been involved in mopping-up operations against IS fighters in the desert after their territorial hold was toppled earlier this year.

Ankara says the Kurdish militia is linked to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers’ Party, or PKK, which has led an insurgency against Turkey for 35 years. The conflict has killed tens of thousands of people. The U.S. and other Western countries also deem the PKK a terrorist group.

Turkey, a NATO member, considers its operations against the Kurdish militia in Syria a matter of survival, and it also insists it won’t tolerate the virtual self-rule that the Kurds have carved out in northern Syria along the border.

The Turkish assault aims to create a corridor of control along the length of the border — a so-called safe zone — clearing out the Kurdish fighters. Such a zone would end the Kurds’ autonomy in the area and put much of their popula-

tion under Turkish control. Ankara wants to settle 2 million Syrian refugees, mainly Arabs, in the zone.

Mustafa Bali, a spokesman for the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, said their fighters repelled the Turkish ground attacks. “No advance as of now,” he tweeted Thursday.

But Maj. Youssef Hamoud, a spokesman for Turkish-backed opposition fighters in the operation, said they captured the village of Yabisa, near Tal Abyad, a spokesman for the fighters said. In a tweet, he called it “the first village to win freedom.”

The refugee agency UNHCR said tens of thousands of people have fled their homes since Wednesday, while the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights put the figure at more than 60,000.



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A person believed to be the suspect in the deadly anti-Semitic Halle shooting exits a helicopter at the Federal Supreme Court on Thursday in Karlsruhe, southern Germany.

Germany probes synagogue suspect, vows better security

By GEIR MOULSON AND PIETRO DE CRISTOFARO
Associated Press

HALLE, Germany — German investigators puzzled Thursday over how the suspect in a botched attack on a synagogue on Judaism’s holiest day managed to amass at least nearly 9 pounds of explosives and acquire four firearms, an arsenal they said he planned to use in a massacre.

While many questions remain about the suspect, German officials sought to reassure a shaken Jewish community after Wednesday’s attack in the eastern city of Halle. They invoked Germany’s historical responsibility for the Holocaust as they vowed better security and urged the nation to stand behind its Jews.

The attacker, a German identified by prosecutors as Stephan B., tried but failed to force his way into the synagogue as up to 80 people were inside. He then shot and killed a 40-year-old German woman in the street outside and a 20-year-old man at a nearby kebab shop.

He fled the city, wounding another two people in a small town near Halle

where he abandoned his car and driving onward in a stolen taxi. He was arrested about 1 1/2 hours after the attack as he got out of the taxi, which had been in an accident.

“What we experienced yesterday was terror,” said Peter Frank, Germany’s chief federal prosecutor. “The suspect, Stephan B., aimed to carry out a massacre in the synagogue in Halle.”

Frank said the weapons were “apparently homemade” and the explosives were in “numerous devices” found in the car.

The suspect livestreamed the attack on a popular gaming site while ranting in English about Jews and denying the Holocaust, and posted a “manifesto” online before embarking on it.

He “wanted to create a worldwide effect” by emulating attackers such as the man who killed 51 people at mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand in March and by encouraging others to imitate his own actions in Halle, the prosecutor added.

Previously unknown to German authorities, he is being held on suspicion of two counts of murder, nine of attempted murder and

other offenses, Frank said.

Frank said investigators “face a lot of questions,” among them how the suspect became radicalized, how he acquired weapons and explosives or obtained materials to build them, and whether anyone else encouraged him or knew about his plan.

Prosecutors plan to sift through his communications and online activities.

The head of Halle’s Jewish community, Max Privorozki, was among those observing Yom Kippur inside the synagogue during the attack.

The worshippers watched on monitors linked to a surveillance camera as the man tried to break into the building and fired at the door, he said.

“We saw everything, also how he shot and how he killed someone,” Privorozki said, standing outside the damaged door. “I thought this door wouldn’t hold.”

Unlike synagogues in many other German cities, the one in Halle didn’t have police officers outside for Yom Kippur, an omission strongly criticized by Jewish leaders.

It and other synagogues in the region will now get full police protection.

Nobel literature winners expose Europe’s fault lines

By JILL LAWLESS AND DAVID KEYTON
Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Nobel Prizes for literature were awarded Thursday to two writers enmeshed in Europe’s social and political fault lines: a liberal Pole who has irked her country’s conservative government and an Austrian accused by many liberals of being an apologist for Serbian war crimes.

The rare double announcement — with the 2018 prize going to Poland’s Olga Tokarczuk and the 2019 award to Austria’s Peter Handke — came after no literature prize was awarded last year due to sex abuse allegations that rocked the Swedish Academy, which awards the literature prize.

Yet if prize organizers hoped to get through this year’s awards without controversy, they will likely be disappointed.

The Swedish Academy called Handke “one of the most influential writers in Europe” and praised his work for exploring “the periphery and the specificity of human experience.”

But the 76-year-old author has long faced criticism for his vigorous defense of the Serbs during the 1990s wars that devastated the Balkans as Yugoslavia disintegrated. He spoke at the 2006 funeral of former Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic, who at the time was facing war crimes charges, calling him “a rather tragic man.”

Handke — who once called for the Nobel Prize to be abolished — said he was “astonished” to receive the literature award.

“I never thought they would choose me,” Handke told reporters outside his home in suburban Paris. “It was very courageous by the Swedish academy, this kind of decision. These are good people.”



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Peter Handke has been criticized for defending the Serbs during the 1990s war.



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Olga Tokarczuk is only the 15th woman to win the prize in more than a century.

If Handke’s victory caused uncomfortable ripples, the choice of Tokarczuk was welcomed by liberal-minded authors and readers in her native Poland and beyond.

The 57-year-old novelist, known for her humanist themes and playful, subversive streak, has often irked Poland’s populists and conservatives. The academy said she was chosen for works that explore the “crossing of boundaries as a form of life.”

Already a major cultural figure in Poland, Tokarczuk has a growing international profile, especially since she won the Booker International prize in 2018 for the novel “Flights.”

She told Polish broadcaster TVN on Thursday that she was “terribly happy and proud” that her novels, which describe events in small towns in Poland “can be read as universal and can be important for people around the world.”

Handke has been a big name in European literature for decades, crafting works — starting with his first novel, “The Hornets,” in 1966 — that combine introspection and a provocative streak.

He was praised by the Swedish Academy for writ-

ing powerfully about catastrophe, notably in “A Sorrows Beyond Dreams,” his 1972 autobiographical novel about his mother’s suicide.

But his staunch support of the Serbs during the 1990s Balkans wars has set him at odds with many other Western intellectuals.

In a 1996 essay, “Justice for Serbia,” Handke accused Western news media of always depicting Serbs as aggressors. He denied that genocide was committed when Bosnian Serb troops massacred some 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys in the enclave of Srebrenica in 1995.

Novelist Jennifer Egan, president of PEN America, said the writers’ group deeply regretted the choice of Handke.

“We are dumbfounded by the selection of a writer who has used his public voice to undercut historical truth and offer public succor to perpetrators of genocide,” she said. “The literary community deserves better than this.”

Tokarczuk is only the 15th woman to win the Nobel literature prize in more than a century. Of the 11 Nobels awarded so far this week, all the other laureates have been men.



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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy answers media questions Thursday in Kyiv.

'No blackmail' in call, Ukraine leader insists

Zelenskyy: Country will pursue theory pushed by Trump

BY YURAS KARMANAU, ANGELA CHARLTON AND LYNN BERRY
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine's president insisted Thursday that he faced "no blackmail" from President Donald Trump in their phone call that led to an impeachment inquiry, distancing himself from the U.S. political drama and trying to claw back his own credibility.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy said for the first time that his country will "happily" investigate the conspiracy theory pushed by Trump that it was Ukrainians, not Russians, who interfered in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. And he encouraged U.S. and Ukrainian prosecutors to discuss investigating a gas company linked to the son of Trump's Democratic rival Joe Biden, although no one has produced evidence of criminal wrongdoing by the former U.S. vice president or his son.

While responding to Trump's requests, Zelenskyy insisted he was not his puppet, and he appeared to be trying to put an end to questions that have dogged the new Ukrainian president since details of his July 25 call with Trump emerged.

He said U.S. officials have presented zero evidence of Ukraine's interference in 2016, but it's in his country's interests to find out once and for all what happened.

In a "media marathon" held in a Kyiv food court, Zelenskyy played down suggestions that Trump pressured him in exchange for U.S. military aid to help Ukraine battle Russian-

backed separatists. Democrats leading the impeachment inquiry in Congress believe Trump held up the aid to use it as leverage to pressure Ukraine and advance his domestic political interests.

Responding to questions, Zelenskyy said he only learned after their phone call that the U.S. had blocked hundreds of millions of dollars in military aid to Ukraine.

"There was no blackmail," he said. "We are not servants. We are an independent country."

Zelenskyy also accused his predecessor of fomenting protests to derail a peace process for the country's separatist-held east and said talks with Russia were the only way to end the five-year war there.

Zelenskyy said Petro Poroshenko, the incumbent leader he defeated in April, was "pushing" people to oppose the withdrawal of heavy weaponry in eastern Ukraine, where fighting against Russia-backed separatists has killed more than 13,000 people since 2014.

"He is against the pullback and he thinks that he can spearhead another Maidan," Zelenskyy said, referring to the square in the capital of Kyiv where protests in 2013 and 2014 ousted a pro-Russian government and eventually propelled Poroshenko into power.

"We want to end this war. I don't think the previous government had quite the same desire," he said.

Zelenskyy said he hoped his country's people would back his efforts to end the conflict with the separatists.

Last week, Ukraine, Russia and the separatists signed a tentative agreement on guidelines for a local election and a weapons withdrawal in the east

to pave the way for a much-anticipated four-way summit with Russia, Germany and France.

Poroshenko and some nationalist groups have cast the move as a capitulation to Moscow, and several dozen far-right Ukrainian activists and veterans traveled to the east this week vowing to stop the disengagement. Zelenskyy accused both separatists and veterans of trying to spoil peace efforts.

"As long as different people from both sides who don't want the disengagement keep coming there and do random shooting, there won't be any pullback," he said.

Zelenskyy emphasized that the weapons pullback was a key condition for holding the four-way summit, which has no date set yet.

Zelenskyy met with journalists in groups of 10 on the second floor of a food hall built in an old factory in Ukraine's capital. While he fielded questions in Ukrainian, Russian and English from journalists sitting with him around a table, others sat below eating.

The July call embarrassed the 41-year-old president because it showed him as eager to please Trump and critical of European partners whose support he needs to strengthen Ukraine's economy and to end the conflict with Russia.

Zelenskyy said it was "wrong" of the White House to publish a rough transcript of the call and he will not publish the Ukrainian transcript.

Trump tweeted Thursday that Zelenskyy's comment that there was no blackmail during the July call "should immediately end the talk of impeachment!"

Polls show US at close divide over Trump's impeachment, removal

BY HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans are following impeachment proceedings closely and are slightly more likely to approve than disapprove of the inquiry itself. But the public is more closely split over whether President Donald Trump should be removed from office.

Several polls published since House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced the start of an impeachment inquiry on Sept. 24 show a shift in views from earlier this year as the House of Representatives investigates whether Trump violated his oath of office in asking the government of Ukraine to investigate a political opponent.

Polls find support for impeachment has shifted significantly from earlier this year. The public is now more closely divided after earlier polls showed majority opposition to impeachment.

A Fox News poll conducted Sunday through

Tuesday found 51% of Americans now say Trump should be impeached and removed from office, up from 42% who said that in July.

Likewise, a Washington Post-Schar School survey conducted in early October shows 58% of Americans are supportive of the decision by Congress to initiate an inquiry, including 49% who say Congress was right to begin an investigation and should also take the next step to remove Trump from office. Earlier this year, Post-ABC polls found less than half saying Congress should begin impeachment proceedings.

And polls show that the shift was closely tied to Pelosi's announcement of the inquiry. An early October poll from Quinnipiac University finds 45% of voters say Trump should be impeached and removed from office, up from 37% in a poll conducted immediately before that announcement.

Approval of Trump's overall performance has remained steady, as it has

over the course of his presidency. The Quinnipiac poll shows Trump's approval rating standing at 40%, where it was in its poll conducted just before the inquiry began.

Today's presidential impeachment inquiry is only the fourth in U.S. history, and polling demonstrates different scenarios for how opinion has changed as impeachment proceedings proceeded.

According to polling by Gallup, support for Clinton's removal reached no more than about a third of Americans throughout impeachment proceedings over Clinton's handling of allegations of his extramarital affair with Monica Lewinsky, a White House intern. Before, during and after the impeachment process, Clinton's job approval was much higher than that of Trump.

By comparison, approval ratings for President Richard Nixon took a severe hit as the public learned more about his transgressions, according to Gallup polling.

Trump urged top aide to help Giuliani client facing charges

BY NICK WADHAMS, SALEHA MOHSIN, STEPHANIE BAKER AND JENNIFER JACOBS
Bloomberg News

President Donald Trump pressed then-Secretary of State Rex Tillerson to help persuade the Justice Department to drop a criminal case against an Iranian-Turkish gold trader who was a client of Rudy Giuliani, according to three people familiar with the 2017 meeting in the Oval Office.

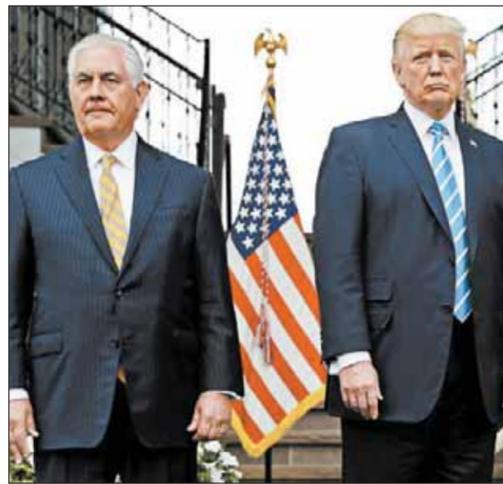
Tillerson refused, arguing it would constitute interference in an ongoing investigation of the trader, Reza Zarrab, according to the people. They said other participants in the Oval Office were shocked by the request.

Tillerson immediately repeated his objections to then-chief of staff John Kelly in a hallway conversation just outside the Oval Office, emphasizing that the request would be illegal. Neither episode has been previously reported, and all of the people spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the conversations.

The White House declined to comment. Kelly and Tillerson declined to comment via representatives. Another person familiar with the matter said the Justice Department never considered dropping the criminal case.

Zarrab was being prosecuted in federal court in New York at the time on charges of evading U.S. sanctions against Iran's nuclear program. He had hired former Attorney General Michael Mukasey and Giuliani, who has said he reached out repeatedly to U.S. officials to seek a diplomatic solution for his client outside the courts.

The president's request to Tillerson — which included asking him to speak with Giuliani — bears the



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Sources say President Trump asked then-Secretary of State Rex Tillerson to intervene in a federal case.

hallmarks of Trump's governing style, defined by his willingness to sweep aside the customary procedures and constraints of government to pursue matters outside normal channels. Tillerson's objection came to light as Trump's dealings with foreign leaders face intense scrutiny following the July 25 call with Ukraine's president that has sparked an impeachment inquiry in the House.

The episode is also likely to fuel long-standing concerns from some of Trump's critics about his policies toward Turkey and his relationship with its authoritarian president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Zarrab's release was a high priority for Erdogan until the gold trader agreed to cooperate with prosecutors in New York.

It isn't clear whether Trump considered his request for Tillerson to intervene to be improper or was just testing the bounds of what he could do as president on an issue that could provide diplomatic benefits while also helping Giuliani, a longtime supporter. The Oval Office meeting oc-

curred in the second half of 2017 and Giuliani wasn't the president's personal lawyer at the time, as he is now.

In a phone interview this month, Giuliani initially denied that he ever raised Zarrab's case with Trump but later said he might have done so.

He said he'd been speaking with U.S. officials as part of his effort to arrange a swap of Zarrab for Andrew Brunson, an American pastor jailed in Turkey who was later released in 2018.

"Suppose I did talk to Trump about it — so what? I was a private lawyer at the time," Giuliani said. "Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe at some point I dropped his name in a conversation. Or maybe one of his people talked to him about it because I was trying to do a prisoner swap."

Giuliani said he discussed the Zarrab case with State Department officials and disclosed that two years ago, although he declined to say if he ever spoke directly to Tillerson about the case, saying "you have no right to know that."

Tillerson has said publicly that the president frequently asked him to do things that were illegal.

House Dems subpoena Energy Secretary Perry

Policy on Ukraine raised alarms before and after Trump call

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats have subpoenaed Energy Secretary Rick Perry as part of their impeachment investigation into President Donald Trump's dealings with Ukraine.

The House intelligence, Foreign Affairs and Oversight committees sent Perry a subpoena Thursday asking him to provide documents related to a Ukrainian state-owned energy company as well as his involvement in a July call between Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The committees set a deadline for Oct. 18.

Also regarding the White House's Ukraine policy, The Washington Post reported Thursday that at least four national security officials were so alarmed by the Trump administration's attempts to pressure Ukraine for political purposes that they raised concerns with a White House lawyer both before and immediately after Trump's July 25 call with Zelenskyy, according to U.S. officials and other people familiar with the matter.

The nature and timing of the previously undisclosed discussions with National Security Council legal adviser John Eisenberg indicate that officials were delivering warnings through official White House channels earlier than previously understood — including before the call that precipitated a whistleblower complaint and the impeachment inquiry of the president.

At the time, the officials were unnerved by the removal in May of the U.S.



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Energy Secretary Rick Perry must hand over documents related to a Ukrainian state-owned energy company.

ambassador to Ukraine; subsequent efforts by Trump's lawyer Rudy Giuliani to promote Ukraine-related conspiracies; as well as signals in meetings at the White House that Trump wanted the new government in Kyiv to deliver material that might be politically damaging to Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden.

Those concerns soared in the call's aftermath, officials said. Within minutes, senior officials including national security adviser John Bolton were being pinged by subordinates about problems with what the president had said to Zelenskyy. Bolton and others scrambled to obtain a rough transcript that was already being "locked down" on a highly classified computer network.

Trump has said Perry teed up the July 25 call, in which Trump pressed Ukraine to investigate Biden and his son Hunter, who was employed by a Ukrainian gas company.

A spokeswoman for Perry has said he wanted Trump to speak on energy matters with the Ukrainian leader as part of U.S. efforts to boost Western energy ties to Eastern Europe.

"Recently, public reports

have raised questions about any role you may have played in conveying or reinforcing the president's stark message to the Ukrainian president," the three Democratic chairmen wrote. "These reports have also raised significant questions about your efforts to press Ukrainian officials to change the management structure at a Ukrainian state-owned energy company to benefit individuals involved with Rudy Giuliani's push to get Ukrainian officials to interfere in our 2020 election."

The Associated Press reported this week that a circle of businessmen and Republican donors touted their connections to Trump and his personal lawyer, Giuliani, as they sought to install new management at the top of Ukraine's state-owned gas company last spring.

The plan hit a snag after Zelenskyy's election, but Perry took up the effort to install a friendlier management team at the company, Naftogaz.

Perry attended Zelenskyy's May 2019 inauguration as the administration's senior representative and met privately with Zelenskyy. He has denied any wrongdoing.

Immigration bait & switch

Class action suit says feds use marriage interviews as trap

BY REGINA GARCIA CANO
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Alyse and Elmer Sanchez were thrilled when they survived their “green card” interview, a crucial step in obtaining lawful status in the United States. She texted her family from the immigration office as relief washed over her: The officer had agreed that their marriage is legitimate.

Moments later, Elmer was in shackles, detained pending deportation to his native Honduras, leaving her alone with their two young sons.

“We feel it was a trap, a trick, to get us there,” Alyse said.

The Sanchezes have joined five other couples in a class action accusing federal agents of luring families to marriage interviews in Baltimore, only to detain the immigrant spouse for deportation.

Federal regulations allow U.S. citizens like Alyse to try to legalize the status of spouses who have been living in the country illegally. Thousands of families are doing it: Records show the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services approved 23,253 provisional unlawful presence waivers, the final documents spouses, children or parents of citizens need before leaving the country and applying to rejoin their families legally.

But the American Civil Liberties Union says a growing number of officers have “cruelly twisted” the rules by detaining immigrant spouses following marriage interviews. The ACLU is pursuing a similar complaint in Massachusetts and says dozens of detentions also have happened at field offices in New York, Virginia, Florida, Illinois



REGINA GARCIA CANO/AP

Alyse and Elmer Sanchez, and five other couples, have filed suit against U.S. immigration authorities in Maryland.

and California.

The Maryland case is assigned to U.S. District Judge George Hazel, who already reversed the deportation of a Chinese man detained after a successful marriage interview in Baltimore. Ruling just before Wanrong Lin landed in Shanghai last November, Hazel said the government can't use the process “as a honeypot to trap undocumented immigrants who seek to take advantage of its protections.”

Alyse told The Associated Press her family's life “just seemed so perfect.”

She and Elmer, now 31 and 41, began dating in 2013, after he learned she was selling her car and showed up at her door. He bought it, and they married that year. They have two sons, 4 and 2, and live in the Washington suburb of Kensington, Maryland, where he owns a home-remodeling company. She works at a veterinary clinic in nearby Sandy Spring.

“Everyone has their ups and downs in their relationships, but ours has been pretty smooth,” she said. “He's been there for every important event in my life. He's been the most important event in my life.”

Court records show Elmer had been ordered in absentia to be deported in September 2005, after missing an immigration hearing he said he was never notified of. After consulting with lawyers, Alyse submitted paperwork to get her husband a green card in September 2018. Their notice for the May 7 appointment said the required interview was “solely to confirm the bona fides of the couple's marriage,” according to the lawsuit.

Obama-era regulations provide for this, even for people with deportation orders. The months-long process typically requires couples to demonstrate the legitimacy of their marriage as part of the first step. If the couples pass the interview

and earn other approvals, immigrant spouses eventually must travel abroad for a visa interview at a U.S. consulate. Only if they receive a visa can they return to the U.S. legally.

It's unclear how many individuals have successfully become permanent U.S. residents through the process. It facilitates a proper record for families with mixed citizenship, and it's meant “to avoid the grievous consequences of forcing a spouse or parent to leave” the U.S. for years while trying to build a lawful immigration case from their home countries, the ACLU says.

Now, the plaintiffs say, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is unlawfully using the process as bait. ACLU of Maryland attorney Nick Steiner said it began in 2017 and seems to happen randomly nationwide.

“Previous practice would allow immigration lawyers to bring their clients to their

interviews without fear of arrest because there was an understanding that they were trying to receive Green Cards, notwithstanding the removal orders, and there's also longstanding guidance that USCIS should be following, that prohibits arrests at interviews,” he said in an email.

The Homeland Security agencies — through Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman Shawn Neudauer and Citizenship and Immigration Services spokeswoman Jane Cowley — said they don't comment on pending litigation. But depositions and emails released in the Massachusetts case suggest federal officials were coordinating to target immigrant spouses at their marriage interviews.

“In my opinion, it makes sense for us to arrest aliens with final removal orders as they represent the end of the line in the removal process,” wrote Andrew

Graham, a Boston-based ICE officer. “They are typically the easiest to remove, they have the shortest average length of stay, and at the end of the day we are in the removal business and it's our job to locate and arrest them.”

The government in its response to the complaint filed in Maryland argued the case should be dismissed because the court lacks jurisdiction and the plaintiffs' “claims are not likely to be successful.” It also argued Elmer was “personally served” with a notice for his deportation hearing and that it showed a date, time and place.

The Sanchezes were nervous but hopeful as they told their interviewer how they met and answered questions. At the officer's request, Alyse spoke with her husband in Spanish, on camera. The interviewer confirmed their bona fides — Alyse would get the formal approval in the mail the next day — but said his supervisor “had to come and authenticate the case,” according to the lawsuit.

Alyse was told to leave the room. Minutes later, their lawyer told her Elmer had been detained, leaving her sobbing in the hallway.

Six chaotic weeks followed. Elmer was shuffled around detention facilities while Alyse sought counseling and tried to console their 4-year-old, who constantly asked about his dad.

Their attempt to reopen Elmer's case was denied June 3. He began to lose hope in a Louisiana detention center.

“The treatment is so bad that they know that you cannot last there for a long time,” he said. “The food is very bad, the light, the icy air. It's like a psychological war that you are put in so that you sign your deportation.”

Elmer was released June 19 after the ACLU sought an emergency order to prevent imminent deportation.

Arrests

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Ukrainian corruption investigation against Democratic presidential contender Joe Biden and his son Hunter.

The indictments mark the first criminal charges related to the Ukraine controversy. While they do not suggest wrongdoing by Trump, they raise additional questions about how those close to Trump and Giuliani sought to use their influence.

Trump has dismissed the impeachment inquiry as baseless and politically motivated. Trump said he didn't know Fruman or Parnas and hadn't spoken with Giuliani about them.

“We have nothing to do with it,” Trump said.

Giuliani said he didn't represent the men in campaign finance matters.

Records show that Fruman and Parnas used wire transfers from a corporate entity to make the \$325,000

donation to the America First Action committee in May 2018. But wire transfer records that became public through a lawsuit show that the corporate entity reported as making the transaction was not the source of the money.

The donation to the Trump-allied PAC was part of a flurry of political spending tied to Fruman and Parnas, with at least \$478,000 in donations flowing to GOP campaigns and PACs in little more than two months.

The money enabled the relatively unknown entrepreneurs to gain access to the highest levels of the Republican Party, including meetings with Trump at the White House and Mar-a-Lago in Florida.

Prosecutors also allege that Parnas urged a congressman to seek the ouster of the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, at the behest of Ukrainian government officials. That happened about the same time that Fruman and Parnas

committed to raising over \$20,000 for the politician.

The congressman wasn't identified in court papers, but the donations match campaign finance reports for former Rep. Pete Sessions, a Texas Republican who lost his reelection bid in November.

Fruman and Parnas appeared in court Thursday and were ordered to remain jailed as a bail package was worked out. They are due in court next week in New York.

Kevin Downing, the lawyer who represented former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort on charges that he hid millions of dollars earned in Ukraine advising politicians, was representing the men for an initial appearance.

David Correia, a business partner of Parnas, and Andrey Kukushkin, a Ukrain-



Parnas



Fruman

ian-born U.S. citizen, were also charged in the case. A federal judge in San Francisco ordered Kukushkin held Thursday pending a bail hearing to determine whether he is considered a flight risk.

Attorney General William Barr had been briefed on the investigation soon after he was confirmed in February, was updated in recent weeks and was made aware Wednesday night that Fruman and Parnas were being arrested, a person familiar with the matter said.

The indictment said Fruman and Parnas “sought to advance their personal financial interests and the political interests of at least one Ukrainian government official with whom they were working” and took steps to conceal it from third parties, including

creditors. They created a limited liability corporation, Global Energy Producers, and “intentionally caused certain large contributions to be reported in the name of GEP instead of in their own names.”

Prosecutors charge that the two men falsely claimed the contributions came from GEP, which was described as a liquefied natural gas business. At that point, the company had no income or significant assets, the indictment said.

Prosecutors allege the pair conspired to make illegal contributions to try to skirt the limit on federal campaign contributions. The men also are accused of making contributions to candidates for state and federal office, joint fundraising committees and independent expenditure committees in the names of other people.

The commitment to raise more than \$20,000 for the congressman was made in May and June 2018. The lawmaker had also received

about \$3 million in independent expenditures from a super political action committee that Fruman and Parnas had been funding.

As a result of the donations, Fruman and Parnas had meetings with the congressman, and Parnas lobbied him to advocate for removing the ambassador to Ukraine, Berman said.

Trump referred to Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch, who was indeed recalled to the U.S., as “bad news” in his July phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Sessions said in a statement tweeted by a spokesman that he “could not have had any knowledge of the scheme described in the indictment.”

Sessions wasn't asked to take any action during the meetings with Parnas and Fruman and wrote a letter to the secretary of state about Yovanovitch after colleagues in Congress said she was “disparaging” Trump, he said.

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Sanders says he will resume campaign 'as soon as possible'

WASHINGTON — Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., said Thursday that he's "getting my endurance back" and growing "stronger every day" after suffering a heart attack last week. He promised to return to the presidential campaign trail "as soon as possible."

In the meantime, a video posted in Twitter showed him batting baseballs around the yard.

"I am feeling great," the senator said in a separate seven-minute video

posted online from his home.

While lying in a hospital bed last week in Las Vegas, he said, he "thought about a lot of things," including "what would have happened" if he did not have health insurance through his job as a senator and Medicare.

Sanders, 78, insisted the experience made him "feel even more strongly" the need "to end this dysfunctional and cruel health care system."

California utility faces gripes over deliberate blackouts

LOS ANGELES — Even as the winds gusted dangerously just as forecasters predicted, California's biggest utility faced gripes and second-guessing Thursday for shutting off electricity to millions of people to prevent its equipment from sparking wildfires.

Pacific Gas & Electric, though, suggested it was already seeing the wisdom of its decision borne out. Gusts topping 75 mph

raked the San Francisco Bay Area, and relatively small fires broke out around the state amid dry, windy weather.

PG&E cut power Wednesday to an estimated 2 million people in an area that spanned the wine country north of San Francisco to the agricultural Central Valley and the Sierra Nevada foothills. By Thursday, the number of people in the dark was about 1.5 million.

UK, Irish leaders see 'pathway' to elusive Brexit deal with EU

LONDON — The leaders of Britain and Ireland said Thursday they had spotted a "pathway" to an elusive Brexit deal, keeping hopes of a breakthrough alive just three weeks before the U.K.'s deadline to leave the European Union.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Irish leader Leo Varadkar provided a status update on the issue after a private lunch meeting in north-

west England that lasted for several hours.

"Both continue to believe that a deal is in everybody's interest," they said in a joint statement. "They agreed that they could see a pathway to a possible deal."

Britain is due to leave the 28-nation bloc on Oct. 31, and attempts to find a deal have foundered over the border between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland.



VAHID SALEMI/AP

Iranian women cheer during a soccer match between their national team and Cambodia in a 2022 World Cup qualifier Thursday at Azadi Stadium in Tehran. It was first time in decades that women were freely allowed in the stadium.

Protesters in Ecuador parade captive police officers

QUITO, Ecuador — Anti-government protesters paraded captive police officers on a stage Thursday, defying Ecuadorian authorities who are seeking dialogue with opponents, particularly indigenous groups, after more than a week of deadly unrest.

The brazen act occurred in the capital of Quito at a cultural center where indigenous protesters are based.

The government's removal of fuel subsidies last week fueled Ecuador into upheaval, triggering protests, looting, vandalism, clashes with security forces, the blocking of highways and the suspension of parts of its vital oil industry.

The police officers — who were forced to remove their boots in front of hundreds of demonstrators — appeared to be unharmed, and were checked by medics.

EPA proposes rewrite of rules on lead contamination in water

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Thursday proposed a rewrite of rules for dealing with lead pipes contaminating drinking water, but critics say the changes appear to give water systems decades more time to replace pipes leaching dangerous amounts of toxic lead.

Contrary to regulatory rollbacks in many other environmental areas, the administration has called dealing with lead contamination in drinking water a priority. Communities and families in Flint, Michigan, Newark, New Jersey, and

elsewhere have had to grapple with high levels of lead in tap water and with regulatory failures dealing with the health threat.

At a news conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced changes that include requiring water systems to test lead levels in water at schools and child care facilities. Other changes would require officials to identify the areas with the worst contamination and toughen procedures for sampling tap water.

But Wheeler disappoint-

ed conservation groups by declining to lower the level of lead contamination in drinking water systems that triggers mandatory remediation.

And another change would lower the amount of lead pipe that water systems have to replace each year once the threshold is hit, cutting it from 7% to 3%.

That, according to Eric Olson at the Natural Resources Defense Council conservation group, would give water utilities about 20 more years to fully replace all the lead pipes in a contaminated system.

On the Great Plains: A frigid storm moving through the Great Plains on Thursday forced school closings, caused travel headaches and put farmers and ranchers on edge.

Winter storm warnings and watches stretched from Wyoming and Montana through western Nebraska and into the Dakotas and Minnesota.

The storm was expected to blast the region with strong winds and dump at least 10 inches of snow in some areas. Blizzardlike conditions could persist through Friday, forecasters said.

Blowing and drifting snow was making travel hazardous. Temperatures that reached the upper 70s in Denver on Wednesday afternoon had plummeted into the 20s on Thursday.

Powerful Dem Rep. Nita Lowey of NY to retire

WASHINGTON — Rep. Nita Lowey, who leads the powerful House Appropriations Committee and is a 31-year veteran of Congress, announced Thursday that she will retire at the end of next year.

The 82 year-old New York Democrat tweeted that it's been a "deep honor

and privilege to serve my community and my country."

Lowey combines a grandmotherly demeanor with decades of hands-on experience, especially in the annual foreign aid bill, where Lowey has fought for money to combat AIDS, fund women's health and

education, deliver economic aid to developing nations and been a reliable ally of Israel.

She rose to the top of the committee this year and was thrown into negotiations over ending the government shutdown and the battle over money for the U.S.-Mexico border wall.

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EDITORIALS

That Madigan ward effort to crush a college kid — it never added up

Do you remember the mathematical puzzle of the 2019 election for City Council? It went like this: How did campaign workers for 13th Ward Ald. Marty Quinn secure many more signed affidavits from voters revoking their support for challenger David Krupa than had signed Krupa's nominating petitions in the first place?

If you'd like to grab a scratch pad and try the computation yourself: Krupa, a 19-year-old college student, had zero realistic chance of knocking off Quinn, a trustworthy planet in Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan's orbit. The young challenger did his best. Krupa rounded up 1,729 voter signatures to get on the ballot in Madigan's home ward, when he needed just 473 valid signatures to qualify. But the pro-Quinn team collected 2,796 signatures from ward residents withdrawing their alleged support of Krupa.

Something doesn't add up, which is why we've written previously urging Cook County or federal prosecutors to solve this word problem and determine whether any laws were flouted in the 13th Ward.

Or maybe it was just a combination of sloppy paperwork and poor math skills.

Tribune reporters Ray Long and Gregory Pratt went back to the Southwest Side neighborhood and collected stories from voters who said they'd been hounded by Quinn supporters to sign Krupa revocations. One city worker said Quinn representatives came to his door eight times in a week and left five voicemails. The



Chicago Ald. Marty Quinn, 13th, at a City Council meeting July 20, 2016.

worker didn't sign the affidavit. A woman said she was hounded by Quinn's people while exiting her car. She signed. Another voter said a ward healer visited her multiple times and, when she re-

fused to sign, yelled until he was red in the face. Quinn later came by to apologize.

The stories of relentless badgering by Democratic operatives fit the aggressive

political profile of Madigan's organization. Madigan had handpicked Quinn as alderman. Those who challenge the speaker risk getting scorched. When Jason Gonzales ran against Madigan for his Illinois

House seat in the 2016 primary, two other challengers with Hispanic last names joined the contest. Gonzales sued, claiming Madigan's political organization bulked up the ballot with two puppets. Gonzales lost the lawsuit, but his description of Madigan stuck with us: "This guy's trying to destroy your soul," Gonzales said. "He just doesn't want to defeat you. He wants to make sure that you never come back again." Team Madigan denied impropriety, and prevailed in court.

Here's one final bit of fuzzy math to ponder: There were those 2,796 revocations vs. just 1,729 nominating signatures for Krupa. But in the end, only 187 affidavits of revocation were submitted by the Quinn camp that matched the names of people who originally signed for Krupa. That means as many as 2,600 people mistakenly or improperly signed documents pulling support from Krupa. Huh?

Quinn eventually dropped the challenge and defeated Krupa. Was it all on the up and up? A Cook County grand jury subpoenaed city election records related to Quinn's challenge. A spokeswoman for Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx said the office cannot comment on pending investigations.

Try figuring out for yourself what it all might mean. If Foxx's attorneys or the feds are on the case, fine.

So how about it, prosecutors? How about less "pending" and more "Here's what we found."

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

I for one would be surprised if it were President Trump's tweet alone that gave rise to Hillary Clinton's soul searching. She has to have been thinking about it at least since November 9, 2016. ... Bonaparte had to leave Elba. Nixon had to sit down with Frost. Ali had to rumble in the jungle. Michael Jordan had to come back and win more championships. ...

A third Hillary presidential campaign would be the most talked-about, memed, discussed, promoted, analyzed event maybe in the entire history of the American republic. The release of her new logo would generate 5 million retweets. The amount of money raised during the primaries alone would exceed the gross domestic products of various mid-sized Latin American republics. Cable news would explode. The ratings for the debates with Trump would go into Super Bowl, even "M.A.S.H."-finale territory. ...

We are not interested in new characters or plot points or themes or locations. We need Benghazi, Emailgate, the early gritty James Comey-era Russia investigation, DNC hacks, Ted Cruz convention delegate rule shenanigans, non-visits to Michigan, and thousand-word explainers on campaign websites about cartoon Nazi frogs.

Give the people what they want, Hillary. Make America 2016 again.
Matthew Walther, The Week



Toni Preckwinkle, left, and Lori Lightfoot greet each other as the Rev. Jesse Jackson looks on in April.

Lightfoot, crafting her first budget, surely envies Preckwinkle's 10th

One passage in Toni Preckwinkle's speech Thursday to the Cook County Board sounded to us like thinly veiled advice to Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot:

"We've come a long way since I walked in the door. And while I pointed out the problems we faced early, I believe inherited challenges shouldn't make for easy excuses. We rolled up our sleeves, made difficult decisions and took hard votes."

Inherited challenges. Easy excuses. Hmm.

So when Preckwinkle came to the Tribune Editorial Board later Thursday, we asked if she had aimed those sentences at a certain someone. That is, was the County Board president who's proposing a second consecutive budget with no tax increases — and whose expected budget deficit is a relatively piddling \$18 million — chiding a mayor who'll likely ask Chicagoans for higher taxes to pay down her \$838 million anticipated deficit?

Preckwinkle gave us a poker face that could bankrupt Las

Vegas. She was, she said, just explaining what she has done to steadily reduce budget deficits from the \$487 million shortfall in her first proposed budget, back in 2011.

To be clear, Preckwinkle was gracious. At no point did she explicitly tweak Lightfoot — or tell us that Chicagoans who voted for Lightfoot over her have wound up with the wrong mayor.

Still, Preckwinkle has to be enjoying her budget:

Just as it's good to be the king, it's good to be the County Board president who's had nine years to address the financial crises your predecessors bequeathed to you. We don't blame Preckwinkle for being proud that her \$6.2 billion proposed budget includes no new taxes or fees — and projects such a small deficit. She's done nine years of hard work to nearly balance her next budget.

If you've paid attention to county government for a couple decades, you know how remarkable that achievement is. Coming off her soda tax debacle, Preckwinkle has hit voters with

no tax increases for 2019, the year her name was on the ballot for Chicago's mayoral election, or for 2020, when the person who wound up in that job probably has to ... raise taxes.

Preckwinkle also has kept her commitment to make extra payments into a county pension fund that, her finance team says, was on track for insolvency 19 years from now. Instead, if Preckwinkle and her successors maintain the current payment pace (and if investment returns permit), the pension fund could be 100% funded by 2047.

Staring into her own abyss, Lightfoot surely envies a county budget that asks nothing new of taxpayers, and that's nearly in balance. But for the mayor, it's early. She has time to put Chicago on a better path. One step: not buckling to costly demands from the Chicago Teachers Union.

If history declares Lightfoot and Preckwinkle the chief executives who revived two financially floundering governments, fine. There's more than enough room for two statues in the abutting lobbies of Chicago City Hall and the Cook County Building.



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PERSPECTIVE

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Don't be fooled. The only reason to demand

that abortion clinic doctors have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals

is to cause clinics to close and make it more difficult for women to obtain safe, legal abortions.

THE SUPREME COURT HAS SIGNALLED IT'S READY TO SPRING THE TRAP AND GUT ABORTION RIGHTS



ERIC ZORN

When the litigants in a major abortion case came calling recently, the easiest and most obvious thing for the U.S. Supreme Court to say would have amounted to “get outta here, we just decided this very question three years ago!”

The case is *June Medical Services v. Gee*, a challenge to a Louisiana law that requires doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at hospitals within 30 miles of their clinics.

Sound familiar? It's identical to a major requirement in a Texas law that the high court struck down in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* in June 2016. Because the regulations provided no discernible health benefits and had caused about half the state's abortion clinics to close, the court held that the law placed an unconstitutionally undue burden on a woman's right to terminate her pregnancy.

The Texas statute was a TRAP (short for “targeted regulation of abortion providers”), one of the many nitpicky laws that opponents of abortion rights have been tirelessly advancing in an attempt to hassle abortion providers out of business.

TRAP laws impose medically unnecessary licensing rules, architectural requirements and procedural standards that make it difficult to impossible for clinics to operate. In this way, abortion rights foes hope to effectively outlaw the practice without mounting a politically unpopular attack on *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that guaranteed the right to abortion under most circumstances.

There's nothing subtle about the effort. Yes, the advocates lay it on thick with expressions of concern for maternal health and safety, but they're not fooling anyone. Their fretful oversight never applies to

facilities that provide statistically more dangerous services such as dental surgery, colonoscopies and assistance in live births.

Supporters of abortion rights were cheered when the Supreme Court disarmed this particular TRAP. And they hoped the justices would be insulted and dismissive when Louisiana went to court to defend a law nearly identical to the one they had rejected.

No such luck. Last Friday, the Supremes ignored their own precedent and agreed to hear the very same matter again this term.

Why in the world?

Well, the 2016 case was decided by a 5-3 vote (Justice Antonin Scalia had died and not yet been replaced). But since then, conservative Justice Neil Gorsuch has replaced Scalia, and Justice Anthony Kennedy, an abortion moderate who voted with the majority in *Hellerstedt*, has

retired and been replaced on the court by Justice Brett Kavanaugh, a reliable conservative who tipped his hand earlier this year when he voted to deny a stay of the Louisiana law at issue.

Do the math. Add Gorsuch and Kavanaugh to three dissenters in 2016 — Justice Samuel Alito, Justice Clarence Thomas and Chief Justice John Roberts — and the conservatives now have the five votes they need to uphold the Louisiana law and open the floodgates for more aggressive TRAP laws nationwide.

And don't be fooled. The only reason to demand that abortion clinic doctors have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals is to cause clinics to close and make it more difficult for women to obtain safe, legal abortions.

Complications in first-trimester abortions requiring hospital admissions are vanishingly rare — less than a quarter of 1%, according to research cited in the 2016 majority opinion. Such complication rates in much rarer second-trimester abortions are less than one half of 1%.

Further, wrote Justice Stephen Breyer for the majority, “most of these complications occur in the days after the abortion, not on the spot,” so patients seek treatment at the hospitals nearest their homes. Indeed, the fact that doctors who perform abortions rarely refer patients to nearby hospitals is a major reason why they can't get admitting privileges. And finally, hospitals treat patients whether or not their doctors have such privileges.

Breyer wrote, “When directly asked at oral argument whether Texas knew of a single instance in which the new requirement would have helped even one woman obtain better treatment, Texas admitted that there was no evidence in the record of such a case.”

Not. One. Case.

In his dissenting opinion in 2016, Thomas looked at the same data and saw “medical and scientific uncertainty.” He groused that overturning these TRAP laws would turn the Supreme Court into “the country's *ex officio* medical board, with powers to disapprove medical and operative practices and standards throughout the United States.”

Now Thomas is poised to write the majority opinion after the formality of oral argument sometime next year. The conservative project to install an anti-abortion-rights majority on the Supreme Court is about to pay off with a major culture war victory that will vindicate bogus justifications for clinic crackdowns and eviscerate women's rights under *Roe*.

Liberal supporters of abortion rights who couldn't be bothered to vote in 2016 or who supported third-party candidates because Democrat Hillary Clinton didn't pass their purity test will have themselves to blame. And just maybe they'll figure that out in time for the next presidential election a little more than a year from now.

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White people should all read ‘My Time Among the Whites’

BY ESTHER J. CEPEDA

When you grow up surrounded by white people, you become, in many important ways, white.

Your neighbors next door, your teachers at school — everyone from the person behind the counter at the bakery to the mail carrier. If they're white and they treat you with respect and affection, part of you becomes white too.

This is my story, but it's definitely not what happened to Jennine Capó Crucet, author of the newly released book “*My Time Among the Whites: Notes from an Unfinished Education*.”

Capó Crucet's story reminded me of the context Michelle Obama laid out in her memoir “*Becoming*.” Both women of color lived solidly in the middle class, grew up in single-family homes that belonged to their parents, attended schools with students who looked just like them, in communities where everyone — including doctors, lawyers and other professional role models — shared their race and ethnicity.

Both women showed up at elite universities as fish out of water and learned, quickly and painfully, what it's like to try to live in spaces where white people were not

always used to having people like them around.

It takes a tremendous level of skill, personal insight and love for your fellow humans to be able to write about such matters as being “with the whites” without alienating readers, like me, who happen to adore “the whites.” I was raised among them and, like Capó Crucet, married a white man.

As such, I have two reactions to this beautiful and heartbreaking book.

The first is that any nonwhite person who grew up in the U.S. was trained to read — and internalize, identify with and enjoy, even love — stories by and about the white experience. This isn't a criticism, per se, but a statement of fact.

The opportunity to read the observations and experiences of a U.S.-born Cuban American is a gift. This is not just because the author shares the demographic category of Hispanic, but because she's not Mexican.

No shade to the Mexicans of the world (I'm a halvesie, on my mom's side), but theirs is the narrative that's usually centered in literature, mostly because we share so much culture and the U.S. is so jam-packed with Mexicans. The Ecuadorian side of me adored reading someone whose viewpoint

is Latinx but not Mexican.

My second reaction is that — though it would be wonderful if every Hispanic/Latino/Latinx or other person of color read this book — the world would be a significantly better place if every white person who thinks they are politically progressive or an ally of people of color read “*My Time Among the Whites*.”

There's plenty here to chew on for Latinx readers, including what kind of privilege we carry around depending on our parents' wealth and education, the color of our skin, the whiteness of our names and even the opportunity to have a university experience.

But Capó Crucet illustrates what it's like when the people around her take a look at her name, listen hard for an accent and then decide it's OK to truly be themselves around her. It isn't always pretty — declarations of love and support for President Donald Trump, complaints about “all the Mexicans” taking white people's livelihood and grousing about the customs, practices or cuisines of other people of color.

That's just the baseline stuff. There's a stunning story Capó Crucet tells at the end of her book about a white college student reacting negatively to a speech the author

is giving “at a predominantly white college in the American South.” The student declares that the author's ideas for diversifying the faculty are racist, then she bursts into tears at the mere thought of passing over white candidates in favor of nonwhites.

“Is it uncomfortable, reading all this?” Capó Crucet writes. “Does your answer depend on your race, on whether or not you consider yourself white? Are you feeling like that white girl in the crowd who wanted to tell me about reverse racism? If you do consider yourself white and don't feel like that girl, are you not yet uncomfortable because, despite this being about your people, you don't think it's about your people? Because, as a white person, you've gotten to be just you your whole life?”

Answer these questions honestly, white readers. The fate of our next election and the future of our society largely balance on whether whites will be able to reckon with people like Capó Crucet being their neighbors, their peers and their teachers.

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PERSPECTIVE



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President Donald Trump waits at the line of demarcation for North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in the Demilitarized Zone in June.

Trump fell in love with Kim Jong Un — and North Korea kept building missiles

BY IVO DAALDER

Over the past two years, President Donald Trump gambled that a fundamentally new approach to North Korea's nuclear and missile threat would succeed where his three predecessors had failed. Strong military threats and increased sanctions were followed by proactive diplomacy, including three summit meetings, in the hope that this new approach would deliver Pyongyang's agreement to give up its burgeoning nuclear arsenal.

That new approach has now clearly failed. Last week, working-level talks between U.S. and North Korean officials collapsed within hours. In an official statement, Pyongyang denounced the talks as "sickening negotiations" and warned it would not come back to the table until "the U.S. takes a substantial step to make complete and irreversible withdrawal of the hostile policy toward the DPRK." It reiterated the need to conclude talks by the end of the year, noting that otherwise its moratorium on nuclear and long-range missile tests would end.

The breakdown of the talks was unsurprising. None of Trump's three predecessors had been able to prevent successive North Korean leaders from building a robust nuclear and missile force over the preceding 25 years.

Trump faced a tall task, and a new approach, starting with increased pressure on Pyongyang, made sense. When North Korea increased the pace of missile and nuclear tests in 2017, the administration marshaled a strong international reaction, including three new United Nations resolutions to tighten economic sanctions. Trump also turned up the heat on Pyongyang, threatening it with "fire and fury" to end the nuclear threat.

This toughened approach opened the door to diplomacy. Trump's decision to meet Kim Jong Un in person was a gam-

ble that, while elevating the dictator's global standing, might have shaken things up sufficiently to enable real negotiations on limiting and ultimately eliminating the North's nuclear and missile arsenal.

Yet, the first meeting of the two leaders in Singapore in June 2018 set the stage for last week's failure in Stockholm. Far from using the diplomatic opening to increase pressure on Kim and his regime, Trump embraced the summit pageantry and lost his resolve to achieve a lasting end to North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

In Singapore, he settled for a vague statement that left longstanding differences over what each side meant by "the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" unresolved. And while Kim reaffirmed that goal, he only committed North Korea to "work toward" it. Even so, Trump trumpeted the outcome as historic, declaring "There is no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea."

That was patently not true. North Korea still possessed materials sufficient for 30-60 nuclear weapons and an expanding arsenal of short-, medium- and long-range missiles. And although Kim pledged to halt nuclear and missile testing, Trump stopped annual military exercises that were critical to bolster the defense of South Korea.

After Singapore, Trump sought to move negotiations forward through flattery rather than pressure. He hailed his frequent correspondence with Kim as an exchange of "beautiful letters," repeatedly said that he liked the North Korean dictator (at one point even declaring that they "fell in love"), and even decided to make an impromptu visit to the demilitarized zone for a brief chat and handshake.

Despite the niceties, the North Korean nuclear and missile threat continued to grow. Pyongyang has continued to produce nuclear materials and develop new nuclear weapons. And starting earlier this

year, it resumed testing nuclear-capable missiles, including a medium-range missile that could be launched from a submarine underwater just days before the Stockholm meeting.

Trump, though, has remained unperturbed. "They're short-range missiles and my relationship is very good with Chairman Kim," he said in dismissing the tests. "Many people have those missiles."

True, but North Korea is different. Every test violates specific U.N. Security Council resolutions. The missiles themselves pose a direct threat to Japan and South Korea and the large number of American forces stationed on their territory. And the tests are steadily improving North Korea's capabilities to reach the American homeland.

So far, North Korea has gotten a lot out of the new relationship with the United States. Its long-isolated leader has attained global standing and legitimacy, meeting with seven world leaders in less than 18 months. Its nuclear program has expanded, and its missile capability has steadily improved. America's commitment to the security of South Korea and Japan, long key allies, has weakened. Yes, sanctions remain in place, but enforcement has gradually weakened.

Trump's gamble hasn't paid off. We need a different approach, one that is more realistic about the growing threat North Korea represents, understands the importance of standing by our major allies, and recommitments to working with key countries such as Russia and China to increase pressure on Kim Jong Un. That requires painstaking diplomacy rather than the loud threats or a strong embrace of a dictatorial ruler that has been at the core of Trump's approach.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Betrayal of the faithful Kurds

I'm a Filipino American Republican and have been a member and benefactor of the National Rifle Association for almost 50 years. However, I find myself appalled at President Donald Trump's ill-advised decision to withdraw U.S. support for Kurdish fighters at the best of their mortal enemies the Turks.

Trump seems to have forgotten that those brave Kurdish fighters were primarily responsible for beating back Islamic State. How could the U.S. be so ungrateful to one of its trusted allies who, like the Jewish people before them, have been in search of their own country and global recognition as a people? It will now be very difficult for the U.S. to recruit potential allies in its fight against that terrorist group.

Turkey's military has been bombarding the Kurdish positions, and they are on the run. The Kurdish fighters face having to abandon the custody of prisons where members of Islamic State are being held. Islamic State can reorganize and mount new resistance against the U.S. and the Western alliance.

That is the biggest mistake of Trump's presidency. While I'm a Republican, I'm not a fanatical partisan. I'll do some soul-searching and try to discern whether Trump still deserves my vote come 2020.

— Don Azarias, Elk Grove Village

GOP's failure to oppose Trump

President Donald Trump pulling troops out of Syria, and leaving our allies the Kurds in mortal danger, is the all too predictable result of members of the GOP failing to stand up to Trump. The majority of them knew he was immature, ill-equipped for the job, selfish and corrupt.

Most Republicans in Congress know that the facts all pointed to Trump holding back aid to Ukraine until he got something on Biden. Each time Trump lied, the GOP had a chance to stand up to him. Each time, Republicans put their job security ahead of our nation.

If even one Kurd dies because our troops pulled out of Syria, his blood will be on the hands of all the GOP who knew better but supported Trump anyway.

— Anne Krick, Warrenville

Unfair knock against Sanders

An Oct. 9 Scott Stantis editorial cartoon portrays Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders as being treated in a broken-down "Venezuelan Glorious Socialist Hospital." That is an obvious criticism of Sanders' platform of "Medicare for All." Although I oppose what I believe is his version of "Medicare for All," I would like to point out that whether a U.S. senator or one of the other almost 55 million ordinary senior citizens, Sanders would have access to and be treated under Medicare. Medicare has been a popular and successful government-run program since its inception. It is not the program of a developing nation as portrayed in the Stantis cartoon.

Sanders' plan may be poorly thought out, but not because it is government-sponsored. The fundamental premise — of the inability of government to guarantee quality and affordable medical treatment to everyone — is contradicted by the care provided to the 55 million elderly, most vulnerable and often sickest of those among us. Medicare patients, who have preexisting conditions, have had years added to their lives. Expanding Medicare is a realistic alternative to the patchwork system for what purports to be the best system in the world. Some Americans have comprehensive coverage while others have limited or no coverage.

As a Medicare recipient, I can testify that I, family members and friends are well served by our coverage. The question should be how to include everyone and how individual and governmental cost participation should be structured.

— Sheldon I. Saitlin, Chicago

Stantis cartoon is misleading

I think Scott Stantis' Oct. 9 editorial cartoon was in very poor taste. For starters, the main component of Sen. Bernie Sanders' health care plan is expanding and lowering the age of Medicare eligibility over a period of several years to include all ages. Last time I checked, Medicare recipients were not forced to seek their medical care in decrepit facilities such as the Venezuelan hospital depicted in the drawing. Additionally, perhaps Mr. Stantis should ask the citizens of developed nations like Canada, France and Sweden how they feel about their "socialist" health care and if they would rather trade it in for the private-profit driven system we "enjoy" here.

— Jonathan Leeds, Chicago

Trump spirals, adds self-impeachment to repertoire

BY GEORGE WILL

Donald Trump, an ongoing eruption of self-refuting statements ("I'm a very stable genius" with "a very good brain"), is adding self-impeachment to his repertoire. Spiraling downward in a tightening gyre, his increasingly unhinged public performances (Google the one with Finland's dumbfounded president looking on) are as alarming as they are embarrassing. His decision regarding Syria and the Kurds was made so flippantly that it has stirred faint flickers of thinking among Congress' vegetative Republicans.

Because frivolousness and stupidity are neither high crimes nor misdemeanors, his decision, however contemptible because it betrays America's Kurdish friends, is not an impeachable offense. It should, however, color the impeachment debate because it coincides with his extraordinary and impeachment-pertinent challenge to Congress' constitutional duty to conduct oversight of the executive branch.

Aside from some rhetorical bleats, Republicans are acquiescing as Trump makes foreign policy by and for his viscera. This might, and should, complete what the Iraq War began in 2003 — the destruction of the GOP's advantage regarding foreign policy.

Democrats were present at the creation of Cold War strategy. From Harry Truman and Dean Acheson through Sen. Henry Jackson and advisers such as Max Kampelman and Jeane Kirkpatrick, they built the diplomatic architecture (e.g., NATO) and helped to maintain the military muscle that won the war. But the party fractured over Vietnam, veering into dyspeptic interpretations of America's history at home and abroad, and a portion of the party pioneered a revised isolationism. Conservative isolationism had said America was too virtuous for involvement

in the fallen world. Progressive isolationism said America was too fallen to improve the less-fallen world.

Hence Republicans acquired a durable advantage concerning the core presidential responsibility, national security. Durable, but not indestructible, if Democrats will take the nation's security as seriously as Trump injures it casually.

Trump's gross and comprehensive incompetence now increasingly impinges upon the core presidential responsibility. This should, but will not, cause congressional Republicans to value their own and their institution's dignity, and exercise its powers more vigorously than they profess fealty to Trump. He has issued a categorical refusal to supply witnesses and documents pertinent to the House investigation of whether he committed an impeachable offense regarding Ukraine. This refusal, which is analogous to an invocation of the Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination, justifies an inference of guilt. Worse, this refusal attacks our constitutional regime. So, the refusal is itself an impeachable offense.

A comparable behavior was in 1974. Then, the House articles of impeachment against Richard Nixon indicted him for failing "without lawful cause or excuse to produce papers and things as directed by duly authorized subpoenas issued by" a House committee, and for having "interposed the powers of the presidency against the lawful subpoenas" of the House.

If Trump gets away with his blanket noncompliance, the Constitution's impeachment provision, as it concerns presidents, will be effectively repealed, and future presidential corruption will be largely immunized against punishment.

In Federalist 51, James Madison anticipated a wholesome rivalry and constructive tension between the government's two political branches: "Ambition must be

made to counteract ambition. The interest of the man must be connected to the constitutional rights of the place." Equilibrium between the branches depends on "supplying, by opposite and rival interests, the defect of better motives." But equilibrium has vanished as members of Congress think entirely as party operatives and not at all as institutionalists.

Trump is not just aggressively but lawlessly exercising the interests of his place, counting on Congress, after decades of lassitude regarding its interests, being an ineffective combatant. Trump's argument, injected into him by subordinates who understand that absurdity is his vocation, is essentially that the Constitution's impeachment provisions are unconstitutional.

The canine loyalty of Senate Republicans will keep Trump in office. But until he complies with House committee subpoenas, the House must not limply hope federal judges will enforce their oversight powers. Instead, the House should wield its fundamental power, that of the purse, to impose excruciating costs on executive branch noncompliance. This can be done.

In 13 months all congressional Republicans who have not defended Congress by exercising "the constitutional rights of the place" should be defeated. If congressional Republicans continue their genuflections at Trump's altar, the appropriate 2020 outcome will be a Republican thrashing so severe — losing the House, the Senate and the electoral votes of, say, Georgia, Arizona, North Carolina and even Texas — that even this party of slow-learning careerists might notice the hazards of tethering their careers to a downward-spiraling scowflaw.

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Tower to become area's largest co-living space



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The Clark-Adams Building as seen Wednesday in Chicago.

CityPads to buy top 31 floors of Clark-Adams Building, create 3- and 4-bedroom shared units



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

A Chicago developer plans to bring 505 co-living residents to a 41-story Loop office tower, the largest communal living property ever proposed in the city.

CityPads has a deal to buy the top 31 floors of the 92-year-old Clark Adams Building, with plans to invest \$80 million converting the office space into small, shared apartments that will be managed by co-living firm Common, City-

relocate to new skyscrapers along the Chicago River and to entirely new office submarkets such as the Fulton Market district.

Some experts have predicted that the trend of older office buildings being converted to new uses such as residential and hotels could accelerate.

"You'll start to see a lot of these Central Loop buildings being converted to residential," Ahitow said. "It's an area that's transitioning to a residential market. There are close to 20,000 people living in the Loop now, and it continues to grow."

Chicago already has a number of student housing buildings downtown.

Co-living is a relatively new twist, offering similar accommodations for young professionals at a relatively low price.

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Federal Reserve Board Chairman Jerome Powell faces pressure to keep cutting rates to sustain the economic expansion.

Spice firm adds dash of politics to business

Penzey spending more on impeachment ads than almost everyone

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE

Bill Penzey minces no words when it comes to his feelings about President Donald Trump.

The owner of Wauwatosa, Wis.-based Penzeys Spices, which has a store in Naperville, was thrust into the spotlight this week when Axios reported that Penzeys Spices spent \$92,000 in the week between Sept. 29 and Oct. 5 on impeachment ads, second only to Trump in spending.

On Thursday, Penzey updated the figure for the Tribune. He bought another Facebook ad Wednesday, bringing his recent spending to \$128,000.

It's not the first time Penzey has made his political leanings known to his customers. He's also called the president "racist" in newsletters and offered free Mexican vanilla to protest Trump's stance on immigration.

Traditional business wisdom might caution Penzey against wearing his political heart on his sleeve. What if customers don't share his political opinions and want him to keep his spiciness in the bottle? What if they stop buying his products?

Penzey isn't worried. "This is our most successful ad on Facebook," he said, basing success on likes, shares and comments. "It's gotten twice as many comments with less spending," he said referring to his second most popular ad, that ran before the 2018 election. "We're getting a lot of good value."

Customers are like politics, according to Penzey. You win some and you lose some. What matters, he said, is figuring out how to keep them.

Penzey said he has figured out how to win them — by sharing his values. "I think these are unusual political times," Penzey said. "The politics of the right have become politics of anger, and our business

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An unusual dilemma

Unemployment is low, but pressure on the Federal Reserve to cut rates is high

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the nation's unemployment rate at its lowest point since humans first walked on the moon, you might expect the Federal Reserve to be raising interest rates to keep the economy from overheating and igniting inflation.

That's what the rules of economics would suggest. Yet the Fed is moving in precisely the opposite direction: It is widely expected late this month to cut rates for the third time this year.

Welcome to the strange world that Jerome Powell inhabits as

chairman of the world's most influential central bank. Though unemployment is low, so are inflation and long-term borrowing rates. Normally, all that would be cause for celebration. But with President Donald Trump's trade wars slowing growth and overseas economies struggling, Powell faces pressure to keep cutting rates to sustain the U.S. economic expansion.

"It's a very hard position for the Fed to be in," said Diane Swonk, chief economist for Grant Thornton, a consulting firm.

One illustration of the Fed's unusual dilemma: The unem-

ployment rate is now 3.5%, the lowest level since 1969. The Fed's benchmark short-term rate stands in a range of just 1.75% to 2%. By comparison, the last time unemployment fell below 4% — in 2000 — it raised its key rate to 6.5% to try to control inflation, which normally rises as unemployment falls. Having its benchmark rate that high also gave the Fed room to cut rates once a recession hit the next year.

Today's economic landscape is dramatically different. The same forces that are depressing growth and inflation and limiting pay growth are also boxing in the Fed: Slowing population growth and sluggish worker productivity are restraining the economy's ability to expand.

Online shopping, international competition and a more

frugal consumer have held down inflation. A weak pace of growth and undesirably low inflation have forced the Fed to keep borrowing costs historically low. Once a downturn inevitably strikes, the Fed will have little ammunition left in the form of further rate cuts.

Persistently low interest rates are "the preeminent monetary policy challenge of our time," Powell acknowledged in June.

In response, the Fed has embarked on a far-reaching review of its monetary strategy and tools, which includes a series of public consultations known as "Fed Listens." Its initiative is a tacit acknowledgment by the Fed of its peculiar economic quandary.

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Boeing, Porsche team up to take a flier on airborne autos

Aircraft manufacturer, German automaker to work on flying car

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Boeing Co. hopes one day you can ditch the terrestrial street traffic and fly through the clouds in your own airborne vehicle.

The Chicago-based aircraft maker and Porsche, the German sports car manufacturer, announced a partnership Thursday to study the air mobility market. The companies will also work on a prototype for an electric vehicle capable of takeoff and landing, although Boeing and Porsche say it will take some time for a flying

car to be mass produced.

Boeing spokesman Adam Mertz said the new partnership will focus on air traffic and regulations. Before a flying car is seen in the skies, Boeing and Porsche must get through the regulatory hurdles of air traffic management for smaller aircraft vehicles.

"It's also about how do you use technology to create a safe intersection of vehicles. Boeing is going to be looking at a new air traffic management system, which is one of the pieces that needs to be solved," Mertz said.

Porsche spokeswoman Nadescha Vornehm said in an email that an international team of experts from both companies will

work on the research from Germany, Switzerland and St. Louis, where Boeing subsidiary NeXt is developing airborne vehicles. Vornehm said Porsche will be responsible for designing the prototype's body.

Boeing and Porsche are researching ways to create a product that will someday be marketable, but neither is committed to producing a commercial vehicle.

The partnership announced Thursday is far from the only flying car effort underway. The Japanese government enlisted help last year from Uber Technologies and Boeing to create a flying car system in that country. Uber has also talked of one day taking its ride-hailing service to the sky



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Boeing and Porsche have developed renderings of the flying car prototype they are jointly working on.

through Uber Elevate, the company's air transportation unit.

The urban air mobility market is expected to grow to \$2.9 trillion

by 2040, according to estimates from Morgan Stanley analysts.

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Social Security retiree checks to grow 1.6%

Seniors complain gain doesn't reflect health care costs

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
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WASHINGTON — Millions of retirees will get a modest 1.6% cost-of-living increase from Social Security in 2020, an uptick with potential political consequences in an election year when Democrats are pushing more generous inflation protection.

The increase amounts to \$24 a month for the average retired worker, according to estimates released Thursday by the Social Security Administration. Following a significant boost this year, the cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, for 2020 reverts to its pattern of moderate gains.

But seniors and advocates complain that the inflation yardstick used to determine the annual ad-



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Retiree Joe Schiavone, of Florida, complains that "my biggest concern is that your money is buying less and less."

justment doesn't adequately reflect their costs, mainly for health care.

The COLA affects household budgets for about 1 in 5 Americans, nearly 70 million people, and that includes Social Security recipients, disabled veterans and federal retirees.

Criticism of the COLA formula has been amplified by Democratic presidential

candidates and congressional Democrats. That's helped to shift the Social Security debate from a near-exclusive concern with the program's solvency to a focus on expanding benefits, including but not limited to the cost-of-living adjustment.

"Most of the discussion about Social Security is about how can we promise

more rather than how can we keep the promises we're already making," said retirement policy expert Charles Blahous, who as a former public trustee of Social Security once helped oversee its finances.

With the COLA, the estimated average monthly Social Security payment for a retired worker will be \$1,503 a month starting in January.

Joe Schiavone, who retired from flooring sales and lives on Florida's Space Coast, says it feels like he's not keeping up.

"My biggest concern is that your money is buying less and less," said Schiavone, who's in his early 80s.

Schiavone points to increased health care premiums and copays, along with other kinds of insurance, as the main culprits. He expects that part of his COLA will be eaten up by an increase in Medicare's "Part B" premium for outpatient care, which hasn't been

announced yet.

Roughly 1 in 2 seniors live in households where Social Security benefits provide at least half the total income.

"None of the jobs I worked on in my life had any sort of pension or 401(k) plans," he said.

He's wary of politicians' promises about Social Security. "I very rarely believe what anybody says in a campaign," Schiavone said.

Democrats are working to convince older people they have their backs on Social Security. Voters 65 and older went 53% for Donald Trump and 44% for Hillary Clinton in 2016, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of people who participated in its surveys and were confirmed to have cast a ballot. Now, Democrats are aiming to recapture older voters.

On the COLA, Democratic presidential candidates Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders are proposing to use a measure of inflation that reflects ex-

penses for households headed by a person 62 or older. It usually outpaces the index currently used.

Their Social Security plans would also bolster benefits and raise taxes to keep the program afloat. In Congress, a major Social Security overhaul from Rep. John Larson, D-Conn., would also switch to a new inflation measure.

The White House had no comment on the COLA debate. Trump ran on a promise not to cut Social Security benefits. Republicans have resisted expanding Social Security, pointing out it won't have enough money to pay full benefits starting in 2035.

Richard Johnson of the Urban Institute think tank said the measure Social Security now uses reflects workers, not retirees. "If the goal is to maintain seniors' living standards, then the cost-of-living adjustment is going to fall short if it doesn't measure seniors' spending," he said.

Apple pulls Hong Kong app under pressure from Beijing

BY JOHN LEICESTER AND JOE McDONALD
Associated Press

HONG KONG — For people in Hong Kong angry over tactics used by the police to break up anti-government protests, the HKmap.live app was a handy little tool.

With real-time updates showing police movements, it helps steer users away from possible baton charges, volleys of tear gas and police ID checks.

For Apple Inc., that proved to be a problem.

Under pressure from Beijing, Apple removed the smartphone app from its online store Thursday.

In doing so, it immediately alienated some customers in Hong Kong, even those who haven't been protesting in the streets these past four months.

The company said in a statement that it removed HKmap.live from its app store because it "has been used to target and ambush police" and "threaten public safety."

"Criminals have used it to victimize residents in areas where they know there is no law enforcement," Apple said. "This app violates our guidelines and local laws, and we have removed it from the App Store."

Apple phone user Canny Ng has taken to wearing black to express sympathy for the protesters though with a 6-month-old baby at home she's followed the demonstrations on TV, not in the streets.

Apple's decision was "not acceptable," she said, adding she'll think twice about buying more of the compa-



KIN CHEUNG/AP

Apple removed the HKmap.live app from the app store. Protesters use the app to avoid police confrontations.

ny's products.

HKmap.live is "quite useful," she said. "I just want to find a way that I won't see any police, especially when I'm wearing black. You're worried that, oh, maybe they will check your ID," she said.

The existence of such an app shows "most of the Hong Kong people, maybe they're really afraid of the police nowadays," she said.

While no longer available for download, the app still works for users who had already downloaded it to their Apple devices. It also works on Android devices and in web browsers.

As of Thursday evening, it was still posting locations of police patrols and activities.

Apple acted under pressure from various channels, including the Communist

Party newspaper People's Daily.

"Is Apple guiding Hong Kong thugs?" it asked.

Hong Kong office worker Acko Wong, 26, scoffed at the suggestion that the app helped give a free rein to criminals.

He said the argument that the app could be used to ambush police and point criminals to areas where police aren't stationed "does not make sense."

"How do you ambush a group of police with equipment and gear like helmets and shields?" he asked.

Wong said he downloaded the app to steer clear of "danger and traffic" during the many battles between protesters and police that have put Hong Kong on edge and prompted a government ban, enforceable by a 1-year prison sentence, on the face masks that many protesters wear to shield their identity.

"If you know there are many police in that area, I'm afraid they will arrest me for like wearing a mask or dressing in black or even if I'm young," he told AP.

A Twitter account linked to the app posted a statement denying it endangered police or Hong Kong residents. It said the app collects information from its users and public sources and doesn't "solicit, promote or encourage criminal activity."

The AP was unable to confirm whether the statement was posted by the app's developers.

The app is one of many tactics used by Hong Kong residents to stay informed about the location of police patrols and document police activities.

Trump to meet with leader of Chinese negotiating team

BY PAUL WISEMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said he would meet at the White House on Friday with the leader of the Chinese negotiating team now in Washington for the latest round of talks aimed at ending a 15-month trade battle that is weighing on the global economy.

With expectations for this week's talks low, Trump tweeted Thursday: "Big day of negotiations with China. They want to make a deal, but do I?"

Chinese Vice Premier Liu He is leading the delegation in negotiations with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. The 13th round of talks began Thursday.

The world's two biggest economies are deadlocked over U.S. allegations that China steals technology and pressures foreign companies to hand over trade secrets as part of a sharp-elbowed drive to become a world leader in

advanced industries such as robotics and self-driving cars.

Under Trump, the United States has slapped tariffs on more than \$360 billion worth of Chinese imports and is planning to hit \$160 billion more on Dec. 15. That would extend import taxes to virtually everything China ships to the United States. China has hit back by targeting about \$120 billion in U.S. goods, focusing on farm products.

The high cost of the tariffs and uncertainty over when and how the trade war will end have taken an economic toll, especially on manufacturing companies.

"Both sides have been losing, and so has the global economy," said Myron Brilliant, head of international affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Brilliant, who spoke with both delegations before the meetings, sounded optimistic about the chances of progress, noting that Beijing has stepped up purchases of U.S. soybeans in a goodwill gesture.

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is about kindness."

Opinions about whether CEOs should voice their political views are varied and the research is largely anecdotal.

The CMO Survey by Deloitte and Duke University's Fuqua School of Business last year found only 21.4% of consumers believed their brands should take a stand.

But a 2016 survey by global communications firm Weber Shandwick with KRC Research found that nearly 38% of Americans believe CEOs had a responsibility to speak up on controversial issues. Another survey done by Sprout Social of 1,000 consumers found two-thirds of respondents said they wanted companies to take a stand on political issues, and 58% wanted them to do so on social media.

"At the end of the day, the emotional connection you make (with the consumer) is much stronger than saying, 'Hey, my spices are tastier than the others,'" said Pradeep Chintagunta, a professor of marketing at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business.

If brands and their leaders have a story to tell or a stand to take, it establishes a connection with consumers that sets them apart from everyone else, Chintagunta said. In other words, if their ideas (and values) resonate, so will the product.

Penzey certainly thinks so, and has tried to get buy-in from other CEOs.

In a Facebook post, he implored his fellow CEOs to join him in sharing their political values. "If, as a company, you have values, now is the time to share them. You may well lose a chunk of your AM radio-listening customers, but if you really are honest and sincere, don't be surprised to see your promotions suddenly, finally, find active engagement with the Millennial generation," Penzey wrote.

Penzey said his wife, "just about spit out her coffee laughing," he said, when the couple heard that their Facebook ad spending was second only to Trump.

Penzey declined to be specific about numbers, but he said the company has seen high single-digit revenue growth since he got vocal in 2016, the year Trump was elected. He admits not all of his customers are pleased with his outspokenness. In fact, he does get blowback, he said.

One customer recently wrote that he was "quitting for the fourth time," Penzey said. But the bigger challenge he said, is retaining the new customers he's getting. It takes educating them on the spices, getting back to basics and thinking seriously about making new customers into regular customers, Penzey said.

"I think the luxury of not being on a side is something of the past," Penzey said. "You lose some customers, you gain more customers. I think we've gained a lot more than we've lost."

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Operators such as Common offer small, private bedrooms surrounded by areas shared with roommates, such as bathroom and kitchen spaces.

The concept has been derided as dormitories for adults, but advocates say it's an easy way to move to a new city without lining up roommates with whom to split the rent.

Rooms are move-in ready, and rents include furnishings, home supplies, utilities, wireless connectivity and weekly cleanings. Co-living buildings also include community spaces such as lounges and roof decks.

"If you're new to Chicago, people want to be around other people, get to know their neighbors and socialize," said Sandy Albert, Common's senior director of real estate. "To have a built-in social network is a positive."

Chicago is high on Common's list of cities for expansion, Albert said.

Common's rents at other Chicago buildings start at

\$975 per month, and the Loop location will start at \$1,400. Leases range from three to 12 months. To be called Common Burnham, the building will open to residents by early 2022, Ahitow said.

Common already has four Chicago locations, with four others under construction or planned. That includes the 223-bed Common Addams project with CityPads in Pilsen that is scheduled to open next year.

Chicago's largest co-living property is the 175-bed Quarters building in the Fulton Market district, run by Germany-based Medici Living Group.

The Burnham Brothers-designed Clark Adams building, completed in 1927, was formerly known as the Bankers Building.

Tadros bought it for \$48 million in 2006. He sold floors 3-10, which are occupied by a Club Quarters hotel, to Blackstone Group for almost \$18.3 million in 2016, according to Cook County property records. The sale was part of Blackstone's acquisition of a portfolio of Club Quarters properties throughout the country.



HANDOUT

A view shows a bedroom at Common Grand, a co-living space in the Brooklyn borough of New York City.

The hotel portion of the building is not part of the sale to CityPads.

Tadros said he's received several offers for the building in recent years, mainly from residential developers. About half of the office space is now occupied, he said.

CityPads expects the purchase to be completed early next year, Ahitow said.

Major co-living firms such as Common currently manage a combined 575 beds in Chicago, with more than 1,200 in the pipeline, according to commercial real estate brokerage Cushman & Wakefield. That's up from less than 30 beds in

2015.

Chicago-based Cushman & Wakefield in September announced it had been hired to raise \$1 billion in debt and equity for New York-based Six Peak Capital, which invests in Common's co-living projects throughout the country. Six Peak is an investor in the Loop project.

"Chicago is just getting started," Ahitow said. "There is not a single active developer in Chicago that's not talking about co-living or looking at doing a co-living project."

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To live or die by Google search

Businesses complain about escalating cost

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“Where’s the best place to hide a body? The second page of a Google search.”

The gallows humor shows that people rarely look beyond the first few results of a search, but Lee Griffin isn’t laughing.

In the 13 years since he co-founded British price comparison website GoCompare, the 41-year-old has tried to keep his company at the top of search results, doing everything from using a “For Dummies” guide in the early days to later hiring a team of engineers, marketers and mathematicians. That’s put him on the front lines of a battle challenging the dominance of Alphabet Inc.’s Google in the search market — with regulators in the U.S. and across Europe taking a closer look.

Most of the sales at GoCompare, which helps customers find deals on everything from car and travel insurance to energy plans, come from Google searches, making its appearance at the top critical. With Google — whose search market share is more than 80% — frequently changing its algorithms, buying ads has become the only way to ensure a top spot on a page. Companies like GoCompare have to outbid competitors for paid spots even when customers search for their brand name.

“Google’s brought on as this thing that wanted to serve information to the world,” Griffin said in an interview from the company’s offices in Newport, Wales. “But actually what it’s doing is to show you information that people have paid it to show you.”

GoCompare is far from the only one to suffer from



KRISZTIAN BOCSI/BLOOMBERG NEWS

Google’s ever-changing algorithm presents challenges to businesses trying to stay atop its search rankings.

Google’s search dominance. John Lewis, a high-end British retailer, last month alluded to the rising cost of climbing up in Google search results. In the U.S., IAC/InterActive Corp., which owns internet services like Tinder, and ride-hailing company Lyft Inc. have signaled Google’s stranglehold on the market.

The clamor from companies has prompted the U.K. competition watchdog to study online platforms and digital advertising in July, aiming to examine the market power of companies like Google over online marketing. The European Union has been trying to rein in Google, fining the company \$1.6 billion this year for thwarting advertising rivals. In the U.S. there’s a rising chorus of voices on the political left and right demanding Google be cut down to size, somehow.

The case of GoCompare

shows just how difficult it is to win the search game.

GoCompare is known locally for its offbeat ads where an opera singer belts out its name in restaurants, taxis and, more controversially, crawls out of a flipped car in a recreation of an accident. When customers look for the company’s name after seeing an ad or type in a query for auto insurance, what appears is a combination of paid advertisements, Google’s own blurbs and then so-called natural search results, a list of what the tech giant deems are the most reliable sources of the information. But even ranking highly on natural search results can be costly.

“The way the algorithm works is constantly changing and you don’t get insight into it,” said Lexi Mills, chief executive of Shift6, a marketing consulting firm that helps clients improve their

search results. “The people who get to optimize tend to be the people with the most money.”

Nowhere is Google’s power more evident — and potentially damaging to businesses — than in the market for “branded keywords.” This is where businesses buy ads based on their brand names. So GoCompare bids on the word “GoCompare” and when people search for that, Google runs an ad at the top of results usually linking to the company’s website.

Some businesses say they have to buy these ads — whatever the cost — because rivals can bid on the keywords too.

If GoCompare decides not to bid for its own brand, Google can legally sell the ad placements with its name to a competitor, with the top bidders getting the best spots on the page and taking away customers.

“That seems like an odd place to be that I have to bid on my own brand,” said Griffin. When the company confronted Google about it, the tech giant said “tell your competitors to stop bidding on you,” according to Griffin.

The price GoCompare has to pay for search terms that use its brand has more than doubled since 2016, with a real surge in the past 12 to 18 months, parent company GoCo Group Plc Chief Executive Matthew Crummack said.

Jason Fried, the CEO of web development company Basecamp, described Google’s practice as “ransom” in a tweet, and said he was quickly deluged with messages from other small businesses who also felt victimized. Tariq Farid — the CEO of Edible Arrangements who has sued Google over its sale of ads targeting his company’s brand — be-

lieves the change in atmosphere in Washington could eventually shift the debate. “It gives some confidence to people to step up and do something about it,” he says.

Google has real-time pricing for terms like “auto insurance” that GoCompare relies on for sales. Every time someone searches for that term, the prices refresh, driving a tough — and pricey — battle for the top spot between GoCompare and rivals like Comparethemarket.com and Moneysupermarket.com.

“Google must be rubbing their hands together thinking, ‘This is great,’” when competitors battle it out for top spots, Crummack said. “Every time that happens, the price goes up and they don’t have to do anything.”

Google defends its system, saying “in order to offer more choice when searching for products or services, we allow competitors to bid on trademark terms. However, we want to balance the interest of both consumers and advertisers, so we allow businesses to file a trademark claim and then we’ll block competitors from using their business name in the actual ad text.” The company also said it’s not just the top bidder, but the top bidder with the most relevant information that gets the coveted spots.

Still, GoCo is looking for ways to reduce its reliance on Google, studying a subscription model under which customers sign up for a service that automatically searches for the best rate when policies are due for renewal. That would potentially give the company a captive market. It is also banking on regulators to eventually fix the skewed market, although Crummack doesn’t see that happening anytime soon.

“It’s not something that helps trading next reporting period,” he said.

Rates

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“Fed Listens” sessions have been held by nearly all of the Fed’s 12 regional banks. The sessions, attended by high-level bank staffers and sometimes Powell himself, have included labor advocates, community groups and academics specializing in worker training and education. The Fed says it will announce any changes to its strategies in the first half of next year.

One likely change, Fed watchers say, is the adoption of an average inflation target that the Fed would aim to achieve over time. Since 2012, the Fed has set an annual target of 2%. But it hasn’t always been clear whether that is a ceiling or a more flexible goal.

Central banks around the world began adopting inflation targets in the early 1990s to help keep a lid on prices. Yet now most of them are struggling to reach their limits. Since adopting 2% as a target, the Fed has missed it nearly continuously, with annual inflation averaging just 1.4%, according to the Fed’s preferred measure. In August, for example, U.S. prices excluding volatile food and energy costs rose 1.8% from a year earlier.

An average target would require the Fed to let inflation run above 2% to offset those times when it fell below the target. Otherwise, businesses and consumers would start to expect permanently lower inflation.

Those expectations can turn into reality: Businesses may, for example, respond by providing smaller cost-of-living pay raises, thereby making it even harder for the Fed to boost inflation. (The Fed seeks a low level of inflation as a cushion against a destructive fall in wages and prices.)

Supporters of average inflation targeting argue that it would help the Fed meet its objectives. Charles Evans, president of the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, appeared to support this

“It’s a very hard position for the Fed to be in.”

— Diane Swonk, chief economist, Grant Thornton

view in a speech last week.

“Engineering a modest overshoot of our inflation objective better guarantees that we would actually meet our inflation target in the future,” Evans said.

Yet average inflation targeting isn’t simple, Swonk notes. Given that the Fed has missed its objective for most of the past seven years, does that mean it should top 2% for seven years?

Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at Northern Trust and a former Fed staffer, noted another concern: “If the Fed is having a hard time getting inflation to 2%, it would have an especially hard time getting it above that.” And failing to do so could erode public confidence in the Fed.

Some Fed officials aren’t that worried about where inflation is now.

Esther George, president of the Kansas City Fed, warned Sunday night that cutting rates further to try to lift inflation would risk inflating bubbles in stocks and other assets.

Other Fed officials back additional rate cuts because the Fed has appeared to worry too much about inflation in the past and has raised rates when unemployment still had room to fall. In 2014, for example, the Fed thought the unemployment rate wouldn’t be able to fall below 5.4% without accelerating inflation. So in 2017, after unemployment fell below 5%, the Fed continued a series of rate hikes in part to ward off potential high inflation.

Yet now, with the unemployment rate at 3.5%, high inflation is nowhere in sight.

“We misread the labor market,” Minneapolis Fed President Neel Kashkari said earlier this year, “thinking we were at maximum employment when, in fact, millions of Americans still wanted to work.”

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| Close: 7950.78 | Close: 2,938.13 | Close: 1,485.36 |
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| Low: 7899.81 | Low: 2,917.12 | Low: 1,480.71 |
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| CORN (CBOT) | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Dec 19 | 392.75 | 395 | 378.25 | 380.25 | -14 |
| SOYBEANS (CBOT) | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Nov 19 | 919.50 | 934 | 918.75 | 923.50 | -25 |
| SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT) | 60,000 lbs- cents per lb | Oct 19 | | | | 29.70 | +0.7 |
| SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT) | 100 tons- dollars per ton | Oct 19 | 306.00 | 306.40 | 304.10 | 304.10 | -1.30 |
| LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX) | 1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl. | Nov 19 | 52.69 | 53.97 | 51.38 | 53.55 | +0.96 |
| NATURAL GAS (NYMX) | 10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu | Nov 19 | 2.239 | 2.274 | 2.202 | 2.218 | -0.16 |
| NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX) | 42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon | Nov 19 | 1.5864 | 1.6276 | 1.5605 | 1.6233 | +0.0362 |

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| Allstate Corp | N | 107.14 | +0.57 | Equity Residential | N | 88.16 | +0.58 | Mondelez Intl | O | 55.41 | +0.46 |

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

| STOCK | CLOSE | CHG. |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Freeport McMoRan | 8.96 | +0.41 |
| Bank of America | 28.45 | +0.56 |
| Chesapeake Energy | 1.29 | +0.02 |

LARGEST COMPANIES

| STOCK | CLOSE | CHG. |
|--------------------|---------|-------|
| AT&T Inc | 37.42 | +0.37 |
| Alibaba Group Hldg | 166.07 | +0.88 |
| Alphabet Inc C | 1206.67 | +6.36 |

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

| FUND | NAV | CHG | 1-YR %RTN |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| American Funds AMCPA m | 31.24 | +0.22 | +2.5 |
| American Funds AmcnBAlA m | 27.46 | +0.06 | +7.3 |
| American Funds CptWldGrInca m | m48.00 | +0.40 | +5.8 |

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

| STOCK | CLOSE | CHG. |
|-------------------|--------|-------|
| Bed Bath & Beyond | 12.09 | +2.15 |
| Adv Micro Dev | 28.38 | -0.08 |
| Apple Inc | 230.09 | +3.06 |

TREASURY YIELDS

| DURATION | CLOSE | PREV. |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| 3-month disc | 1.64 | 1.62 |
| 6-month disc | 1.63 | 1.62 |
| 2-year | 1.51 | 1.50 |
| 10-year | 1.65 | 1.58 |
| 30-year | 2.15 | 2.08 |

SPOT METALS

| | CLOSE | PREV. |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Gold | \$1494.80 | \$1506.10 |
| Silver | \$17.520 | \$17.720 |
| Platinum | \$903.10 | \$891.90 |

INTEREST RATES

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Prime Rate | 5.00 |
| Discount Rate Primary | 2.50 |
| Fed Funds Target | 1.75-2.00 |
| Money Mkt Overnight Avg. | 0.69 |

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

| A U.S. Dollar buys... | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Argentina (Peso) | 57.9845 |
| Australia (Dollar) | 1.4788 |
| Brazil (Real) | 4.1252 |
| Britain (Pound) | .8035 |
| Canada (Dollar) | 1.3298 |
| China (Yuan) | 7.1164 |
| Euro | .9086 |
| India (Rupee) | 70.967 |
| Israel (Shekel) | 3.5089 |
| Japan (Yen) | 107.91 |
| Mexico (Peso) | 19.4774 |
| Poland (Zloty) | 3.92 |
| So. Korea (Won) | 1190.70 |
| Taiwan (Dollar) | 30.67 |
| Thailand (Baht) | 30.40 |

FOREIGN MARKETS

| INDEX | CLOSE | CHG./% |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Shanghai | 2947.71 | +22.9/+0.8 |
| Stoxx600 | 382.76 | +2.5/+0.7 |
| Nikkei | 21551.98 | +95.6/+0.5 |
| MSCI-EAFE | /.. | /.. |
| Bovespa | 101817.10 | +568.3/+0.6 |
| FTSE 100 | 7186.36 | +19.9/+0.3 |
| CAC-40 | 5569.05 | +69.9/+1.3 |

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OBITUARIES

MORT KAPLAN 1931-2019

Executive credited with creating Gov. Walker's hike across Illinois

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Mort Kaplan was a longtime Chicago public relations executive who advised politicians including former U.S. Sens. Paul Douglas and Paul Simon and former Gov. Dan Walker before becoming a public relations professor at Columbia College.

"He was just one of the most creative, inspiring guys in the universe," said Rick Jasculca, who before cofounding the Jasculca Terman public relations firm spent a decade working for Kaplan. "Everything I know about the PR and public affairs business I learned from Mort."

Kaplan, 87, died of a hemorrhagic stroke Oct. 3 at his Streeterville home, said his wife, Hedy Ratner.

Born in Chicago, Kaplan grew up in Wicker Park and Albany Park. He attended Hibbard Elementary School and graduated from Von Steuben High School, where he played basketball.

Kaplan attended DePaul University's law school before a hitch with the Army's counterintelligence corps during the Korean War. He returned to DePaul after the war and got an advertising and marketing degree in 1956.

Kaplan's first jobs out of college were at small public relations firms and for Chicago industrialist Arnold Maremont. Kaplan then started his own public relations firm, Morton H. Kaplan & Associates, which over the years had a range of corporate clients, including Motorola, Olympia Brewing Co. and Miller Brewing.

"He enjoyed the field," Ratner said. "It was creative. And he came up with crazy concepts and great ideas."

"I think he had a pretty good feel for the unusual, and ... he did what he felt was right," said Harvey Wineberg, who was Kaplan's longtime accountant. "People liked him and he



Mort Kaplan

always had crazy ideas and some of them worked and some of them didn't."

Kaplan also became known for his work with politicians including Simon, Douglas and fellow U.S. Sen. Alan Dixon, and Walker. Kaplan advised Walker during his successful bid for governor in 1972, including dreaming up Walker's 1,197-mile trek on foot across the state of Illinois in 1971.

"He always was committed to social justice and liberal causes and really was committed to fine Democratic candidates like Paul Douglas and (the late congressman and federal judge) Ab Mikva," Ratner said.

Former state Sen. William Marovitz called Kaplan "as creative a thinker as there ever was."

"Many of my old political pals ... said even to this day that he was the smartest and most creative political PR mind ever in Chicago," Marovitz said. "He had a lot of P.T. Barnum in him. It was his idea to have Dan Walker walk the state with a red bandanna on and publicize the holes in his shoes."

Marovitz also recalled Kaplan once flying a buffalo to New York City to appear on David Letterman's talk show in order to plug one of his liquor clients.

"Mort was always coming up with unconventional

ideas that seemed to work," Marovitz said. "The unconventional was conventional to Mort."

Jasculca recalled working with Kaplan on behalf of the nation of Jamaica, whose image had soured because of some serious crime problems. The pair concocted a plan to bring the entire cast of TV's "Hollywood Squares" to the island, Jasculca said.

In 1981, Kaplan sold Morton H. Kaplan & Associates to a larger firm, Ketchum, MacLeod & Grove public relations. He stayed on as an executive vice president at Ketchum and as the director of his old firm until 1985, when he left to pursue interests outside the agency business.

One of those interests was teaching, and Kaplan soon began work as an instructor at Columbia College, where he founded and chaired its department of public affairs. Kaplan eventually was promoted to tenured professor of marketing communications, and he worked at Columbia for more than 20 years before retiring.

In 1982, Kaplan was the founding chair of the Illinois Arts Alliance, which now is known as Arts Alliance Illinois. The group advocates for state arts and cultural funding.

Kaplan and Ratner married in July 2012 after 44 years together. Kaplan was 80 years old at the time, and Ratner was 70.

"He was the love of my life and he was larger than life," Ratner said. "It was a fairy tale romance."

An earlier marriage to Carylynn Kaplan ended in divorce. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Robin, Micki and Naomi Kramer; a stepson; a brother, Bob; and five grandchildren.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON OCTOBER 11 ...

In 1776, the first naval battle of Lake Champlain was fought during the American Revolution. Gen. Benedict Arnold commanded American forces, which suffered heavy losses but stalled the English.

In 1811, the first steam ferry was put into operation between New York City and Hoboken, N.J., by inventor John Stevens.

In 1868, Thomas A. Edison filed papers for his first invention, an electrical voice recorder to speed the tabulation of votes in Congress. (Congress would reject it.)

In 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington.

In 1899, at age 24, Winston Churchill, Britain's future prime minister, sailed to South Africa to cover the Boer War as chief correspondent for the London Morning Post.

In 1932, the Democratic National Committee sponsored a television program from New York. It was the nation's first political telecast.

In 1958, the lunar probe Pioneer 1 was launched. Failing to travel as far as planned, it fell back toward the Earth and burned up in the atmosphere.

In 1967, Bolivian officials said the body of slain Cuban guerrilla leader Che Guevara had been buried in a secret and remote grave.

In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned mission of the Apollo series, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham.

In 1976, reports from China said Mao Zedong's widow, Jiang Qing, and three others had been arrested. (They would be denounced as the Gang of Four.)

In 1984, space shuttle astronaut Kathy Sullivan became the first American woman to perform a space walk.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev opened two days of talks in Reykjavik, Iceland, on issues of arms control and human rights.

In 1987, thousands of gay-rights activists marched

through Washington to demand protection from discrimination and urge more federal funding for AIDS research and treatment.

In 1990, Octavio Paz became the first Mexican writer to be honored by the Nobel Awards Committee when it chose him for the Nobel Prize in literature.

In 1994, American troops, sent to Haiti to end three years of military rule there and place democratically elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in office, took over the National Palace in Port-au-Prince.

In 1996, Roman Catholic Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo and Jose Ramos-Horta of East Timor won the Nobel Peace Prize for their pro-democracy efforts in troubled East Timor.

In 1998, Pope John Paul II decreed the first Jewish-born saint of the modern era: Edith Stein, a nun who had died in a gas chamber at the Nazis' Auschwitz death camp.

In 2005, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it had finished pumping out the New Orleans metropolitan area, which was flooded by Hurricane Katrina six weeks earlier and then was swamped again by Hurricane Rita.

In 2014, screening for the Ebola virus started at New York's JFK International Airport. (Travel precautions started later at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson, Chicago's O'Hare, Newark Liberty in New Jersey and Washington Dulles.)

In 2016, the Chicago Cubs came from behind in the ninth inning to close out a 6-5 victory over the Giants at AT&T Park in San Francisco to win the best-of-five National League Division Series in four games.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
Oct. 10
Lotto 06 09 21 30 45 48 / 01
Lotto jackpot: \$7.25M
Pick 3 midday 489 / 1
Pick 4 midday 7277 / 8
Lucky Day Lotto midday
06 12 25 33 40
Pick 3 evening 025 / 1
Pick 4 evening 1129 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto evening
03 09 31 33 43
Oct. 11 Mega Millions: \$60M
Oct. 12 Powerball: \$90M

WISCONSIN
Oct. 10
Pick 3 862
Pick 4 5384
Badger 5 06 11 17 18 31
SuperCash 03 06 10 21 24 33

INDIANA
Oct. 10
Daily 3 midday 396 / 8
Daily 4 midday 3389 / 8
Daily 3 evening 865 / 5
Daily 4 evening 6435 / 5
Cash 5 02 06 25 38 41

MICHIGAN
Oct. 10
Daily 3 midday 357
Daily 4 midday 8074
Daily 3 evening 291
Daily 4 evening 4990
Fantasy 5 06 15 17 26 37
Keno 07 08 13 19 21 25
26 30 39 45 48 49 52 56
64 69 71 75 77 78 79 80

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Almburg, Mark David

Mark David Almburg, age 54 of Glenview, IL, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Mark was born on August 27, 1965 in DeKalb, IL to Joseph and Phyllis (Meeker) Almburg. He went on to marry his best friend and true love, Lynn Olsen, on June 27, 1998 and enjoyed their love and companionship for 21 years. Mark and Lynn raised two wonderful children, Emma and Owen.

Mark was a beloved brother of Joe Jr. (Emily) Almburg; loving son-in-law of Don and Nancy Olsen; fond brother-in-law of Mike (Vina) Olsen; devoted uncle of Joselyn, Andrew, Justin, and Zachary. Mark graduated from UW-Whitewater and was Director, Risk Services Practice for Sedgwick for the last 20 years. Along with being a diehard Blackhawks fan, Mark was an avid water skier, snow skier, and competitive hockey player. He was a dedicated teammate of the Chicago Sharks for close to 30 years down at J.I.H. He loved music, concerts, the Art of Pizza, good wine, boating, the Northwoods, snowmobiling, and non-rev traveling with family to memorable destinations. Mark's contagious laugh and easy smile will forever be missed by his beloved friends and family.

A Memorial Service will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 14, 2019 at the Smith-Corcoran Glenview Funeral Home, 1104 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, IL. Interment will be private. Friends may visit from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Monday, October 14, 2019 at the Smith-Corcoran Glenview Funeral Home. Memorials in Mark's name may be directed to his family. For funeral information www.smithcorcoran.com or 847-901-4012.

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Anson, Rita

Rita Anson, nee Dubnow, 89, beloved wife of the late Harold; loving mother of John (Goesel), Anson, Amy Anson (Robert Neuhaus) and Alice Anson (Robert Nadler); cherished grandma ("Oma") of Niah Anson, Hallie and Talia Neuhaus and Matthew, Adam and Ari Nadler; dear sister of Morton (Paula) Dubnow; caring aunt and friend to many. Rita was a former music teacher at New Trier High School and a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker. Chapel service Sunday 12:15 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations in Rita's memory may be made to the ADL (adl.org) or ACLU (aclu.org). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or shalom2.com

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Banks, Donald L.

Donald L. Banks age 86 passed away peacefully Oct 8, 2019. U. S. Army veteran. Devoted husband of 63 years to Jane Banks nee Niemann. Loving dad to Patrick, Mary Jane Kozik Anderson, Joseph, Susanne (Ken) Woeste, Michelle (Gary) Windt, Timothy (Greta). Grandfather of 15. Great grandfather of 2. Visitation Sunday October 13, 2019 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Steuerle Funeral Home 350 S. Ardmore Ave, Villa Park, IL. In state Monday October 14, 2019 from 9:15 a.m. until Mass time 10:15 a.m. at St. Alexander Church 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park, IL. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials to ALS Association or www.alsa.org for info 630-832-4161 or www.steuierlefh.com

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Bergen, Dolores A.

Dolores A. Bergen (nee Rowley), age 96; beloved wife of the late Joseph A. Bergen; loving mother of Sharon (Gerald) Curran, Sandy (Paul) Komenda, Thomas (the late Susan) Bergen, Sally (the late Rod) Trotsky-Zuidema, Timothy (Eileen) Bergen and SueAnn (Daniel) Danaher; dear mother-in-law of the late John Trotsky; dearest grandmother of John (Amy), Jerry (Allison), T.J. (Melissa), Christopher (Amanda), Lauren (Billy), Jamie (Nick), Katie (Chris), Kellie, Timothy, Joseph and Adam; cherished great-grandmother of 16; devoted daughter of the late Joseph and Antoinette (Liebe) Rowley; dear sister of the late John (Bernice) Rowley and Patricia Rowley; devoted daughter-in-law to the late Frank and Sadie Bergen; and fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday 8:30 a.m. until time of prayers 11:45 a.m. at Lawn Funeral Home, 7732 W. 159th St., Orland Park, to St. Damian Church Mass 12:30 p.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Funeral info: 708-429-3200.

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Casella, Katherine 'Karen'

Katherine 'Karen' Casella; of Western Springs; beloved wife of the late Bernie Casella; loving mother of Toby (Chrissy), Michael (Carrie), Carie (Joe) Kessler, & Matthew (Lauren); proud Sweets of Mac, T.J. Kaley, Kathleen, Jacob, Griffin, Keegan, Kelsey, Carson, Keira, Connor, Maren, Gavin, & Emily; dear sister of Barb (the late John) Keeley, Susan (Jim) Davis, the late Linda Ross, Mary (Bill) Durkin, & Tim (Terri) Geary; loving aunt to many nieces & nephews, and a friend to many. Karen was a wonderful artist who passed on her gift for almost 30 years in the art room at St. Cletus. She was loved by all who knew her, and she loved all of you more! Visitation 3 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, October 13, at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family & friends will gather at the Congregation of St. Joseph, 1515 Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park on Monday, October 14 for 10 a.m. Mass. Procession to Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Karen's name to Retired Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph's 1515 Ogden Ave, LaGrange Park, IL 60526 are appreciated. See full obituary at: hfunerals.com. Info: (708) 352-6500

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Cima, Emilia Theresa

Emilia Theresa Cima of Brooklyn, N.Y., passed unexpectedly on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019, while on vacation in Italy. Emilia was born on Sept. 23, 1983 in Oak Park, Ill, to her beloved parents Lawrence and Patricia, nee DiFebo, Cima. She graduated with honors from NYU from the Gallatin School of Study, cum laude. Emilia had a beautiful and free spirit. She was incredibly creative, thoughtful and endearing. Emilia will be missed every day by the many people she impacted during her short life. Emilia is survived by her loving family, Patricia and Lawrence Cima; sister, Caitlin (Kyle) Pace; and brother John Cima. Memorials in Emilia's name may be made to IGNITE (formerly Teen Living) at ignitepromise.org. Visitation Sunday, Oct. 13, 3:00pm to 9:00pm at PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS / GAMBONEY & SON DIRECTORS 6938 W. North Ave., Chicago. Family and friends will meet at St Luke Church, 7600 W. Lake St in River Forest to celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Monday Oct. 14. Final committal service will be private. Info: 708/848-6661

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Davidsen, Kenneth Robert

Kenneth R. "Ken" Davidsen of Wayne died Wednesday, October 9. Arrangements will be announced by **Malone Funeral Home**, Geneva. For information 630-232-8233 or malonefh.com.

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See Emilia Cima notice.

Fiske, Robert O.

Beloved and loving husband of 34 years to Joan (nee Hautop); loving brother to Roy, Jr. (Melinda) and Debbie; loving son to the late Roy and Dorothy; cherished son-in-law to the late Bill and Gwen Hautop. After retiring as a mailman, Bob enjoyed reading political thrillers, playing golf, maintaining his lawn, cooking for his wife and barbecuing for family, friends and neighbors. He was known for his positive attitude, good humor and generosity. Sports and music were instrumental in shaping Bob's life. He was an excellent hardball pitcher for Farm City and throwing curveballs was his specialty. He was a good son, caring brother, loyal friend, devoted husband, and trusted member of the Hautop family. To say that Bob was an enthusiastic baseball and White Sox fan is an understatement. He was unpretentious, honest, good-natured and easy-going. Bob will be missed by those who were blessed to know and love him. Visitation tomorrow from noon-4:00 p.m., prayers at 3:15 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home**, 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Chicago White Sox Charities through Koepch's Big Kut. Note donation to be made in memory of Bob Fiske and include "Koepch's Big Kut," on check. For info call 773-588-5850 and visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com to sign guestbook.

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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 4:30 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** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com

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Kohn, Luba

Luba Kohn (nee Busel), 72, of Chicago, Illinois, at rest October 4, 2019. Beloved wife of Tibor for fifty-one years. Loving mother of David and Judi (Mark). Cherished grandma of Oliver (Kaliah) and 'Nana' of Logan. Dear sister of Lydia Busel and William Busel. Preceded in death by parents John and Valentina, and brothers Nicholas and Victor. A celebration of her life will be held Sunday, October 13th 2019 from 12:00 PM until the time of service at 1:30 PM at Kolbus-John V. May Funeral Home, 6857 W. Higgins Ave, Chicago, IL 60656. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Luba's honor to the American Cancer Society: PO Box 22478 Oklahoma City, OK 73123 www.cancer.org 1 (800) 227-2345 Arrangements entrusted to Chicagoland Cremation Options of Schiller Park, Illinois.

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Kuzio, Waltraud

Waltraud Kuzio, nee Schmelzer; Born February 9, 1928, passed away October 3, 2019; Beloved wife of the late Stefan and mother of Emil and Joseph Kuzio; Entombment All Saints Mausoleum, Des Plaines, IL; Arrangements entrusted to **Belmont Funeral Home**.

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Langheld, Ernest L.

Ernest L. Langheld, 93, of Lemont, passed away October 8, 2019, with his family at his side. Born January 20, 1926, in Lemont. He was a construction foreman for 40 years. After retiring, he worked as a maintenance person at Mt. Assisi Convent from 1984 until November of 1993. He also served as Elder at St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church for 6 years. Beloved husband of Gladys, nee Hamstengel, Langheld; loving father of Gloria (Phillip) Kupiec, Melanie (John) Earnest, and Jeffrey (Linda) Langheld; adored grandfather of Carrie (Lucas) Borth, Jamie (Ryan) Myers, Phillip (Tracey) Kupiec, Michael (Shellie) Earnest, Kristin (Greg) Kupiec, Kevin (Jenny) Earnest, Andrea (Anthony) Kurt, and Daniel (Holly) Langheld; proud great-grandfather of Kayla, Hayley, Logan, Liam, Matthew, Madison, Emily, Pennie, Glen, Hannah, Chelsea, Gracey, Egan, Raegan, and Chloe; and dearest uncle of numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.** 108 Illinois St. Lemont. Lying in state Monday, October 14, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. until time of services at 10:00 a.m. at St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, 305 Lemont St. Lemont. Interment St. Matthew Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church. Info: 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

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Lawlor, John P. 'Jack'

Beloved son of Margaret (nee Stanton) and the late John F. Lawlor; dear nephew of many aunts and uncles; loving cousin and friend to many. Visitation will held at St. Benedict Church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment private. Please omit flowers. For information please call 773-588-5850 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Lettiere, Frank 'Goat'

Frank "Goat" Lettiere was born on July 18th 1941 and passed away on October 5th 2019 at the age of 78. Frank is survived by his daughter and sons, Tracy, Josh, Jeremiah, Cody and Frank, along with his grandsons and granddaughter, Holden, Thomas, Joshua, Knoxton, and Sophia. Frank touched thousands of lives around the world. Frank was a world traveler, philosopher, hopeless romantic and a lover of life. Frank was a true horseman. His many horse adventures included his 1750 mile ride from Chicago to Cody, Wyoming in 1977. No funeral or wake services are scheduled, just a celebration of life for the man, myth and legend. Which will be held on Oct 12th 2019 at his favorite watering hole The End Zone Tap located at 10034 S Western Ave in Chicago. Celebration starts at 2pm till 2am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Lomanto, Charles A. 'Chuck'

Charles Anthony "Chuck" Lomanto, age 65, of Chicago's Avondale neighborhood; cherished husband of Kathleen "Kitty" nee Bricich; beloved father of Erica and Anthony; fond son-in-law of Loraine Schone; trusted companion to Charlie the family Labrador. In addition to his love for his family, Chuck enjoyed spending time on his Harley Davidson Motorcycle. Visitation Friday 3:00-9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:45 a.m. from **Casey Laskowski Funeral Home** 4540 W Diversey Avenue to Resurrection Catholic Church, 3033 N. Francisco Avenue for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, Section F, Block 14, Lot 5, Grave 1. Information (773) 777-6300.

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McAvoy, Patricia Ann

Patricia Ann "Pat" McAvoy of Chicago, 71, passed away suddenly on Saturday, September 28th, 2019 while traveling on safari in South Africa with a group of her close friends.

Pat was the beloved daughter of the late Elizabeth and Frank McAvoy, sister to the late Michael McAvoy, niece to the late Mary Jean and Bob Connelly. Cousin to Brian (Maureen) Connelly, Kevin (Sharon) Connelly, Michael (Elaine) Connelly, John (Laura) Connelly, Marty Connelly, Cathleen Connelly and to their children, and a loyal friend to many.

Every facet of Pat's life; be it as a successful business woman or a thoughtful caring teacher or as an advocate for immigrants and social justice, or simply as a friend and beloved family member, was informed by her deep abiding Catholic faith.

Please join us as we celebrate Pat's life on Friday, October 18th, 2019 at Old St. Pat's Church, 700 W. Adams Street Chicago, IL 60661

1:30 P.M. visitation, 2:30 P.M. Memorial mass. In lieu of flowers, kindly make donations to the following organizations-

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Mercy Home: <https://www.mercyhome.org/>

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Naujokas, Richard A.

Vietnam Veteran U. S. Army; age 72 of Homer Glen and formerly of Bridgeport; beloved husband for 51 years of Judy A. nee Santiago; proud father of Angela (Daniel) Chrusciel, Patricia (fiance James Cross), Richard A. and Frank Adam; beloved

papa of Olivia, Kobi, Jams, Matthew, Vivienne and Charlotte. Richard was a member of the Mark White Square VFW Post 6870. Visitation Sunday from 3:00 to 9: p.m. at **Dalcamo Funeral Home**, 470 W. 26th Street. Funeral Monday 9:15 a.m. from the Funeral Home to Nativity of Our Lord Church for Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. Funeral Info 312-842-8681 or www.dalcamofuneralhome.com to sign guestbook.

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Offenberg, Diane F.

Diane F. Offenberg, age 68, beloved wife of Alan Offenberg, happily married for nearly 40 years; loving mother of Michelle Harris and Robert Offenberg, adored sister of Kenneth Cutler and Pamela Glickman; treasured aunt of Jason Cutler, Donald Cutler and Joel Glickman. Diane showed her creative passion in the beautiful needlework and crochet pieces she created for her family. She also loved her dogs. Chapel service Friday, Oct 11, 10:00 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Rd, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or the Jewish War Veterans. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Paull, Barbara

Barbara Paull passed away on Thursday, October 3, 2019. She was born on August 20, 1931 in Evanston, IL. She graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She lived in the Chicago area most of her life. She served as a vice president of the Junior League, president of the Green Meadows Garden Club, president of Benton Community Center, and president of Christ Church (Episcopal) Women's Guild. She moved to Savannah in 1990.

She was preceded in death by her son, David U. Pickard and husband, John O. Paull. Survivors include her sons, Randall A. Pickard (Kate), Scott D. Pickard (Karen), plus five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Barbara's memorial service will be held at St. Peter's Church on the Landings (Savannah, GA) at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2019. She will be interred at Christ Church, Winnetka, IL alongside John.

Remembrances: Savannah Tree Foundation, 3025 Bull St., Savannah, GA 31405 or Anderson Cancer Center, 4700 Waters Ave., Savannah, GA 31404. Please sign our online guestbook at www.foxand-weeks.com

Fox & Weeks Funeral Directors, Hodgson Chapel, Savannah, GA, is in charge of arrangements.

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Pinelli, Anthony 'Tony'

Anthony "Tony" Pinelli, age 71, suddenly. Devoted husband of Karen nee Kozderka; beloved father of Anthony J.; beloved son of the late Anthony and the late Louise nee DeGeorge; dear brother of Madeline Pinelli, Vincent (Sue) Pinelli, Mary Lou Kelley, Mary (Rod) Mellon, Richard Pinelli, Christina (Marvin) Baldwin and Lawrence Pinelli; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; beloved friend of many and respected adviser to family, friends and clients. Visitation Sunday October 13, 2019 from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services begin Monday 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to St. Eugene Church in Chicago for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256 or support.woundedwarriorproject.org, would be greatly appreciated. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.

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Slavick, Eileen Tauber

Eileen Tauber Slavick, nee Lakin, age 91. Beloved wife of Lester Slavick and the late Ronald Tauber. Cherished mother of Michael Tauber and Judy (Lawrence) Zager. Loving "Nana" of Sari, Brian, Sydney and the late Ronni. Dear sister of Lila (Raymond) Cohen. Interment private. Memorial service Sunday October 13, 1:30 pm at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe. Reception to immediately follow the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Eileen's name to housingforward.org or journey-care.org would be appreciated. Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**. www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Swulius, Shirley V.

Shirley V. Swulius; age 93, of Countryside; beloved wife of the late Robert J. Swulius; loving mother of Thomas (Kathleen) Swulius & Gail (Paul) Macko; proud grandmother of Peter (Tiffany), Matthew, & Michael Swulius, and Emily (Jason) Venckus & Angela Macko; loving Busia of Indira & Adelaine; dear sister of the late Richard Kasper & Max (Ger) Kasper; dear sister-in-law of Jeannine Tabel; aunt of many. Visitation 3 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, October 13 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family & friends will gather at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 4300 S. Oak Park Ave., Stickney on Monday, October 14 for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice; meet at cemetery office at 12 p.m. Info: (708) 352-6500 or hfunerals.com

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Tardy, Michael James

Michael J. Tardy; Loving husband of Michele, nee Gualdoni; Dear father of Michael (Jennifer), Daniel, and Patrick Tardy; Cherished papa of Michael and Lucia Tardy; Beloved brother of Lawrence (Suzanne), Marguerite (late Frank) Zimmermann, and the late Stephen Tardy; Proud son of the late Lawrence and Jane Tardy; Fond uncle, cousin, and friend of many; Michael served in both clinical and administrative capacities in the Illinois Court System for 38 years; He retired as Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts in 2017; Visitation Sunday, October 13, 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge, IL; Funeral Monday, Family and friends meet directly at St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Ave. Oak Lawn, IL Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations to Ronald McDonald House, 4410 W. 93rd St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453, or Rally4Ryan Sisters would be appreciated; Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Troinello, Anthony

Anthony "Hooker" Troinello passed away Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Golden age of 94 surrounded by his loving family. Beloved Husband of Dinah nee Manno. Devoted Father of Camille Peacock and Toni A. Brondsema. Fond Grandfather of Jennifer (Jason Steinke) Stratynski, Martin (Tonya) Peacock and the Late Kenny Webb. Survived by Sister Janet (Joseph) Meo. Family and Friends are to gather for the Memorial Visitation Sunday, October 13, 2019 10:00 a.m. until time of Memorial Service 1:00 p.m. at Russo's Hillside Chapels, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, Illinois 60162 (Located between Mannheim and Wolf Road). Interment Private. For additional information call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Anthony's personal tribute website at www.russoshillsidechapels.com and sign his guest. Please Omit Flowers.

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Vallotigara, Mark J.

Mark J. Vallotigara, 63, of Lake Forest, suddenly October 8, 2019. Beloved husband of Debra nee Arado; loving father of Tiffany (Joseph Garcia), Lauren, Carolyn, Matthew, and Reid; proud grandfather of Joulain, Jaxson and Jazzlyn; best friend and brother-in-law of Ron Arado; dear brother of Mary Andersen and the late Michael Vallotigara cherished son of the late John and Lori Vallotigara. Visitation will be held Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 9:15 am until time of the Mass 10 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (for Sr. Paulanne's Needy Family Fund), 1775 Grove St., Glenview, IL 60025. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Waller, Barbara Ann

Barbara Ann Waller, nee Walsh, passed away October 8, 2019. Loving mother of Brian Greenberg, Frank (Marina) and Jason (Bernadette), and beloved grandmother of Josselyn and Joshua. Barb was dearest friend to the late Paul Waller, honorary mom to many and cherished friend to many more who admired her spark, sense of humor and generosity. Visitation on Sunday, October 13, at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, IL from 2 pm until time of service at 5 pm. Private interment Acacia Park Cemetery. For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.

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Wesolowski, Betty

Betty Wesolowski, beloved wife of Ted; loving mother of Leslie, Laura, and Lisa; devoted grandmother of Gabriel and Kayla; dear mother-in-law of Tony Paszyna; fond sister of Raymond (Tammy) Skwierczynski and the late Bob and Ron Skwierczynski; dear aunt of Wendy, Madison, Mackenzie and the late Kari. Visitation Friday, October 11, 2019 from 3-9 pm at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect. Funeral Saturday 11:45 am from the funeral home to St. Thomas Becket Church for Mass 12:30 pm. Interment private. Memorials to Luther Village, 800 W. Oakton, Arlington Hts., IL 60004 appreciated. For info call (847) 394-2336 or www.matzfuneral-home.com

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Wiggen, Michael

Michael Wiggen, age 64 of Forest Park, originally from Wheaton, passed away on September 4, 2019. He is survived by his wife Bonnie (Dill), daughter Kelly and son Matthew.

Son of Patricia & Bernhardt Wiggen, brother to Kevin, Scott and Trish Wiggen. Visitation will be at St. John's Catholic Church in Winfield on October 18 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Funeral mass will be at 9:45 am, in the old church at St. John's.

Contact info: Scott Wiggen at swiggen@aol.com

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Theresa Nicchia, 52, reaches up to touch hands with Blackhawks center Dylan Strome during a red carpet event Thursday.

SHARKS 5, BLACKHAWKS 4

Welcome home

Is it a rebuild? An extension of the dynasty? Either way, the Hawks and their fans hope it's a fairy-tale season — despite an 0-2 start

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Once upon a time, the Blackhawks were kings of Chicago.

Stanley Cup championships were won in bunches. Superstars were spotted all over town, most importantly on the United Center ice. Playoff appearances were routine, and the organization was the envy of the city, the league and throughout the sporting world.

It was a glorious time. It was a magical time. It was ... just two years ago?

The Hawks haven't won a playoff series since 2015, haven't won a playoff game since 2016 and haven't appeared in the postseason since 2017. Only five players remain from that last playoff team, which got swept by the Predators in the first round and perhaps signaled the end of an era.

It has been a busy two years since. Only the core of Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews, Duncan Keith, Brent Seabrook and Corey Crawford remains.



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
 Hawks winger Dominik Kubalik celebrates after scoring in the first period.

After a long, tiring European trip during which they began their season in Prague with a 4-3 loss to the Flyers, the Hawks finally opened their home schedule Thursday night at the United Center against the Sharks.

Which begged the question: Is this team building off the remaining core or creating something entirely new?

"A little bit of both," Kane said. "Obviously the five guys who are here, we have a lot of memories together, we've had some great times. But it doesn't really feel like the same group, you know? A lot of new faces, a lot of younger players. (Andrew Shaw) is back, (Brandon Saad) is back, guys that can help us change the culture around here, especially the last couple years.

"But we're excited about our group. We've got a lot of younger players to help us out. We still have guys that know how to win in here."

The Hawks conducted their annual player introductions in the United Center's east atrium several hours before Thursday's game, with the players walking a red carpet past some of their most hardcore fans.

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Not a stretch to envision Ross as new boss

David Ross interviewed with Cubs President Theo Epstein on Thursday before his presumed coronation as the team's manager.

While Epstein already interviewed three other known candidates, including former Yankees manager Joe Girardi on Wednesday, consensus opinion is the job belongs to Ross if he wants it.

Whether that's true, one Cubs player echoed the rumor last week as he packed up and left Wrigley Field.

"If you're a betting man," the player told a fellow Cubs employee, "put your money on Rossy."

Epstein was unavailable for comment.



PAUL SULLIVAN
 On the Cubs

Girardi, who lost out to Lou Piniella for the Cubs manager job in 2006 and opted to stay with the Yankees in 2013 after Epstein courted him, is the only known candidate with managerial experience. Epstein and general

manager Jed Hoyer also interviewed bench coach Mark Loretta and first-base coach Will Venable. The Cubs believe Venable has managerial potential but aren't serious about hiring him for the current vacancy.

The Cubs are one of eight teams with a managerial vacancy, and with much of the personnel in place and resources available, a new manager should be expected to win immediately. During his second Cubs managerial search in 2013, when he was replacing the fired Dale Sveum, Epstein stated the obvious.

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BEARS AT THE BYE

The Offense

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Everything Matt Nagy said about the Bears offense was layered in irritation, frustration and optimism after losing to the Raiders on Sunday in London. Through the emotion, Nagy at least saw clearly.

"As the offense goes, numbers don't lie," the second-year coach said. "Not good enough."

Indeed, the stats and the NFL rankings are grim: 17.4 points per game (28th); 4.48 yards per play (30th); 3.42 yards per carry (29th); 5.58 yards per pass (30th).

As the coaching staff finishes an urgent self-scouting project before returning to practice Monday for the Oct. 20 game against the Saints, Nagy's assessment cut to the defining element of the Bears' 3-2 start.

Inside: A look at the Bears offense at the bye week.

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Stone wants to stick around

Jose Abreu isn't the only White Sox free agent who sees big things ahead for the ballclub and very much wants to re-sign so he can be a part of it.

There's also TV analyst Steve Stone. "I'm not anticipating any problems, but I am one of the lesser free agents," Stone said Thursday, fielding questions from his offseason home in Arizona.

"They want to get something done with Abreu, certainly. I think it's a foregone conclusion they'll get that done. And they've given me every indication that things will continue, but the fact is that I don't have a contract. ... I'm not too concerned about it.

"I'm hoping it continues. I really enjoy being there."

The best baseball analyst in town for more than 30 years, the last dozen on the South Side, Stone is coming off an outstanding season.

He and play-by-play man Jason Benetti brought out the best in each other in Benetti's fourth season in the job and first on a full-time basis.

"I think it comes out in the broadcast that I truly enjoy what I'm doing, and I don't anticipate not doing it, so we'll see," Stone said. "I have no reason to believe that this won't come about. They've given me every reason to believe that it will."

One might not know Stone had yet to be retained were it not for a recent tweet that included this line: "I don't know if I'll be back but good times are coming" for the Sox and their fans.

Stone has been active on Twitter of late as he decompresses from a season of watching and talking about baseball, in part by watching and talking about baseball.

"It takes anywhere from two to three weeks to stop my head from spinning because for the better part of 6 1/2 months, we're on a roller coaster where I never really unpack my suitcase," Stone said. "(The playoffs have) been fascinating to me. It's really wonderful baseball. And I'm going out to the Arizona Fall League today to see more baseball.

"Look, this is my life. I love it. I've loved it from the beginning. So for me, things don't change. The baseball season may be over, but if there's baseball being played somewhere, I'm probably going to watch it."

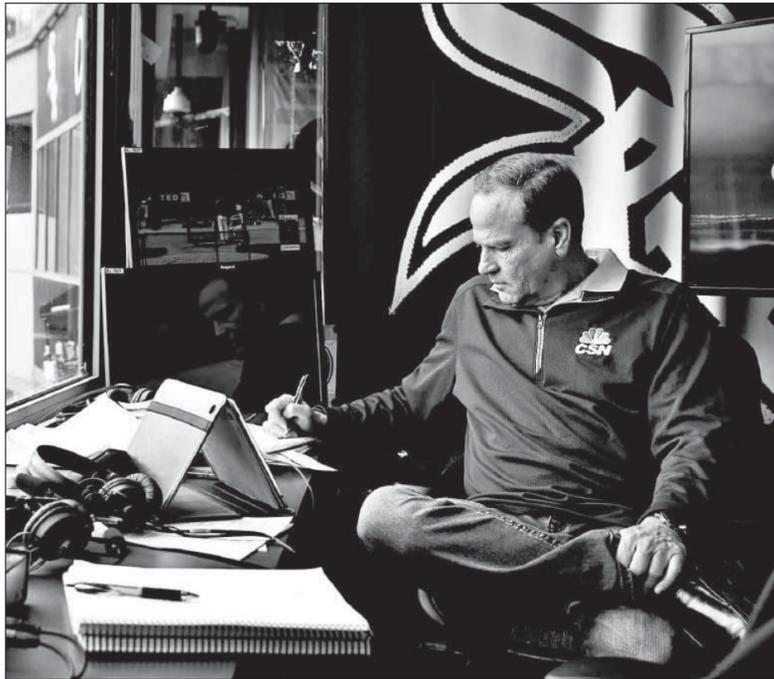
His friends get to hear him analyze playoff games out loud as they watch TV with him.

"They go, 'Why don't you let those guys (on TV) do it?' Because they're not doing it that well," Stone said.

Like the time Stone was all over Freddie Freeman of the Braves for being out of position on a would-be double play.

"That was one of the key plays in a game, so I'm explaining to them what happened," he said. "Eventually whoever was announcing got to that point too.

"If that's what you do for a living, it's hard to turn it off. I'm like: 'Do you see where he is? Look at where he is! He can't be there because the runner gets between



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

He doesn't have a new contract, but Steve Stone wants to keep broadcasting for the Sox.

him and the throw!"

As for Twitter, Stone gladly engages with fans. And for a former pitcher, he hits well.

"A friend of mine said, 'Oh, you're going out trolling a bit,'" Stone said with a laugh. "So, yeah, I do that, and occasionally I get across some baseball things to them."

Lately, he has been vocal in his support of Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, who some fans argue hasn't invested in the team the way they would if they were in charge.

"My natural inclination is to say, 'You don't know this guy,'" Stone said. "Everybody's always going to think he should spend more. They lay out the facts that (the Sox) haven't been in the playoffs as much as some other teams have, but I point out there are other teams that have never won the World Series.

"Everything that happened, they always say he's lucky. That's why I pointed out in one tweet that they're lucky in New England too, that 198 picks went by before (the Patriots) got Tom Brady. (Everybody else) had a chance to get Tom Brady and none of them did. In the sixth round, they get Tom Brady.

"So do you get lucky sometimes? Sure."

This is "a really exciting time for White Sox baseball," Stone said, as the young team develops and minor-league prospects blossom. He views the Twins and Indians, the chief threats in the American League Central, as good but hardly insurmountable.

"This has the chance to be a really, really good baseball team, especially with a

couple of acquisitions that I think are coming this winter," Stone said. "It's one of those things where you say, 'Wow, there are some pretty good times ahead.'

"We have been in a situation where a lot of (fans) have been anguished the last three (seasons). Now it's time to get some of the good things, and what I've said to people is, hopefully, I will be part of it."

There's plenty of time for the Sox and Stone to get a deal done. Spring training is four months away. But even the remote possibility Stone might not call Sox games next season on NBC Sports Chicago is unsettling.

As improved as the Sox were on the field this past season, there were games when the only reason to keep watching was the interaction between him and Benetti and Stone's insightful baseball tutorials.

Stone said he has not talked to Marquee Sports Network, the new channel the Cubs and Sinclair Broadcast Group are launching in February.

Yet if the Sox somehow drop the ball on this and fail to keep Stone aboard, it's hard to imagine he wouldn't hear from each and every outfit to tap into his deep well of baseball acumen.

"I'm very happy with everything associated with White Sox baseball," Stone said. "I do not know what's going to happen, but I believe they enjoyed the team of Jason and I.

"Worse comes to worst, I stand on a street corner with a sign saying, 'Will broadcast for food.'"

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ASK THE REPORTER MARK GONZALES

What about Raul Ibanez (for Cubs manager)? Smart baseball guy and has nothing to do with the Cubs organization — which is why I like it.

— Brian S.

Joe Maddon had no ties to the Cubs front office before his hiring, except for his interview for the Red Sox job that went to Terry Francona before the 2004 season. I like that Ibanez, 47, worked his way from a 37th-round pick in 1992 to play 19 major-league seasons, including an All-Star selection in 2009. He has no managerial experience, but his extensive playing experience should serve him well. That he spent three stints playing for the Mariners speaks to his popularity. Ibanez serves as a special assistant in the Dodgers front office, so I'm sure he has access to scouting reports on the Cubs' flaws.

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WHITE SOX

Finally getting his chance to have an impact on team

1993 draftee Menechino now Sox's hitting coach

BY LAMOND POPE



Menechino

The White Sox selected infielder Frank Menechino in the 45th round of the 1993 draft.

Menechino never played for the Sox during his seven-year major-league career, but he will get a chance to contribute to the big-league club as the hitting coach, the team announced Thursday.

"I train these guys how to get the most out of what they have," Menechino said during a conference call, "and I train these guys to win."

Menechino, 48, replaces Todd Steverson, who held the job for six seasons.

"We feel one of Frankie's many strengths is his ability to have a good message and communicate that effectively to players, so we're excited about how he's going to fill that role," general manager Rick Hahn said. "He's a very skilled, diverse teacher, and that's going to serve us well over the coming years."

Hahn said the team will add an assistant hitting coach to replace Greg Sparks.

Menechino spent 2019 as the hitting coach for the Sox's Triple-A affiliate in Charlotte, N.C. It was his first season in the organization. The Knights led the International League in runs with 792, were second in on-base percentage (.352), slugging percentage (.472) and OPS (.824) and third in home runs (208).

The Sox struggled in several of those areas in 2019. They ranked 11th in the American League in on-base percentage (.314) and 13th in slugging (.414), home runs (182), RBIs (676) and runs (708). The Sox ranked fourth in strikeouts (1,549) and last in walks (378).

"The way he connects to guys seems to be a place that we need to go," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "And that, coupled with, hopefully, some additions, will continue to improve us overall, give us an opportunity

to be on the other side of winning and losing.

"I'm not going to make any bones about it: It's time to turn the page, it's time to get us to another level of performance. That goes across the board. It goes with all aspects of our game."

Menechino spent some time last month with the big-league team.

His experience features five seasons with the Marlins (2014-18), including two as the hitting coach (2014-15) and three as the assistant hitting coach (2016-18).

He played seven seasons in the majors with the A's and Blue Jays, finishing in 2005 with a .240 career average.

"My experience in pro ball has definitely helped me be the coach I am today," Menechino said. "When I started as a hitting coach, I wanted to make sure that I was available and I was there for them. I wanted to be everything that I could be, or wanted, when I was a hitting coach or didn't get when I was hitting coach.

"I wanted to make sure I could give these guys everything they need to have success because it's a hard game, and hitting in the big leagues is hard."

Menechino will have a young core to work with, including shortstop Tim Anderson, who won the AL batting title with a .335 average, third baseman Yoan Moncada, who finished third at .315, and Eloy Jimenez, who hit 31 home runs in his rookie season.

Touted prospects such as center fielder Luis Robert and second baseman Nick Madrigal, whom Menechino coached for portions of the season with Charlotte, are expected to join the Sox at some point in 2020.

Menechino doesn't see his approach changing.

"You deal with different stuff at different levels, you deal with different talent at different levels," Menechino said. "But in the big leagues it's about winning, and the talent pool is there.

"And it's my job to get the most out of them."

BASEBALL



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

The Nationals celebrate after Wednesday night's comeback win over the Dodgers.

NLCS

Surprise, surprise: It's Nats vs. Cards

Stunning reversals vault teams into unlikely NLCS matchup

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

With the top teams out of the mix, it's on to a most unlikely matchup in the NL Championship Series.

The Cardinals are back in the NLCS for the first time since 2014 after a stunner of an inning in Atlanta.

They'll face the Nationals, who dispatched their playoff demons with an upset of the 106-win Dodgers.

"We know we can beat anyone at this point," Cardinals second baseman Kolten Wong said.

The best-of-seven series begins Friday night at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. This was the first time since 2015 that both of a league's top seeds were eliminated in the division series.

The Cardinals were within four outs of elimination against the Braves in Game 4, but bounced back for a 10th-inning victory.

The deciding game in Atlanta was over not long after it started.

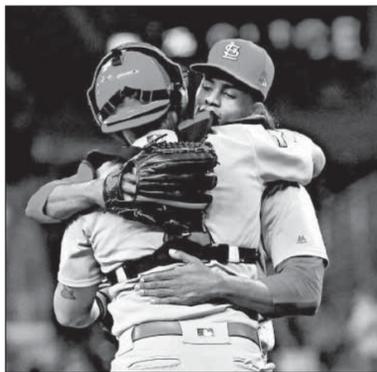
The Cardinals became the first team in baseball history to score 10 runs in the opening inning of a postseason game and went on to a 13-1 victory.

"It felt like we blinked and the next thing you know, it's 10-0," third baseman Matt Carpenter said.

The Nationals' run to the NLCS has been truly improbable, especially for a franchise that had won only one playoff series, in 1981 during its previous incarnation as the Expos. In four postseason appearances since moving to the nation's capital in 2005, the Nationals came up short every time — usually in excruciating fashion.

Just making the playoffs didn't seem likely after the Nationals lost star slugger Bryce Harper in free agency and then got off to a 19-31 start.

But the Nationals went 74-38 the rest of the way to claim a playoff spot, rallied from three runs down to beat the Brewers 4-3 in



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Yadier Molina and pitcher Genesis Cabrera hug after the Cardinals' clinching victory.

the wild-card game, and then pulled off another escape job against the mighty Dodgers in the NLDS.

After again falling behind 3-0, Anthony Rendon and Juan Soto tied it with back-to-back homers off Clayton Kershaw. The Nationals won it in the 10th on Howie Kendrick's grand slam, becoming the first team to rally from three-run deficits in a pair of deciding games during the same postseason.

The year of the comeback, indeed. "Oh, man, keep fighting," Rendon said. "We just wanted to keep believing in ourselves and not worry about what people outside of our locker room were saying, that maybe we might not make it or maybe we need to trade everybody away. We kept on believing in ourselves and just kept on playing ball."

Washington is trying to become only the third wild-card team to reach the World Series since MLB went to a 10-team playoff format in 2012.

In 2014, San Francisco and Kansas City both made it through after starting the postseason with victories in the wild-card game.

The Giants beat the Royals for the title in a seven-game thriller.



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ASTROS 6, RAYS 1

Astros book return trip to ALCS

Gerrit Cole, above, pitched another playoff masterpiece and the Astros jumped to a quick lead, turning back the Rays 6-1 on Thursday night in Game 5 to set up a titanic showdown with the Yankees in the AL Championship Series. Given a 4-0 cushion in the first inning, Cole dominated through the eighth in the decisive game of the AL Division Series. He allowed just one run on two hits and struck out 10. The Astros advanced to their third straight ALCS, and are aiming for their second World Series crown in that span.

CUBS

Questions facing each managerial candidate

BY MARK GONZALES

The Cubs presumably have asked their managerial candidates an array of questions, no matter how much experience they have. And those candidates might have a few questions of their own about what's in store if they took the job.

Here's a synopsis of where each candidate stands:

David Ross

After a 14-year playing career ended with his second World Series title with the 2016 Cubs, Ross hasn't slowed down. He has worked as an ESPN analyst, as a special assistant in the Cubs front office and even participated in "Dancing With the Stars" in the spring of 2017.

Ross hasn't been required, however, to fill out a lineup or answer questions before and after games. His broadcasting days end as soon as the final out is made — not 90 minutes later, when a manager has fulfilled media obligations, answered strategy questions from his bosses and learned from his trainer who might not be available the next day.

None of the 29 other major-league managing jobs is better tailored for Ross, 42, because of his familiarity with the organization and the market.

But the Cubs might need to make it worthwhile for Ross to take the job if he's their top candidate, despite his lack of experience.

For comparison's sake, Alex Cora earned \$800,000 — well below what the top managers make — in 2018, his first season managing the Red Sox, which ended with a World Series title.

Joe Girardi

No candidate has more managerial experience than Girardi, who spent 11 seasons managing the Marlins and Yankees and won a World Series title with the 2009 Yankees. Girardi spent seven of his 14 seasons as a major-league catcher with the Cubs.

But if Girardi, 54, emerges as a leading candidate for the Mets vacancy, which he also has been linked to, or another job, how far would the Cubs go to bring him back to Wrigley Field?

"We have no problem paying the right manager the appropriate level," President Theo Epstein said. "And if it's an experienced manager who has won and there's a lot of competition for his services, we always pay accordingly."

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"To say this is just another job would be fooling oneself," he said. "There are unique elements that go into the job here."

That was before the Cubs ended their 107-year championship drought, which made them a unique sports franchise. But three years later, managing the Cubs is no different than managing the Yankees, Red Sox or Dodgers, teams with an intense media spotlight and a passionate fan base accustomed to winning — not to mention huge payrolls.

If you're trying to think like Epstein, it's easy to imagine Ross as the perfect choice as Joe Maddon's replacement. The thinking is Epstein has been grooming Ross for the possibility since his retirement after the 2016 season.

An anecdote in Tom Verducci's book on that championship season, "The Cubs Way: The Zen of Building the Best Team in Baseball and Breaking the Curse," provides some clues as to why Epstein admires Ross' leadership abilities.

After Ross consoled Aroldis Chapman while the Cubs closer cried after serving up the tying home run to the Indians' Rajai Davis in Game 7 of the World Series, Jason Heyward called Ross and his teammates into the visitors' weight room in Cleveland during a now-famous rain delay.

According to the book, Heyward began by saying: "I know some things may have happened tonight you don't like ..."

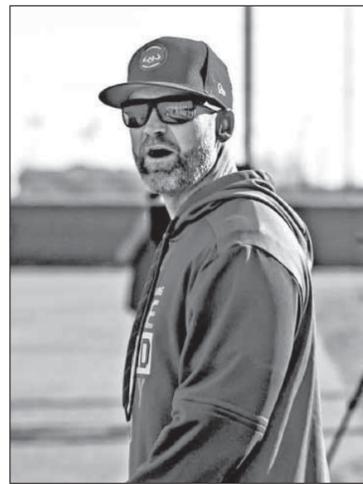
Verducci wrote that Ross immediately thought to himself: "Is this going to be about Maddon?" The implication was Heyward's speech would be critical of Maddon's strategic moves, which led to the overtaxing of Chapman's arm.

"At first I thought it was going to be negative," Ross said to outfielder Matt Szczur. "And I thought, this is nothing any of these young players need to be hearing. "But it wasn't that at all. There was no negativity."

Some players credited Heyward's speech as the impetus for the Cubs bouncing off the mat to win Game 7 and end the championship drought. But Ross' first thought was one almost every Cubs fan was thinking at the time — that Maddon's moves directly led to Chapman's Game 7 implosion.

Maddon's parting shot after his final game as manager answered those critics.

"When anybody ever writes about game decisions or bullpen management, they have no idea what they're talking about," he said, adding: "I promise you, for those that say those things, if you are in the other dugout I will kick your ass. So just know that. Your ass will be kicked."



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David Ross' familiarity with the Cubs could help him if he is named manager.

Will Venable

Venable, 36, interviewed for the job Monday after spending less than three seasons in the Cubs organization, the last two as first-base coach with outfield duties.

The Bay Area native confirmed Thursday he has been in contact with the Giants about their managerial opening.

Venable declined to elaborate on his interview or the Giants' interest, preferring to keep a low profile. But he did say, "I feel I can impact a team."

Assuming the Cubs and Giants hire someone else, Venable remains in play as a rising contributor to an organization. The Cubs are shaking up their amateur scouting and player development departments, but Venable's keen ability to communicate and teach, according to a few Cubs players, make him more valuable on the field.

External candidates

Since winning the World Series, the Cubs have gradually regressed with the same nucleus. An outsider, such as Astros bench coach Joe Espada or Yankees executive Carlos Beltran, might have new ideas on how they can improve.

The question is how much input would an external candidate be able to implement. The 2019 Cubs lacked accountability, but the core players wield a lot of power with the team's executives.

Whether Ross would come in and kick some butt is the million-dollar question. Girardi already has a reputation as a no-nonsense guy. It's unlikely Ross would be as independent as Girardi, who was fired after one season as Marlins manager after telling off owner Jeffrey Loria.

Asked on the final day of the season how he would feel to have Ross as his new boss, shortstop Javier Baez replied: "Obviously great. We all know David and he knows the team and the organization. I really don't know who is coming or what's the deal with that. We'll see. Whoever is going to be here is going to have to adjust to the team and organization."

Or, depending on who it is, perhaps the team will have to adjust to him.

"It's going to be important for the next manager of this particular group at this time to find a way to foster a team identity," Epstein said last week, hinting at more group-oriented preparation instead of the individual routines Maddon allowed.

"That's something that we need. And at this moment with this group, accountability is important. We were pretty mistake-prone this year."

"This is an organizationwide challenge, not (just) on the manager. But the next manager should be part of this, creating a culture of accountability and a sense of grind, grinding through the first pitch of the season to the end."

Ross, a special assistant to Epstein, was spotted in his Wrigley Field suite several times during the final weeks of the season. He's also friends with several players and is especially close with Jon Lester, Anthony Rizzo and Heyward, who upgraded Ross' hotel suites on the road in 2016 as a retirement gift.

"That's one of the first emotional moments I had in the offseason," Ross said afterward. "(Heyward) texted me this nice long message about supposedly what I've done for him."

That friendship and familiarity could help Ross quickly reestablish himself in the clubhouse, though if he didn't hold some players accountable, his close relationship with those players would come under scrutiny quickly.

Baez said he has no concerns about a new manager coming in and trying to change his free-wheeling style.

"I already made myself, and that's something no one can change now," he said. "That's why I'm so thankful for Joe."

Epstein's decision doesn't appear imminent. He might interview Astros bench coach Joe Espada, among others. None of the eight major-league openings has been filled.

Epstein is keeping the job search under the radar, in fear of the media staking out the Cubs offices next to Wrigley Field, as happened Wednesday during the meeting with Girardi.

BLACKHAWKS & BULLS

His time's not here

Lehner bypassed for start in home opener

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

If Blackhawks goalie Robin Lehner was disappointed to learn he would be on the bench for a second straight game, he sure didn't sound like it.

The moment he signed with the Hawks over the summer, he bought into the organizational philosophy that starts will be based on who is playing better.

And nothing that has happened so far — even with Corey Crawford starting Thursday's home opener after starting the season opener in Prague — has changed Lehner's thinking.

"It's impossible to predetermine an ideal situation," he said. "It's all about how everyone

performs. If we're both performing well, we'll see what happens. If one's performing better than the other, we'll see what happens.

"My perception from this organization is that we want to win, and if Corey will give us the best chance to win, he'll play. If I do, I will play."

Lehner said he hasn't been told when he'll get his first start. And after Thursday's morning skate, Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton wouldn't tip his hand about when that might be.

"They're both going to play (during the season)," Colliton said. "Expect to see Lehner soon. We think between the two of them we're going to get an excellent level throughout the year.

"It provides a confidence to our guys that they know that whoever's in there, they're going

to give us a chance to win a game."

Lehner said he had a terrible time with jet lag during the Hawks' European trip and is just now feeling back to normal. Even without the sleep issues, Lehner hasn't been able to get into a rhythm.

The Hawks didn't practice much in Europe, and with Collin Delia along for the trip, they had three goalies on the ice each time. That cut into Lehner's conditioning.

"It's a weird season, man," Lehner said. "These European trips really screw things up.

"Even if I get a game this week, it's going to be like a three-week span where I've had half a game, four shots against (Berlin Eisbaren). So that's definitely not ideal. You try to make the best of it and prepare yourself in practice and just try to be positive, a good teammate and wait for your shot."



BLACKHAWKS RECAP

Dominik Kubalik scored the first goal of his NHL career in the Blackhawks' home opener, and Andrew Shaw tallied twice in his first game back at the United Center as a Hawk, but the Sharks came back from four one-goal deficits to capture a 5-4 win before a sellout crowd of 21,455 on Thursday night. Corey Crawford, above, stopped 29 of 34 shots as the Hawks fell to 0-2. Barclay Goodrow's goal with 15 minutes, 13 seconds left in the third gave the Sharks their first lead. Patrick Marleau added two goals for the Sharks (1-4). Dylan Strome scored on a give-and-go with Patrick Kane to briefly give the Hawks a 4-3 lead. But Marleau scored his second about five minutes later to tie the score 4-4 after two periods. For more on Thursday's game go to chicagotribune.com/sports



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Blackhawks

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Jeff Gort, 37, drove from his home in Madison, Wis., for the home opener, just as he has for many years. There was a slight hesitation in his voice when asked if the Hawks would return to the playoffs.

"I think they are this year," Gort said. "Bringing back guys like Shaw and some of the guys that built it before is helping out. And bringing in some of the fresh guys like Kirby Dach and others, it's a step in the right direction."

Deb McKinney, 65, didn't have a long way to travel. She and her husband, Harry, live four blocks from the United Center and arrived in plenty of time to see Kane, Keith, Alex DeBrincat, Dylan Strome and the rest of the Hawks make their entrances.

They used to have season tickets at the Chicago Stadium but gave them up long ago. In 2014, years after putting her name on a waiting list, they were able to buy standing-room season tickets. They had to stand for five hours each game. But it was worth it.

And now? Deb and Harry were able to upgrade to seats that became available as many people stopped renewing their season tickets. Still, the Hawks extended their home sellout streak to 498 games Thursday.

"We got seats because people couldn't (resell) their tickets," Deb said. "They weren't making money on them anymore. The Blackhawks weren't making the playoffs, so they got rid of their tickets and we got seats. So some good came out of this."

Deb expects more good to come, perhaps this season.

"I think they'll make the playoffs this year," she said. "I don't expect them to win the Cup, but I think they'll at least get in the playoffs. They've got to get these kids some experience in the playoffs. And if they do that, then I think they've got some good stuff coming."

Alex Hale, a 24-year-old University of Chicago Law School student, is nearly as optimistic.

"I think they might make the playoffs for a game or two," she said. "It's going to be an improvement over last year, I feel confident about that."

Hale wore a Toews jersey to Thursday's game, but her favorite is a Winter Classic jersey with Saad's name on the back. She didn't wear it, though, because she knew she inevitably would be asked about Artemi Panarin, the superstar forward the Hawks dealt two years ago to get Saad back. The pain of losing Panarin is still too real.

With Saad and others from the Cup-winning teams around, Hale sees the connections to those teams but feels like the franchise is more focused on the future.

"There's a through line," she said. "They have a lot of the same players, but the structure feels really different. I'm excited Shaw's back, (but) I don't think that's going to get them back to the 2015 team."

Then, with an almost giddy exuberance, she repeated one point: "I'm very excited (Shaw) is back."

Fans wearing Kane and Toews jerseys dominated Prague's O2 Arena last week, just as they dominated the red-carpet event Thursday and just as they'll dominate every home game this season. Even though Shaw — reacquired from the Canadiens in June for draft picks — hadn't played for the Hawks since 2015-16, his jerseys look to be making a strong bid as the third most popular.

Shaw easily fit back into the Hawks locker room, resuming his role as a fun-loving teammate who will do whatever it takes to win. He could see things weren't quite the same as when he left, but the goal remains the same.

"We want that culture of winning, but it's different now for sure," Shaw said. "Tons of new faces both on the bench and on the ice. We still have that same mindset. We still want to win the playoffs and we still want to win the Stanley Cup."

It's easy to believe it's possible. Because once upon a time, not that long ago, they did.



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Bulls forward Otto Porter Jr. blocks the shot of the Pelicans' Brandon Ingram on Wednesday during a preseason game at the United Center.

Performance nets improved ratings

Bulls better on offense, defense vs. Pelicans

BY PHIL THOMPSON

The Bulls of last season ranked 20th in the NBA in pace and 25th in defensive rating.

In other words, they didn't have enough possessions and they allowed the other team to score too frequently on theirs.

The Bulls have tried to attack those problem areas since the summer, and they saw encouraging signs during their second preseason game. The Bulls led the Pelicans 107-86 after three quarters Wednesday night. The reserves squandered the big lead in a 127-125 loss, but the play of the first two units showed the team's progress with coach Jim Boylen's mandate to play faster.

Perhaps not as noticeable, the Bulls stymied the Pelicans offense during stretches. In about a four-minute span late in the second quarter and early in the third, the Bulls went on an 18-0 run and ran the lead to 21 points.

"I think you can tell it was a big week from Game 1 to Game 2 in preseason," said forward Thaddeus Young, a free-agent acquisition who'll face his previous team, the Pacers on Friday in Indianapolis.

"At one point we were up 20 points, and it wasn't because of our offense. It was because of our defense, and that led to our offense. We did a really good job

of coming (into camp) and understanding our 'whys' on what we needed to do on defense and why we're doing certain things on defense."

Young credited assistant coach Roy Rogers, whom Boylen added to his staff from the Rockets in the offseason, with helping establish a new defensive scheme and mindset. The Bulls still have room for improvement, though, especially on transition defense. The Pelicans scored 24 fast-break points to the Bulls' 12.

Boylen is looking for indicators that the Bulls can improve from last season's 112.8 defensive rating (25th in the league) and 104.5 offensive rating (29th). The stats measure the points scored or allowed by a team per 100 possessions.

"Not to over-pound the numbers, but in the first three quarters we had a 98 DER," Boylen said. "On a usual year, that would be No. 1 or 2 in the league. That was (a) small sample size, but it was improvement. Our OER in those three quarters was a 116, which would be No. 1 too.

"So for three quarters, we played good basketball."

Boylen's last statement acknowledged the Bulls bench players fell flat against the Pelicans bench, who outscored them 41-18 to close the game.

"I still think we can improve a ton defensively," he said. "There are 50-50 balls we don't get. We have to go from assignment to assignment quicker."

China game goes on without interviews

Teams mum amid rift as Lakers, Nets play

BY TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

LeBron James raised his arms in appreciation of the cheering crowd in Shanghai shortly after the final buzzer, then removed his headband and flipped it toward some ticket holders clamoring for a one-of-a-kind souvenir.

He was seen.

He wasn't heard, though. Nor was any other player or coach in China, in an NBA game like none other.

In response to the NBA defending Daryl Morey's freedom of speech, Chinese officials took it away from the Los Angeles Lakers and Brooklyn Nets. All of the usual media sessions that were to be part of the teams' preseason game on Thursday — including a news conference from NBA Commissioner Adam Silver and postgame news conferences with the teams — were canceled. It was the latest salvo in the rift between the league and China stemming from a since-deleted tweet posted last week by Morey, the general manager of the Houston Rockets.

"There will be no media availabilities for tonight's game between the Brooklyn Nets and Los Angeles Lakers," the NBA said in a statement Thursday, released a few hours before the game.

And there wasn't. They came. They played. They left. They didn't talk.

The game was held as scheduled, with James and Nets guard Kyrie Irving getting loud ovations when they were introduced as starters. But neither the U.S. nor the Chinese national anthem was played before the game, and no players addressed the crowd before tipoff in a departure from tradition before such international games. Fans arriving at the arena to watch — many of them donning NBA jerseys — were handed small Chinese flags to carry with them inside, and at

least one person carried a sign critical of Silver.

The Nets won 114-111. That is not why this game will be remembered. Virtually all corporate signage was removed from the playing surface and other spots in Mercedes-Benz Arena, fans carried tiny Chinese flags and some even painted their country's colors onto the faces.

"If we have to choose, we will choose to support our country," said fan Ma Shipeng, who brought 900 miniature Chinese flags to hand out to fellow fans. "We only like some particular basketball players, but we don't like NBA anymore. I give away Chinese flags tonight, as I hope people to put the national interest in front of following NBA. I will continue to support James. But none of our Chinese people would accept what Morey and Silver said."

Morey's tweet that showed support for anti-government protesters in Hong Kong has put a massive dent in the multibillion-dollar relationship between China and the NBA. And that tweet was why Chinese officials did not permit questions to be asked in Shanghai.

In Tokyo, it was the Rockets not permitting certain questions.

After the Rockets finished their two-game preseason series in Tokyo against Toronto on Thursday, CNN reporter Christina Macfarlane tried to ask Rockets guards James Harden and Russell Westbrook if they would be hesitant to speak out about political or societal issues going forward after having seen the fallout from Morey's tweet.

A Rockets media official did not allow the question to be answered. The NBA later apologized to Macfarlane, saying the Rockets' decision was inappropriate.

"We've apologized to Ms. Macfarlane as this was inconsistent with how the NBA conducts media events," the NBA said.

AP's Zhu Pei contributed.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

GAMES TO WATCH

BY MATT MURSCHEL | Orlando Sentinel



No. 6 Oklahoma (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) vs. No. 11 Texas (4-1, 2-0)
11 a.m. Saturday, FOX-32
Oklahoma and Texas renew their Red River Rivalry with both teams ranked in the top 20 for the third consecutive meeting. These two programs split a pair of games last season. The Sooners lost to the Longhorns in October 2018, then beat Texas in the Big 12 Championship Game. Five of the last six games in the series have been decided by seven or fewer points.



No. 1 Alabama (5-0, 2-0 SEC) at No. 24 Texas A&M (3-2, 1-1)
2:30 p.m. Saturday, CBS-2
Alabama has won six straight in this series. The Crimson Tide is ranked in the top three in the nation in total offense, scoring offense, passing offense, team passing efficiency and turnover margin. The Aggies are one of the top teams in third-down defense, allowing opponents to convert 29% of the time. Alabama struggled to convert on third downs in its last three losses: Clemson in 2016 and '18 and Auburn in '17.



USC (3-2) at No. 9 Notre Dame (5-1)
6:30 p.m. Saturday, NBC-5
The Fighting Irish have won 14 straight at Notre Dame Stadium dating to the 2017 season, with the last home loss coming against Georgia on Sept. 9, 2017. USC has lost three straight road games and six out of its last eight. The Irish are the second-best team in the nation in turnover margin, forcing 14 takeaways, while the Trojans have given up a Pac-12 worst 13 turnovers this season.



No. 10 Penn State (5-0, 2-0 Big Ten) at No. 17 Iowa (4-1, 1-1)
6:30 p.m. Saturday, ABC-7
Both of these teams feature top-five defenses. Penn State has won five straight in the series but is just 2-4 at Iowa since 2004. This is the third time in the last decade these programs meet while being ranked in the top 25 (2010, '18 and '19). Nittany Lions quarterback Sean Clifford leads the Big Ten in passing yards per game (288.6) and is fourth in points responsible (84).



No. 7 Florida (6-0, 3-0 SEC) at No. 5 LSU (5-0, 1-0)
7 p.m. Saturday, ESPN
LSU has the top scoring offense in the country, with the Tigers averaging more than 54 points per game this season. They also have the second best passing offense led by quarterback Joe Burrow, who ranks second nationally with 22 touchdown passes. Florida leads the nation with 12 interceptions, earning multiple picks during four straight games. The Gators have won two out of the last three games in this series.



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The Ohio State defense ranks third in the country according to the SP+ stat published at ESPN.com, which adjusts for tempo and opponent.

Defense dominates

Contenders for title in Big Ten among nation's top units

BY NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

This is not an easy year to be an offensive coordinator in the Big Ten. Brad Salem, who fills that role for Michigan State, had to face one of the nation's top defenses last week against Ohio State. This week, he has a similar challenge against Wisconsin.

"They're both very good defenses, top in the country, and so there'll be a physicality to them, like there always has been," Salem said. "You see the intensity and how they play, and stat-wise, they're leaders in the country in almost every category."

It's not just Ohio State and Wisconsin. The top four teams in the FBS in scoring defense are all from the Big Ten, with Penn State and Iowa in that group along with the Badgers and Buckeyes. Move over to the yards-based total defense stat, and those same teams occupy four of the top five spots.

Yes, those stats can be skewed by easy schedules, but advanced metrics tell a similar story. In the SP+ stat published at ESPN.com — which adjusts for tempo and opponent — Ohio State has the No. 3 defense in the country, Wisconsin is No. 4 and Iowa is No. 9. And the defenses at Michigan (No. 2), Michigan State (No. 6) and Northwestern (No. 8) are also highly regarded by SP+.

It's enough to make you wonder if Michigan's 10-3 win over



MARK LOMOGGIO/AP

Zack Baun has six sacks this season for the Wisconsin, which boasts three shutouts in five games and leads the nation in scoring defense.

Iowa last weekend may become the norm when the conference's top teams face each other.

That Michigan-Iowa battle involved a couple struggling offenses, and there's little reason to think that teams like Ohio State and Penn State will be shut down in similar fashion, but it appears that most of the top contenders in the Big Ten can boast a stout defense.

Two of those defenses will be on display this weekend when No. 17 Iowa hosts No. 10 Penn State. The Nittany Lions had 10 sacks last weekend in a win over Purdue. Iowa allowed eight in its loss to Michigan.

"The negative yardage plays are always going to affect you and part of that was our lack of execution, maybe part of that's Michigan, being a really athletic, aggressive

defensive team," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "But that being said, we are looking at the same kind of opponent this week. Penn State has got great athletes and they play hard and can be very disruptive, too."

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio can surely relate to that tough schedule. The Spartans lost 34-10 at Ohio State last weekend. Michigan State's defense held the Buckeyes to their lowest point total of the season, and the Spartans still didn't come close to winning. Ohio State's Chase Young had a half-sack, bringing his season total to 8½.

Down 27-10 at halftime, Michigan State put together a nice drive and had first-and-goal at the Ohio State 14-yard line. The Spartans stalled and missed a short field goal. That's been a real strength

"You can tell it's team defense. They have a lot of guys making a lot of plays and they are bringing people from every direction at times."

— Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio on the Wisconsin defense

for the Buckeyes — they rank third in the country in red zone defense.

"If you can be the kind of defense that holds an opponent to three points and not touchdowns, that's a huge boost," Ohio State co-defensive coordinator Greg Mattison said. "And that goes all the way through your team, and that's why we've worked very, very hard on that part of it."

Now Michigan State goes up against a Wisconsin team that already has three shutouts in five games — and is fourth in the nation in red zone defense. Zack Baun has six sacks on the season, one of three Wisconsin linebackers with at least three.

Like with so many of the Big Ten's top teams, finding a defensive weakness isn't easy.

"You're not sitting there saying, 'OK, here is this particular guy and he's the only guy they have.' I think they operate very well together," Dantonio said. "They are very well tied together. You can tell it's team defense. They have a lot of guys making a lot of plays and they are bringing people from every direction at times."

NOTES

Swinney: Lawrence not injured

News services

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney passionately defended the health of quarterback Trevor Lawrence on Wednesday night, stating that any throws his star quarterback has missed through five games had nothing to do with a potential shoulder injury.

"There ain't nothing wrong with Trevor. Nothing," Swinney said. "If he missed a throw it's because he missed a throw. Period. If he made a mental mistake he made a mental mistake. He's not hurt. There's nothing wrong with him. All these people just need to relax. He's a human."

Swinney was asked if he could confirm Lawrence had an MRI on his shoulder following the Texas A&M game, a day after Tiger Illustrated reported Lawrence suffered a bruised shoulder against the Aggies and underwent an MRI.

Swinney seemed particularly annoyed that a reporter texted him Tuesday night asking him about the report.

"I'm not confirming any of that, and I don't want anybody texting me anymore. I had a media guy text me the other night. That's private information," Swinney said. "If I want anybody to know our medical stuff, I'll tell you. We'll put it on the injury report. But people texting me on my phone to ask me information that's not public, information that I wouldn't put out, unless it was something that needed to be put out. That's bad business. That's not how we do things."

Lawrence entered the season as the Heisman favorite but has been up-and-down through the first five games.

The sophomore has completed 61.8% of his throws in 2019, down from 65.2% last year, and he has eight touchdowns and five interceptions this season after finishing with 30 touchdowns and four picks in 2018.

But Swinney insisted the numbers being down from last season are not injury related.

"If we did an MRI or we didn't, that ain't nobody's business. We do MRIs all the time. All the time," Swinney said. "I mean a guy gets a bruise on his knee we do an MRI. A guy bruises his elbow we get an MRI. It's like we gotta find. It drives me crazy. There's no drama on our team, and so we just want to create, 'Oh, Trevor missed a throw. He must be hurt.' No, he's human. He's human. Trevor Lawrence is a great football player and a great leader. And there ain't nothing wrong with him."

While Swinney didn't confirm the MRI, he did say that Lawrence had a bruised shoulder, but it's not something that is affecting his throwing motion or his productivity.

Hold on Helton: USC interim AD Dave Roberts told the Los Angeles Times that he won't be the one to make a decision on the future of embattled coach Clay Helton.

Or anyone else, for that matter.

Roberts, who took over after Lynn Swann abruptly resigned a month ago, said it would be "unfair" to whomever is hired as Swann's replacement.

"If a change was to be made, it would probably be the province of a new AD," Roberts said.

Whether new USC President Carol Folt would take that decision upon herself remains an open possibility.

BEARS



Bears at the bye: Offense

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What's working

Not much. Not enough. And that's the problem. The Bears haven't established a foundation to consistently rely on in pivotal moments. The operative word, though, is "consistently" because there have been a few encouraging flashes.

Allen Robinson's ability to separate from defensive backs, make catches at the sideline and create completions even when he's covered is the best thing the Bears have going. Mitch Trubisky made a clutch fourth-down throw to set up the Week 2 win in Denver. The four-minute rushing offense did its job protecting the lead and melting clock against the Redskins in Week 3. Pass protection held up well against the Vikings in the Week 4 win.

Best of all are the alley-oops thrown by the defense. When the defense takes the ball away and sets up the offense with a short field, the Bears can score and position themselves to play from ahead or at least give them a chance to win, as was the case against the Raiders in London.

What's not

The running game tops this painfully long list. Rookie David Montgomery's uninspiring stat line (225 yards and two touchdowns on 69 carries) is not what the Bears expected or advertised in the off-season when they dealt Jordan Howard to the Eagles and traded up in the third round for Montgomery.

Montgomery's fluidity as a runner and capable hands as a receiver appealed to Nagy, who envisioned using him to exploit matchups against linebackers in the passing game.

However, the offensive line has failed to consistently open running lanes for him. Linemen are losing too many one-on-one blocks, failing to move defenders out of position. That highlights the problem Howard faced in 2018 when he averaged a career-low 3.8 yards per carry. (Howard is averaging 4.7 yards on 53 carries through five games with the Eagles.)

The line also needs to help Trubisky trust the pocket, which would help ignite a downfield passing game that has barely existed to this point.

Reliable player

Robinson is the only choice here. He's on pace for 99 catches, 1,200 yards and more than six touchdowns. In the second season of his three-year, \$42 million deal, he's earning every penny.

The 26-year-old is a detailed route runner with a great sense of how to use his body to set defenders up and shield them from the catch point. He has earned the trust of Trubisky and backup quarterback Chase Daniel, which is apparent in how they'll target him even when he's covered.

"You know you go to him at any point in time" Nagy said. "He's what you look for in just an unbelievable teammate and player, and somebody you want to coach. I could go on and on and on about him, and he doesn't say anything. He doesn't even care about any of that, but he certainly is a huge part of us winning."



Fix it fast

The to-do list is long, but there's one player, in particular, who can help everything: Trubisky.

During the offseason and preseason, the Bears advertised Trubisky as having improved in Nagy's scheme. His experience in 15 starts last season had him speaking Nagy's language at an advanced level. Increased command of the offense, especially identifying defenses before and after the snap, was supposed to improve Trubisky's rhythm and accuracy.

But that has not been the case. Trubisky's completion percentage is down to 65.1 from last season's 66.6 clip. His yards per completion are down from 11.2 last season to 8.5. His touchdown-to-interception ratio is 1.5-1, down from 2-1 last season. That's a disconcerting plateau or — dare we say — regression.

Meaningful surprise

Where have all these penalties come from? The Bears offense line was flagged five times for holding all of last season. Five! That was the fewest in the NFL.

This season, they already have committed eight holding fouls. Charles Leno has four. Leno's eight penalties make him the NFL's most penalized player through five weeks.

"I'm just going to tell you right now: I'm going to do better," Leno said. "I'm going to go to work, get my mind right, put my head down and get back to the level of ball I know I can play at."

Overall, the offense had 49 penalties assessed against it last season. This season they're on pace for 61. The offense isn't moving the ball consistently enough to overcome those drive killers.

Allen Robinson, top, and David Montgomery, above, were supposed to be top contributors for the Bears' offense, which has been underwhelming.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY STACEY WESTCOTT (ROBINSON) AND BRIAN CASSELLA (MONTGOMERY)

Second-half questions

Has Trubisky recovered from his left shoulder injury? And once he has, is he capable of flipping the switch and demonstrating the command that elevates the play of everyone around him? Can he trigger some success in the downfield passing game? Can he ultimately be the reason the Bears are a winning team? And if he doesn't establish himself at that level, how will he handle the inevitable criticism as fans become more comfortable delivering a verdict on his potential as the franchise quarterback?

Can the offensive line start consistently opening running lanes for Montgomery? Are the Bears willing to make a lineup change to find out, perhaps one involving physically ailing right guard Kyle Long? What can position coach Harry Hiestand do to improve his players' blocking technique and get them to start pushing defenders out of the way?

Is anyone in the group of pass catchers capable of stepping up to complement Robinson? Is Anthony Miller capable of learning the weekly game plan and detailing his routes to the extent Nagy trusts him and he contributes consistently? Is Trey Burton past his groin injury to the point he can separate from defenders and get yards after the catch? Can the Bears unlock Tarik Cohen as a big-play threat?

Revealing numbers

19, 157 and 0: Combined catches, yards and touchdowns for Miller and Burton through five games.

The Bears want improved professionalism from Miller. Specifically, mastery of his weekly routine as an NFL player that would tie up the loose ends in his game on Sundays.

Burton, meanwhile, hasn't been the same receiver since the final third of last season. His preseason groin injury has defined his season so far. Trubisky needs him to separate from defenders more consistently to loosen defenses on short and intermediate levels.

Best-case scenario

Trubisky comes back to play against the Saints, showing no effect of the left shoulder injury that sidelined him for most of the Vikings game and all of the Raiders game. The time off helps him clear his mind and play with more confidence. Meanwhile, Nagy finds a sweet spot regarding the number of personnel groupings and motions he packs into each game plan, which helps Trubisky play fast, think clearly and throw accurately.

Up front, the offensive line snaps out of its funk, limiting penalties and playing with an edge that it has lacked. In turn, that gets the running game going with some consistency and allows Trubisky to spread the ball around in a way that attacks downfield and keeps defenses guessing.

Worst-case scenario

Trubisky's left shoulder injury limits his throwing motion and running ability all season. It prevents the Bears offense from operating at full capacity and limits the quality of his experience in this pivotal second year in Nagy's scheme. Or, even worse, Trubisky is healthy but struggles to command the offense at a level Nagy believes is reasonable for a No. 2 pick in his third NFL season.

The offensive line keeps getting pushed around and the running game never gains any momentum. It allows defenses to play with two high safeties and makes coverage difficult for Trubisky to diagnose.

Trubisky's struggles, in turn, limit the effectiveness of Miller, Cohen, Burton and others. The offensive ineptitude shines an uncomfortable light on Nagy, who was brought here to make all of this right.

And if we're really talking about a dark place, an absolute worst-case scenario, the offensive ineptitude creates a rift between them and a defense that plays at a championship level. In turn, there's a seismic organizational impact on the collective belief in Trubisky, which manifests in the upcoming offseason decision whether to exercise the fifth-year option in his rookie contract.

Yikes.

BEARS AT THE BYE: DEFENSE

Want to lift your spirits? At least a little? Check out Colleen Kane's assessment of the defense at chicagotribune.com/sports

SCOREBOARD

MLB PLAYOFFS

FRIDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUP

| NL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES | 2019 | 2019 VS. OPP. | LAST 3 STARTS |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| TEAM PITCHER | TIME W-L ERA TR | W-L IP ERA | W-L IP ERA |
| Was Sanchez (R) | 11-8 3.85 17-14 | 0-1 5.0 5.40 | 2-0 17.0 3.18 |
| StL Mikolas (R) | 7:08p 9-14 4.16 18-15 | 1-1 12.0 3.00 | 0-1 18.2 2.41 |

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.
Vs. Opp: Pitcher's record versus this opponent, 2019 statistics.

AL DIVISION SERIES

Houston 3, Tampa Bay 2
Oct. 4: Houston 6, Tampa Bay 2
Oct. 5: Houston 3, Tampa Bay 1
Oct. 7: Tampa Bay 10, Houston 3
Oct. 8: Tampa Bay 4, Houston 1
Thursday: Houston 6, Tampa Bay 1

AL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Houston vs. N.Y. Yankees
Saturday: at Houston, 7:08 p.m.
Sunday: at Houston, 7:08 p.m.
Tuesday: at N.Y. Yankees
Wednesday: at N.Y. Yankees
x-Oct. 17: at N.Y. Yankees
x-Oct. 19: at Houston
x-Oct. 20: at Houston

NL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

St. Louis vs. Washington
Friday: at St. Louis, 7:08 p.m.
Saturday, at St. Louis, 3:08 p.m.
Monday: at Washington
Tuesday: at Washington
x-Wednesday: at Washington
x-Oct. 18: at St. Louis
x-Oct. 19: at St. Louis

x-if necessary

SOCCER

MLS CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

Eastern Conference
Saturday, Oct. 19
D.C. at Toronto, 11 a.m.
New England at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
Oct. 20: N.Y. Red Bulls at Phila., 2 p.m.
Western Conference
Saturday, Oct. 19
Dallas at Seattle, 2:30 p.m.
Portland at Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Oct. 20: LA Galaxy at Minn., 7:30 p.m.
Bye: Los Angeles FC, New York City FC

NWSL

| CLUB | W | L | T | PT | GF | GA |
|----------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| North Carolina | 14 | 5 | 4 | 46 | 51 | 21 |
| Chicago | 14 | 8 | 2 | 44 | 41 | 28 |
| Portland FC | 11 | 6 | 6 | 39 | 40 | 31 |
| Reign FC | 10 | 6 | 7 | 37 | 25 | 25 |
| Washington | 9 | 8 | 6 | 33 | 30 | 25 |
| Utah FC | 9 | 10 | 4 | 31 | 23 | 24 |
| Houston | 7 | 11 | 4 | 26 | 20 | 34 |
| Sky Blue FC | 5 | 13 | 5 | 20 | 18 | 31 |
| Orlando | 4 | 16 | 3 | 15 | 22 | 51 |

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Sky Blue FC at North Carolina, 6 p.m.
Reign FC at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Utah FC, 9 p.m.
Washington at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Bethune-Cookman 27, N.C. Central 13
N.C. State 16, Syracuse 10
La.-Monroe 24, Texas State 14

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Lafayette at Princeton, 6 p.m.
#20 Virginia at Miami, 7 p.m.
Colorado St. at New Mexico, 7 p.m.
Colorado at #13 Oregon, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

AP Top 25
#1 Alabama at #24 Texas A&M, 2:30 p.m.
Florida St. at #2 Clemson, 2:30 p.m.
S. Carolina at #3 Georgia, 11 a.m.
#7 Florida at #5 LSU, 7 p.m.
#6 Oklahoma vs. #11 Texas, 11am

Michigan St. at #8 Wisconsin, 2:30 p.m.
USC at #9 Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m.
#10 Penn St. at #17 Iowa, 6:30 p.m.
Hawaii at #14 Boise St., 9:15 p.m.

#15 Utah at Oregon St., 7 p.m.
#16 Michigan at Illinois, 11 a.m.
Washington St. at #18 Ariz. St., 2:30 p.m.
Louisville at #19 Wake Forest, 6:30 p.m.

Texas Tech at #22 Baylor, 3 p.m.
#23 Memphis at Temple, 11 a.m.
#25 Cincinnati at Houston, 2:30 p.m.

East
Richmond at Maine, 11 a.m.
Robert Morris at St. Fran. (Pa.), 11 a.m.
Holy Cross at Brown, 11:30 a.m.
LIU at Bryant, noon
Bucknell at Colgate, noon
CCSU at Columbia, noon
Cornell at Harvard, noon

Norfolk St. at Howard, noon
Presbyterian at Monmouth (NJ), noon
Delaware St. at Morgan St., noon
Sacred Heart at Penn, noon
Yale at Dartmouth, 12:30 p.m.
Fordham at Georgetown, 1 p.m.
Albany (NY) at Towson, 3 p.m.
Iowa St. at W. Virginia, 3 p.m.
New Hampshire at Stony Brook, 5 p.m.

South
Georgia Tech at Duke, 11 a.m.
Mississippi St. at Tennessee, 11 a.m.
San Diego at Davidson, noon
Morehead St. at Jacksonville, noon
Hampton at Gardner-Webb, 12:30 p.m.
Villanova at James Madison, 12:30 p.m.
Samford at VMI, 12:30 p.m.
Delaware at Elon, 1 p.m.
Florida A&M at SC State, 1 p.m.
W. Carolina at The Citadel, 1 p.m.
Old Dominion at Marshall, 1:30 p.m.
Savannah St. at Alcorn St., 2 p.m.

SE Missouri at Austin Peay, 2 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Grambling St., 2 p.m.
Alabama St. at Jackson St., 2 p.m.
Charleston S. at Kennesaw St., 2 p.m.
Murray St. at Tennessee St., 2 p.m.
BYU at S. Florida, 2:30 p.m.
UConn at Tulane, 2:45 p.m.
Middle Tenn. at FAU, 3 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Nicholls, 3 p.m.
UNLV at Vanderbilt, 3 p.m.

Rhode Island at Virginia Tech, 3 p.m.
Georgia St. at Coastal Carolina, 4 p.m.
Incarnate Word at SE Louisiana, 4 p.m.
Charlotte at FIU, 6 p.m.
UMass at La. Tech, 6 p.m.
N. Texas at S. Miss., 6 p.m.
Prairie View at Southern, 6 p.m.
UT Martin at Tennessee Tech, 6 p.m.
Army at W. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Arkansas at Kentucky, 6:30 p.m.

Midwest
Toledo at Bowling Green, 11 a.m.
Rutgers at Indiana, 11 a.m.
Maryland at Purdue, 11 a.m.
Miami (Ohio) at W. Michigan, 11 a.m.
Drake at Butler, noon
Jacksonville St. at E. Illinois, noon
W. Illinois at Indiana St., noon
Ball St. at E. Michigan, 1 p.m.
N. Iowa at N. Dakota St., 1 p.m.
Dayton at Valparaiso, 1 p.m.
New Mexico St. at Cent. Mich., 1 p.m.
Kent St. at Akron, 2:30 p.m.
Illinois at Ohio, 2:30 p.m.
S. Dakota St. at Youngstown St., 5 p.m.
Mississippi at Missouri, 6 p.m.
Illinois St. at S. Illinois, 6 p.m.
Nebraska at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.

Southwest
MVSU at Ark.-Pine Bluff, 1 p.m.
Lamar at Sam Houston St., 2 p.m.
Missouri S&T at Texas Southern, 2 p.m.
Alabama at Texas A&M, 2:30 p.m.
UAB at UTSA, 5 p.m.
Hou. Baptist at Abil. Christian, 6 p.m.
McNeese St. at Cent. Arkansas, 6 p.m.
Navy at Tulsa, 6:30 p.m.

West
N. Dakota at Idaho St., 2:05 p.m.
N. Colorado at E. Washington, 3 p.m.
Sacramento St. at Montana St., 3 p.m.
San Jose St. at Nevada, 3 p.m.
Idaho at Portland St., 4:05 p.m.
Fresno St. at Air Force, 6 p.m.
Cal Poly at UC Davis, 6:05 p.m.
S. Utah at Weber St., 7 p.m.
Wyoming at San Diego St., 9:30 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 10 p.m.

NBA EXHIBITION

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Houston 118, Toronto 111
Brooklyn 114, L.A. Lakers 111
Oklahoma City 110, New Zealand 84
Portland 104, Maccabi Haifa 68
Sacramento 105, Phoenix 98
Denver 111, L.A. Clippers 91
Golden State 143, Minnesota 123

NFL

AFC

| EAST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | AFC | NFC | DIV |
|-------------|---|---|---|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| New England | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 190 | 48 | 3-0-0 | 3-0-0 | 4-0-0 | 2-0-0 | 3-0-0 |
| Buffalo | 4 | 1 | 0 | .800 | 90 | 70 | 1-1-0 | 3-0-0 | 3-1-0 | 1-0-0 | 1-1-0 |
| N.Y. Jets | 0 | 4 | 0 | .000 | 39 | 101 | 0-2-0 | 0-2-0 | 0-3-0 | 0-1-0 | 0-2-0 |
| Miami | 0 | 4 | 0 | .000 | 26 | 163 | 0-3-0 | 0-1-0 | 0-3-0 | 0-1-0 | 0-1-0 |

| SOUTH | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | AFC | NFC | DIV |
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| Houston | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 131 | 110 | 2-1-0 | 1-1-0 | 2-0-0 | 1-2-0 | 1-0-0 |
| Indianapolis | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 113 | 115 | 1-1-0 | 2-1-0 | 2-2-0 | 1-0-0 | 1-0-0 |
| Jacksonville | 2 | 3 | 0 | .400 | 111 | 118 | 1-1-0 | 1-2-0 | 2-2-0 | 0-1-0 | 1-1-0 |
| Tennessee | 2 | 3 | 0 | .400 | 98 | 76 | 0-2-0 | 2-1-0 | 1-3-0 | 1-0-0 | 0-2-0 |

| NORTH | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | AFC | NFC | DIV |
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| Baltimore | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 161 | 123 | 1-1-0 | 2-1-0 | 2-2-0 | 1-0-0 | 1-1-0 |
| Cleveland | 2 | 3 | 0 | .400 | 92 | 122 | 0-2-0 | 2-1-0 | 2-1-0 | 0-2-0 | 1-0-0 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 4 | 0 | .200 | 99 | 114 | 1-2-0 | 0-2-0 | 1-2-0 | 0-2-0 | 1-1-0 |
| Cincinnati | 0 | 5 | 0 | .000 | 80 | 136 | 0-2-0 | 0-3-0 | 0-2-0 | 0-3-0 | 0-1-0 |

| WEST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | AFC | NFC | DIV |
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| Kansas City | 4 | 1 | 0 | .800 | 148 | 113 | 1-1-0 | 3-0-0 | 3-1-0 | 1-0-0 | 1-0-0 |
| Oakland | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 103 | 123 | 2-1-0 | 1-1-0 | 2-1-0 | 1-1-0 | 1-1-0 |
| L.A. Chargers | 2 | 3 | 0 | .400 | 103 | 94 | 1-2-0 | 1-1-0 | 2-2-0 | 0-1-0 | 0-1-0 |
| Denver | 1 | 4 | 0 | .200 | 90 | 106 | 0-2-0 | 1-2-0 | 1-2-0 | 0-2-0 | 1-1-0 |

| EAST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | NFC | AFC | DIV |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Philadelphia | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 141 | 111 | 2-1-0 | 1-1-0 | 2-2-0 | 1-0-0 | 1-0-0 |
| Dallas | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 131 | 90 | 2-1-0 | 1-1-0 | 2-2-0 | 1-0-0 | 2-0-0 |
| N.Y. Giants | 2 | 4 | 0 | .333 | 111 | 160 | 1-2-0 | 1-2-0 | 2-2-0 | 0-2-0 | 1-1-0 |
| Washington | 0 | 5 | 0 | .000 | 73 | 151 | 0-3-0 | 0-2-0 | 0-4-0 | 0-1-0 | 0-3-0 |

| SOUTH | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | NFC | AFC | DIV |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| New Orleans | 4 | 1 | 0 | .800 | 115 | 116 | 3-0-0 | 1-1-0 | 3-1-0 | 1-0-0 | 1-0-0 |
| Carolina | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 129 | 107 | 1-2-0 | 2-0-0 | 1-2-0 | 2-0-0 | 0-1-0 |
| Tampa Bay | 2 | 3 | 0 | .400 | 147 | 148 | 0-2-0 | 2-1-0 | 2-3-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-1-0 |
| Atlanta | 1 | 4 | 0 | .200 | 102 | 152 | 1-1-0 | 0-3-0 | 1-1-0 | 0-3-0 | 0-0-0 |

| NORTH | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | NFC | AFC | DIV |
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| Green Bay | 4 | 1 | 0 | .800 | 119 | 93 | 2-1-0 | 2-0-0 | 3-1-0 | 1-0-0 | 2-0-0 |
| Detroit | 2 | 1 | 1 | .625 | 97 | 95 | 1-1-0 | 1-0-1 | 1-0-1 | 1-1-0 | 0-0-0 |
| Chicago | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 87 | 69 | 1-1-0 | 1-1-0 | 2-1-0 | 1-1-0 | 1-1-0 |
| Minnesota | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 112 | 73 | 2-0-0 | 2-2-0 | 2-2-0 | 1-0-0 | 0-2-0 |

| WEST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | HOME | AWAY | NFC | AFC | DIV |
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| San Francisco | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 127 | 57 | 2-0-0 | 2-0-0 | 1-0-0 | 3-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| Seattle | 4 | 1 | 0 | .800 | 133 | 118 | 2-1-0 | 2-0-0 | 2-1-0 | 2-0-0 | 2-0-0 |
| L.A. Rams | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 146 | 134 | 1-1-0 | 2-1-0 | 2-2-0 | 1-0-0 | 0-1-0 |
| Arizona | 1 | 3 | 1 | .300 | 100 | 138 | 0-2-1 | 1-1-0 | 0-2-1 | 1-1-0 | 0-1-0 |

| THURSDAY'S RESULTS | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|--------------------|---|---|----|-----|----|----|
| Buffalo | 3 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 18 | 11 |
| Detroit | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 14 | 11 |
| Boston | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 8 |
| Tampa Bay | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 13 |
| Toronto | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 19 | 20 |
| Montreal | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 18 |
| Florida | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 14 |
| Ottawa | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 14 |

| METRO. | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|----------------|---|---|----|-----|----|----|
| Carolina | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 17 | 11 |
| Washington | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 16 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 3 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 5 |
| Pittsburgh | 2 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 10 | 10 |
| Columbus | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 14 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 8 |
| New Jersey | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 20 |

| WESTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|--------------------|---|---|----|-----|----|----|
| St. Louis | 3 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 14 | 11 |
| Colorado | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 7 |
| Nashville | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 8 |
| Winnipeg | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 17 | 17 |
| Dallas | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 15 |
| Chicago | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 9 |
| Minnesota | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 14 |

| PACIFIC | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|-------------|---|---|----|-----|----|----|
| Edmonton | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 18 | 12 |
| Anaheim | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 5 |
| Calgary | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 11 |
| Vegas | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 10 |
| Los Angeles | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 17 |
| Vancouver | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 8 |
| Arizona | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| San Jose | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 21 |

| FRIDAY'S GAMES | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|----|-----|----|----|
| Florida at Buffalo, 6 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Anaheim at Columbus, 6 p.m. | | | | | | |
| N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 6:30 p.m. | | | | | | |

| SHARKS 5, BLACKHAWKS 4 | San Jose | Chicago |
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| | 1 | 0 |
| | 5 | 4 |

| FIRST PERIOD |
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CHICAGO MARATHON

Special reasons to go run

BY SHANNON RYAN AND TIM BANNON

About 45,000 runners will work their way through 29 city neighborhoods Sunday, hoping to complete the Chicago Marathon. Some are running for charity; some are running their first marathon; some are trying to beat their personal-best times or qualify for another marathon. ■ For others, though, the reasons behind putting their bodies through a 26.2-mile pounding are more personal. ■ Christine Tuzi, 52, says she started running to help her deal with and heal from being sexually assaulted as a teenager. She'll be participating in her first marathon Sunday. So too will Erin Kenny. The 26-year-old nurse at the University of Chicago Medical Center will be running next to her father, Mike, 56, who is running in his 24th consecutive Chicago Marathon and 100th overall. ■ Here are five extraordinary tales.

CHRISTINE TUZI
'I'm hoping at the end I feel strong'

After Christine Tuzi completed her first 3-mile run in preparation for Sunday's marathon, she had an epiphany.

"I always thought (runners) were crazy," she said. "Then after my very first run, I was like, 'Oh, my God. The runners have it figured out. They're the sanest people in the world.'"

Just months before, she was severely depressed, spending much of her time on the couch. But Tuzi, 52, credits running as therapy for dealing with trauma she endured decades earlier. Tuzi said she was sexually assaulted as a teenager.

She will run her first marathon Sunday in Chicago — which she still can't believe she's undertaking.

"It made me deal with it," she said of marathon training. "What else are you going to do?"

"I train by myself, (so) you're not talking. Whatever it is that day, you can solve."

As Tuzi alleged in a federal lawsuit, her youth club volleyball coach, Rick Butler, raped her in 1983 when she was 16 as well as other players for years. Tuzi first spoke in 2016 about her experiences to support her friend Sarah Powers-Barnhard, who also competed for the Sports Performance club in Aurora and said Butler molested her.

Tuzi, who attended USC, is part of a pending federal class-action lawsuit that claims Butler deceived parents and young athletes to join his volleyball club and sexually abused at least six underage girls.

An elite player at Downers Grove North with dreams of being an Olympian, Tuzi alleged in the lawsuit that Butler's abuse derailed much of her path. She alleged in the suit that he took her to have an abortion at 19 after he impregnated her.

Butler, who was banned by USA Volleyball and the Amateur Athletic Union, has never been criminally charged and has denied abusing anyone. He said he had consensual sexual relationships with former players when they were 18.

Over the years, Tuzi said she tried to numb herself to the pain. She avoided gyms, waiting in the parking lot until the last minute before her son's volleyball matches started. She was vigilant about coaches' behavior around her children.

But as Tuzi's kids grew into young adults, it was harder to ignore.

She granted media interviews to share her story, some triggering traumatic memories. One a few years ago with "Inside Edition" especially rattled her.

"I had just pushed it down," she said. "I did one interview and that was the end."

"I just sunk. It wasn't even the interview; it was what was left on the cutting-room floor. I had so much anxiety. The nightmares started. The lid blew off. I couldn't get my stuff together."

It turned into months of what she said was a nearly comatose life.

"A lot of crying," Tuzi said. "You feel bad about yourself, icky. I would shower when I smelled. It was depression. I'd never really felt that way."

She had been jogging and walking before that depression hit. Then in April 2018, she visited a close friend whose husband mentioned marathon running.

It intrigued Tuzi. This might help her move forward, she thought.

"I needed to shoot for something that was really far out of my box," she said. "I was running and getting better."

"It was a hard time for me. I figured, 'OK, I need a goal.' I haven't had a goal for myself since after my children. I never dealt with it. How are you going to raise kids when you're a mess?"

Each run is a step toward "forgiving myself for your healing process," she said.

Tuzi said she sleeps better now and feels as if she has made progress in running — and healing. But she doesn't quite feel the cycle or stigma of sexual abuse will end as long as victim shaming persists.

"It's not every player on the team," she said, according to the lawsuit. "That's not how it works. Coaches don't do this to everyone. He had his targets."

"It's the naysayers I just can't comprehend. How can you defend that? 'It's not going to happen to my daughter.' Don't you think my own mother was thinking that?"

The last two years have been trying and transformative for Tuzi, who along with battling depression and undergoing knee surgery last year for torn ligaments has supported her husband through chemotherapy for Stage 3 colon cancer. He'll undergo surgery a few days after she competes.

He'll be on the Chicago Marathon course along with their son, Tuzi's mother and others cheering for her. Tuzi imagines she will smile and cry at the finish line.

She hopes to feel at peace. "I'm hoping at the end I feel strong," she said.



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Christine Tuzi trains for her first Chicago Marathon at Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve in Darien.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mike Kelly and his daughter, Erin, train in Frankfort. They will run the Chicago Marathon.

ERIN AND MIKE KENNY
'Will mean more than anything in the world'

Mike Kenny ran his first marathon — the Chicago Marathon — in 1996 when he was 32. And he has been running them ever since.

He dreamed that someday one of his children would run with him.

"He would always say, 'Who's going to be the first?'" his daughter Erin said. The problem was that "nobody really wanted to."

"They'd always say: 'Dad, we're not crazy like you are,'" he said.

Then last Christmas, Erin surprised him with a gift: her 2019 Chicago Marathon acceptance.

"I was just elated," Mike, 56, said. "It's the best Christmas present I could ever get."

This will be Erin's first marathon. It will be Mike's 100th — and his 24th consecutive Chicago Marathon.

Why did she finally decide to do it?

"I want to join in with his passion, to experience it with him," said Erin, 26, an emergency room nurse at the University of Chicago Medical Center. "He does so much for me. It's a small thing for me to do for him."

Mike usually runs 9-minute, 30-second to 10-minute miles. Erin's pace will be closer to 10:30.

But they will run together.

"Any time, any pace," he said. "Just to be able to do the 26.2-mile journey with her will mean more than anything in the world."

STACEY ARENSON
'I hope I can make her proud'

When Stacey Arenson registered last fall to run in this year's race, she did so with her sister, who had breast cancer, in mind.

"She used to run all the time," Arenson said. "I started running because of her. It just made me feel closer to her. And I really wanted her to be here when I ran the marathon. ... I was hoping she'd be at the finish line."

Her sister, Leslie Auslander Arenson, 36, died in April.

Stacey Arenson, 27, a marketing director for a restaurant industry technology company in Chicago, still plans to run Sunday, despite some knee pain that developed on her 20-mile training run.

"Any pain that I feel is nothing compared to what cancer patients go through every day," she said.

This will be Stacey's first marathon.

She will wear a pink headband and purple shoes as reminders of her sister. She also said she might wear her sister's name.

"There will be a lot of emotions," Stacey said. "Some happy, some sad. I hope I can make her proud."



Stacey, left, and Leslie Arenson.

SCOTT LOEFF
'I can go the better part of an hour without ticcing'

For Scott Loeff, running brings physical relief.

He has had Tourette's syndrome since he was 7, and his symptoms include involuntary noises and head jerking.

"Not only does running give me a daily workout regimen, but the physical tics can take a toll on your body," Loeff, 55, said. "I'm so focused on the running that it helps me relax. ... I can go the better part of an hour without ticcing."

Added his wife, Aimee Look: "Sometimes his tics do cause him actual physical pain. So by him being able to run and not having the tics, it's helpful — less pain. He absolutely loves it. It seems to be a stress reliever for him. And it has helped build up his body to deal with the physical toll of the tics."

Loeff, an assistant commissioner for Chicago Department of Buildings, said he hopes talking about Tourette's will dispel

misconceptions.

For one thing, he said, the syndrome is often called the "swearing disorder," but Loeff says only 5 to 10% of people with Tourette's have that, and he is not one of them.

"I swear more than he does," Look said. Loeff also is running with the Illinois Spina Bifida Association's racing team to raise funds for the organization. Look, who has spina bifida, is a resource and outreach manager for ISBA.

This will be Loeff's fifth Chicago Marathon and ninth overall; his first was in 2014. His goal is to finish in less than five hours.

Look will be waiting to greet him at the corner of Broadway and Diversey near the Starbucks, at Mile 8, the same spot where she watched for him in his previous races.

"I usually get a sweaty hug and a kiss," she said.

ALLIE KIEFFER
'You don't have to look stick-thin to be a runner'

In high school, Allie Kieffer's teacher complimented her on a cross-country victory, stating surprise at the win despite her being heavier than other runners. In college, she said coaches encouraged her to lose weight.

Now 32, Kieffer has found success in running at a weight she deems ideal. And she has found her voice.

Kieffer, who will run as a pacer for the elite runners in the Chicago Marathon, has become an outspoken advocate for body acceptance.

"A lot of women — and some men too — think they can't be good or they don't live up to calling themselves a runner because of how they look," she said. "We're all runners. You don't have to look stick-thin to be a runner. Don't let that message in your head mess with your psyche."

Running at about 7 pounds more than her college weight, Kieffer placed fifth overall and second among American women in the 2017 New York City Marathon (2 hours, 29 minutes, 39 seconds) and seventh in the 2018 New York race (2:28:12).

The 2017 marathon helped her see a new life in competitive running. She had stopped running competitively in 2013 but ran occasional races for money. Now she is aiming to qualify for the Olympic trials in February.

"It totally changed the game," Kieffer said of her strong New York finish. She plans to run it again this year.

"I wasn't thinking of the Olympics at all. It changed everything for me. I don't think I still know what's possible."

Kieffer saw a change in her running when she focused on weight training. All the criticism from college seemed to ring especially untrue.

She said teammates suffered from eating disorders. A coach, she said, advised runners to drink tea before dinner to help suppress their appetite. It seemed as if everyone was being asked to lose 5 pounds.

"It was a negative environment," said Kieffer, who trains in Boulder, Colo. "A lot of us wound up running faster after college."

It has led Kieffer to preach about body acceptance in the running community.

"I have people come up to me and say, 'I am thankful for your message because I feel that way too,'" she said. "I'm like, 'You do? You look like a runner to me.'"

Most of the estimated 45,000 running in Chicago have their sights set simply on finishing. For pacers, also known as rabbits, the goal is to help guide the elite runners to a fast time. Kieffer will run 16 miles and then drop off.

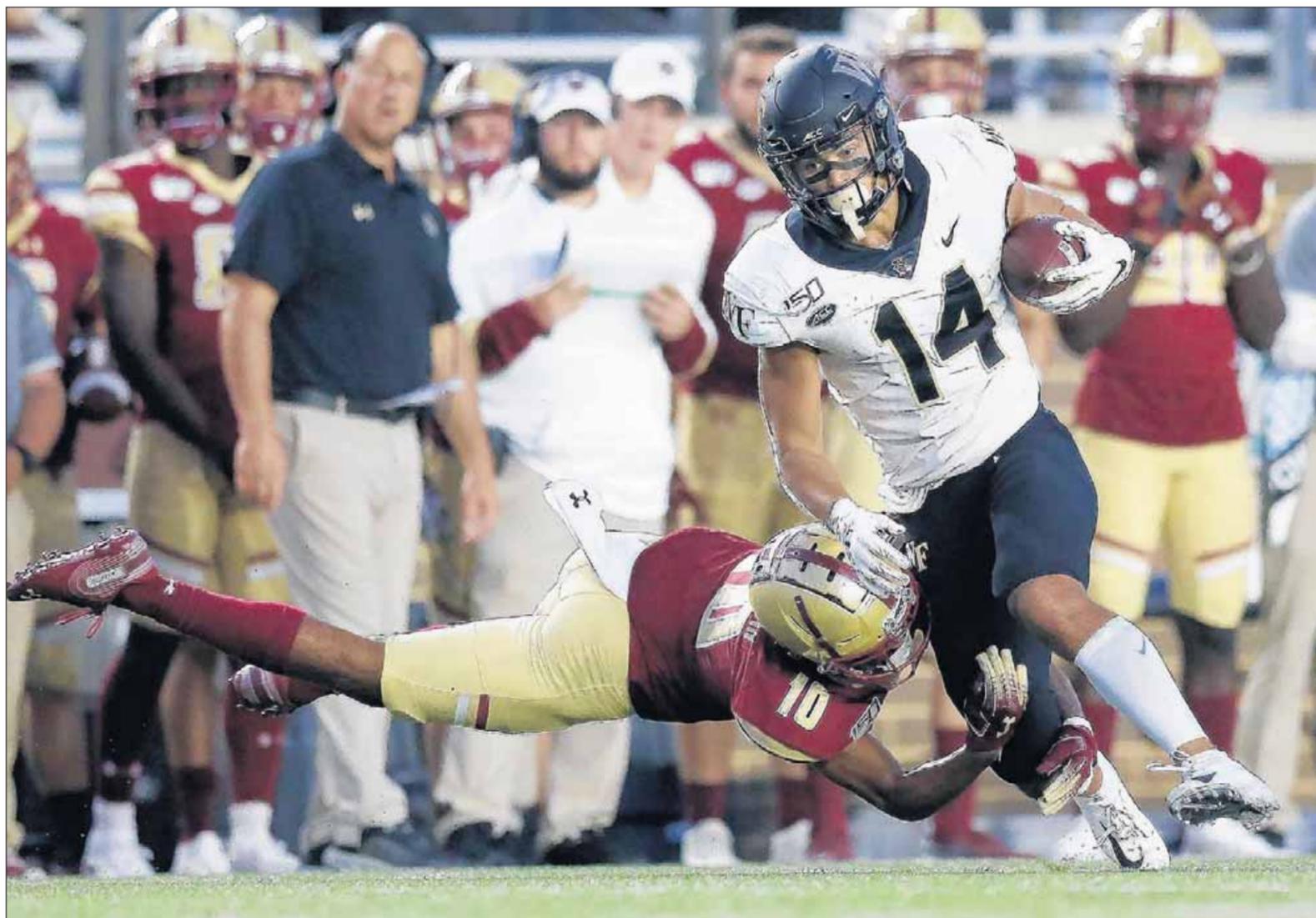
She hopes it helps her in the New York City Marathon next month, and it will help her decide whether to compete in the Chicago Marathon next year.

"I usually sit back in a race," Kieffer said. "It gets me out of my comfort zone. I get to practice my pace I want to shoot for in New York. It's a great workout. It's a perfect test run. I think I'll get a lot out of it."



Allie Kieffer will be a Marathon pacer.

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MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Boston College defensive back Brandon Sebastian tackles Wake Forest wide receiver Sage Surratt during the second half Sept. 28 in Boston. The Demon Deacons are 5-0.

Demons exorcising their past

At 5-0, Wake like a feel-good movie — but will plot twist?

BY JOHN FEINSTEIN
The Washington Post

It's a great week to be part of Wake Forest's football program. The Demon Deacons are 5-0 and, at No. 19 in the Associated Press poll and 17th in the coaches' poll, ranked for the first time since 2008. The only ACC team ranked ahead of them is defending national champion Clemson.

Yet Dave Clawson, in his sixth season as the Demon Deacons' head coach, has been here before, with his team on an early-season high before reaching the teeth of the conference schedule. So has offensive captain Justin Herron — a lineman who is also in his sixth season, having been granted an extra year to play after he tore his anterior cruciate ligament in the opener of his redshirt senior season a year ago.

"I tell the young guys, 'Don't pay any attention to the rankings, they don't matter,'" Herron said after an early morning practice this week. "The thing we have to do is keep a sense of urgency — every day. I really think this team is different. This group loves football more than the teams I've played on in the past. I think that's going to make a difference."

In 2016, after Clawson's first two teams had each gone 3-9, Wake roared to a 5-1 start before finishing 7-6. A year later, the start was 4-0 before losses to Florida State and Clemson interrupted the joyride. That team recovered to finish 8-5, including a bowl victory over Texas A&M.

Now, the Deacons play their next three games at home against Louisville, Florida State (which is no longer Florida State) and North Carolina State. All winnable. Then comes a trip to Virginia Tech and then ... to Clemson.

"I think we all know, coaches and players, that we better not think past Louisville," Clawson said. "What helps is this is an experienced team. We've got 23 fourth- or fifth-year players who understand that a fast start is just that — a fast start. I think that helps a lot."

Clawson has been a head coach for 20 years and has experienced every kind of start there is, including his first season, at Fordham, when a bad start never got better and the Rams finished 0-11. He had been



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Wake Forest offensive lineman Justin Herron plays against Boston College on Sept. 28 in Boston.

Full of surprises

Power Five conference football teams that have jumped out to unexpectedly good starts in 2019:



Wake Forest: The 5-0 Demon Deacons were expected to be hovering near the bottom of the ACC by this point of the season, but a strong defense has them riding high.



Minnesota: P.J. Fleck has the Gophers grabbing an oar and rowing that boat to a 5-0 start, but the schedule gets a bit tougher in the second half, with Iowa and Wisconsin still up.



Baylor: Behind coach Matt Rhule and quarterback Charlie Brewer, the Bears have returned to the Top 25 with a 5-0 start and new confidence in the Big 12.



Arizona: After a rough 2018, Kevin Sumlin has the Wildcats off to a 4-1 start this year, with QB Khalil Tate returning to form and throwing for more than 400 yards against Colorado.



Missouri: With Clemson transfer quarterback Kelly Bryant leading the way, the Tigers have held their own in an absolutely packed SEC field.

hired from Villanova as a hot-shot 32-year-old offensive coordinator who figured he had all the answers.

"In '97 we went 12-1 at Villanova," he said. "I had Brian Finneran and Brian Westbrook on that team. I drew up a lot of bad plays that still went for 30 yards. I didn't understand that. I thought the success was mine, only it wasn't."

By his third season, he'd fig-

ured it out and the Rams went 7-4. A year later they were 10-3 and reached the Division I-AA quarterfinals. One year later, he got the Richmond job. There, he was 3-8 his first year and 11-3 in his fourth. That success led to the one real glitch in his coaching career, when Philip Fulmer offered him the job as offensive coordinator at Tennessee before the 2008 season.

"I had never coached at that

level," he said. "I thought it would be good experience. Plus, my wife was pregnant with her first child and the money was three times what I had been making. The contract was for three years so it felt like a smart, safe move to me."

Except it wasn't. Fulmer and staff were fired at season's end. "It never occurred to me that a three-year contract didn't mean much," Clawson said. "Buying out the coordinators is pennies on that kind of budget."

He was fortunate to be hired in 2009 as head coach at Bowling Green and, after another turnaround — 10-3 in 2013, his final season there — he was hired to succeed Jim Grobe at Wake Forest.

Grobe was something of a legendary figure at Wake, having won an ACC title and a trip to the Orange Bowl during an 11-win season in 2006. But his last two seasons produced losing records and Clawson was hired to take his place.

"The thing is, we had a very good defense when I got here," he said. "But my first year we had a true freshman quarterback, a true freshman tailback and a true freshman center." He laughed. "I copied Dean Smith: Went to the Four Corners on offense; ran the play clock to one

on almost every play."

This, Clawson says, is his most balanced team, solid on both sides of the ball. Redshirt junior quarterback Jamie Newman has emerged as a star, as has redshirt sophomore wide receiver Sage Surratt, who has 34 catches for 515 yards and six touchdowns.

Surratt is, in many ways a typical Clawson recruit. He was the North Carolina high school player of the year in football and basketball as a senior at Lincolnton, but was only rated a three-star recruit by the recruiting services.

"I like to recruit kids who play more than one sport," Clawson said. "Because they don't go to all the football camps, they tend to be underrated. Sage was like that. He's not just a football player, he's an athlete."

Herron, the team's old man, also has a basketball background: his father and two uncles played the sport at Villanova. "My dream as a kid was to play basketball at Villanova," he said. "But I started to play football as a freshman (at Bullis outside Washington) and fell in love with it. When I told my dad I wanted to focus on football he said, 'That's fine, but play basketball to stay in shape in the winter.'"

He did that and eventually grew to 6-foot-5 and 310 pounds. He chose Wake Forest because both he and his dad had a gut feeling about Clawson when he visited. "I felt like I could trust everything he was saying about what he thought Wake Forest could become," he said. "When he left, my dad said, 'That's the guy you should go play for.' That was it. Decision made."

Herron redshirted as a freshman largely because he needed to lose weight — he's 290 now. Then he tore his knee up 12 plays into the season opener last year.

"I was probably lucky," he said. "It was only 12 plays, but I didn't feel like I was giving my all. My mind just wasn't into it. Every year there's one guy who's too focused on the next level. Last year, it was me. Now, I'm only thinking about right now, this week, this team. Whatever comes next year is fine."

Herron will get his master's degree in liberal studies with a focus on business and film in December. He'd like to make movies of some kind whenever football's over. He's hoping the story of Wake Forest's 2019 football season might be a worthy subject someday.

The prologue is over. Now come the plot twists.

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KYNDALL HARKNESS/AP

Leslie Frazier speaks to the media Feb. 8, 2007, in Eden Prairie, Minn., after being announced as the Vikings new defensive coordinator. Frazier is now with the Bills.

Frazier on his way back up

Former Bear may get 2nd looks for head coach jobs

BY VIC CARUCCI
The Buffalo News

The chief architect of one of the more dominant defenses in the NFL has his priorities straight.

Leslie Frazier wants to do his part to help the Buffalo Bills win their next game, which isn't until Oct. 20, when they face the Miami Dolphins. He also wants to do his part to help the Bills win a championship.

What the 60-year-old Frazier isn't doing is spending a whole lot of time wondering whether the success of the Bills' defense — especially in the past two seasons — is improving his resume and, therefore, his chances of getting a second chance at a head-coaching job in the NFL.

"My mind is more about what can we do here defensively to continuously help us to win," Frazier said. "And if you win, it kind of takes care of everything."

As defensive coordinator of the Chicago Bears, Vic Fangio built one of the league's best defenses that helped the team make major strides. Last year, the unit led the NFL with 36 forced turnovers and 27 interceptions, and ranked third in total yards allowed and second in yards per play. This year, Fangio is the 61-year-old rookie head coach of the Denver Broncos.

Second chances don't happen a lot with head coaches in the league, but they do happen. In 2018, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers hired Bruce Arians, who previously guided the Arizona Cardinals and served as interim head coach of the Indianapolis Colts, while the New York Giants hired Pat Shurmur, who formerly was at the helm of the Cleveland Browns.

"Which is great," said Frazier, who was the Minnesota Vikings' head coach from 2011-13. "And I hope it continues that way. I hope guys get an opportunity, because you do learn from your previous experience some things that you would have done a little bit differently. And you grow as a coach."

"I'm sure Pat, who's a friend of mine from Philadelphia, Philadelphia (with the Eagles), would say that as well. You grow from your first experience. But the people that are making that decision are the ones that would have to determine that."

The Bills' defensive prowess



JAMES KENNEY/AP

Bills defensive tackle Jordan Phillips plays against the Titans in the first half Sunday in Nashville, Tenn.

"How fast our guys are playing, how aggressive they're playing, how in-sync they seem. They seem to be working as one. That sticks out. And their resiliency."

— Leslie Frazier,
Bills defensive coordinator

has been the driving force behind the team's first 4-1 start since 2011. The Bills rank third in total defense, third in fewest points allowed, second in yards per play, third against the pass and eighth against the run. They're also in the top 10 in every other major defensive category.

Talent has played a significant part in what the Bills have achieved on defense, but there's no minimizing Frazier's contribution since arriving in 2017, when Sean McDermott became head coach.

"There's definitely been some growth from the time I got here to where we are now," Frazier said. "And you would hope that would be the case. You're always trying, each offseason, to pick guys' brains — other coordinators, other coaches — and just see what some of the nuances are. And also looking back at what we've done, what we can improve on."

"Probably the greatest growth

is just being able to look at the way the league has evolved when it comes to passing the football; it looks like things are coming back to the run game a little bit. But just making sure that whatever you do, you put together a plan that is all-encompassing, but yet simple enough that you can execute, which is hard to do — to be simple enough to be good. And that's something that has resonated with me."

When Frazier was defensive backs coach for the Philadelphia Eagles from 1999 to 2002, he recalls "a big menu" in the defensive game plan because of the ability of standout defensive backs, such as Hall-of-Famer Brian Dawkins and Troy Vincent, to handle it. McDermott also was a member of the Eagles' coaching staff during that time, and he and Frazier recognized that there was something to be said for a more simplified approach.

The Bills' defensive game plans reflect that thinking.

"Some of that has come from just talking with Sean and talking with (former Eagles assistant and current Carolina Panthers coach) Ron Rivera, from their days when we were all together in Philly and how they pared some things down when they were in Carolina that we kind of use here as well," Frazier said. "And just making it simple enough of the players, yet complicated enough where, offenses can't get a bead on you, but still get what you want."

In Frazier's view, the impressive statistics are the product of what he has seen in each of the last five weeks.

"How fast our guys are playing,

how aggressive they're playing, how in-sync they seem," Frazier said. "They seem to be working as one. That sticks out. And their resiliency. When people have moved the ball or got into position to maybe make a play, our guys have stood up. An example: Micah (Hyde) making the interception in the end zone against New England. We had our backs against the wall in the Jets' game. Those guys are resilient and finding ways to make plays."

Continuity is another huge factor in making the Bills' defense elite. The unit has core players who have been with the team since 2017: Hyde, fellow safeties Jordan Poyer and Dean Marlowe (a practice squad member in '17), cornerback Tre'Davious White, linebackers Lorenzo Alexander and Matt Milano and defensive ends Jerry Hughes and Shaq Lawson.

Ten starters returned from 2018. The exception was retired defensive tackle Kyle Williams.

As vital as the Bills believed it was to replace Williams' spot in the lineup — which they did by making Ed Oliver their ninth overall draft pick — Frazier believed it was very bit as critical to maintain as much experience as they could on defense.

That was why he was part of the effort to push for the resigning of Alexander, who was due to become a free agent.

"Losing Kyle left a big void in the room, left a big void on the field for our defense," Frazier said. "And Lorenzo was that one guy that we could all look to as a defensive staff and as defensive players to not necessarily fill those

shoes, but not let it be such a crater in our room. When free agency was going on, myself and the other defensive coaches kept talking to (General Manager) Brandon (Beane) and Sean about the importance of Lorenzo, getting him signed because it went beyond what he does on the field. It's the intangibles, what he brings to our defense. So once he got signed, then you felt a little bit more at ease, knowing that we still had to fill the three-technique position with the right guy."

"But we weren't going to lose as much of the intangibles that come along with being a good defense as we would have if we didn't sign Lorenzo. Then, once we were able to get Ed, you feel like you have a combination of the two — the leadership and you've got a player who's going to be a really good player in our league playing a very important position in our defense."

Frazier saw the initial signs of keeping together so many of the same players on defense since 2017 during offseason workouts. He would do his best to stump players in meetings in areas such as recognizing various formations and looks. And multiple times, Hyde would say, "Hey, Coach, you've got to challenge us, man."

"But it just shows you how far we've come," Frazier said. "They know this stuff as well as I do now. That has a lot to do with our success."

It also has a lot to do with Frazier's ability to be more creative and versatile in calling signals.

"It just increases my confidence," he said. "When I send something in, we have so many reps at most of the things we've done. It's not like, 'Oh, man, where did that call come from? How do we adjust it to this formation or that formation?' We've done it, over and over and over, so that allows them to play fast. There's no hesitation in my mind about whether we can execute this or not, because I've seen them do it, I know where they are and the history that we have together."

"That continuity increases my confidence in some of the things that we can do and allows us to match up when people try to give us a different wrinkle than what we've seen on tape. Because we have a library of things we can do with our guys, we can reach back into that library. We may not have repped it as many times, but they have a history where they wouldn't have if this was our first year together."

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'Chicago Fire' actor Yuri Sardarov talks about life after the NBC series

OTIS

For seven seasons Yuri Sardarov starred as Otis on the NBC drama "Chicago Fire."

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NINA METZ
Chicago Close-up

The Season 8 premiere of "Chicago Fire" concluded with the death of Otis, who succumbed to injuries he sustained working a fire at a mattress factory.

Played by Yuri Sardarov, from the beginning Otis was not only one of the primary first responders at the fictional Firehouse 51, but he was also a reliable source of comic relief.

Sardarov is among a small handful of actors on the show with Chicago bona fides. His teenage years were spent in Northbrook, where he graduated from Glenbrook North High School. In college at the University of Michigan, he took a semester off to perform in TimeLine Theatre's critically lauded extended 2009 run of "The History Boys."



PARRISH LEWIS/NBC

Miranda Rae Mayo, Yuri Sardarov and Christian Stolte in a "Chicago Fire" scene.

He returned to school, "which nobody thought I was going to do, but it was very important to my parents. So I went back to school and I finished up." From there, Sardarov moved to Los Angeles, which is where he was living

when he was cast on "Chicago Fire."

"Yuri had a sharp, puckish energy from the moment he walked into the audition," said showrunner and co-creator Derek Haas. "He could handle dramatic turns within scenes — from

comedy to drama and back again — effortlessly.

"(Co-creator) Michael Brandt and I had worked with him on a movie before and were excited when we found out he was available. We thought about making him the candidate originally, but he just nailed his audition and so we asked him if he would like to play Otis. He jumped on board."

When I reached him last week, Sardarov and his partner Madeleine were driving home from a road trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. This is the first time in seven years he has been able to get away for an extended period in the fall.

"We were up in the UP just enjoying retirement," he joked.

We talked about his experience playing Otis, the impetus behind the character's exit and what he plans to do next. The following is an edited transcript of the conversation.

Q: Did you watch the season premiere?

A: I watched it with my younger

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ROBERT CLARK/ABC

Chicago real estate broker Dustin Kendrick was a contestant on Season 15 of "The Bachelorette," which premiered in May 2019.

'Bachelorette' alums talk marathon training

By JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

Though neither Dustin Kendrick or Tyler Cameron ultimately won the heart of Hannah Brown, the beloved "Bachelorette" star, who is currently a contestant on ABC's "Dancing with the Stars," the friendship that sparked between the two men has outlasted their greatest expectations.

The pair started as room-

mates on the 15th season of "The Bachelorette" and quickly became friends. Now, the long-distance running buddies are slated to run 26.2 miles in the Chicago Marathon on Sunday.

Kendrick, who was born in Marion, Illinois, and now lives in Humboldt Park, credits Cameron with igniting his new passion for long distance running.

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'DOLEMITE IS MY NAME' ★★★

Eddie Murphy triumphs, and a blaxploitation star rises again

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Eddie Murphy isn't Greta Garbo or anything. Now 58, he works steadily even though audiences and tastes come and go, and people don't necessarily relish a new Eddie Murphy vehicle the way they once did. The forgettable heart-warmers of recent years had a way of cooling our affection.

"Dolemite is My Name" warms hearts, too, but this breezy, fact-based account of underground comedy star and unlikely action movie hero Rudy Ray Moore hands Murphy his juiciest leading role in years. It's a tonic to see him back on his game, mixing it up, in his slightly removed, top-billed way, with Keegan-Michael Key, Wesley Snipes, Craig Robinson, Mike Epps and the rest of director Craig Brewer's ripe 'n' ready ensemble.

Brewer made "Hustle & Flow," and it's still hard out here for a pimp, even when the pimp's a fictional creation. Early on in "Dolemite is My Name" the soundtrack features the Sly and the Family Stone hit



FRANÇOIS DUHAMEL/AP

Eddie Murphy portrays underground comic and unlikely action star Rudy Ray Moore in "Dolemite is My Name."

"Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin)," as it was playfully spelled. The appeal of Murphy's long-gestating vehicle couldn't be simpler: By playing a real underdog who became a huge influence on countless rappers and comics coming up behind him, Murphy is once again in comfortable, confident performance territory.

Moore created the swaggering, rhyming titan-pimp known as Dolemite when, in his version of events, he worked at Dolphin's record store in L.A. A rummy named Rico regaled anyone within earshot with tall tales of sexual prowess and general badassery. Moore had

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JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Aaron Paul, left, and Bryan Cranston attend the premiere of "El Camino" in Los Angeles.

'Breaking Bad' actor says new movie answers key question

LOS ANGELES — Aaron Paul says his "Breaking Bad" role wasn't supposed to last past the first season. But his Jesse Pinkman character ultimately became a fan favorite, and now he's starring in the Netflix film "El Camino: A Breaking Bad Movie," which premieres Friday. The movie has cameos from some of the show's best characters.

"This was a role of a lifetime," Paul said. "I thought I said goodbye to this guy years ago. So it's sort of nice to revisit in this state of mind and continue this journey with him. Then reconnecting with everyone from the show. It was like a family reunion."

The film is a continuation of the "Breaking Bad" series that concluded on AMC in 2013. Paul starred in the series opposite Bryan Cranston as Walter White, a high school chemistry teacher turned meth maker.

"The dynamic between Walter and Jesse changed the whole dynamic of the series and my life," said Paul, who has gone on to star in the TV series "The Path" as well as the films "Need for Speed" and "Central Intelligence."

"El Camino" picks up after Jesse fled from a bloody massacre that ultimately left Walter dead. The story focuses on Jesse, who tries to escape his former drug life to start anew.

Paul said the film answers the question he's heard almost every day since "Breaking Bad" ended: "What happened to Jesse?" The actor said venturing back into Jesse's story was an "itch that needed to be scratched."

— Associated Press



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'Crazy Train' delayed: Ozzy Osbourne took to Twitter saying that in a "bad fall" early this year he "screwed up all the vertebrae" in his neck and that he'll have to cancel European tour dates in January and February, but he's recovering enough that he's keeping North American dates that start in May. The 70-year-old former Black Sabbath frontman says in the video that he's "bored stiff" being stuck in bed all day.

New charge: Cuba Gooding Jr. learned Thursday that he's facing a new, undisclosed charge in his sexual misconduct case, a development that came as jury selection was set to begin for his trial. At a court hearing in New York, an assistant district attorney revealed the charge is contained in a sealed indictment against the actor, telling the judge the indictment covers previous allegations as well as a "previously uncharged incident." Gooding, 51, now must be arraigned on the new indictment next week before a trial can begin.

Oct. 11 birthdays: Actor Ron Leibman is 82. Singer Daryl Hall is 73. Country singer Paulette Carlson is 67. MTV VJ Mark Goodman is 67. Actor David Morse is 66. Actor Stephen Spinella is 63. Actress Joan Cusak is 57. Guitarist Scott Johnson is 57. Actor Sean Patrick Flanery is 54. Actor Artie Lange is 52. Actress Jane Krakowski is 51. Actress Constance Zimmer is 49. Rapper MC Lyte is 49. Actor Darien Sills-Evans is 45. Singer NeeNa Lee is 44. Actress Emily Deschanel is 43. Actor Trevor Donovan is 41. Actress Michelle Trachtenberg is 34. Rapper Cardi B is 27.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Alcohol-fueled abuse does damage

Dear Amy: I have been married for over 20 years. My wife and I have had our share of issues. I have made my share of mistakes. Over the last 18 months we have been going to marriage counseling and have addressed some of those issues.

Over the last 12 months, she has gotten verbally abusive when she has too much to drink. At these times, she says things that are filled with pure rage and have a stinging effect for a long period of time.

To make matters worse, when I approach her about it, she remembers none of it, and I am forced to relive all of it as I attempt to describe what she said, and the effect it has had on me.

I have made it very clear that I think she has an alcohol abuse problem, and her response is to say that she is sorry, and she will watch her quantity of drinking to make sure it does not happen again. Yet, it happens repeatedly.

I suffer from low self-esteem as it is, and her comments truly hurt more than I can say. I have told her numerous times that if she keeps it up, she is going to lose me, and yet I stay, as a result of the vicious cycle of my low self-esteem.

How do I find the courage to tell her enough is enough and to finally stand up for myself?

— *Verbally Battered and Bruised*

Dear Battered: You and your wife are currently seeing a marriage counselor. Even though it is very painful for you to do so, it is vital that you bring up this alcohol-fueled abuse with the counselor. Your wife's drinking and abusive behavior is a major factor in the viability of your marriage. She will want to diminish it, but you have the right and responsibility to present your own truth.

You might want to create an audio (or video) recording of one of your wife's tirades. She might be inspired to confront her drinking if she is also confronted with her behavior when she is drunk, and its impact on you.

However, regardless of whether your wife acknowledges or confronts her drinking, you need to take care of yourself. Self-esteem and courage don't always strike like lightning, transforming your life in a flash. These qualities are the result of a process of experiences overlaid with self-reflection and propped up by kindness and support.

Attending Al-Anon meetings could help you to confront and cope with your own vulnerabilities, and receive support from people who are working their own solutions. Check al-anon.org for a local meeting.

Dear Amy: My best friend has been having an affair with a married guy for 12 years. She got pregnant (willingly). He promised he would divorce his wife after the birth. Of course, that never happened.

I have kept her secret for too long because it's none of my business and it would get her into trouble. But now with the baby born, I feel that keeping this secret protects this man and does more harm to my friend.

I know she's an adult and can make her own decisions. But adults can

make bad decisions, too. And by not telling the wife, I feel like I am allowing a bully to get away with hurting my friend.

What you ignore, you empower. Isn't that the case here?

— *Caught in a Dilemma*

Dear Caught: I'd like to approach this from the perspective of the wronged-wife. Isn't she the one being hurt the most? Isn't she the one whose vows have been broken? Your friend willingly entered into this arrangement, as did the cheating husband. The wife presumably is the person whose life will be most upended by knowing.

Cheated-upon spouses always say they wish someone had told them. If you personally know the wife, perhaps you should approach this by weighing her right to know, versus your friend's right to make her own mistakes.

Dear Amy: I endorse how you let "Cheerfully Childless in Chicago" know that in a family context, their siblings with small children will inevitably talk about kids because "kids is what they do."

What you neglected to point out is that nieces and nephews are an asset — they are the kids who can be enjoyed for a few hours and then returned to their parents so that cheerful childlessness resumes!

— *Affectionate Aunt*

Dear Aunt: Amen!

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'Dolemite' is not playing near downtown Chicago. Here's why.

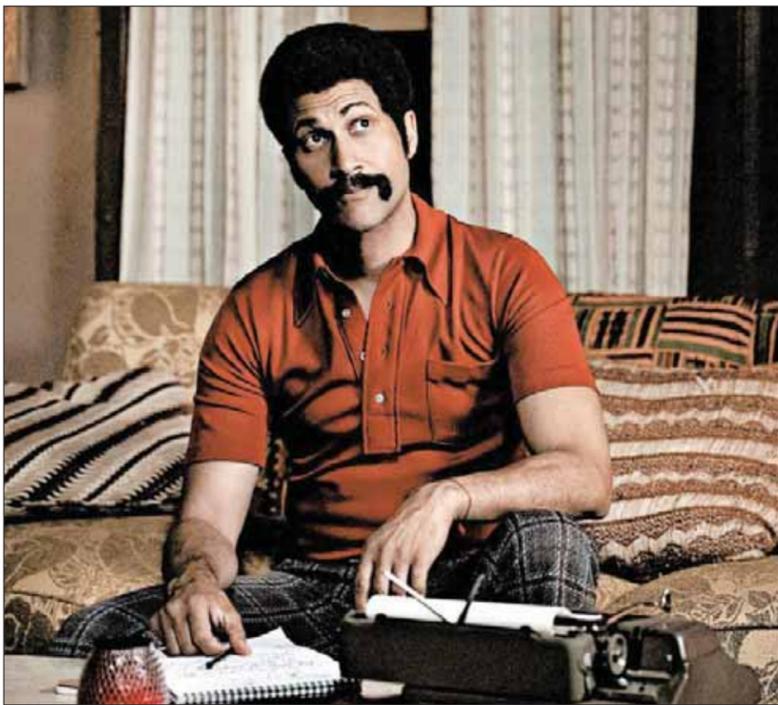
By MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Financed by the streaming behemoth Netflix, the new Eddie Murphy comedy "Dolemite is My Name" enters the marketplace Thursday evening with a couple of sharp angles of interest. It's a film-nerd movie, about the unlikely making and ultimate success of proto-rapper and stand-up comic Rudy Ray Moore's 1975 action film, "Dolemite." And it signals Murphy's return to R-rated comic form, supported by a wealth of African American comic talent on screen, including Wesley Snipes, Chris Rock and Craig Robinson.

So why is it opening in a mere two theaters in Chicago and environs?

A hit at the recent Toronto International Film Festival, "Dolemite is My Name" is playing the Studio Movie Grill Chatham, on West 87th Street, and the New Vision Theatres Cinema 8 in Lansing, just west of Munster, Indiana.

Call the theatrical scarcity of "Dolemite is My Name" a result of the ongoing standoff between Netflix and the nation's largest movie theater



FRANÇOIS DUHAMEL/NETFLIX

Keegan-Michael Key in "Dolemite Is My Name."

chains. Netflix begins streaming the Murphy film Oct. 25. The big theater chains aren't interested in the movie because AMC, Regal and others prefer to

hang onto the old-school, traditional three-month window of theatrical exclusivity prior to streaming availability.

For now, Netflix is holding to a three- or four-week window of theater availability prior to streaming.

AMC corporate communications director Ryan Noonan emailed Thursday, writing in part: "AMC has said for quite a while that we would be willing to show movies made by Netflix broadly across our network of theaters. We can only do so, however, on terms that respect AMC's important and close relationships with our long-standing studio partners, including Disney, Warner Brothers, Universal, Sony, Paramount, Lionsgate and so many other film makers who are the lifeblood of our substantial business."

Noonan added: "The consumer's appetite for cinematic content is so

voracious that AMC has been succeeding and can continue to thrive in a world which includes theaters and streaming."

Meantime, "Dolemite is My Name" isn't playing anywhere near the core of Chicago, where its likelihood of finding a receptive audience was pretty strong.

Netflix's "The Irishman" arrives soon on a similar strategy. It'll play some boutique and specialty theaters in Chicago for a few weeks prior to its Netflix streaming premiere Nov. 27. "Marriage Story" opens in theaters Nov. 6, and begins Netflix streaming Dec. 6.

Meantime: "Dolemite is My Name" is worth seeing. If you want to see it with a crowd this weekend, you have two options.

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FRANÇOIS DUHAMEL/NETFLIX

Wesley Snipes as blaxploitation legend D'Urville Martin.

Murphy

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tasted a bit of fame with his singing, recording and dancing, but only a taste. Once he fashioned the stand-up comedy incarnation of the superhumanly enviable pimp Dolemite, things started changing.

"Dolemite is My Name" takes up most of its agreeably raunchy two hours with the financing, casting and filming of Moore's make-or-break microbudget movie project:

"Dolemite" (1975), riffing on themes and fantasies made marketable by "Shaft," Pam Grier movies, you name it. Watch the original "Dolemite" today and it remains a stunning artifact. The filmmaking is insanely awkward; the actors give birth to every line; the hats are reason enough to see it twice.

Cheap, misogynist, sexist, no doubt. In "Dolemite is My Name" Moore and company, at a low ebb prior to getting the Big Idea, catch a movie for diversion. It's the 1974 remake of "The Front Page" and they stare at it, laughing not a bit. In one of many shorthand "aha" bits, Murphy slowly turns his head to the light beaming out of the projection booth. What about making something for the audience clearly not served by "The Front Page"?

At its best, director Brewer's film lounges alongside such movies about moviemaking as

MPAA rating: R (for pervasive language, crude sexual content and graphic nudity)

Running time: 1:58

Now Playing: At Studio Movie Grill Chatham 14, 210 W. 87th St., Chicago; New Vision Theatres Cinema 8, Lansing, Illinois; Netflix streaming starting Oct. 25.

"Ed Wood" (written by Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski, who wrote this picture too) and the more recent but very thin "The Disaster Artist," about the making of the less interestingly terrible cult item "The Room." We learn next to nothing about Moore's private life, either for legal or creative reasons; the movie's true-ish here and there, but mainly dwelling in a fanciful comic realm of pleasing fabrication. The long-term friendship and collaboration between Moore and his protegee, Lady Reed (Da'Vine Joy Randolph), provides a through-line.

I'd have loved a scene or two where Murphy explored what's underneath the swagger and moments of self-doubt; as is, the frustration glances on those frustrations and doubts, fleetingly. He's great fun, though, and no one in contemporary comedy has a better instinct for pacing and driving the velocity of a dialogue scene.

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Metz

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brother Nick, who goes to DePaul, Madeleine and Miranda Rae Mayo, who plays Kidd — she's like my sister. We all sat on the couch and watched, and it was difficult. But I'm so glad with how they handled it.

Q: How was the conversation broached that this would be Otis' end?

A: In many ways, it was time. I got this show when I was 23 and I'm 31 now. I was a boy when I started, and in many ways, thanks to the cast and guys like Christian (Stolte, who plays Mouch) and Eamonn (Walker, who plays Chief Boden) and David (Eigenberg, who plays Herrmann), I got to walk away a man.

Derek (Haas, the showrunner) and I are very close, and at the end of last season he did one of his visits to Chicago. (Haas and the writers are based in LA.) We hadn't gotten picked up at that point for Season 8 and I said, "I don't know what's happening next season and I don't know what's happening with my character or the show, but I want to say thank you so much for everything because this has been incredible. I don't know where my head is at concerning the show and I don't know where the network's head is at, but I just want to give you a big hug and say thanks."

Q: That sounds like you had started to think it was time to move on.

A: I'll put it this way: My family and I, we're refugees. My parents came here from Azerbaijan with nothing. I'm the first-born (Sardarov was 2 when he came to the U.S.), and in many ways I'm the oldest child in our large community of Russian and Armenian immigrants — my brother Nick is 11 years younger than me — and I'm not supposed to be an actor. I'm supposed to be a doctor or a lawyer.

We came here with nothing. Being Armenian in Azerbaijan at the turn of the '90s was not a very welcome situation. We had to leave everything. My parents were musicians, my grandfather was a musician, my grandmother was a singer, and they had to give all that up to come to America. The only constant my parents ever had to deal with in their life was change. And that's sort of how my family has gracefully operated for a long time.

So I started getting this inkling of: Man, it's been nearly eight years of doing the same thing. And this is casino money that I have (*laughs*). I mean that sincerely. This is house money that I've been playing with for nearly a decade. This was never supposed to happen.

Q: It's unique to reach that kind of financial stability and it allows you to make decisions.

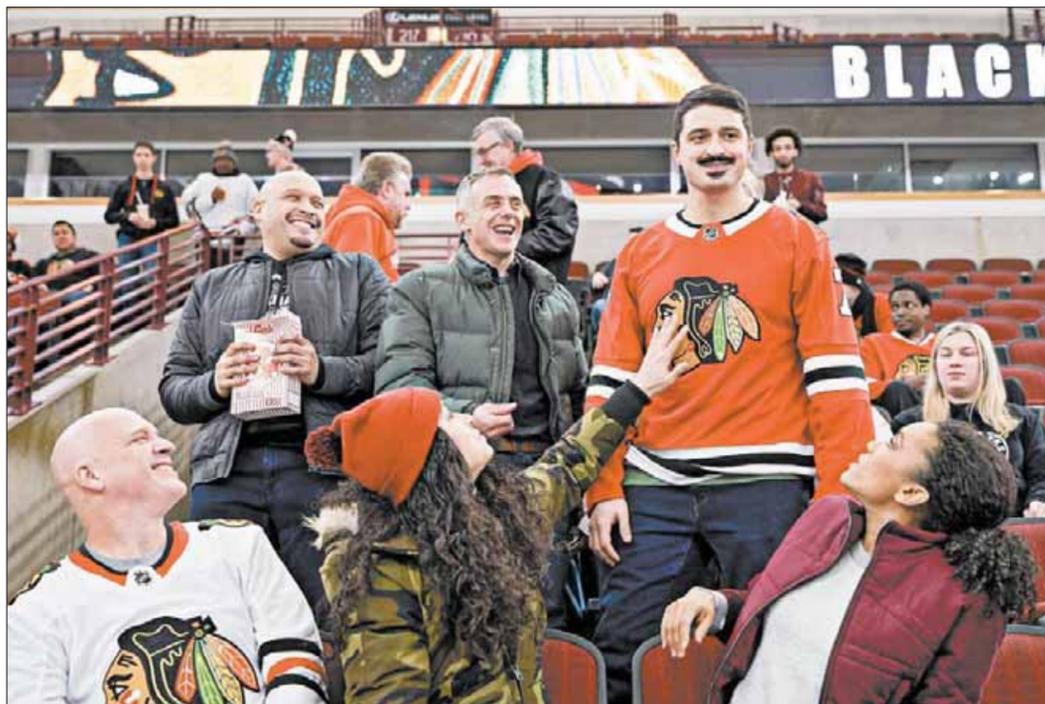
A: It gives me so much latitude to do whatever I want.

Going into Season 8, we'd done 180 episodes of television and you need a kick-start — you need something that will get the audience reinvested. And what better way than to get rid of a beloved character who is, in many ways, the character nobody would expect to go, the comedic relief?

So Derek gave me that call and said, "Look, this is what we're going to do (to write the character out). How do you feel about it?" And regardless of whether I saw it coming or not, it was a shock because I would be saying goodbye to people who are like my family at this point.

After the shock subsided, I felt this really unnerving calm, where it was like: OK, it's done, the Band-Aid's been ripped off. Now what do I do? What's going to happen? Do I get to come back and wrap this character up? Do I want to come back and wrap this character up?

About a month-and-a-half after that, Derek called me and said, "This is what we want to do: We're gonna kill him."



A scene from NBC's "Chicago Fire" when the gang from Firehouse 51 attends a Blackhawks game. Clockwise from upper left: Joe Minoso, David Eigenberg, Yuri Sardarov, Annie Ilonzeh, Miranda Rae Mayo and Randy Flagler.



Crossovers are a regular occurrence on Dick Wolf's NBC One Chicago franchise. Here, Yuri Sardarov's Otis teams up with "Chicago P.D." police officers Ruzek (Patrick John Flueger, left), Lindsay (Sophia Bush) and Halsted (Jesse Lee Soffer).

At first it felt like a bit of a betrayal killing the character. I spoke to my people and I was like, "I don't know if I want to do this. I don't know if I want to come back and deal with it."

Q: Because of the emotional toll it takes?

A: Exactly. The human toll on me that it would take. And the response that I got back from people I trusted was, that's exactly why you should go do it.

And I'm so happy that I did. I filmed for five days in July and every day it was like going to war with my emotions. There's not a single person on that show that I don't love and care for deeply and that I couldn't call up on a minute's notice for advice or just to chat.

And then the last scene that we shot on the last day was the death scene with Cruz at my bedside. And it was really, really hard. I'm supposed to be catatonic and I'm just trying to keep it together for three seconds so they can cut together a feasible death scene.

Q: And now you figure out what's next.

A: I think we're going to make the move to LA. Chicago's my home and will continue to be — I have an apartment here that I plan on keeping for the rest of my life; I love this city — but I think LA is the best option at the moment.

But it's this weird "I am free, I can do whatever I want" feeling. I have to honor that opportunity. For the past few years I've been on-and-off writing. All kinds of writing, whether that's film and television or maybe a book in the future. That's always been something that's tugged at me.

As an actor on a network television show, the uncomfortable truth is that you don't have a lot of control. So having the ability to have a little bit of control now, it's intoxicating. I'm really looking forward to whatever lies ahead.

Q: Otis provided a lot of comedic energy to the show. You posted a video on Twitter of you talking about leaving the show and it's hilarious because you do the whole thing in a wispy accent. It made me wonder, do you have an interest in doing full-on comedy?

A: That's exactly the dream. I love film and television and books that seamlessly blend comedy and drama because that's what life is in many ways. I call it "the cosmic joke of it all."

I started doing these classes at Second City because I was free and my partner Madi was like, "You've got to get out of the house, otherwise you're going to go crazy." So I started doing Second City improv, and the funniest stuff in improv is when you're just watching people exist on stage — they're not trying to be funny, they're just living a life.

And I had this epiphany of life is funny as long as you're the audience. So why not write about what I would consider my greatest tragedies but make them funny and allow an audience to laugh? It's really the quintessential way of communicating with someone: allowing them the cathartic laugh. So I would love to do an all-out, balls-to-the-wall comedy. That's kind of what I'm trying to write.

A lot of what I want to deal with — and frankly therapy has been helping an immense amount — is whatever modicum of fame I've attained and how funny that is. And how ego-driven it can make you and how funny that is. How hilarious it is to watch someone who thinks they're very important deal with very human issues.

That's the kind of stuff I want to plumb. I love high-status idiots and I've definitely been one in my life (*laughs*), and that's the kind of stuff I would love to deal with. And, you know, sprinkle in some daddy issues here and there ... (*laughs*)

It's a bold undertaking. I'm not sure I'm ready for it, but that's what I'm going to try to do.

Q: By the way, I noticed on Twitter you spell your first name as Yuri, rather than Yuri, which is how you're listed in your professional credits.

A: My grandfather on my father's side was a jazz musician — he's Armenian, but he traveled all over the world — and his name is Yuri, so I was named after him. He's a very big influence in my life. We have matching Cyrillic tattoos, if that tells you anything.

His name is spelled Yuri. So to differentiate myself as a child, I started adding



Joe Minoso, from left, Christian Stolte and Yuri Sardarov pose for a photo before throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at a Cubs game in 2018.

another "y" at the end of my name. That's not my legal name, but that's the name I sort of chose for myself and I got the nod-wink from my grandfather that it was OK.

Q: You have some pretty significant Chicago ties, but you got cast on the show when you were living in LA. That's pretty ironic!

A: Yeah, it's very funny. I got an email from Mike Brandt and Derek Haas, who are the creators of the show; we had done a film together called "The Double" (from 2011) when I was still in college. It was a Richard Gere action movie.

And maybe two or three years later I get an email from them asking if my parents still have a house in the Chicagoland area because they need local actors they're putting together. So it was an incredible stroke of fortune. And funny enough, I got that email on my birthday, my 22nd or 23rd birthday, and I was rip-roaring drunk at the time.

So I got the email and proceeded to have my birthday party, and the next morning I wake up and I'm just over-the-moon excited and I can't remember why. I honestly didn't remember. I was like, "I guess that was the greatest birthday party of all time!" It was legitimately eight hours where I went out and got breakfast with my friends, we recounted all the stories from the night before. And I was like, I didn't (hook up) last night. Why am I so happy? It took me the entire day to open up my mail app and be like, oh yeah.

Q: Do you remember how Otis was described in the first script when you auditioned?

A: I think Otis — and I'm not kidding — I think he

was supposed to be a 6-foot-5 black guy. They had descriptions in mind, but they were going to mold the characters to the actors they chose. They always say that because TV writers have to write so many episodes, they write to your strengths (as an actor). So in many ways Otis evolved toward the strengths that I had as a 23- and 24-year-old.

So it's me, but it's a hyper-exaggerated version of all my strengths and weaknesses. It's the wry sense of humor. It's the interest in all the quote-unquote "nerdier" things in life like science fiction and fantasy. And there's a fair amount of humor.

I had just gotten through theater school and I had been doing Noel Coward and Shakespeare and Tennessee Williams. And because Eamonn Walker is a through-and-through Brit — like a British, classically trained actor — in the first couple seasons, Boden and Otis had this throughline of quoting Shakespeare at each other and it was this tongue-in-cheek way of the writers being like, "We get it. You just got through theater school and you're really gung-ho about Shakespeare."

I loved that stuff.

Q: The character's real name was Brian, but everybody called him Otis. Remind me, how did that nickname come about?

A: So I guess every firehouse has an Otis. He's the guy that carries the elevator key and Otis elevators make up like 90% of the elevator industry. So he has the keys to operate the elevators.

I guess a lot of the calls these guys go on are people trapped in elevators. So yeah, he's the Otis, the guy that carries the elevator keys.

Q: The Molly's scenes are shot on a soundstage, but in your off time would you ever go to Lottie's Pub, which is the bar Molly's is based on?

A: (*Laughs*) I've definitely been to Lottie's before.

I think it's an awesome bar and I love the connection we have with it. I've met the management there, they're wonderful people. And it's such an institution. I've definitely frequently Lottie's. And maybe I've shaved my mustache before walking in the front door ...

Q: So you wouldn't be as easily recognized?

A: I think the Three Musketeers thing that I have going on (in terms of facial hair) makes me pretty recognizable, wouldn't you say?

Q: I was going to ask if you were planning to shave the mustache, since mustaches are commonly associated with firefighters and you're moving on to your next stage in life. Are the mustache and soul patch going?

A: Yeah. It's really freeing knowing that as soon as I shave my face nobody knows who I am. Honestly, I don't think anybody has recognized me without the goatee thing. So yeah, I think they're going to go for a little while. But then 48 hours later they're back, so I'll have to keep a razor by the bedside table.

Q: Are there moments from your time on the show that stand out as memorable?

A: I'll remember some of the funniest things, like Jesse Spencer (who plays Casey) having to catch a baby from, like, the fourth floor of a building and whiffing time after time. It's this super dramatic moment and he can't catch the baby — it's this plastic toy — and it's raining and he can't catch it. We're supposed to be looking at the building with great concern and we just couldn't stop laughing.

There was a moment between Taylor Kinney (who plays Severide) and I that was supposed to be really serious, where we're talking over the bar at Molly's and his sister, who was also my girlfriend, has been kidnapped and some great tragedy has befallen the kidnapers and we're like, "Oh no, is there some vigilante justice going on?"

And Taylor looks at me and I look at him and give him this all-knowing smiling that was like: Oh, has Otis killed these guys? And we can't stop laughing. We did that for a half-hour, where we were supposed to just look at each other seriously and one of us would keep cracking up and we couldn't get the shot.

Just the endless jokes between me and Joe (Minoso, who plays Cruz) and Stolte and Eigenberg.

And waking up at 5 a.m. and having to go to the lakefront in February and it's minus-50 and my clothes are frozen and it's like, what are we going to do? OK, let's go eat another doughnut. Like, the only reprieve is baked goods.

There's so much. And they're just going to keep popping off like an aneurysm in my head until the day I die.

Everybody who watches the show, just know you're in good hands. And you may see some Otis in the future, that's all I'll say.

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BROADWAY REVIEW

'Linda Vista' is Steppenwolf a bit out of step

BY CHRIS JONES

NEW YORK — A sardonic apologia for a whiny, philandering, self-important, middle-aged white guy gone to seed, Tracy Letts' "Linda Vista" has returned old-school Steppenwolf to Broadway at what is probably the most possible time for any playwright to argue that attention should be paid to a divorced loser wrecking female lives as he seeks out love and affection.

Not to mention the kind of wild sex that his aching body actually is incapable of performing to any sentient woman's satisfaction.

This new work at Second Stage's Hayes Theater from Letts is so out of touch with the concerns of the progressive new-play moment as to almost qualify as

courageous counter-programming. Letts' anti-hero, a washed-up and laid-off Chicago Sun-Times photographer named Dick Wheeler (an all-in Ian Barford) is a train wreck of a guy with a bitter divorce and disgruntled teen, trying to find his place among the palm trees and fern bars of Southern California.

There's a good bit of the Howard Beale about him, except that no one gives two shakes about his being mad as hell, even if he can't take it anymore.

Two very different women fall for Wheeler's shtick and a third tolerates it to the point of platonic friendship, at least. Set up by mutual friends (played by Sally Murphy and Jim True-Frost), the good-hearted Jules (the terrific Cora Vander Broek), an



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Sally Murphy, Tim Hopper, Cora Vander Broek and Ian Barford in the Steppenwolf production "Linda Vista."

optimistic life coach, actually dates the dude, only for him to promptly cheat with a 20-something Vietnamese American woman named Minnie (Chantal Thuy), who quickly sees his dead end.

Will he get a second

chance with Jules or Minnie? Or will the forlorn Wheeler be left with his colleagues in the shop where he repairs cameras, with the creepy harasser Michael (Troy West) and Anita (Caroline Neff), a young woman whose for-

midable tolerance and survival skills allow her to at least pity Wheeler and maybe forge some sort of friendship.

As directed with modest production values by a simpatico Chicagoan in Dexter Bullard, "Linda Vista" is, at times, very funny. Admirably self-critical, Letts has put a good bit of himself into Wheeler and he knows the dilemma faced by men forced to tip-toe around current sensibilities despite their lacking the tools to do so. In many ways, the play is about every old guy's fears of what he might, or maybe has, become as the world moves on.

And in its best moments, which include a devastatingly graphic picture of a man in his 50s trying to make hapless physical love

as intimacy eludes him once again, the play functions as a portrait of a dude of whom the world has grown tired. "Linda Vista" is knowing about the perils of being male and single in one's 50s, that decade when you are not quite ready for the retirement home or even to hang up the bars and partying of your youth, even if the more enlightened of the species know how ridiculous you look.

Baby boomers are not aging gracefully (just check your favorite news source) and "Linda Vista" chronicles with amusement some of the reasons why.

"Linda Vista" plays at the Hayes Theatre, 240 W. 44th St., New York; 2st.com

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.

'GEMINI MAN' ★★ 1/2

Older assassin hunting younger version of self

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

"Gemini Man" isn't bad, but two Will Smiths — when one of them's computer-animated — somehow feels like 66-75% of a real movie.

I say this as a chronically late adapter with most things technological. I'll probably wake up one morning 20 years from now with an "aha!" moment: "You know, that 'Gemini Man' — those computer-animation effects? Game-changer." The 2019 me thinks, well, pretty good. No less, no more.

The script has been knocking around Hollywood for two decades. Your enjoyment factor of the Ang Lee-directed picture will depend on how much you appreciate Lee's relative restraint and innate, humane taste in all sorts of genres. "Restraint," "humane" and "taste" don't spell massive commercial success as a rule with action films. A hot, rancid potato such as "Joker" is more of an inaction picture, interrupted by a few splashes of ultraviolence; "Gemini Man," lower-key and disinterested in crushing multiplex souls by the millions, will likely swim or sink on the narrative hook of Will Smith, killer elite, tracking Will Smith, killer elite, Gen Z division.

The set-up works well. One job away from a long-desired retirement after 70-plus killings, soul-weary, conscience-stricken Henry Brogan (Smith) takes aim at his latest government-sanctioned target, a bio-terrorist on board a bullet train in Belgium. Lee's handling of this sequence puts us in good hands; the PG-13 violence is more suggested than blasted.



PARAMOUNT PICTURES

A digitally enhanced, younger Will Smith, foreground, struggles with the present-day version of himself in Ang Lee's sci-fi film "Gemini Man."

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for violence and action throughout, and brief strong language)

Running time: 1:57

Back home in Georgia, our assassin hero quickly learns he has been set up by his bosses; hung out to dry by his U.S. agency; and even the new employee down at the boat rental place is revealed to be a deep state company woman, tasked with surveying Henry's moves. This quasi-adversary becomes an ally soon enough, as the trailers have already informed the world. She's played by Mary Elizabeth Winstead, a key asset here, bringing a steady gaze and pleasing offhand air to familiar conspiracy doings.

"Gemini Man" takes its title from a supersecret cloning project overseen by a steely Defense Intelligence Agency official (Clive Owen). The Owen character has raised the cloned Henry, aka "Junior," from childhood. He is fully computer-animated.

How does Will the Younger look? In close-up he looks right next door to "real." I don't know why, exactly, but in medium or long shot the effect becomes less convincing. It's

a matter of degrees: A showy action sequence on motorcycles careening through Cartagena, Colombia, hums along, but it's also fake times two, since little of the action we're seeing is happening for "real." May the better digital effect win.

Written by David Benioff, Billy Ray and Darren Lemke, "Gemini Man" shares a preoccupation with "Ad Astra": hurting sons confronting workaholic, monomaniacal fathers. En route to a rather static climax, the action flits from the U.S. to Colombia and then to Budapest, Hungary, and back to Georgia. The animated realization of Will Smith, wrinkle-free version, may indeed point to the future of visual manipulation around the world; Weta Digital, Peter Jackson's New Zealand company, knows what it's doing, and how to keep audiences a few yards up the hill from the uncanny valley. The script's just adequate, though; the movie's an easy watch, but the writing likewise feels like a digitally animated approximation of the real thing.

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Asier Etxeandia, left, and Antonio Banderas star in "Pain and Glory."

'PAIN AND GLORY' ★★★ 1/2

Almodóvar looks inward, with Banderas as his avatar

BY KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

There are layers upon layers of intertextual storytelling of the self in Pedro Almodóvar's meta memoir "Pain and Glory." The actor synonymous with Almodóvar, Antonio Banderas, portrays a character that is some version of Almodóvar himself as a wild-haired Spanish film director, Salvador Mallo. It's a film about reconciling every version of oneself, and the ways in which life has a magical way of forcing that to happen.

"Pain and Glory" is about emotional pain, but physical pain too.

Beset with back pain, the ailing Salvador hasn't directed a film in years while recovering from a lumbar fusion surgery and the loss of his beloved mother. But as a legend in Spanish cinema, he's fêted at screenings of his older films. One such film, "Sabor," occasions the kickoff of his trip down memory lane. After running into an old actress friend (Cecilia Roth) over coffee, he decides to look up the star of "Sabor," Alberto Crespo (Asier Etxeandia), from whom he has long been estranged.

The coffee date is the first domino to fall in the

MPAA rating: R (for drug use, some graphic nudity and language)

Running time: 1:53

cascade of events that leads Salvador to come face-to-face with the ghosts of his past. From old collaborators to old lovers and long-forgotten versions of himself, the random, inherent magic of coincidence reveals itself as the inevitability of fate in this fable about how we learn who we are, again and again.

Salvador struggles to control his own body in the present, gripped with a mysterious choking ailment as well as chronic pain that Alberto teaches him to relieve with heroin. The opiate haze allows him, for a moment, to surrender to the whims of the world, but he has to kick the stuff to start to be present for what life presents him: an old lover, Federico (Leonardo Sbaraglia), seeking a final moment together, or a token from childhood that makes its way back to him.

Structured episodically, like a loosely connected series of essays, and refracted through many prisms of the filmmaking apparatus, Almodóvar

creates several avatars between himself and his story. At one point, Alberto performs a monologue of Salvador's personal essays as a one-man show, two men playing once- and twice-removed versions of Almodóvar. The extra self is necessary to get at some of the more intimate moments, while the artifice of filmmaking itself becomes a looking-glass device to get into the most earnest moments of Salvador's childhood.

One of Almodóvar's other iconic collaborators, Penélope Cruz, plays Jacinta, Salvador's mother, in flashbacks to childhood that trouble his subconscious. Cruz is as vivacious and fiery-eyed as she has always been in the eyes of Almodóvar, a passionate, loving but persistent mother desperately looking for a way out of poverty for her bright, sensitive son (Asier Flores).

The emotional register of "Pain and Glory" is quiet. Banderas gives an unexpected performance, one that's detailed, funny and contemplative.

Almodóvar crafts a singularly unique and medium-specific autobiography in which cinema is inextricably linked to his own story, to his heart, soul and body.

'Run' and 'Chicago 7' filming in city

BY NINA METZ

A pilot for the HBO comedy series "Run," from "Fleabag" and "Killing Eve" creator Phoebe Waller-Bridge, is filming in Chicago this week.

The show is described as a comedic thriller about "ex-lovers who made a pact 15 years ago that if they ever needed to escape life, they could send each other a simple text message — 'RUN' — and impulsively disappear together," per the Hollywood Reporter.

Merritt Wever ("Unbelievable," "Nurse Jackie") and Domhnall Gleeson ("Star Wars: The Force Awakens," "Ex Machina") star. Waller-Bridge, who recently won multiple Emmys, will also have a



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

The HBO series "Run" from Phoebe Waller-Bridge is filming in Chicago this week.

recurring role.

On Wednesday, cast and crew were spotted filming at Union Station by the anonymously run Twitter account @filming_chicago. According to Kwame Amoaku, who heads up the Chicago Film Office, the show will be filming in Chicago through Friday with some scenes shot by the river between Michigan Avenue and Wolf Point.

Separately, the Aaron Sorkin film "The Trial of the Chicago 7," which he is



MARC J. FRANKLIN

Aaron Sorkin's latest project is a biopic about the trial of the Chicago 7.

writing and directing, is shooting in Toronto, but will be filming locally for a few days this month.

Amoaku said the production will be in Chicago from Oct. 17-23 and producers have requested closures of portions of Michigan Avenue on Oct. 20 in order to recreate the massive 1968 protests at the Democratic National Convention.

The cast includes "Succession's" Jeremy Strong as Jerry Rubin, Yahya Abdul-Mateen II (recently added

to the "Matrix" sequel) as Bobby Seale, Eddie Redmayne as Tom Hayden, Sacha Baron Cohen as Abbie Hoffman, Alex Sharp as Rennie Davis, Joseph Gordon-Levitt as prosecutor Richard Schultz, Mark Rylance as attorney William Kunstler, who defended the Chicago Seven, and Frank Langella as Julius Hoffman, the judge who presided over the trial.

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Marathon

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During a summer visit to New York, Cameron linked him up with fitness trainer Jes Woods, who encouraged both men to train for the Chicago Marathon.

"I am so proud of him, he has come a long way," Woods told the Tribune. "What better way to get people inspired to run than signing these guys up for a marathon?"

"I hate running, I never used to run," Kendrick told the Tribune. "This is my first time really running." Kendrick has been following a training regimen for the last several months, switching between short and long runs, and sprinting exercises. As a former high school and college athlete, Kendrick never liked running, but said he now runs about three times a week and ran 20 miles in about four hours two weeks ago.

"I've been trying to stay consistent with it," he said.

Kendrick added he tends to run through Humboldt Park to the lake and throughout the Lakeview neighborhood.

"It's the the best area to run and it keeps me going," he said. "I never saw myself running long distance."

Cameron said he started running with his family and friends after his father got sick this year and has since continued running with friends and fans of "The Bachelorette" in a weekly running group.

"When I went to New York I was like, 'Man, I have to get running again,'" Cameron told the Tribune. "I started a group run and like 90-100 people showed up, and we all ran together and we kept doing it together. So many great stories and friendships started through this."

Cameron said this will be his first visit to Chicago. As for what he's most excited about? Seeing his friend.

"Dustin is the man, Dustin should run for mayor of Chicago," Cameron said.

WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Grant Show

"Dynasty" (8 p.m., CW): "Guilt Trip to Alaska," the Season 3 premiere, opens on a grim picture unfolding on the eve of the Carrington Foundation Fundraiser, as multiple bodies — not all of them lifeless — are pulled from the lake on the family estate. With detectives swarming the place, Blake, Fallon, Cristal, Adam and Anders (Grant Show, Elizabeth Gillies, Daniella Alonso, Sam Underwood, Alan Dale) scramble to get their stories straight. Elsewhere, behind bars, Michael Culhane (Robert Christopher Riley) desperately tries to prove he's been framed.

"Are You Afraid of the Dark?" (6 p.m., 7 p.m., Nickelodeon): An iconic "horror lite" anthology series for younger viewers returns to television in this three-part limited series, which introduces an entirely new Midnight Society group of kids. As they relate a chilling tale about something called the Carnival of Doom, the events of their story start to come to life, as well as the carnival's sister ringmaster, Mr. Tophat (Rafael Casal).

"American Housewife" (7 p.m., ABC): Series star Diedrich Bader has a reunion with Drew Carey and "The Drew Carey Show" co-stars Ryan Stiles and Kathy Kinney in the new episode "Bigger Kids, Bigger Problems," which finds Anna-Kat (Julia Butters) frustrated that the school lunch lady (Kinney) refuses to make some simple eco-friendly changes in the cafeteria.

"Charmed" (7 p.m., CW): After the shattering loss of the Elders, Mel, Maggie and Macy (Melonie Diaz, Sarah Jeffery, Madeleine Mantock) step up to assume their duties in "Safe Space," the premiere of Season 2 — which, producers promise, will be "creepier, moodier and sexier" than last season. Despite those new responsibilities, Maggie steals some time to celebrate her birthday with a big party. A mysterious hooded figure attacks the Charmed Ones, who escape through a portal.

"Gold Rush" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Discovery): There's an emergency situation brewing in the Klondike as this hit reality series opens Season 10 with the two-hour "Crisis in the Klondike." Such familiar mining faces as Parker Schnabel, Tony Beets and Rick Ness are back, but the necessary water permits they need haven't come through.

"Hometown Horror" (10 p.m., 2 a.m., TRAVEL): This new six-part series explores seemingly idyllic communities across America that nonetheless are the locations of eerie and even terrifying stories of things that go bump in the night. In addition to chronicling those local legends, the series also endeavors to discover what lies behind the stories and shine a light on what may be lurking in the shadows of small-town America.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.); actors Barry Williams, Maureen McCormick, Christopher Knight, Eve Plumb, Mike Lookinland and Susan Olsen ("The Brady Bunch").*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Gwyneth Paltrow; chef Evan Funke; Lunay performs.*

* Subject to change

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'THE ADDAMS FAMILY' ★★ 1/2

An intro to the unusual, eccentric for young goths

By KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

The enduring appeal of "The Addams Family" is quite impressive. With only four notes and a couple of snaps, plus a classic black dress, one can instantly evoke the classic American Gothic clan, who are creepy, kooky, mysterious and spooky. Since Morticia's 1938 debut on the pages of *The New Yorker*, in a cartoon drawn by Charles Addams, the unusual family has been iconic in every possible format: a 1960s TV series (thanks to that catchy theme song by Vic Mizzy), two animated series, two wildly popular 1990s feature films, a Broadway musical, video games and now, an animated feature directed by "Sausage Party" directors Greg Tiernan and Conrad Vernon, written by Matt Lieberman, Pamela Pettler and Erica Rivinoja.

Former New Yorker cartoon editor Bob Mankoff said in a 2010 interview that Addams' work "delighted in turning upside down our assumptions about normality and its relationship to good and evil." That is the underlying thesis of this "The Addams Family," which isn't a new take so much as a deeply faithful rendering of Addams' cartoons, in style and content. The animated figures hew closely to Addams' cartoons, imparted in the dry, deadpan, punny wordplay integral to the Addams appeal, upending the idea of what normal looks like.

This is all par for the Addams course, so what new territory can be wrought here? There are some supernatural liberties that can be taken, for sure, in this computer animated format, but the core beliefs are in place.



MGM PICTURES

Morticia Addams, voiced by Charlize Theron, and Gomez Addams (Oscar Isaac) in "The Addams Family."

MPPA rating: PG (for macabre and suggestive humor, and some action)

Running time: 1:27

The Addams might look, talk and act darker and weirder than most, but what makes them the weirdest is they're a loving, tight-knit family (with both parents alive, it should be noted). Oscar Isaac's Gomez is smitten with his wasp-waisted wife, Morticia (Charlize Theron), and both are invested for their children, Wednesday (Chloë Grace Moretz) and Pugsley (Finn Wolfhard), and their extended families.

There are some good gags about Wednesday's unique methods of rebellion, and Nick Kroll brings an inspired vocal performance to Uncle Fester. But the real inventiveness of the film lies in its villain, a perfectly perky home and garden TV host, Margaux (Allison Janney), who has set her sights (and profit margins) on gentrifying the Addams' neck of New Jersey. She's built a new suburban development called "Assimilation" in the foothills underneath the Addams' abandoned in-

sane asylum-turned-mansion and intends to sell all the homes while achieving massive TV ratings success.

With her blonde bouffant, Margaux is somewhat of a riff on Joan Cusack's psychotic interloper Debbie, the villain from "Addams Family Values." But Margaux is hilariously topical, as she whips up a frenzied pastel mob wielding digital torches on the internet forum Neighborhood Peeps. The question comes down to: Just who is normal anyway? No one, really, and that's always been the appeal of "The Addams Family" over its many decades, allowing an outlet for our collective dark side and finding the humor in all things macabre.

The appeal of this "The Addams Family," which doesn't break the mold, is simply to spend some more time in this gently spooky world, which is a gateway for budding creepsters and goths. It's refreshing that it doesn't try to overreach the limitations of its story, but it's so slight, it merely whets the appetite for more Addams fare, rather than providing anything truly satisfying.

FRIDAY EVENING, OCT. 11

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| | NBCSCH | NBA Preseason Basketball (N) | | Beer Money | | Beyond | Fight League ♣ | |
| | NICK | Are You Afraid | | Henry | | Substitute | Friends © | Friends © |
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| | OWN | 20/20 on OWN © | | 48 Hours: Hard Evidence | | 48 Hours: Hard Evidence | | 20/20 ♣ |
| | OXY | Relentless w/K. Snow (N) | | Snapped © | | Snapped: "Jodi Arias." © | | Snapped ♣ |
| PARMT | Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13,'03) ★★ | Johnny Depp. © | | | | | | |
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| TLC | Taken at Birth (Part 4 of 6) | Taken at Birth: "Buried Truth." (N) (Part 5 of 6) | | | | | Taken ♣ | |
| TLN | Answers Creation Hour | Lifestyle | The Three | | Life Today | | Dare | |
| TNT | Battleship (PG-13,'12) ★★ | Taylor Kitsch. © | | | | | Oblivion (PG-13,'13) ★★ | |
| TOON | DC Girls (N) | Teen Titans | Amer. Dad | Amer. Dad | Burgers | Burgers | Family Guy | |
| TRAV | Portals to Hell (N) © | | | | Ghost Nation (Series Premiere) (N) © | | Hometwn | |
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| USA | Law & Order: Boon! A Madea Halloween (PG-13,'16) ★★ | Tyler Perry. © | | | | | Mod Fam | |
| VH1 | The Waterboy (PG-13,'98) ★ | Adam Sandler. © | | | (9:10) 50 First Dates (PG-13,'04) ★★ | | ♣ | |
| WE | Love After Lockup © | | Love After Lockup (N) © | | Marriage: Stars (Season Premiere) (N) | | Love- Loc. ♣ | |
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| | HBO2 | Torn (Subti) | 24/7 College Football © | (8:45) Halloween (R,'18) ★★ | Jamie Lee Curtis. © | | ♣ | |
| | MAX | Deadpool 2 (R,'18) ★★ | Ryan Reynolds. © | | | Quantum of Solace (PG-13,'08) ★★ | ♣ | |
| | SHO | (6:15) Peppermint ('18) ★ | Murder in the Bayou (Season Finale) (N) | | | Couples | Tombstone (R,'93) ★★ | |
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Oct. 11): Creative collaborations provide satisfying results this year. Persistent focus helps you realize a domestic vision. Love lights up your family this winter before work responsibilities require action. Work out a miscommunication next summer before your career leaps to new heights. Diplomacy wins ... and you're a master.

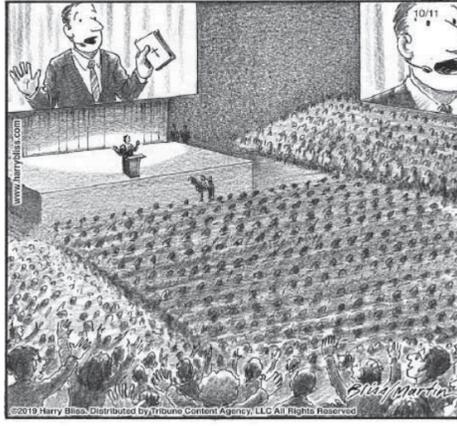
- Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. You're getting stronger and more attractive. Leave self-doubt behind for a while. Take on practices that inspire and motivate you.
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 6. Everything seems possible. Make sure you know what's required before committing. Consider options and wait for developments. Don't touch savings. Meditate. Listen to your heart.
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Push for a group cause. Teamwork gets you farther, faster. Learn more quickly with an experienced coach. Follow rules carefully.
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 9. Your professional attention is in demand. Focus on producing excellent results. Guard against impulsive reactions or snap judgments. Consider details carefully. Weigh pros and cons.
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Get into an expansion phase. Monitor traffic for the best timing and route. Allow time for scenic detours and roadside attractions. Learn new views.
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Negotiate favorable terms on an investment. Keep stashing funds for a rainy day. Reduce debt where possible. A trickle builds over time.
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Make an agreement with your partner and punctuate it with optimism. Determine what another wants. Consider shared goals.
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Guard your health. Resist impulsive moves that could land you in hot water. Maintain routine practices and pour energy into work to meet increasing demand.
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Someone attractive catches your eye. Open the door to romance when it comes knocking. Practice your arts, talents and charms. Work your magic.
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Clean and clear domestic clutter. Discover forgotten treasures and hidden beauty. Share nostalgic reflections while practicing a favorite family tradition.
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Research and write your story. Listen to diverse views. Make a strong case and line up supporting data. Document your source material.
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Maintain a steady tempo to keep cash flow constant. Find safe places to stash your treasure. Guard against technical issues. Ask for what's due.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

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|--------------|----------|--------------|---------|
| North | | East | |
| ♠ A3 | ♥ K7632 | ♠ 8754 | ♥ 10985 |
| ♦ QJ1092 | ♣ 6 | ♦ 64 | ♣ 874 |
| West | | South | |
| ♠ Q962 | ♥ A | ♠ KJ10 | ♥ QJ4 |
| ♦ 83 | ♣ QJ9532 | ♦ AK75 | ♣ AK10 |

South made a good common-sense decision when he bid six no trump. Six diamonds is the best slam, but six no trump is much better than six hearts. Slam in hearts will usually need a 3-2 heart split. Six no trump has chances even with a 5-0 heart split.

South won the opening club lead with his ace and saw that the contract was cold if the hearts split 3-2. He could handle a 4-1 split if the ace were the singleton, regardless of which opponent held it, if he set the hand up properly. He cashed the ace and king of diamonds and crossed to dummy with the queen of diamonds. It was important to extract all of West's diamonds. A low heart from the table now catered to a singleton ace in either hand. Should East have a singleton ace, he would have to play it "on air" right now. A stiff ace with West and West would be endplayed and forced to lead a black suit to give South his twelfth trick.

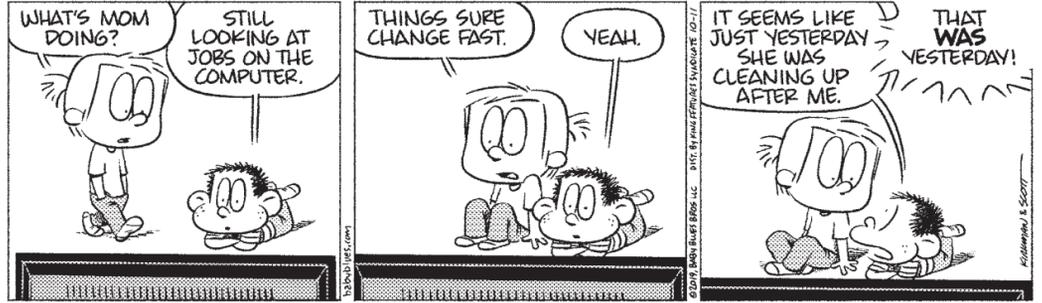
This line of play would do the trick on this lie of the cards, but South would still have good prospects if one opponent had A 10 9 x of hearts. He could guess the queen of spades or take advantage of having threats in three different suits for a possible squeeze.

— Bob Jones
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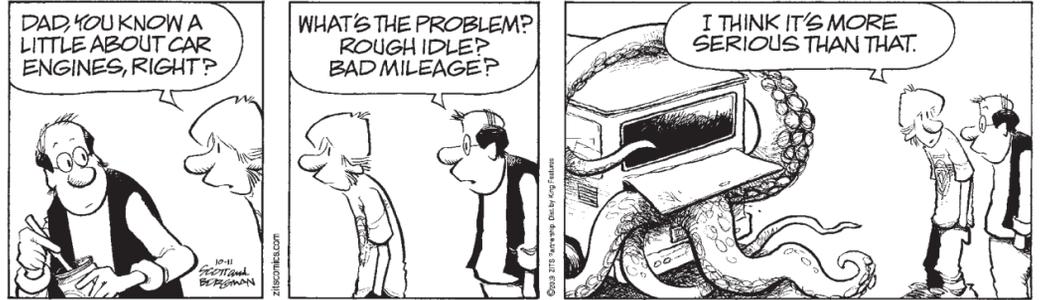
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Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett



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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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FRIDAY, OCT. 11 NORMAL HIGH: 64° NORMAL LOW: 44° RECORD HIGH: 87° (1928) RECORD LOW: 27° (1996)

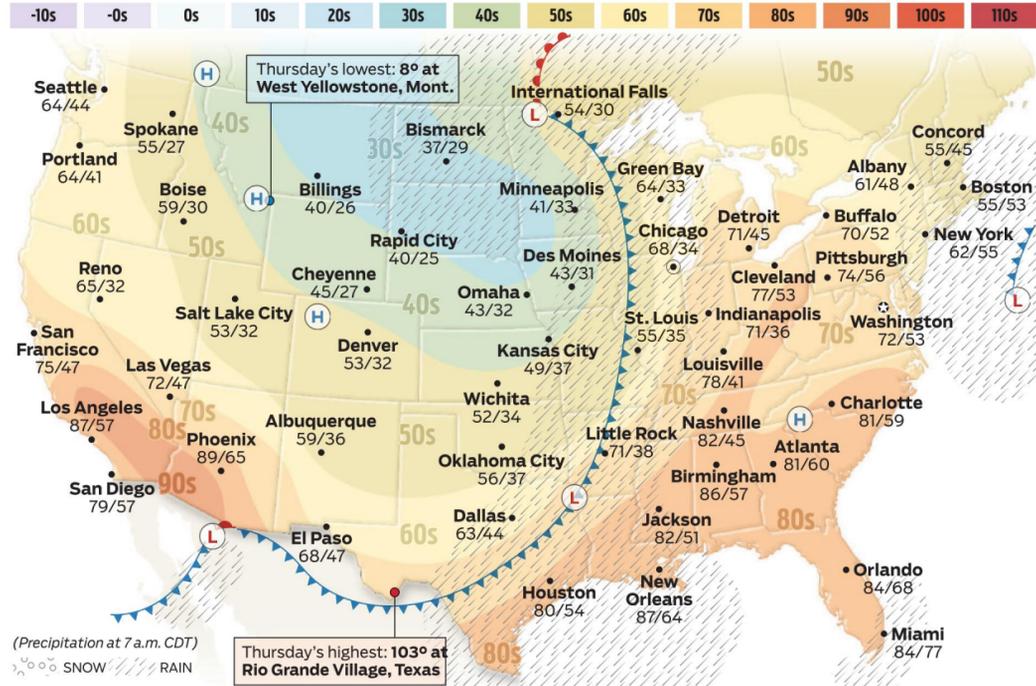
Heavy snow blasts the northern Great Plains

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 68 **LOW** 34

■ A strong cold front will bring the chilliest air into the region in more than 5 months!
 ■ Cloudy, initially mild early morning with showery spells, possibly isolated thunder.
 ■ Early morning temperatures in the upper 60s fall to the middle or upper 40s by evening.
 ■ Southwest winds 15-25 mph with some gusts 35 mph.
 ■ Clearing, blustery, much colder Friday night. Freezing temperatures possible far western counties. Lows dip to the 30s areawide.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Showery, mild weather Friday morning and afternoon gives way to falling temperatures in the afternoon as the coldest temperatures thus far in the season arrive in the Chicago area. Skies clear at night and readings plunge into the 30s. Northwest of Chicago, over the Dakotas, snow is falling in association with a powerful low pressure system centered over northern Minnesota. The low will be slow to move away and it will be located just north of Lake Superior on Sunday. This means a long period of snow can be expected across the Dakotas today, with rain over Minnesota. Rain changes to snow across Minnesota by Saturday and continues in the Dakotas, then gradually diminishes to light snow Sunday across Minnesota and northern Wisconsin. Snow totals of 30 or more inches are likely in north-east North Dakota.

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

HIGH 50 **LOW** 38

Blustery and much colder despite mostly sunny skies. Highs struggle to reach 50 degrees, the chilliest readings in 5+ months! West to southwest winds 15-30 mph.

SUNDAY, OCT. 13

HIGH 52 **LOW** 36

Sunshine and some cloudiness develop. Continued cool with highs in the low 50s, more than 10 degrees below normal.

MONDAY, OCT. 14

HIGH 56 **LOW** 44

Partly cloudy, the chill moderates a bit thanks to southwest winds. Highs in the middle 50s. Clouds increase at night, possible showers toward daybreak Tuesday.

TUESDAY, OCT. 15

HIGH 57 **LOW** 39

Mostly cloudy, chance for some scattered showers to develop, but precipitation amounts should be on the light side. Highs in the mid to upper 50s.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

HIGH 50 **LOW** 41

Partial sunshine emerges, cool for the season. A reinforcing cold front brings another downturn in temperatures. Highs struggle to reach 50 degrees.

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

HIGH 56 **LOW** 44

Partly to mostly sunny, not quite as cool as the chilliest air moves east of the metro area. Highs reach the middle to upper 50s.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 You often refer to official weather records and unofficial weather records. What is the difference?
 Kelley Nemathis
 Bolingbrook

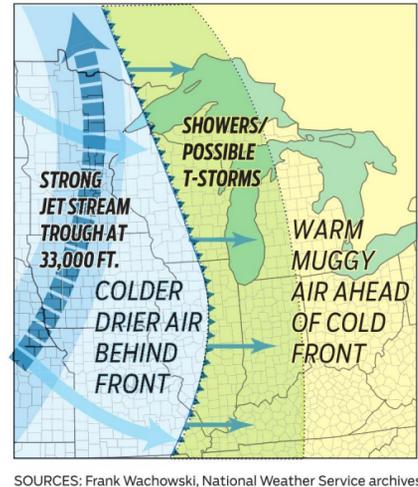
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 "Official" weather observations refer to the weather data used to assemble a city's climatological normals, averages and extremes. "Official" should not be interpreted to imply that other (non-official) weather observations are less accurate or less reliable.
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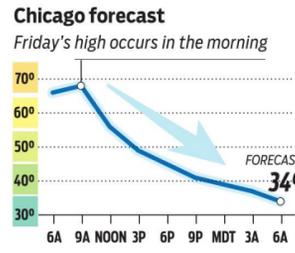
Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Strong cold front sends temps plummeting more than 30°

FRIDAY'S CHICAGO WEATHER SET-UP
 Temps drop 30° in 24 hrs FRI. a.m. to FRI. night



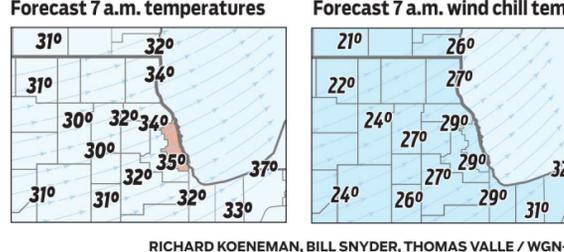
TEMPS PLUMMET FRIDAY



SATURDAY AFTERNOON



A CHILLY SATURDAY MORNING FORECAST



MIDWEST CITIES

| FRI./SAT. | FC | HI | LO | FC | HI | LO |
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| Illinois | rn | 66 | 33 | su | 61 | 38 |
| Carbondale | rn | 67 | 32 | su | 57 | 41 |
| Champaign | rn | 63 | 32 | su | 58 | 41 |
| Decatur | rn | 63 | 32 | su | 58 | 41 |
| Moline | sh | 49 | 33 | pc | 56 | 38 |
| Peoria | sh | 57 | 33 | su | 57 | 42 |
| Quincy | sh | 48 | 33 | pc | 60 | 42 |
| Rockford | sh | 55 | 32 | pc | 52 | 39 |
| Springfield | sh | 61 | 32 | su | 58 | 42 |
| Sterling | sh | 54 | 32 | su | 54 | 38 |
| Indiana | rn | 71 | 35 | su | 57 | 38 |
| Bloomington | rn | 75 | 36 | su | 60 | 37 |
| Evansville | rn | 72 | 35 | su | 54 | 40 |
| Fort Wayne | rn | 73 | 36 | su | 57 | 38 |
| Indianapolis | rn | 69 | 33 | su | 56 | 41 |
| Lafayette | rn | 68 | 35 | su | 53 | 43 |
| South Bend | rn | 68 | 35 | su | 53 | 43 |
| Wisconsin | rn | 64 | 33 | cl | 46 | 35 |
| Green Bay | rn | 65 | 33 | cl | 46 | 35 |
| Kenosha | rn | 64 | 33 | cl | 46 | 35 |
| La Crosse | sh | 48 | 34 | cl | 46 | 37 |
| Madison | sh | 61 | 33 | pc | 49 | 36 |
| Milwaukee | rn | 65 | 34 | pc | 51 | 39 |
| Wausau | sh | 62 | 30 | sh | 38 | 32 |
| Michigan | sh | 71 | 45 | pc | 52 | 43 |
| Detroit | sh | 75 | 40 | pc | 48 | 44 |
| Grand Rapids | rn | 67 | 40 | pc | 48 | 44 |
| Marquette | rn | 64 | 35 | cl | 45 | 34 |
| St. Ste. Marie | rn | 62 | 40 | sh | 46 | 40 |
| Traverse City | rn | 67 | 40 | sh | 46 | 40 |
| Iowa | pc | 43 | 30 | pc | 53 | 33 |
| Ames | pc | 43 | 30 | pc | 53 | 33 |
| Cedar Rapids | pc | 44 | 30 | pc | 52 | 35 |
| Des Moines | pc | 43 | 31 | pc | 55 | 35 |
| Dubuque | cl | 48 | 31 | pc | 51 | 36 |
| El Paso | pc | 68 | 47 | su | 75 | 53 |

OTHER U.S. CITIES

| FRI./SAT. | FC | HI | LO | FC | HI | LO |
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| Albany | cl | 61 | 48 | pc | 68 | 46 |
| Albuquerque | su | 59 | 36 | su | 68 | 42 |
| Amarillo | su | 54 | 33 | pc | 66 | 44 |
| Anchorage | sh | 44 | 34 | su | 44 | 28 |
| Asheville | sh | 77 | 54 | pc | 74 | 51 |
| Aspen | su | 45 | 18 | su | 55 | 24 |
| Atlanta | su | 81 | 60 | pc | 76 | 57 |
| Atlanta City | sh | 62 | 52 | pc | 70 | 55 |
| Austin | sh | 72 | 50 | pc | 71 | 57 |
| Baltimore | pc | 70 | 53 | pc | 73 | 53 |
| Billings | su | 40 | 26 | su | 48 | 33 |
| Birmingham | pc | 86 | 57 | pc | 88 | 52 |
| Bismarck | ss | 37 | 29 | ss | 34 | 28 |
| Burlington | pc | 64 | 46 | pc | 65 | 47 |
| Boston | rn | 55 | 53 | sh | 57 | 52 |
| Brownsville | su | 92 | 59 | sh | 75 | 66 |
| Charlottesville | su | 78 | 62 | su | 81 | 68 |
| Charlottesville WV | pc | 82 | 57 | sh | 61 | 40 |
| Chattanooga | pc | 83 | 58 | sh | 70 | 45 |
| Cheyenne | su | 45 | 27 | su | 59 | 36 |
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Chicago Tribune

ON THE TOWN

Blacker Face
SAMANTHA CALLAHANREADY
OR NOT

Chicago noisemakers Blacker Face sit at the convergence of Afrofuturism, punk and politics

By JESSI ROTI

“Stick to the music” sounds like a threat to artists who believe it’s part of their duty to use their voices to confront the powers that be. In Chicago, musicians make up many of the voices rallying around systemic, political change in a city infamous for corruption, abuse of power and persistent segregation.

Like many who call Chicago home, Blacker Face has had enough. But where other homegrown artists have turned their attention back to the lighter side of life, the multigenre outfit keeps its listeners enveloped in the

heaviness of reality, daring them to question their experience and forcing them to recognize it in relation to those of others.

Exhilarating, cathartic, confrontational and devastating, Blacker Face — led by vocalist Jolene Whattev, bassist pt Bell, guitarist Isaac Nicholas, keyboard player Louis Clark and drummer Noah Jones — command attention and demand action in the face of overarching societal nihilism and a city growing evermore desensitized by the status quo. On its new album “Distinctive Juju,” the quintet doesn’t hold back.

Turn to **Blacker Face**, Page 2

Take 10

By ADAM LUKACH

1. Watch, don’t run: The Chicago Marathon storms through town this weekend, and although you can’t exactly participate on a whim, you can certainly observe the route, which begins in the Loop, then heads as far north as Sheridan Road, as far west as Damen Avenue and as far south as 35th Street. Rolling start from 7:20 to 8:35 a.m.; spectator access to Grant Park begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, free to observe; chicagomarathon.com/spectators

2. Double screecher: The season for scary movies is upon us, and the Logan Theatre has you covered this weekend. Catch a screening of John Carpenter’s 1982 classic, “The Thing,” and the original “Friday the 13th.” 10:30 p.m. Friday-Monday for “The Thing,” 11 p.m. Friday-Monday for “Friday the 13th,” Logan Theatre, 2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$10; thelogantheatre.com

3. Magazine, manifested: Pop-Up Magazine is a real-life, multimedia storytelling event, and the live magazine brings its Escape Issue to Chicago this weekend. The lineup includes comedian Jo Firestone. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Athenaeum Theatre,



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Thousands of runners participate in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon in 2018.

2936 N. Southport Ave., \$27-\$32; web.ovationtix.com

4. Party next door: Ravenswood’s Dove-tail Brewery and Begyle Brewing will get together this weekend for the fourth annual Oktoberfestersary, featuring special tappings, eats from local food trucks, skee ball and a kids area. Noon-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 1800 W. Cuyler Ave., \$5 donation requested; facebook.com/events

5. ‘Please, Mr. O’Lantern is my father!’: Jack’s Pumpkin pop-up offers more than your average pumpkin patch within city

limits. This monthlong pop-up features pumpkins, a corn maze, ax throwing, games, photo ops, food, drink and more. Times vary through Nov. 3, 1465 N. Elston Ave., \$20-\$115; jackspumpkinpopup.com

6. Bikin’ around: Why run around the city when you could bike it? This weekend’s Chicago Perimeter Ride invites bicyclists of all levels to ride up to 100 miles around the city limits at a moderate pace. 9 a.m. Saturday, Buckingham Fountain, 500 S. Columbus Drive, free; facebook.com/events

7. Singing Wolverine: After over a decade

making blockbusters, Hugh Jackman spun his turn in “The Greatest Showman” into a musical career. He’ll bring his stadium-show performance of show tunes to Chicago this weekend. 7:30 p.m. Friday, United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., \$50 and up; unitedcenter.com

8. Oktober on the block: Beer-drinking events are aplenty during Oktoberfest season, and this weekend’s lineup includes Dusek’s annual Blocktoberfest spin on the holiday, with a full lineup of local music. 2-11 p.m. Sunday, 1807 S. Allport St., free; do312.com/blocktoberfest

9. Brother story: Acclaimed production “The Brothers Size” returns to Steppenwolf for Young Adults. Writer Tarell Alvin McCraney blends poetry, music and Yoruba mythology to explore brotherly bonds. Times vary Friday and Saturday, and Oct. 18 and 19, Steppenwolf Downstairs Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St., \$20-\$30; steppenwolf.org

10. Fall for all: Revel in the beauty of Mother Nature this weekend at the Fall Fest, with activities like sun-gazing, storytelling, live music, scarecrow-building and hiking. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski Road, free; facebook.com/events

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TURN IT UP

Blacker Face

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Intentionally provocative, with its identity explicitly woven into the discourse around race and gender, this resulted in a since-retired live stunt in which its three white members would take the stage alone and introduce themselves as Blacker Face. The band hurls emotion into bouts of post-punk rage, off-kilter jazz rhythms and ferocious percussion as Whatever brandishes her soulful, booming blues voice like a knife — cutting through all the noise with howling declarations such as “You’re all a bunch of racist s— that don’t (care) what I say” and “I know I’ve got to find better ways to cope with living in this body / But I also know more things than you do about living in this body.” The eight-track “Juju” is not for the faint of heart.

“We were all kind of reeling from (Laquan McDonald’s murder and Jason Van Dyke trial), it kind of (messed) with our heads, which is reflected in some other songs on the album,” Whatever explains of her writing process for the record after 2018’s “Think Piece,” which more specifically tackled narratives around personal and socially projected expectations and their manifestation.

Clear in its vision, the band — at the suggestion of Foos and with the support of its label Sooper Records — Blacker Face submitted an application for a grant through the City of Chicago’s Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) to fully realize as much of “Distinctive Juju” as it could. In its submission, excerpts of which were provided to Tribune, the band wrote that their goal in finishing and releasing the album, followed by an impending tour, is to “accentuate the discussion of Afrofuturistic and Afropessimistic within the music. We will engage listeners, so that they reimagine their positionality and social responsibility with regards to the shooting of Laquan McDonald, the rise of Black Lives Matter, and the subsequent rise of right-wing reactionary movements.”

Blacker Face was awarded a \$4,500 grant in the spring, enough to cover costs of recording, mastering, mixing and fully producing two music videos. In some sense, it was a more clandestine rebellion — unapologetic use of city money to fund a project directly criticizing the way those same officials not only fail local artists, but the communities in which they were raised and create in, and in which loved ones continue to struggle.

“I think we also benefited off how bad Rahm (Emanuel)’s mayorship was in Chi-



SAMANTHA CALLAHAN

Louis Clark, Noah Jones, pt Bell, Jolene Whatever and Isaac Nicolas of Blacker Face play the Hideout to mark the release of their new LP.

When: 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18

Where: Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave.

Tickets: \$12; www.hideoutchicago.com

cago. The whole city was kind of like ‘We do support the arts! We are doing all these great things!’ On a surface level, they probably saw young artists: queer folks, black folks and did that thing where they were like ‘We’re throwing money at the right stuff!’ kind of thing,” Whatever admits.

Other songs on the album like “Parade,” predict the horror of an increasingly widespread water crisis, and stand out “I Know More Things Than You Do” explores the negative consequences of self-care as a movement of checking out rather than tapping in. This is something the band sees as much more of a permissive issue than a wholly positive trend toward self-love and protection.

“It’s completely asocial,” Bell argues. “It’s just another manifestation of high-capitalist individuation; you don’t have to do any work if you tell someone to take care of themselves.”

Whatever occupies more a gray area, saying, “I think there are a lot of people —

in certain bodies — have been asked to do a lot of work for some people in other bodies, and them being like ‘You know what? I’m gonna check out to think about me and mine’ is actually revolutionary. When I say ‘self-care,’ I’m thinking about black people”

“You can’t self-care to check out,” drummer Jones adds. “You have to self-care in a way that lets you figure out how to engage with a system that will find you. That’s the ethos of a lot of people in the community that we work with, you can give from what you have. If you’ve got some time, you can turn that into something to help the people around you.”

While the band prides itself on the production and messaging behind “Distinctive Juju” and the fruitful collaboration with producer Brian Fox of Altered State Studios in Jefferson Park, it still looks to its live shows as its endless blank canvas, the place where the sound and fury of Blacker Face becomes most impactful. Challenging and complicated, the band is working to reinstate the power in utilizing performance venues as spaces for radical mindfulness and conversations often difficult to have independent of the mainstream, binary mentality.

“We want to do it better, even in the

small, practical stuff,” Bell explains. “I’ve had to change the way I play bass a hell of a whole lot to be able to pay attention to anything but what’s happening on stage.

Just as importantly, Blacker Face sees itself as the latest to reclaim the foundational contributions black folks have made across genres, particularly rock-rooted protest music, in an era of rap being the loudest voice soundtracking the music of the resistance. In turn, they’re shedding new light on oft-overlooked contributors to the city’s vibrant DIY communities such as ONO and Breathing Light, and Philadelphia-based punks Soul Glo.

“One of the clearer-cut forms of what we’re doing that happens with that fact that we’re ‘insert-genre,’ is we want people to know that you can’t put black people in a box, you can’t put black people into boxes,” Whatever says. “This ... is ours. I’m not saying rap should not be the music of black people because it is the music of black people, but so is punk music. So is rock ‘n’ roll, so is blues, so is jazz — there’s so many things. I have deep pains in my heart with people saying what we’re doing isn’t black. I want to destroy that idea.”

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LOCAL SOUNDS

Liebowitz moved forward by taking a step back for self-care

By BRITT JULIOUS

It’s been a transformative three years for Gabe Liebowitz. After 10 full years in Chicago, Liebowitz took a step back from the local scene, returning to his native Rhode Island, to, as he described it, “slow down a bit.”

Slowing down included focusing on his mental health. He began seeing a therapist a year ago. Slowing down also meant detaching himself from the anxiousness and perfectionism that affected his musical pursuits in the past. “You have to be in the moment and just deal with whatever circumstances are there and just be okay that not every note you’re going to hit is going to be perfect,” Liebowitz said. “I just have much more of a clear head.”

Even though Liebowitz stepped away from the spotlight, he still maintained a strong connection to music making. The singer-songwriter began taking a “back-seat” approach, aiming to acquire a publishing deal and work as a professional songwriter. He began writing for other artists, including the mysterious trio Terror Jr (who many falsely believed included reality TV and beauty industry star Kylie Jenner). Soon, he began splitting his time between Rhode Island and Los Angeles to write for the group.

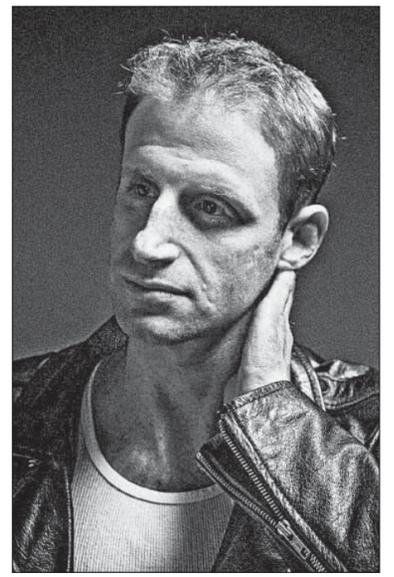
Besides focusing less on his own work, writing for other artists gave Liebowitz perspective that was otherwise alluding him. Artists on major labels in Los Angeles often attend studio sessions multiple times, sometimes up to five or six times in a single week.

“They’re not expecting that every single song that they make is going to make this album or make a single,” Liebowitz began. “It’s really just kind of following an energy or vibe for as long as you can and making something, and then it’s up to the label or the audience what’s good or what’s not.”

Some artists might find that prospect daunting, especially if they’d prefer more control over their own work, but Liebowitz said the ability to produce without the pressure to “knock it out of the park” every time was the kind of valuable lesson he needed then more than ever.

“I would just put so much time, like months and months and months into just making one thing and completely losing perspective,” he said. “What I’ve learned from that is you make something, you follow its energy and then it’s done. And then you make the next thing. It’s a lot more sustainable.”

After a few years working for other people, Liebowitz finally decided to turn to songs he’d written for himself but never put to good use. That music became the



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basis for Calvero, his latest creative project. Pop music is at the forefront of these latest creations. But the embracing of pop is not just about cute melodies and fun lyrics. Liebowitz said pop music gives him more of a structure when working.

“Before when I made music, I kind of had this open slate of what my influences were and how I wanted to write songs to express that. It kind of got a little scatter-shot, and it didn’t always work out,” Liebowitz admitted. “Now when I’m sitting down to write a song, I more or less know what it’s going to sound like. I think kind of having my own system of knowing what works in a pop sense, and just trying to be as original and myself as I can through that lens helps me focus.”

Fans old and new can experience Liebowitz’s new sound as Calvero in his first Chicago show in more than three years. Despite the time away, like most things in his life now, Liebowitz is ready and eager for the challenge. “I think this is just the beginning,” he said.

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Civitas Ensemble stretches its wings



HOWARD REICH
On Music

Civitas Ensemble has a new home. The musically adventurous chamber group – staffed by three Chicago Symphony Orchestra members and the head of Roosevelt University’s piano department – will launch its ninth season Friday evening at DePaul University’s state-of-the-art Holtschneider Performance Center.

That \$98 million facility, which opened last fall, instantly enriched music in Chicago, affording local and visiting musicians several listening rooms from which to choose: Gannon Concert Hall, at 505 seats the center’s largest space; the 140-seat Allen Recital Hall, with its towering windows and two-story height; the 80-seat Brennan Family Recital Hall, which looks out on the energy of Halsted Street; and the 75-seat Corboy Jazz Hall, its intimate dimensions designed for America’s indigenous musical art form.

Civitas will play three concerts this season in the Allen Recital Hall.

“Since we’ve been at the Merit School of Music for so long, we’ve always wanted to try different venues,” says Civitas violinist Yuan-Qing Yu. “We’ve played at the Music Institute in Evanston, and at SPACE. Trying to find a new favorite hall is not an easy undertaking.”

The Holtschneider Performance Center made that task easier, Yu says. Though it remains to be seen how Civitas and its followers will like the new setting, the spot certainly gives the ensemble access to the listeners that classical mu-



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Civitas Ensemble, with violinist Yuan-Qing Yu, left, pianist Winston Choi, cellist Kenneth Olsen and clarinetist J. Lawrie Bloom.

sicians and presenters covet: young people, in the form of students from DePaul’s Lincoln Park campus and beyond.

For outreach always has been central to what Civitas is all about.

“I always say our mission has three elements,” explains Yu.

“One is the institutional element. We still are ensemble-in-residence at Valparaiso University. This year, we’re working with composition students, having them compose pieces for our ensemble, and we do music readings, so they can hear their work performed live and get feedback: How to make changes.

“The second part of our mission is healing. From the very beginning, we started playing at hospitals and senior residences. Currently we’re trying to

develop a new concert series that’s specifically for patients and their family members.

“And there’s the artistic component: We want to present music that’s heard a lot, but also composers you don’t hear often, along with new music. We’re commissioning a young, living composer each year.”

All of which helps explain the organization’s name.

“Civitas’ refers to our civic duty and our role as citizens of the world,” says Yu. “Being ambassadors, bringing music into the lives of everyone, not just in the concert hall.”

Friday’s season opener will focus on “Hungarian Masters,” the program featuring Zoltan Kodaly’s Duo for violin and cello; Ferenc Farkas’ Ricordanze for clarinet, violin, viola and cello; and Erno

Dohnanyi’s Sextet for clarinet, French horn, violin, viola, cello and piano.

Though these works share Hungarian lineage, there are distinctions.

“I feel they’re more different than alike,” says Yu. “The Kodaly I have never played (publicly) – it’s such a great piece for violin and cello, so fast and hard. Being the most folk-like, it has kind of a rugged feel, virtuosic. The Farkas is almost Impressionism leading into modernism.

“We always wanted to play the Dohnanyi – it’s a piece you don’t hear very often, a really dense, romantic, interesting piece.”

To take it on, Civitas will expand its personnel to include horn player Oto Carrillo and violist Wei-Ting Kuo, both CSO members who teach at DePaul. They’ll share the stage

with Civitas’ core musicians: violinist Yu, cellist Kenneth Olsen, clarinetist J. Lawrie Bloom and pianist Winston Choi.

The Civitas season will continue with a “Beethoven at 250” concert on Jan. 31 and a “Welcoming Spring” performance featuring Aaron Copland’s “Appalachian Spring” and, possibly, a newly commissioned work on May 22, both in the Holtschneider’s Allen Recital Hall.

As for the new venue, “We’ll try it for a year” before deciding what’s next, says Yu.

“We’ll probably love it.”

Civitas performs “Hungarian Masters” at 7 p.m. Friday in DePaul University’s Holtschneider Performance Center, 2330 N. Halsted St.; \$30 general; \$5 students with ID; 773-325-5200 or www.civitasensemble.org.

Pharez Whitted

Equally important as performer and educator, Chicago trumpeter Whitted brings considerable virtuosity and creative spirit to the bandstand. He’ll lead his quintet. 8 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 4, 8 and 10 p.m. Sunday; at the Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court; \$20-\$35; 312-360-0234 or www.jazzshowcase.com.

Frank Catalano

A tenor saxophonist whose sound is as huge as his spirit is open, Catalano will lead his quartet. 9 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; \$15; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.

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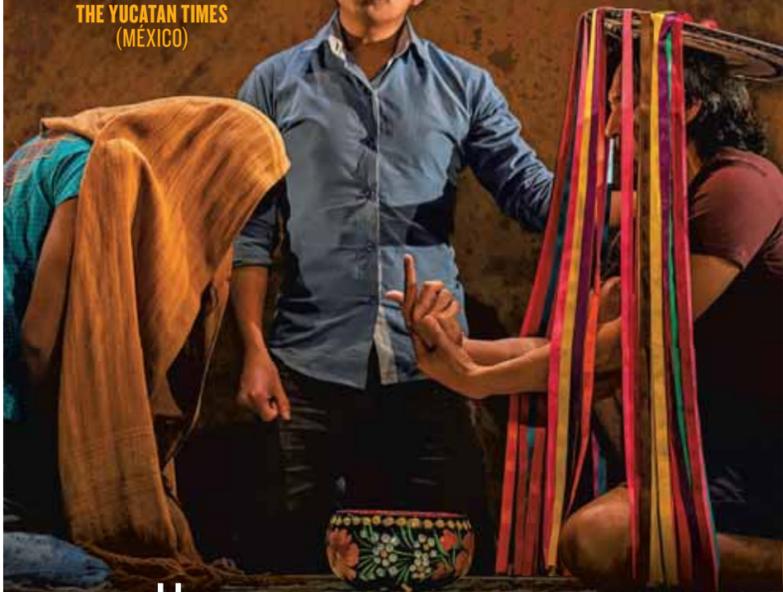
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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

Three albums, three sounds

Will the real Kero Kero Bonito please stand up?

BY ALLISON STEWART

Just a few years after meeting cute on the internet, British trio Kero Kero Bonito has become one of the most successful indie-pop bands in the U.K.

Its 2016 breakthrough, "Bonito Generation," offered cheerful, J-pop-inspired minimalism. Its follow-up, "Time 'n' Place," took a sharp turn into anxious guitar rock.

The new EP, "Civilisation 1," surprise dropped on the day of a phone interview with the group's co-founder and producer, Gus Lobban, splits the difference: It merges the electro pop of the debut with the sweeping unease of "Time 'n' Place."

In advance of the trio's headlining show at the Vic on Thursday, with an after party (separately ticketed) to follow at Sleeping Village, Lobban traced the group's polite, precipitous rise. The following are excerpts from that conversation:

KKB began when childhood friends Lobban and Jamie Bullied put out a call for vocalists on the Japanese expat message board MixB, and Sarah Midori Perry responded.

We'd all grown up with pop culture from that part of the world. A friend of mine knew we were looking for a singer, and he said there's this bulletin board my mum posts on. I've never seen a band post an advert there, but I bet people would be interested. Sarah was by far the best person who got in touch.

Perry hadn't had much musical experience, but everybody got on well during their first rehearsal.

The reason KKB is happening in the first place is because when Sarah, Jamie and I had our first rehearsal, it went so well, we just started making music and hanging out very quickly. I think in our first year we were already traveling outside of London to play shows. It's kind of testament to how easy the three of us find it to get on and do stuff, which is super



MIA SAKAI

Not long after meeting online, Kero Kero Bonito (Gus Lobban, left, Sarah Midori Perry, Jamie Bullied) became one of the UK's top indie pop acts.

When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday

Where: Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield

Tickets: \$21; www.Eventbrite.com

fortunate. It's just one of those wonderful bits of alchemy that you can't predict.

They were lucky: Think of all the bands that can't stand each other.

There's this sort of glamorization of bands that hate each other — Simon and Garfunkel, the Beatles. I think we're the kind of people who wouldn't even try to make a band with each other if they'd hated each other in the first rehearsal — not that the Beatles hated each other in the first rehearsal.

Perry, raised partly in Japan, sing-raps in a mixture of English and Japanese. Lobban and Bullied, who don't speak Japanese, have no idea what she's saying.

No, absolutely not. She might be trolling us, but I think we would know by now. She's got us in the perfect position — she could spring it on us at any moment.

When "Bonito Generation" hit, their lives changed.

It's crazy. We're very lucky. I think similar things do happen with other bands, but it's a lot weirder and a lot more difficult (for them).

The group thought its comparatively grim next album, "Time 'n' Place," would alienate just about everybody.

I think we were really surprised. We thought that all the fans would just be like, "Oh, they've abandoned us. KKB isn't for me." But a lot of the KKB fans said, "We're up for the ride here."

And that gave us a lot of confidence to see where it went. Everything we've done, we still stand by. There are elements (of our previous sound) that could pop up at any moment.

KKB often tours with backing musicians instead of merely performing to recorded tracks. This setup, comparatively novel for an indie pop band, has changed the way they record too.

In a way, these songs are structured more like band-performance tracks. We were listening to things like Talking Heads and Arthur Russell, which are less

programmed and more jammy. We were making these improvisatory-style tracks using programming on synths and sequencers, which is kind of weird, but it was cool.

It's tempting for a band to spend too much time online on album-release day, searching for early reviews. KKB tries not to give in to this, but Lobban's mom has no such chill.

We always see what's going on; every artist in the whole world does. My mum's at home, reading everything. She's got her browser up, with the KKB search in the search bar. She's ready.

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

How Austin Plaine took his shot

BY CHRISSE DICKINSON

Austin Plaine knows something about the difficulties and disappointments of love.

In "Something More," the first song on his latest album, he sings "Oh my love, I lost you again / We were jumping in the river / but I never learned to swim."

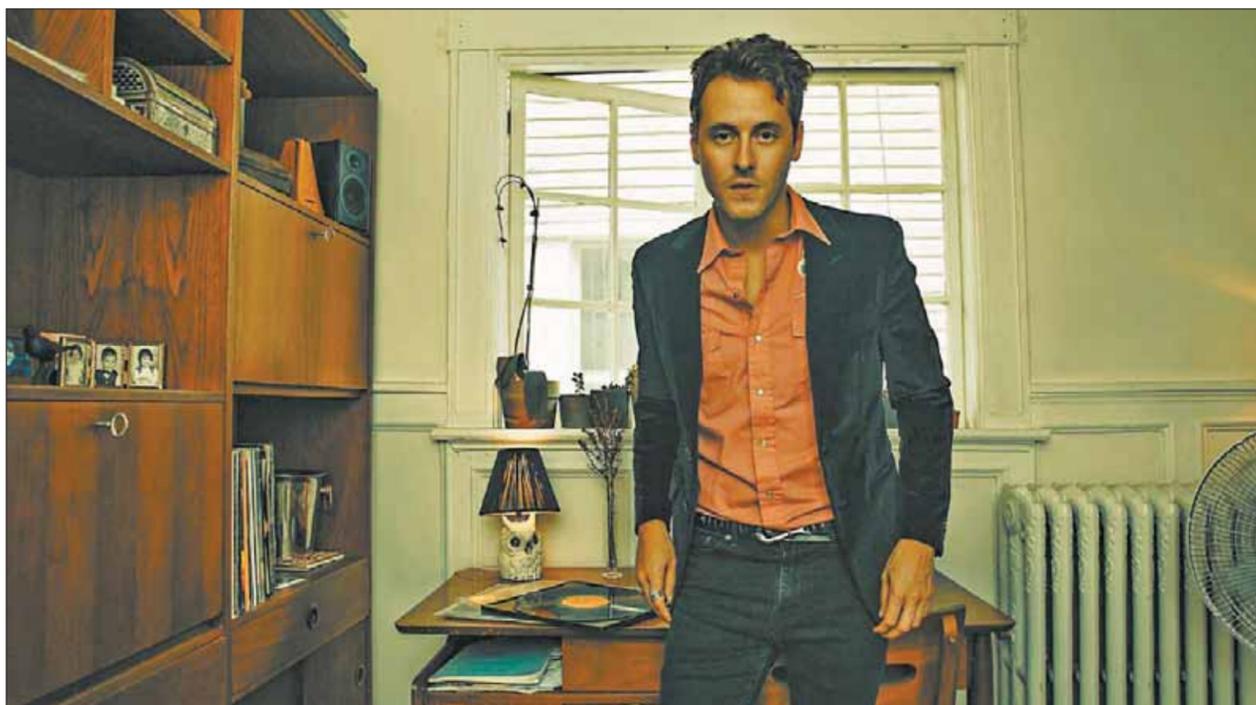
Three years ago, Plaine took a different type of leap of faith and moved to Nashville to pursue music full time. The town has been good to the singer, songwriter and guitarist. He's honed his writing chops in the city's thriving Americana and indie music scene and is busy co-writing with other writers around town.

"Nashville is the music capital right now," he observes, calling from his home in Music City. "It's the perfect place to better yourself. I consider it the most inspiring town, but it's also the most demoralizing because you realize how good everyone is. But that pushes you further."

The proof is in his new album "Stratford" (Blaster Records). Plaine's sophomore release is filled with melodic folk-rock songs with sensitively rendered lyrics. It's a sound that recalls "The Pretender"-era Jackson Browne and a bit of Bob Dylan a la "Blood on the Tracks." Plaine's dusty voice has a wistful streak and confessional tone that pulls the listener close.

Plaine performs at Schubas on Saturday.

Recorded in a friend's Brooklyn apartment, "Stratford" is suffused with warmth and immediacy. Plaine recorded with a full backing band and reached out to a few collaborators along the way. He co-wrote the percolating rocker "What Kind of Fool" with Sixpence None the Richer's Leigh Nash. Alt-pop musician Soren Bryce lends sweet and trilling vocals to the chorus of "Lucky Ones," a rootsy, upbeat rocker about undying love.



KEVIN CONDON

Singer-songwriter Austin Plaine is on tour with his new album "Stratford" and performs at Schubas on Saturday.

"I've never had these emotions personally, but I've seen them," Plaine says about "Lucky Ones."

Still he sings hopefully, "I'm gonna bet it all on you / It don't matter if we win or lose... / Hey, we're the lucky ones." The song was written as his older sister Olivia was about to be married.

"I took a lot of inspiration from my sister and her then-fiance — how much in love they were," he said.

Plaine will be backed by a full band on his current tour. He'll also perform a few songs solo with just acoustic guitar and harmonica, including the searing "If Tomorrow Never Comes."

The tune focuses on the struggle to maintain mind and soul in modern life. Plaine sings: "I wake up every morning and I see the reddest sun / they're sending bombs and shooting guns in a war that isn't won / and through the lies I do disguise my heart inside my lungs / I live life today as if tomorrow never comes."

Plaine was born in North Dakota and grew up in Minnesota. He listened to his dad's music, which included Bruce Springsteen, Van Morrison and Neil

When: 10 p.m. Saturday

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Young. At 13, Plaine picked up an acoustic guitar, taught himself to play and soon began taking a stab at his own songs.

"I think the moment I learned three chords, I was trying to write my own music," he recalls. He wrote his tunes in the solitude of his bedroom and didn't show them to anyone but his parents.

Along the way Plaine discovered the music of Bob Dylan. The experience was a revelation. "My life changed the moment I heard his early records," he said.

During the summer, Plaine was an outdoors kid who spent his time water-skiing, swimming and fishing. But above all, hockey was his passion, the driving force of his life. A talented player with career ambitions, Plaine played on his high school team and was set to play in college before a shoulder injury forced him to hang up his skates.

With dreams of a future in hockey gone, Plaine redirected his energy into music and academics. He attended the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, where he majored in communications with an eye toward law school. In his senior year in 2015, he recorded his self-titled debut.

Plaine almost didn't write his signature song "Never Come Back Again."

"I was supposed to be studying for a sociology exam, but instead I took the time to write that song and demo it," he says. "When I asked about taking the test later, my professor said, 'You can take it tomorrow if you drop a letter grade.'"

An emotional folk-rock anthem about launching out into the world, the song pulses with yearning. Plaine sings, "I wanna feel the waves crushin' down on heartache / I wanna find the key to the sky."

"I wrote it at a time when I was longing for something different," he recalls. "I grew up in the Midwest and never really traveled as a kid. I was finishing college and had a huge surge of wanderlust."

The song touched a nerve with

listeners and became his breakout single.

"It was worth the D-minus," he says with a laugh.

"Never Come Back Again" now has more than 10 million streams on Spotify. It has racked up over 1.8 million views on the IndieAir channel on YouTube.

"By far that's the one song that's been noticed by the most people," Plaine says. "I vividly remember writing it, being very excited and feeling I was on to something. I owe a lot to that song."

Plaine took a pass on law school, loaded up his van and headed south, determined to make a career in music. Today, he's grateful he took the chance and doesn't regret his lost hockey career.

"It's a beautiful thing to write a song," he says, "I think it's magic every time one is finished. It's way more gratifying to make art than skate around on an ice rink these days."

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MIGEL SANTOS PHOTOS

Mesa Manila is a new restaurant bringing Filipino "turo-turo," or "point-point," dining to Naperville.

Find Filipino food favorites

BY GRACE WONG

Migel Santos and his family opened Mesa Manila in Naperville to introduce "turo-turo" style Filipino food to the neighborhood. Literally translated to "point point," this style of dining allows guests to point to what dishes they want from a steam table to pair with their rice before they dine in or carry out.

"It's a very common style of restaurant all over the Philippines," Santos explained. "But we're on the border of Naperville and Aurora and there wasn't a Filipino restaurant here yet."

The menu changes daily, with five or six entrees to choose from, plus an array of mainstay fried foods and barbecue items. Santos' favorite is the barbecue pork and chicken, made in the traditional Filipino style that he describes as sweeter than American barbecue and is a



Lumpia, or crunchy fried spring rolls, at Mesa Manila.

smash hit with customers. The meat is marinated at least one or two days in advance in a brown sugar, soy sauce and ketchup-based marinade before it's skewered and grilled.

Diners also love the chicken adobo sa gata, a variation of the vinegary and garlicky chicken adobo that adds coconut milk, making the dish creamier, Santos said. He also recommends

the beef kaldereta, a beef stew filled with spices and vegetables; lumpia, a fried spring roll; or pancit, Filipino noodles.

Santos' aunt, Carlota Bautista, is co-owner and executive chef, bringing 20 years of restaurant experience in the Philippines to Mesa Manila. Not only is she making all the hot dishes, she's creating traditional pastries as well. Look out for mamon, a

sponge cake that she makes with a chiffon cake and buttercream in flavors like ube and mocha, or the ensaymadas in ube and cheese flavors. She's also making sago't gulaman, a refreshing beverage with brown sugar, gelatin and tapioca pearls that Santos describes as similar to boba tea without the tea.

"Filipino food is influenced greatly by Chinese and Spanish foods, so you'll find that a lot of the foods have Spanish names or Chinese names," Santos said.

In addition to catering, Mesa Manila also puts on kamayan feasts. These family style gatherings are extravagant and abundant, and diners use their hands to eat food piled on banana leaves in front of them. Mesa Manila also hosts cooking demos, food tastings and basic cooking classes that are family friendly, like a cake-pop class.

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The Bacon and Beer Classic.

EAT

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WHERE TO EAT NOW

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. Reviewers make every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

Cafe Cancale Cool and refreshing as an ocean breeze, Cafe Cancale is a seafood-focused French restaurant that, to mix my weather metaphors, is taking Wicker Park by storm. The cafe has had no difficulty filling its 90 seats every night, and guests hit the door early for happy hour (4-6 p.m. Monday-Friday), when oysters are \$1 and martinis are \$7. Indeed, when the principals of One Off Hospitality decided to shutter Publican Anker in favor of this concept, oysters were prominent in their minds. The day-to-day kitchen presence is chef de cuisine A.J. Walker, who has risen through the ranks at The Publican and Publican Quality Meats. Beverage options include French, Belgian and American beers, a few ciders and an assortment of cocktails. Edward Seitan's wine list is heavily French, unsurprisingly, but there's a good representation of Italian, Spanish and Greek bottles, along with some farther-flung surprises. Dinner daily. Prices: Main courses \$22-\$29. 1576 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-904-1121. — Phil Vettel

Cafe Marie-Jeanne Run by husband-wife partners Michael Simmons (chef) and Val Szafranski (front-of-house), Cafe Marie-Jeanne is an intensely personal operation, one whose easygoing attitude and excellent kitchen work make the Humboldt Park spot a neighborhood treasure. Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Main courses \$12-\$35. 1001 N. California Ave., 773-904-7660. — Phil Vettel

Cafe Spiaggia The less-expensive sister restaurant to Spiaggia has food that is rustic yet sophisticated. Starters and pastas are scaled for one but can certainly

be split if you order a couple. Do. All dinner entrees save the steak are meant for sharing, and the assortment of gelatos for dessert dazzles. Open: Lunch, dinner daily. Prices: Small plates \$9-\$21; entrees \$28-\$48. 980 N. Michigan Ave., 312-280-2750. — Bill Daley

Ceres' Table This accomplished restaurant is respectful of Italian regional cuisine without being tradition-bound. The all-Italian wine list is budget-sensitive when it needs to be; that and the reasonably priced cocktails make this an attractive place to imbibe. Open: Dinner daily, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$32. 3124 N. Broadway, 773-922-4020. — Phil Vettel

Che Figata Tucked into the Hotel Arista in Naperville, Che Figata encompasses a spacious dining room, kitchen-view horse-shoe bar and a long outdoor patio with fire pits. The menu lists more than a dozen cicchetti (which means "small dishes" everywhere but here; chef and founder Mark Grimes doesn't do small) and a large variety of salads and soups, pizzas, pastas and meat and fish entrees. If you can't find something to like here, you're not even trying. The pizzas — Roman al taglio-style ovals, made with proofed-for-days dough that results in an airy, focaccialike base with well-cripsed edges — are terrific. In-house pastas are also good, particularly the short-rib ravioli with black truffle and Gorgonzola in a Parmesan brodo. Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Pastas and main courses \$17-\$44. 2155 City Gate Lane, Naperville, 630-579-3210. — Phil Vettel

Cherry Circle Room A quiet alternative to the Chicago Athletic Association hotel's relentlessly crowded rooftop bar, Cherry Circle Room is also one of the most handsome dining spaces in the city, with leather, wood and clubby good looks. The menu recalls steakhouse classics in refined takes on Caesar salad and



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beef tartare. Roasted leg of lamb for two and duck for one are highlights, and Kristine Antonian's superb desserts deliver an exciting finish. Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$45. 12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-792-3515. — Phil Vettel

Chopo Chicken Chopo Chicken in Lincoln Park looks similar to dozens of other quick-service joints popping up around town that hope to mimic the success of Chipotle (at least before all the health scares). The shtick: a short menu of four or fives proteins that you can endlessly customize with toppings to your liking. Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: \$11-\$13. 2460 N. Clark St., 773-666-5925. — Nick Kindelsperger

Cira Mediterranean restaurant Cira at The Hoxton does some heavy lifting. It serves breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner in a

180-seat dining room, operates the Fulton Market hotel's room service, and supplies food to the hotel's private-meeting rooms. Among the menu options is the Feast of Cira, a family feast of dishes selected by executive chef Chris Pandel, who also helms nearby Swift & Sons steakhouse. The feast is a good option — putting the decision-making in the hands of the chef is always a good idea. Easily shared snacks include deep-fried castelvetroano olives over toasted-rice crema (think savory rice pudding with a blast of citrus), and single-bite coins of housemade chorizo sausage. Pasta is a strength, particularly the lamb-filled manti (a Turkish dumpling) with cumin-spiced yogurt and charred-tomato sauce. Pistachio ravioli with saffron-orange butter and chopped pistachios is similarly impressive. More of these, please. Of the main courses, seek out the brodetto, a lively fish stew high-

lighted by razor and littleneck clams, mussels, chorizo and morticilla (blood sausage) in a complex broth with tomatoes and harissa. Breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$42. 200 N. Green St., 312-761-1777. — Phil Vettel

City Mouse From the team behind Logan Square's Giant comes this Fulton Market District restaurant in the Ace Hotel. Executive chef Patrick Sheerin oversees the casual, eclectic menu, ranging from seriously good pastas to offbeat dishes like fried cheddar bites topped with caviar. During daytime hours, the brunch menu features griddle cakes, a double-patty burger and a "gas station" breakfast sandwich. Open brunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$34. 311 N. Morgan St., 312-764-1908. — Phil Vettel

Cochon Volant For a restaurant whose name translates to "flying pig," this boisterous brasserie in the Hyatt Centric Hotel is pleasingly down to earth. Can't-miss signatures include the silky chicken-liver mousse. Open: Dinner and breakfast daily; lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$14.95-\$24.95. 100 W. Monroe St., 312-754-6560. — Phil Vettel

Craft Urban Owner Bernie Laskowski worked at Everest, Marche, mk, Bin 36 and Park Grill before opening this restaurant. The compact menu features snacks like tempura-fried cheese curds, gourmet "breads and spreads," seafood, porchetta, beef and desserts. The restaurant also has cocktails, wine and a late-night ramen offering. Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Entrees: \$19-\$34. 211 James St., Geneva, 331-248-8161. — Phil Vettel

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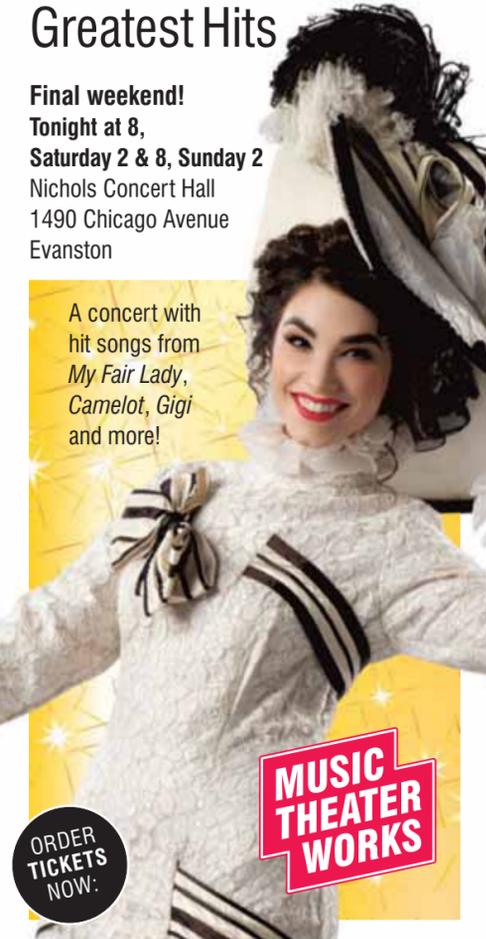
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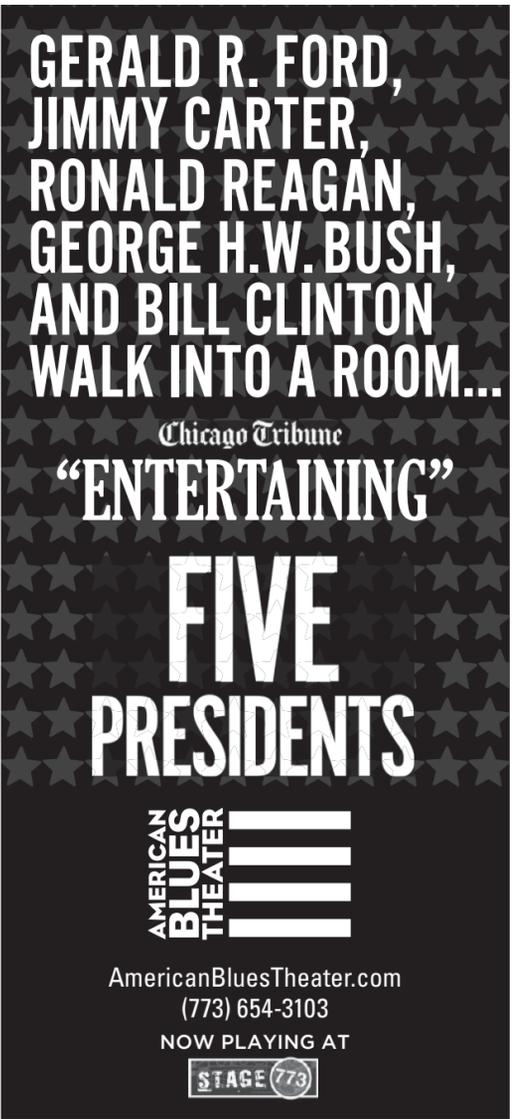
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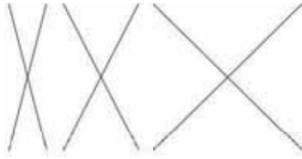
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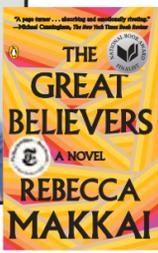
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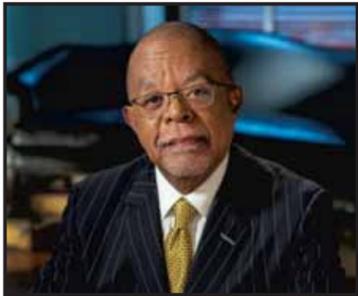
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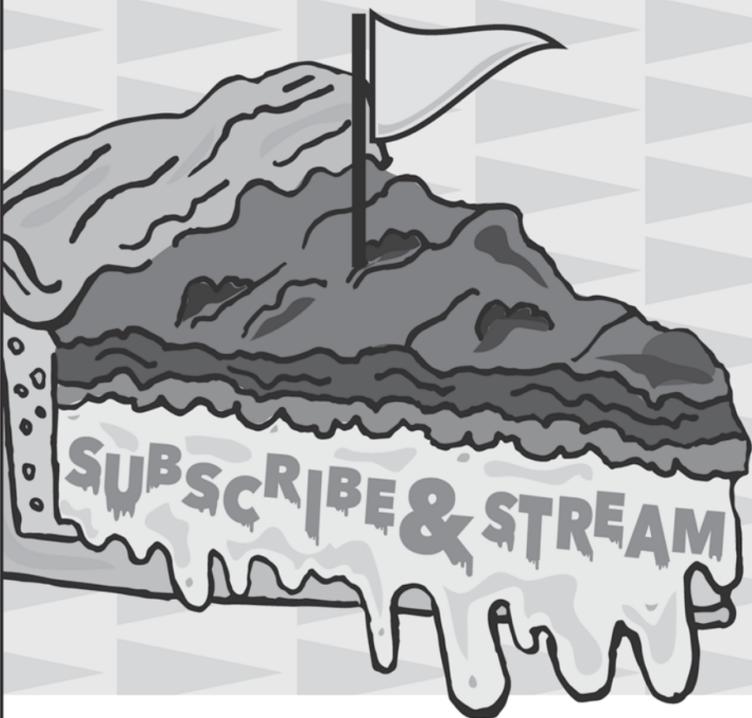
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THE THEATER LOOP

BY CHRIS JONES



Steppenwolf's mainstage for \$10 a ticket?

Sure, if you jumped at that chance

A fascinating sponsored promotion popped up in my theater-loving Facebook feed this weekend: 30% off season subscriptions at the Steppenwolf Theatre Company plus \$100 worth of free food and drink in the theater's Front Bar.

Wow! I entered the code (WINNING) in the right spot on the website and hit a few buttons and choices. After a few minutes, I found a way to get good seats to all five shows (including all four of the theater's marquee, mainstage attractions) for \$150. If you knock off the \$100 worth of very usable credit at what is a very charming bar and coffeehouse — where you don't have to be seeing a show to spend time — that comes out at about \$10 per ticket.

This is not a pay-what-you-can storefront. This is Steppenwolf, the most famous theatrical name in Chicago.

A couple of points of comparison. A movie at Arclight Cinemas down the street from Steppenwolf costs \$13. According to the Tribune review at the time, a good seat to see "The Grapes of Wrath" at Steppenwolf in 1988 would have cost you \$36. In 1988 dollars.

On Broadway, orchestra tickets to "To Kill a Mockingbird" go for \$399 as a matter of routine.

It's also worth noting



Jonathan Berry, Laurie Metcalf, artistic director Anna D. Shapiro and Jon Michael Hill gather in the Front Bar in 2016.

that, back in the day, the subscription ticket was the discount. In most cases, it was the only discount you were going to get and it generally went for about 20 to 30% off the single ticket price.

Subscription sales rapidly are going the way of the dodo — people don't like to commit so far in advance anymore and they now are well aware that other discount deals are likely to be better. Still, I don't think I've ever seen an after-the-fact sale on subscriptions before. (Steppenwolf calls them "classic memberships," but they're still basically subscriptions.)

Such marketing maneuvers are hazardous: you risk alienating the subscribers who thought they were subscribing at the best possible price, which likely explains why this was one

was targeted through Facebook and maybe even why the theater told me, after I called to check on it, that it had just "expired," even though the ad still was right there in my feed.

On the other hand, theater tickets are what economists call "wholly perishable goods," which means that if you have excess inventory — which certainly appears to be the case here — you are better off getting any revenue than none at all. In essence, Steppenwolf is betting that its new bargain-basement, Facebook-pulled "members" will be retained for future seasons, at which point, presumably, they'll be paying for their own drinks at the Front Bar. Either that, or it is betting its economic future on philanthropic donations.

Is this kind of pricing good for the Chicago thea-

ter? That's a complex question (and a familiar one at newspapers selling digital memberships).

It certainly belies the assumption that theater is expensive; you could argue that in reality it is more perceived to be expensive. On the other hand, the existence of free or very low-cost tickets in New York or Chicago does not stop people from paying hundreds of dollars for the show they really want to see. And if you sign up for a cheap newspaper deal, you'll likely find your bargain term limited; this one lasts a whole year.

Some arts folks argue that if you price your tickets too low, you risk devaluing the product in the eyes of a public that happily pays three figures to see Chance the Rapper.

The counterargument there is that theater ticket

prices have increased in cost far more than the rate of inflation (Goodman Theatre executive director Roche Schulfer has made this point in speeches) and that this is a major deterrent to a significant number of potential theatergoers who simply cannot afford tickets. If you're a non-profit, accessibility is likely key to your mission. So there's that.

But. There are a lot of theaters competing for your time and money.

Steppenwolf for \$10 or \$15 certainly isn't great for the city's storefronts, which historically have enjoyed a big price advantage over the major institutions. Not anymore. And some of them have started to discuss what that means for them. They can sound a bit like an ultra-low-cost airline when one of the big

carriers cuts fares. That can be seen as predatory pricing, although, for the record, that clearly is not the Steppenwolf intent.

Steep Theatre, for example, sells subscriptions (a "Steep Pass") for \$25 a ticket; once the company goes much below that, it would struggle to achieve any kind of meaningful box office revenue. Steep is the Chicago theater that most closely mirrors what Steppenwolf was doing in its early days. And, fortuitously, I know it has fans who would rather be there. Still, you can't help but ponder how much the ecosystem has changed if Steep is charging so much more than the theater you'd imagine it aspires to be. Steep has donors, but it also needs to bring in some money at the box office. Tough spot.

It's a topsy-turvy world. And, obviously, Steppenwolf sells many tickets at much higher prices than the ones I am discussing here.

Three lessons are worth repeating for the bargain hunter. Unless you're talking a big-demand sellout show, buy as late as possible, after these deals kick in. And always do a bit of clicking around, if you have the time.

And, as I often repeat, there's almost always a cheap single at the box office, just before the show.

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CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

"A Doll's House" ★★
Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House" is one of the most famous plays in theater. The meltdown of the 19th century marriage of Nora and Torvald Helmer was regarded as scandalous in 1879. Writers Theatre's intimate new adaptation of the play, created by Michael Halberstam and Sandra Delgado, has boiled this three-act drama down to 90 lively minutes. People were hissing every time Torvald spoke, a danger today when he comes off like a melodramatic villain. But that's never true of Cher Álvarez, the vivid actress playing Nora. *Through Dec. 15 at Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe; \$35-\$80 at www.writerstheatre.org*

"A Man of Good Hope" ★★½
The Isango Ensemble, based in South Africa, is now at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater with "A Man of Good Hope." Adapted from an account of the young Somali refugee Asad Abdullahi, it tells the true story of his harrowing journey from his war-torn Mogadishu home to South Africa. And it educates us on precisely what so many migrants have to suffer — the violence, the exploitation, the terror. There's no real happy ending, but this production, adapted and directed by Mark Dornford-May, is highly inspiring, not least in its choral singing, great wafts of hopeful sound fighting for the lone refugee. *Through Oct. 13 at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Navy Pier; \$60-\$90 at 312-595-5600 or www.chicagosshakes.com*

"Blue Man Group" ★★½
"Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. *Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at www.ticketmaster.com*

"The Color Purple" ★★
Chicago has a long history with "The Color Purple," the musical version of Alice Walker's beloved story of suffering, resilience and

triumph. But as with any musical, there is always a new audience and sitting in Oakbrook Terrace Thursday night, I was struck by all the gasps of surprise at the plot points. *Through Nov. 3 at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace; \$55-\$70 at 800-745-3000 and www.drurylanetheatre.com*

"Five Presidents" ★★
It's funny. As politically divided as Americans have become, most of us still want to believe that our political leaders are capable of a civilized conversation. That's the premise of Rick Cleveland's "Five Presidents" at American Blues Theater, set at the California funeral of Richard Nixon in 1994. *Through Oct. 19 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.; \$19-\$39 at www.americanbluestheater.com*

"Hamilton" ★★
This heartland "Hamilton" is more in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a colony turned into a spectacular democratic experiment. *Through Jan. 5, 2020 at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; \$65-\$400 at www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"His Shadow" ★★
Loy A. Webb, a noted Chicago playwright and television writer, has premiered her new play at the ambitious 16th Street Theater. "His Shadow," ably directed by Wardell Julius Clark, centers on a college-football recruit known as Teeny (Charles Andrew Gardner), a player who lives in the shadow of his famous older brother. *Through Oct. 19 at 16th Street Theater, 6420 16th St., Berwyn; \$18-\$22 at www.16thstreettheater.org*

"King Hedley II" ★★
Playwright August Wilson's "King Hedley II," set in 1985, is the ninth play in Wilson's cycle depicting the African-American experience in the 20th century. At Court Theatre, director Ron OJ Parson understands this experimental work, in part because he also has directed all other 10 plays in the cycle. And



Rebecca Spence in "Every Brilliant Thing" at Windy City Playhouse.

HOT TICKET

"Every Brilliant Thing" ★★

Can you count your reasons for living? If your list could use some expansion, let me recommend a trip to "Every Brilliant Thing," a really beautiful show that has buoyed me, amused me and challenged me in the time since I left the theater at Windy City Playhouse South. This 80-minute, one-woman performance was written by Duncan Macmillan and the British comedian Jonny Donahoe. Its narrator talks to the audience about growing up with a suicidal mother whose first attempt to take her own life occurred when the narrator was just 7 years old. The narrator, here the charming Rebecca Spence, directed by Jessica Fisch, creates a list of all of the reasons for her mother to live. No. 1 is ice cream. No. 4 is the color yellow. The story continues from there. *Open run at Windy City Playhouse South, 2229 S. Michigan Ave.; \$55-\$75 at 773-891-8985 and www.windycityplayhouse.com*

Parson here has an actor, Kelvin Roston Jr., who can handle not just the force of will of a typical Wilson hero, but an overwhelming self-doubt. *Through Oct. 13 at Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Ave.; \$37.50-\$84 at www.courttheatre.org*

"Love, Chaos and Dinner" ★★

Teatro ZinZanni has opened "Love, Chaos and Dinner" in the heart of Chicago's theater district, delivering an inclusive, approachable, PG-13 rated Big Loop Night Out as it has been understood for decades by suburbanites and tourists. *Open run at the Cambria Hotel, 32 W. Randolph St.; \$99-\$189 (with dinner) at 312-488-0900 or www.zinzanni.com*

"Mosquitoes" ★★
Lucy Kirkwood's "Mosquitoes" is not a play about insects. It is an ambitious epic from London's National Theatre, exploring

everything from the perils of parenting teenagers to the existential questions posed by astrophysics. Steep Theatre, which never shies from a challenge, is staging it in a storefront on Berwyn Avenue. The central character here, a British scientist named Alice (Cindy Marker), is dealing with three generations of problems. Her mother (Meg Thalken) battles dementia. Her son (Alexander Stuart) is a lovable but angry kid. And Alice's dysfunctional younger sister is portrayed by Julia Siple, who is doing simply astonishing work here. *Through Nov. 9 at Steep Theatre, 115 W. Berwyn Ave.; \$27-\$39 at 773-649-3186 or www.steeptheatre.com*

"Newsies" ★★
On Broadway and on tour, the Newsies danced with their papes on scaffolds. At the Paramount in Aurora, the designer William Boles

has created a truly stunning new design, a replica of New York City, circa 1899. Director Jim Corti's lively and enjoyable production otherwise has not reinvented this family-friendly Disney stage musical, with the stirring score by composer Alan Menken and Jack Feldman, along with the rabble-raising book by Harvey Fierstein. Hero Jack Kelly is played by a veteran of the New York production of the show, Alex Prakken. *Through Oct. 20 at the Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora; \$37-\$74 at 630-896-6666 or www.paramountaurora.com*

"Oslo" ★★½

"Oslo" is about the Norwegian-led peace process in 1993 that culminated in a world-changing handshake between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat. In J.T. Rog-

ers' magnificent 2017 play, a profound experience on Broadway and now in its first Chicago production by TimeLine Theatre, the negotiations that lead up to that moment are both chronological and suspenseful. *Through Oct. 20 at Broadway Playhouse, 175 E. Chestnut St.; \$35-\$95 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"Something Rotten!" ★★

"Something Rotten!" a Pythonesque spoof of Shakespearean pomposity, got a bum deal on Broadway. It's great to see the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire give this funny thing another chance at a top-tier production, perfectly cast by director Scott Weinstein. The plot revolves around Nick Bottom (the comically incisive KJ Hippensteel) and his brother (Alex Goodrich), scribes wanting to take down Shakespeare (Adam Jacobs). Fun guaranteed. *Through Oct. 20 at the Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire; \$50-\$60 at 847-634-0200 or www.marriotttheatre.com*

"Southern Gothic" ★★

A house has been built inside the Windy City Playhouse for the latest run of "Southern Gothic" at its Playhouse South location. You and your fellow audience members join four couples, variously loving, scheming, cheating and feuding. *Through Oct. 27 at Windy City Playhouse South, 2229 S. Michigan Ave.; \$65-\$85 at 773-891-8985 and www.windycityplayhouse.com*

"Tiny Beautiful Things" ★★½

Sugar is the nom de plume of the writer Cheryl Strayed, who once wrote an advice column for online magazine The Rumpus. "Tiny Beautiful Things," now at Victory Gardens, is, in essence, a compilation of Sugar's columns as crafted by Nia Vardalos ("My Big Fat Greek Wedding") into a 90-minute play. The non-nonsense Janet Ulrich Brooks plays Sugar. Anger is easy. Forgiveness is hard. *Through Oct. 20 at Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.; \$25-\$50 at www.victorygardens.org*

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Owning gas stations right now is a lot like being a blacksmith in 1890; there's a change coming. We are all about to do the electric slide, with the internal combustion engine giving way to a technology discovered by Benjamin Franklin.

And in between advertisements, you make have noticed that Porsche's new all-electric four-door sedan, the Taycan, is about to arrive in showrooms. Despite being an electric vehicle, the first two models will be known as the Taycan Turbo and Taycan Turbo S — even though neither possesses a gasoline engine, never mind the need for a turbocharger.

I have no doubt that the Taycan will soon be the environmentally conscious electric vehicle to own among the wealthy 1 percent. It's a remarkable vehicle — but it should be given its \$150,900 base price.

If that's too much, you can still buy an electrified Porsche for less, but you'll have to add a little gasoline now and then. If that doesn't bother you, then I heartily recommend the Porsche Cayenne E-Hybrid, which starts at \$82,450 — a 55% discount from the Taycan while still providing some green cred.

And since Porsche has been electrifying vehicles for a decade — it unveiled the first Cayenne Hybrid in 2010 — this is one gas-sipper that will truly electrify your soul. For the third generation Cayenne E-Hybrid, Porsche takes the Cayenne's base 335-horsepower turbocharged 3.0-liter V-6 and adds an improved 100 kW electric motor that moves this hybrid to 60 mph in 4.7 seconds through an eight-speed Tiptronic transmission.

And for 2020, it gets even better with the arrival of the Turbo S E-Hybrid with a twin-turbocharged 4.0-liter V-8 and 100 kW electric motor that produces 670 horsepower and 663 pound-feet of torque that reduces a 0-60 mph sprint to 3.6 seconds. Top speed is 183 mph, and all-wheel drive is standard. The EPA rates the Cayenne E-Hybrid at the equivalent of 46 mpg in hybrid mode, 22 mpg in gas-only mode, and 13 miles in EV-only mode.

Of course, keep in mind that adding performance was Porsche's top priority, not delivering unbeatable fuel economy. So it's no surprise that the Sport Chrono Package is standard, and has four drive modes: E-Power, Hybrid Auto, Sport and Sport Plus. The E-Hybrid always starts in E-Power mode and prioritizes electric driving. It even has an "E-Launch" function that allows you to press the brake and accelerator, accelerating in pure electric when the brake pedal is released. Meanwhile, Sport and Sport Plus modes prioritizes the battery's power for a boost, while Hybrid Auto mode is best for most daily driving. Thoughtfully, it contains an E-Hold mode that keeps the battery charged for later pure electric driving. In E-Charge mode, the gasoline engine charges the battery.

Driving the Porsche Cayenne E-Hybrid with its base powertrain reveals remarkable acceleration whether in hybrid or EV modes. Turning the drive mode to Sport or Sport Plus provides noticeably more aggressive response, with the Cayenne prioritizing performance over parsimony, with the exhaust note singing a song so sweet, you'll roll down the windows as I did just to hear it.

It makes for an intoxicatingly fun-to-drive electrified SUV, one that's fun to drive despite its practical packaging. After all, it's a Porsche.

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MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Janika Garrett (Mother)**
JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00848**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 05, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Demetrios Kottaras in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 11/01/2019, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 20, 2019 6469533

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Cook County Building
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To be eligible for Franklin Towers, applicants **MUST** be 55 years of age or older. Applicant's income may not exceed the very low income limit (50% AMI), which is \$31,200 for a 1 person household and \$35,650 for a 2 person household.

Priority preference will be given to applicants who are currently on the HACC's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) wait list. Preference will also be given to families who are literally homeless; who are Veterans; who are disabled; or who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (referred to as VAWA collectively). Applicants claiming a preference must be able to demonstrate they qualify for the preference. Those claiming to be literally homeless must submit the HACC's Homeless Verification Form along with supporting documentation **at the time of application.** Those claiming VAWA must submit the VAWA Certification, Form HUD-5382, along with supporting documentation **at the time of application.** Preferences are assigned a point value and applied cumulatively before the time/date of application.

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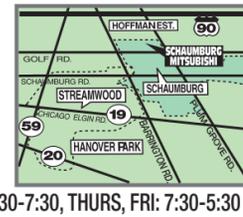
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ACROSS

1 ___ on; watch from hiding
4 Donkeys
9 Tap the horn
13 "How ___ you!"; cry of outrage
14 Verizon store purchase
15 "All roads lead to ___"
16 ___ mitts; pot holders
17 Crushed into powder
19 Bering or Black
20 "Yankee Doodle ___"
21 Unwraps
22 Train tracks
24 Giggler's letters
25 Trash can
27 Least risky
30 Second U.S. president
31 Incites to action
33 Soil, after a rainstorm
35 Victories
36 Hard hits
37 Old Maid or Crazy Eights
38 Piece of wood
39 Gets bigger
40 ___ Rouge, LA
41 Deodorant brand

DOWN

1 Put money aside
2 Set up in advance
3 Japan's currency
4 Horrify
5 Gives the cold shoulder to
6 Auctioneer's cry
7 Covetousness
8 Notice
9 Batter's delight
10 Leak out
11 Foreboding sign
12 Turner & Knight
13 Uno, __, tres...
18 Husetops
20 Croaks

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23 Gives a gun to
24 Boys
25 Cry hard
26 Spanish farewell
27 Plants
28 Just a small amount
29 Radiation's target
31 Story line
32 Tough ___ to hoe; difficult task
34 Declare untrue
36 Make beer
37 Boldness; nerve
39 Inexperienced
40 Baseball's Ruth

42 Ladd or Ties
43 Breathed heavily
45 Take just one bite
46 Not quite closed
47 "___ with the Wind"
48 Impolite
49 Talon
50 Get up
52 Apiece
53 Rap's Dr. ___
55 Isn't ___ to; probably won't
56 Gehrig or Ferrigno

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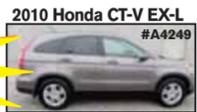
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Thousands of runners participate in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on Oct. 7, 2018, in Chicago. More coverage of Sunday's race at chicagotribune.com/marathon

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Everything you need to know if you run or watch the marathon

By **TIM BANNON AND KORI RUMORE** | Chicago Tribune

BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON

When: Sunday.

The course: The course is open for 6 hours, 30 minutes. Runners start and finish the race in Grant Park, and the course has spurs out through the city. The course is home to four world records and several national records. (Note: the route is subject to change.)

PARTICIPANTS

Tracking: Runners can sign up to track live results. Or download the official mobile app. Results also are available at chicagomarathon.com.

Security and safety: As in years past, only participants displaying their race bibs, event staff with proper credentials and ticketed guests will have access to the race start and finish areas in Grant Park. Marathon participants are asked to use the transparent bags they will receive from the pre-race expo to expedite the security screening process. Runners are required to register with a government-issued photo ID. The event website has information on the event alert system.

SPECTATORS

Starting line: Spectators will not be able to escort runners to the start line or greet runners at the finish line. The closest viewing area to the start is on Grand Avenue, between Columbus Drive and State Street, or anywhere along State Street between Grand Avenue and Jackson Boulevard.

Throughout the course: A list of suggested spectator viewing areas, including mile markers and CTA train lines, is available on the race's official website.

Finish line: To view runners closest to the finish of the race, go to the Bank of America Cheer Zone at Michigan Avenue and Roosevelt Road. After the race, spectators should plan to meet runners at the runner reunite area in Butler Field, located north and south of Jackson Drive.

Watch on TV: NBC-5 and Telemundo Chicago will broadcast live from 7-11 a.m. and livestream at nbcchicago.com and telemundochicago.com from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Listen: WSCR-AM 670 from 7-11 a.m.

Post-race party: Spectators can reunite with runners at the 27th Mile Post-Race Party at Grant Park's Butler Field. Access to this area will be available to spectators starting at 9:30 a.m. through gates on Jackson Boulevard and Congress Parkway. Bag screening is required.

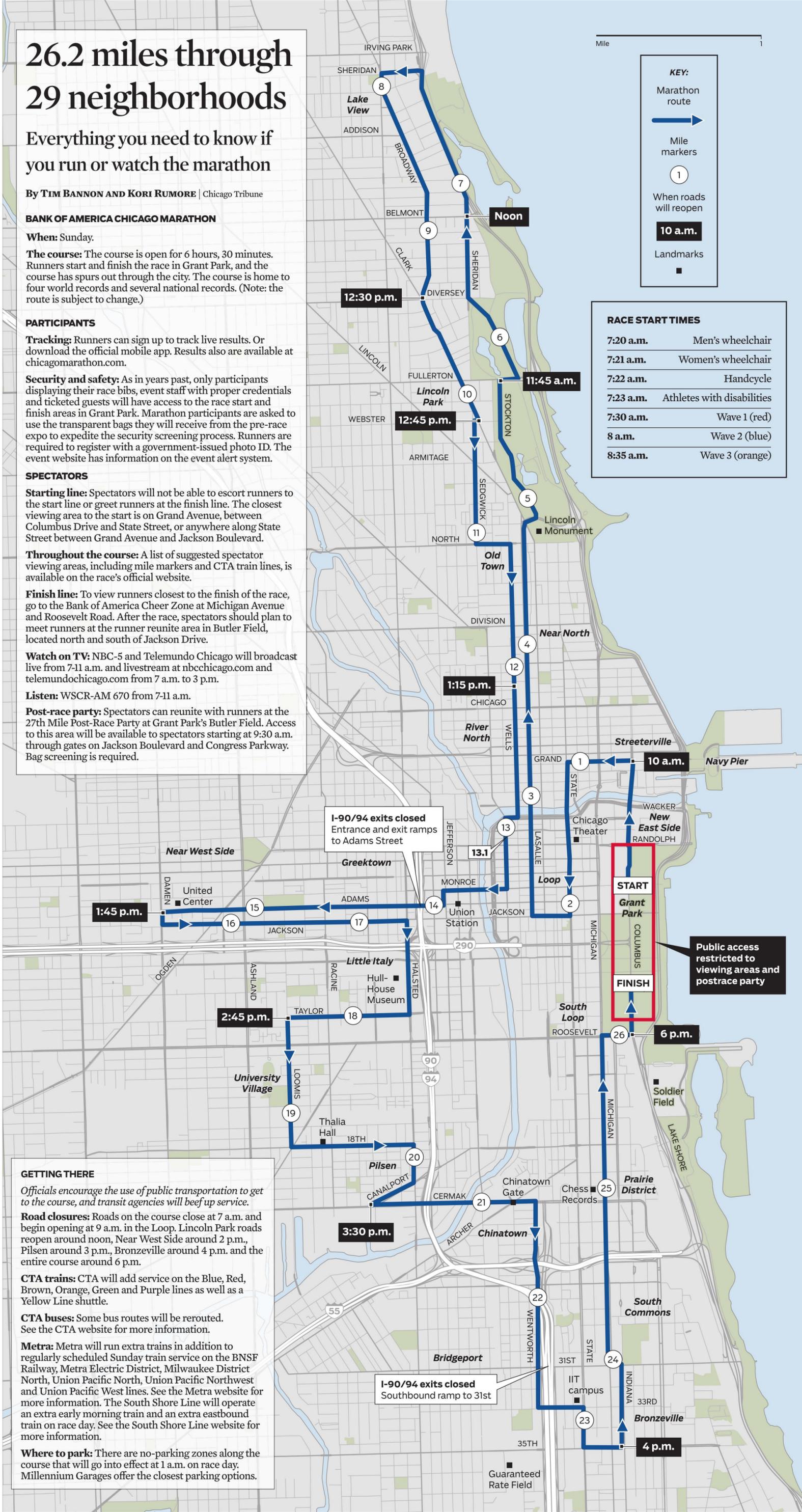
Mile

KEY:

- Marathon route
- Mile markers
- When roads will reopen
- Landmarks

RACE START TIMES

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| 7:20 a.m. | Men's wheelchair |
| 7:21 a.m. | Women's wheelchair |
| 7:22 a.m. | Handcycle |
| 7:23 a.m. | Athletes with disabilities |
| 7:30 a.m. | Wave 1 (red) |
| 8 a.m. | Wave 2 (blue) |
| 8:35 a.m. | Wave 3 (orange) |



GETTING THERE

Officials encourage the use of public transportation to get to the course, and transit agencies will beef up service.

Road closures: Roads on the course close at 7 a.m. and begin opening at 9 a.m. in the Loop. Lincoln Park roads reopen around noon, Near West Side around 2 p.m., Pilsen around 3 p.m., Bronzeville around 4 p.m. and the entire course around 6 p.m.

CTA trains: CTA will add service on the Blue, Red, Brown, Orange, Green and Purple lines as well as a Yellow Line shuttle.

CTA buses: Some bus routes will be rerouted. See the CTA website for more information.

Metra: Metra will run extra trains in addition to regularly scheduled Sunday train service on the BNSF Railway, Metra Electric District, Milwaukee District North, Union Pacific North, Union Pacific Northwest and Union Pacific West lines. See the Metra website for more information. The South Shore Line will operate an extra early morning train and an extra eastbound train on race day. See the South Shore Line website for more information.

Where to park: There are no-parking zones along the course that will go into effect at 1 a.m. on race day. Millennium Garages offer the closest parking options.

SOURCE: Chicago Marathon, Chicago Tribune reporting

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2019 CHICAGO MARATHON

8 things to know about the marathon

BY TIM BANNON

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon is Sunday. Here are some things to know about the race.

1. Both the women's and men's fields are strong.

Leading the women's field is Brigid Kosgei, who finished second in the 2017 Chicago Marathon before returning last year and winning in 2 hours, 18 minutes, 35 seconds for the third-fastest time in race history. Jordan Hasay, who became the fastest American woman to finish the Chicago Marathon with a time of 2:20:57 in 2017, also is in the field. Rounding it out are 2018 Paris Marathon champion Betsy Saina, 2018 U.S. marathon champion Emma Bates and Mexican national record holder Madai Perez. The field includes five women with personal bests of 2:25 or faster.

The men's runners include three former winners: four-time Olympic gold medalist and 2018 Chicago Marathon champ Mo Farah; 2016 Olympic marathon bronze medalist and 2017 Chicago Marathon winner Galen Rupp; and 2015 Chicago Marathon champ Dickson Chumba. The field also includes 2019 Boston Marathon winner Lawrence Cherono; Getaneh Molla of Ethiopia, who made the fastest marathon debut in history in 2:03:34 in Dubai in January; and Kenneth Kipkemoi of Kenya, who finished fourth in Chicago last year in 2:05:57. There will be 11 men running with personal bests of 2:07 or better.

2. It's not exactly a celebrity-studded field.

Beyond the elite runners, the biggest name is Tiki Barber, the former Giants running back and current CBS Sports analyst, who has run several marathons, including the 2018 New York City Marathon, which he finished in 4:44:47. "I was undertrained, but it was beautiful out there," Barber told the New York Post. "It was a great day, so many people. It was great, so exciting. I was high-fiving people."

Also expected to be in the field are three contestants from "The Bachelorette": Tyler Cameron, Diggy Moreland and Chicagoan Dustin Kendrick. Cameron is also expected to run the New York City Marathon on Nov. 3.

Thai musician Athiwaru "Toon" Khongmalai and Thai actress Ratchwin Wongviriyi are scheduled to run.



Former NFL running back Tiki Barber, center, will run the 2019 Chicago Marathon.

3. The weather forecast looks good for running — and watching.

The forecast for race day is partly cloudy with a high of 54 degrees, a low of 38 and no chance of rain. Winds of 15 to 25 mph are expected from the west-southwest.

Ideal conditions, especially for elite runners, are temperatures between 40 and 50 degrees, low humidity, partly cloudy and dry. So it looks like a nice day for runners. Spectators, too, assuming they dress properly (layers!).

For the record, the hottest Chicago Marathon day was Oct. 7, 2007, when the high was 89. For the first time in its history, the race was cut short as hundreds of runners laboring across oven-like streets were treated for heat-related illness. The stoppage happened about 3½ hours after the start amid complaints of insufficient water for the nearly 36,000 runners. Of the 35,867 who started, 24,933 finished. More than 300 runners were taken from the course in ambulances. One runner died, a Michigan police officer with a heart condition, although the Cook County medical examiner's office determined his death was not heat-related.

The coldest Chicago Marathon was run on Oct. 30, 1988, when the average temperature was 33 degrees.

4. Runners from 134 countries are in Sunday's field.

The largest group outside the United States is from Mexico with 2,653 runners. The United Kingdom (2,046) is next, followed by Canada (1,813), Brazil (1,201), China (1,057), Germany (744), Italy (635), Spain (557), Costa Rica (503), Australia (491), Hong Kong (476) and France (418). One runner is entered from each of the following countries or territories: Afghanistan, American Samoa, Bangladesh, Botswana, British Indian Ocean Territory, Eritrea, Georgia, Ghana, Greenland, South Korea, Maldives, Martinique, Moldova, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Turks and Caicos Islands, Uganda, Virgin Islands and Zambia.

All 50 states and the District of Columbia will be represented. Other than Illinois (16,526), the state with the most runners is New York with 3,485. The fewest: 19 from South Dakota.

5. The percentage of female marathoners continues to rise.

Of the approximately 45,000 runners Sunday, 47.47% will be women, up from 47.08% in 2018. The 2017 field was 48% women, the highest ever.

Over the years, the rise has been steady: 10% in 1980, 38% in 2000, 41% in 2010. By age group among women, most of the runners are between 25 and 49, not surprisingly, with the biggest segment (791%) between 30 and 34.

Among men, the breakdown is similar with most runners ages 25-49 and 8.7% in the 35-39 range.

6. It's also a race for the 2020 Paralympics.

The wheelchair competitors will be racing not only to win the Chicago Marathon, but also for a spot on the U.S. team for the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo (Aug. 24-Sept. 6).

The top two American women and men will go to Tokyo, as long as their times meet the qualifying standards — 1:35 for men and 1:58 for women.

"We are thrilled to be hosting the U.S. Paralympic Team Trials again," Executive Race Director Carey Pinkowski said in a statement. Chicago also hosted the trials in 2015 for the 2016 Games. "So many of our best U.S. athletes are coached by Adam Bleakney at the University of Illinois, so hosting the trials in Chicago is like a hometown race for our future Paralympians."

Illinois alumna Tatyana McFadden heads that field. She has won Chicago eight times. American record holders Aaron Pike and Susannah Scaroni will also be in the race.

7. Why this is such an appealing course.

Chicago is one of the flattest — and hence fastest — marathons in the world, and many runners come here either to qualify for races such as Boston or, for elite runners, to aim for national or world records. Four world records have been set here.

Dennis Kimetto of Kenya holds the Chicago Marathon men's record with a time of 2:03:45 set in 2013. Paula Radcliffe of Britain set the women's record in 2002 with a time of 2:17:18. Tatyana McFadden has the women's wheelchair record of 1:39:15. Heinz Frei of Switzerland owns the men's wheelchair mark of 1:26:56.

8. Some finishers get a lot more than a medal.

The female and male Chicago winners each get \$100,000. Second place gets \$75,000 and third place \$50,000. Wheelchair winners get \$20,000, a \$5,000 bump from last year. The fastest finishers (women and men) from Illinois get \$3,000 each.

The total purse distributed among all the money winners is \$841,500, up from \$803,500.

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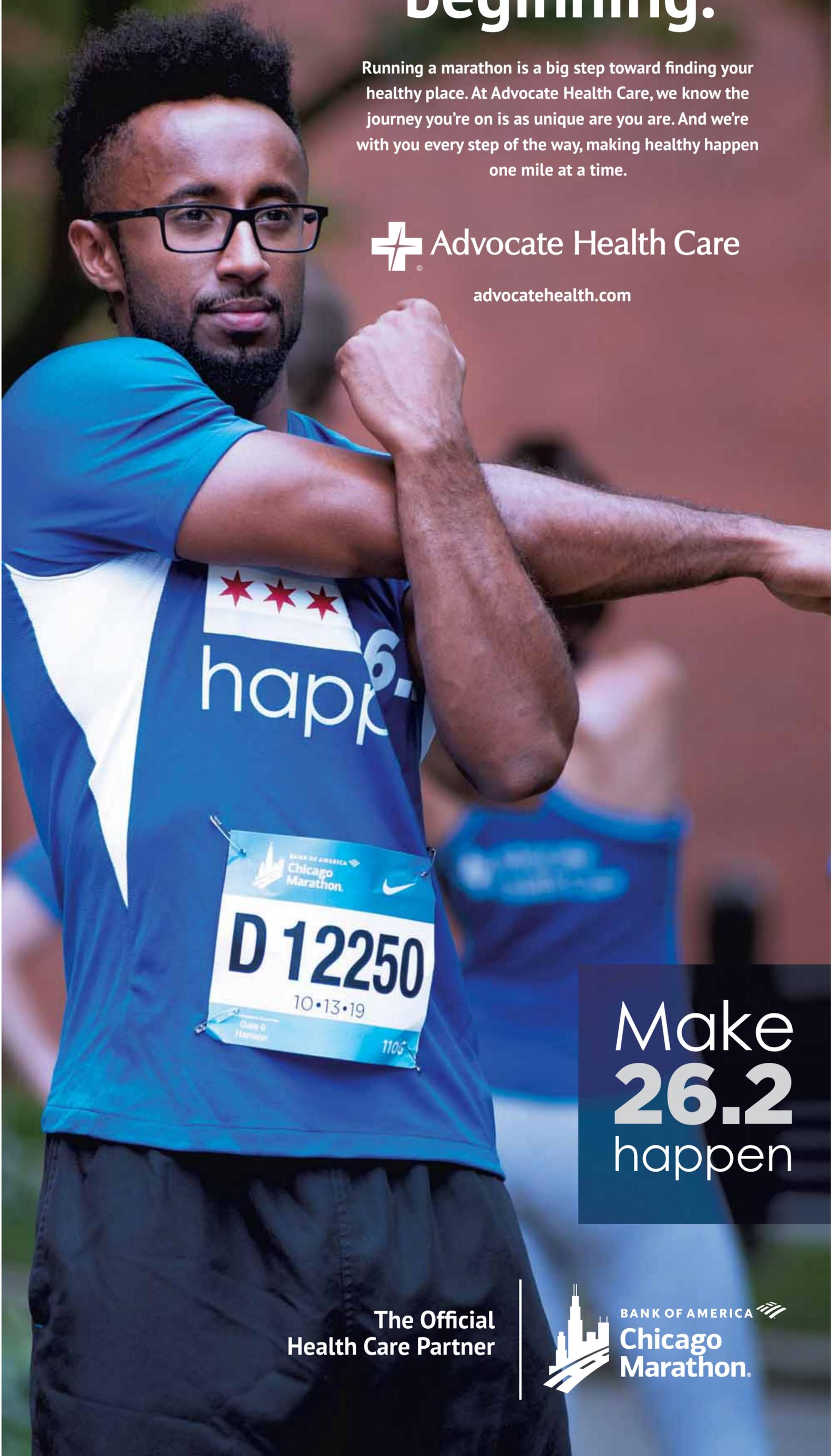
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