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JOEY LOMBARDO 1929-2019

'The Clown' dies in federal prison

Ex-mobster described as one of Outfit's most colorful, ruthless characters

BY WILLIAM LEE

Joseph Lombardo, the former Chicago Outfit boss who earned his nickname "the Clown" for his reputation as a jokester in addition to being a remorseless killer, has died, federal authorities announced Sunday.

Lombardo, 90, who was

serving a life sentence at the maximum-security prison in Florence, Colorado, for a conviction in the landmark 2007 Family Secrets mob trial, died Saturday, the U.S. attorney's office announced in a court filing that also sought to dismiss Lombardo's still-pending motion for reconsideration.

At the climax of Family Secrets — the largest mob trial in decades that laid bare many of the Outfit's most violent tactics — a federal jury convicted Lombardo along with Frank Calabrese Sr. and James Marcello in connection with 10 gruesome decades-old mob slayings, though

they deadlocked on eight others.

Lombardo was held responsible for the September 1974 murder of businessman Daniel Seifert, a federal witness who was hunted down and shotgunned by masked gunmen. Despite having been jailed since his conviction, Lombardo

maintained his innocence, saying the government presented no evidence that he was ever involved in organized crime after he had served his time for a 1983 skimming and bribery conviction.

Born on New Year's Day

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Joey "the Clown" Lombardo, shown during a bribery trial in 1982.



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OFFENSIVE IMPLOSION

Chicago Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky, 10, and the offensive line walk off after he's sacked on third down by the New Orleans Saints, ending a drive in the third quarter Sunday at Soldier Field. After spending their bye week trying to fix the issues that plagued them over their first five games, particularly on offense, the Bears had nothing to show for it in a 36-25 loss to the Saints. It was the worst loss of the Matt Nagy era and the first time the Bears lost by more than a touchdown since he took over as coach in 2018. **Chicago Sports**

Troops in Syria heading to Iraq

Trump's promise to bring US soldiers home contradicted

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
 Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — While President Donald Trump insists he's bringing home Americans from "endless wars" in the Middle East, his Pentagon chief says all U.S. troops leaving Syria will go to western Iraq and the American military will continue operations against the Islamic State group.

They aren't coming home and the United States isn't leaving the turbulent Middle East, according to current plans outlined by U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper before he arrived in Afghanistan on Sunday. The fight in Syria against IS, once spearheaded by American allied Syrian Kurds who have been cast aside by Trump, will be undertaken by U.S. forces, possibly from neighboring Iraq.

Esper did not rule out the idea that U.S. forces would conduct counterterrorism missions from Iraq into Syria. But he told reporters traveling with him that those details will be worked out over time.

Trump nonetheless tweeted: "USA soldiers are not in combat or cease-fire zones. We have secured the Oil. Bringing soldiers home!"

The president declared last week that Washington has no stake in defending the Kurdish fighters who died by the thousands as America's partners fighting in Syria against IS extremists. Turkey conducted a weeklong offensive into northeastern Syria against the Kurdish fighters before a military pause as Trump said, "It's time for us to come home," he said, defending his removal of U.S. troops from that part of Syria and praising his decision to send more troops and military equipment to Saudi Arabia to help the kingdom defend against

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Vaping takes Big Tobacco's path

Facing lawsuits, health advisories, calls for regulation

BY KATE THAYER

In the pages of lawsuits, attorneys describe clients with nagging coughs, some hospitalized, struggling to breathe. Their health problems are blamed on a nasty habit they can't quit because they're hooked on nicotine, one of the most addictive drugs.

Doctors and public health officials warn the public, while corporations fight back with their own information. Policy-makers propose regulations and demand answers.

It's a situation currently playing out over e-cigarettes, especially top producer Juul Labs and Altria, which owns a 35% stake in Juul and is the parent company of Philip Morris USA — maker of Marlboro cigarettes. But it also could describe the country's long history with tobacco cigarettes.

Experts say it's uncanny how history is repeating itself, though there are

some distinctions — a faster pace and stronger public opinion.

The new vaping trend also is drawing attention to criticism from tobacco prevention experts, who say that although smoking rates have plummeted, states don't do enough education and prevention, despite receiving billions of dollars in a massive settlement from tobacco companies. The money was meant to combat public health expenses after courts found the industry continued to sell products despite knowing about health and addiction risks.

But Illinois officials say that besides education and prevention, the state spends settlement funds on health-related expenses, including Medicaid payments, because tobacco and cancer account for many of the health-related costs to the state. There's also work to use these funds to educate teens about vaping, officials said.

E-cigarettes — products used to inhale heated liquid often containing nicotine, known as vaping —

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A ride-share vehicle jumps ahead of a line of cabs at the Hilton Chicago on Friday.

Proposed ride-share fees would be highest in nation



MARY WISNIEWSKI
 Getting Around

If the City Council approves a proposed \$3 tax on solo ride-share trips downtown, Chicago will have the highest ride-

share fees in the country.

But the city may not keep that perch forever. Other cities, including Boston and Seattle, are looking to either impose ride-share fees or increase existing rates to deal with heightened congestion and lower public transit use, both of which have been blamed on the growth of ride-hailing.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's

proposed fare increase is part of a larger trend of cities pushing back against companies such as Uber and Lyft, which have been largely unregulated since they burst onto the urban scene at the start of the decade.

"A number of cities are moving toward fees of different kinds and in

particular suburbs, \$3.00 elsewhere
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Rep. Cummings' rise to power explains why African Americans are aligned with Democrats



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DAHLEEN GLANTON

Many Republicans just can't seem to grasp why African Americans are so committed to the Democratic Party. If anyone really wants to understand this seemingly shatterproof bond, they need look no further than Rep. Elijah Cummings.

At one of the most crucial periods of our time, when the future of an American president is on the line, a black man was positioned alongside others at the helm, leading the Democratic charge to unravel the clutter and get to the truth.

Generations from now, when history looks back at the impeachment proceedings against Donald Trump, Cummings' name will be prominently displayed among the Democratic Party leadership that drove the impeachment investigation.

Yes, a black man, with a clean shaven head and the distinctive dialect of an African American preacher, wielded the power to bring down a sitting president. Until Cummings, who in January assumed chairmanship of the powerful Committee on Oversight and Reform — Congress' main investigative committee — such a thing was unheard of.

Certainly, there have been other African American Democrats to head congressional committees, including oversight and reform, but the fate of a sitting president was never in their hands. Still, even with his enormous power, Cummings seemed unassuming.

Here was a man who grew up like most African Americans. He was not born into wealth or prominence. His father and mother were Southern sharecroppers, who tended crops on land owned by white people and turned over portions of their yield in exchange for rent. They were pulled out of school early to work, but they understood the value of educating their children. Expectations for this

black boy growing up in Baltimore, where his family moved prior to his birth, were as low as they are today for black boys growing up anywhere in America. In grade school, a counselor once told him that he would never fulfill his dream of becoming a lawyer because he was a slow learner and spoke too poorly.

Black children are told similar things over and over, if not in words then through the societal messages that constantly bombard them. But they can look at Cummings and see that adults don't always know what they're talking about.

Through hard work, Cummings was able to exceed expectations. And the Democratic Party offered him a home where he could not only shine, but also grow.

In that regard, he was not unlike former President Barack Obama and other African Americans who have worked their way through the ranks of the party. House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn, Homeland Security Chair Bennie Thompson, Education and Labor Chair Bobby Scott, Financial Services Chair Maxine Waters and Science, Space and Technology Chair Eddie Bernice Johnson currently reside in Congress' highest ranks.

They provide good talking points for Democrats when making a case to African Americans. Blacks make up roughly 13% of the

U.S. population but are 24% of the Democratic primary electorate. African Americans have the power to make or sink any presidential contender, and black people know it.

The GOP would love to have black voters switch over to their side, and some of them are clueless as to why it hasn't happened.

It stands to reason, they surmise, that blacks would be forever loyal to the party of Abraham Lincoln. He did, after all, free them from slavery and for decades after that, Republicans were African Americans' strongest political allies.

They seem to overlook the fact that along the way, the Republican Party not only abandoned black people but also turned against them. African Americans had to find a more welcoming home.

African Americans aren't naive about the deficiencies of the Democratic Party. They aren't blind to the fact that they often are taken for granted, and are only catered to when election time rolls around. They know that they don't make enough demands on the Democrats for economic and social parity.

But when blacks compare Democrats with Republicans, many see no other choice. The Democratic House, in general, is significantly more diverse than Republicans in terms of both gender and race. Republicans had just two women and no people of color in their highest ranks before losing power this year. Democrats had five woman committee chairs, three of which are women of color, and four men of color.

Without question, there should be more, given the depths of black support for the party. But the ascension of Cummings and other African American leaders isn't just Democrats throwing black people a bone. It's more like opening a door,

and allowing those who have earned it to take their rightful place at the head of the line.

At the time of his death last week, Cummings was one of the most prominent figures in America. His name was as common as Adam Schiff's or Jerry Nadler's, the two other congressional chairs leading the impeachment inquiry.

He had earned his stripes as a much-maligned foe of Trump's, rising above his vitriolic wrath with dignity and poise. He was a formidable opponent, and Trump took notice.

In a series of tweets four months ago, Trump labeled Cummings a "racist" and referred to his Baltimore district as "a disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess" where "no human being would want to live."

But that didn't deter Cummings. He kept right on doing what he was supposed to do — investigating a seemingly corrupt presidency that threatened to trample on our Democracy. And Americans of every race deeply respected him for that.

He was so committed to his work, we're told, that even as he lay close to death, he was signing subpoenas in order to keep the impeachment inquiry going without a hitch.

We will miss seeing him sitting on his perch in the House chamber, presiding over proceedings. And we will always wonder how much more the chairman could have contributed if he were still alive.

But many Americans always be grateful for the leadership and devotion to truth he provided while alive. And African Americans, in particular, will remember that it was the Democratic Party that put the gavel in his hand.

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Shuttle busses have temporarily replaced the "people mover" to get travelers to terminals and parking lots at O'Hare International Airport.

Reopening of O'Hare 'people mover' delayed to early 2020

BY JOE MAHR

O'Hare International Airport flyers will be without the airport's light rail system through at least the winter holidays — in yet another setback to a long-delayed construction project.

Chicago Department of Aviation Commissioner Jamie Rhee announced Friday that upgrades to the popular "people mover" now are not expected to be completed until early next year. She blamed an unspecified "mechanical issue discovered during on-track testing."

"This is unfortunate, and

it is frustrating," Rhee said in a letter to the "O'Hare Airport Community" released by her office.

Friday's announcement was the third time the city has delayed the completion date for the project, which is now running more than a year behind schedule. The work has forced tens of thousands of passengers a day into a fleet of buses moving slowly through airport traffic, adding to the congestion the project was supposed to help alleviate.

While Rhee's letter brought up the possibility of financial penalties for the project's contractor,

Parsons Construction Group, Rhee said she believed contractors were working in "good faith" and said: "Right now, our singular focus is on returning the ATS (Airport Transit System) to service safely and reliably. We know it will be worth it."

The project updates the people mover and extends its line by a third of a mile to reach a massive new "multimodal facility" that hosts long-term parking spaces as well as serves as the gateway for people coming in or out of the airport by hotel shuttle, rental car, regional bus or commuter

train.

The city hired Parsons to oversee the work and get it substantially completed for \$310 million by Dec. 6, 2018, under an agreement in which the contractor promised to keep service interruptions "to an absolute minimum."

But amid finger-pointing and delays detailed in a Tribune investigation, the system eventually was shut down to try to speed up the work, which was to be done by September.

Then the completion date was moved to around Thanksgiving.

And now the city ex-

pects the system to open back up in "early 2020," according to Rhee's letter, although she noted that "at this time, there is no specific date."

"We are very close. But ... this is a driverless system, featuring proprietary automated technologies that have not been used before and that require a rigorous testing program, the (people mover) will not return to service until we have absolute confidence in its safety and reliability," she said.

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Lake County deputy, K-9 to make TV appearances

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

It might sound surprising that a dog from Lake County is all but racking up frequent flyer miles, traveling to television appearances on both coasts — until you realize that dog is Dax, the much-celebrated K-9 hero of the Lake County sheriff's office.

Monday morning, Dax will be a featured guest on the "Today" show in New York, and later that night he'll appear on the Hallmark Channel, as part of an award show ceremony that was prerecorded in Los Angeles earlier this month. Two television appearances in one day may make it sound like we're talking about famous actor Dax Shepard rather than Dax the German shepherd, but don't go assuming this is just the K-9's "15 minutes of fame." Canine handler Deputy John Forlenza and 5-year-old Dax have been commanding headlines locally for years, partly because of Dax's incredible apprehension rate and partly because the pair have racked up numerous awards, most recently taking home top honors at a regional competition.

"The running line is I train more than anybody else. I train him every day. Nobody's going to out-train us, that's my philosophy," Forlenza said Sunday afternoon as the duo traveled to O'Hare International Airport, where they planned to catch a flight to New York for the "Today" segment.

"He's a Type A type dog and I'm a Type A type person," Forlenza said, crediting in part Sheriff John Idleburg, who does not have a policy in place

limiting the number of hours a week the pair can work together. "Some dogs couldn't train as much without suffering burnout, but Dax has an incredible work ethic. We treat him like an athlete. He trains hard then rests when he's home."

And although "he turns a lot of heads going through security," Dax is as comfortable during air travel as is "humanly" possible. That's right, Dax gets a passenger seat of his own when he flies.

Forlenza said separating them could become a liability issue, particularly since Dax is trained to bite once he's successfully tracked down a suspect.

Because of that training — even though there's a small probability of Dax getting out of an unattended crate or hurting anyone even if he did — as a precaution and as a partnership, Dax doesn't do anything without Forlenza at his side.

That includes a multiday road trip from Illinois to California — though Dax didn't carry his weight as far as driving was concerned — earlier this year for yet another TV show, this one on the A&E network, that has not yet aired. Then they drove to Michigan for the United States Police Canine Association Region 19 Patrol Dog Trial — the regional competition Dax won overall, and which propelled him to a spot in the national competition in Destin, Florida (the pair will drive there too).

On Oct. 5, Forlenza and Dax returned to California for the 2019 American Hero Dog Awards at the Beverly Hilton, and that time they flew.

"He's a champ on the airplane. He actually handles flights better than a long drive. The airline was very accommodating and gave us a row of seats, so he pretty quickly stretched out and fell asleep," Forlenza said.

As will become clear Monday night when the ceremony airs on Hallmark, after 900,000 votes were cast and more than 350 nominations made, Dax was at the gala because he was one of seven finalists for "Top Dog," after being named the winner in the law enforcement category, said Sgt. Chris Covelli, a spokesman for the sheriff's office.

After so many accolades, write-ups in newspapers and television appearances, is Dax officially famous?

"I don't know about famous," Forlenza wrote in a text message as his plane started to board, adding an "LOL" for good measure. "Maybe 'well-known!' I think the public loves that he's a sworn deputy and his warrior persona. They admire his courage, qualities, and achievements. Dax just loves working and playing. I'm fortunate to have him as a partner."

But Forlenza, who is modest about his own contribution to the partnership, is largely to credit for the team's joint success.

Forlenza joined the sheriff's office after spending nine years training police dogs. It was no accident he ended up a canine handling deputy — that was his dream, and it played out as he'd hoped. Once he was accepted by the sheriff's office, he spent another decade learning the job — making sure he knew everything being a deputy entailed, before he applied



LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Lake County Sheriff's Deputy John Forlenza and his K-9 partner Dax rescued a man in medical distress on Aug. 24.

to be assigned a partner with a tail.

He was granted the position when Dax was just 13 months old, "a baby," as Forlenza put it. Dax then went to live in the Forlenza household, as is the usual living arrangement for canine handlers. He eats a specialized diet, including raw chicken wings and salmon and cottage cheese, which Forlenza hopes will extend his working years to 12 or 13. The typical police dog retires sometime between 8 and 10 years, he said.

"I truly enjoyed working with a lot of different dogs, but it's especially fun to put all your efforts into developing one dog. I certainly had a plan when I was hired with the sheriff's office and of course, it was a goal to be a canine handler with them," Forlenza said, adding that he thinks it's important to develop one's skills as a deputy before joining the canine handler program.

"Once you're kind of grounded there and are settled in, then it's that much easier to give him the attention and the training that he deserves. There's kind of a recipe for success

in working with dogs," Forlenza said.

"Some people think a mean dog will make a good police dog, and that's just not the case. If you have an edgy dog at a young age, you'll have handler aggression issues. Dax was actually selected because at a young age he didn't have any aggression issues with other animals. You can train them later to be a tough dog, not necessarily a mean dog," Forlenza said.

After the pair return from New York — the "Today" show segment is expected to air about 9:40 a.m. — they'll look forward to the national competition.

Dax will try to improve on his impressive showing at regionals, where he earned first place for overall patrol dog, first place in criminal apprehension, first place in cadaver detection, a certificate for exceptional tracking and the Boris Award for top apprehension dog, named in memory of Boris, a K-9 with the Detroit Police Department.

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Strike enters 2nd week

No CPS classes Monday as sides negotiate staffing and class sizes

BY GREGORY PRATT AND KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Chicago Public Schools officially canceled Monday classes in an email notifying parents that the teachers union strike would continue for at least another day as negotiators continue bargaining over class sizes and staffing levels.

CPS CEO Janice Jackson made the announcement in an email updating the negotiations.

"Our class size offer would allocate over \$10 million to support additional staffing for the relatively small number of overcrowded classrooms in the district, and our staffing proposal would go above and beyond the public commitment Mayor Lightfoot and I made over the summer to hire hundreds of additional social workers, nurses and special education case managers," Jackson said. "Through both of these proposals, we have worked to create solutions that will promote equity and ensure resources are directed to the schools that need them most."

At a late news conference, union officials said they made progress on issues like counselors but need smaller class sizes. The union made a counterproposal on class sizes, a CTU member said.

One member of CTU's bargaining team hailed an agreement reached earlier in the day to have dedicated positions to help homeless students.

The two sides had spent time discussing affordable housing and rent control on Sunday, but according to an administration source, the mayor's side reiterated the administration's opposition to putting those issues in a contract where it says they don't belong.

The union also got language added into the contract to ensure pre-K classrooms have a 10-1 student-to-adult ratio, an official announced Sunday night.

Talks started at 11 a.m. at Malcolm X College, where players on both sides have been meeting since the strike was announced late Wednesday. CTU President Jesse Sharkey and Vice President Stacy Davis Gates also attended the bargaining sessions.

An email sent late Saturday said members of the group Parents 4 Teachers planned to canvass the area around Welles Park in Ravenswood, not far from the bustling shops and restaurants of Lincoln Square.

Sharkey, in the email, said eight tentative agreements were made during negotiations Saturday, "especially on a charter moratorium and on pipeline for hiring more teachers of color."

"Big issues remain around pay and benefits, enforcement mechanisms for class size and staffing, teacher preparation time and duration of the contract," the email continued.

Picket lines already have been scheduled for 6:30 a.m. Monday, and Sharkey said an afternoon demonstration is expected as well.

"Rest up this weekend, stay strong, and keep up the pressure. It's working. We can do this. We will do this — together," the email said.

Churches band together to wipe out medical debt

Nearly 6K to get letters saying their debt is forgiven

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

For Chicagoans struggling to make ends meet, the daily act of checking the mail can be anxiety-inducing. Aside from birthday cards and holiday letters, there isn't often much good news, but there never seems to be any shortage of bills or debt collection attempts.

Soon, when bright yellow envelopes appear in thousands of mailboxes around Cook County with the words "RIP Medical Debt" on each one, recipients might assume it's yet another bill. In reality, those envelopes contain the opposite, a potentially life-changing gift.

A network of area churches this summer banded together to take on the debt collection system that profits "on the backs of poor people"; to help restore bad credit marred by medical debt; and to inspire joy, said the organizers, the Rev. Otis Moss III and the Rev. Traci Blackmon. As a result, Moss said they've wiped out more than \$5.3 million in medical debt, and they soon plan to send letters to nearly 6,000 Cook County residents with a no-strings-attached message: "May you have a beautiful, wonderful holiday. Your debt has been forgiven. Enjoy Thanksgiving."

"People don't know that they're going to receive this," Moss said. "And it's my imagination that there will be 5,888 families in Cook County that will be shouting and thanking God that their debt has been forgiven."

Blackmon, who lives near St. Louis and is a leader in the United Church of Christ, of which Moss' Trinity Church is part, said last Thanksgiving she read about a nonprofit called RIP Medical Debt, which was founded by former debt collection agents. She reached out to Moss with the idea of partnering with the nonprofit to raise money to explicitly target areas in Cook County where many people live below the poverty line, including Englewood, Roseland, Auburn-Gresham, Washington Heights and West Pullman.

Though churches have always given back to members of their own congregations, one of the unique parts of this program is that church membership, or even belief in God, is not necessary, nor is there a campaign goal beyond extending kindness.

"We see Cook County as our parish," Moss said. "And our job is to ensure that you, in some form or fashion, will experience the compassion, the love, the care and the generosity that flows from God's heart. That's what we're called to do. So you will receive debt forgiveness whether you are Christian, Muslim, Jewish, humanist, secular, agnostic, atheist, whether you're black or you're white. The only criteria that we



Gabriel Taylor, from left, Minister Carol Taylor and Priscilla Hatch hold hands during a RIP Medical Debt celebration.



Richard Greenfield applauds after Rev. Otis Moss III announces that area churches are buying and forgiving medical debt.

laid out is that we want to make sure the most vulnerable are in line. Or as Scripture says, 'The last shall be first.'"

Moss said United Church of Christ also worked with the Leadership Network, a West Side collective of Baptist churches serving predominantly black neighborhoods. Blackmon said a common refrain was to ask people to bring in the change or small bills gathered in the bottom of a purse or a coin jar. The effort began in early summer, and as of this month had raised \$38,000. And because debt is available for purchase from creditors for pennies on the dollar, that amount erased more than \$5.3 million in debt, Blackmon explained.

The original creditor — a hospital, doctor or ambulance company — often will write off a debt after a few years. That's when third-party collection companies buy the debt for pennies on the dollar, figuring there's money to be made even if they only recuperate a portion of the total debt. Those companies then ding the credit of an individual who owes, which has a profound effect on their ability to qualify for a mortgage or rent, or affected someone's ability to get a job that requires good credit, Blackmon said.

The average debt for lo-



Moss III speaks on Sunday at Trinity United Church of Christ.

cal families of \$907 cost less than \$2 to eliminate through RIP Medical Debt, she said. That's part of why this cause has been so important to her, as negotiating away debt was only available to insiders and large-scale debt purchasers prior to the founding about five years ago of RIP Medical Debt, a New York-based nonprofit.

Blackmon reiterated some of the points commonly made by the nonprofit: The most common cause of bankruptcy in the United States is medical debt, and in 75% of such bankruptcies, the person had health insurance. And while some people owe hundreds of thousands of

dollars, the debt is usually significantly smaller.

"The feel-good story is a great thing, but if you have written off this debt anyway, there are practical implications to your life in having it eliminated," she said.

Daniel Lempert, spokesman for RIP Medical Debt, said the nonprofit already has eliminated more than \$900 million in debt since its inception and is on track to wipe out \$1 billion by the end of the year, in part by working with some 70 faith-based groups on similar campaigns this year alone.

The nonprofit was co-founded by Jerry Ashton and Craig Antico, "two for-

mer collection industry executives who decided to put their industry experience and expertise to work to forgive debt rather than collect on it," according to the nonprofit. Ashton attended an Occupy Wall Street event in 2011 and "was particularly inspired by the group's brief foray into abolishing medical debt," and decided to take action since he had the insider knowledge to make it a reality, Lempert said.

He said hospitals often only employ one full-time internal collection employee for each 8,000 to 12,000 accounts, which is why it's later sold to outside collection agencies at such a low cost.

RIP Medical Debt has worked on technology that allows it to geographically locate debt, allowing it to partner with fundraisers in specific areas, he explained.

"We go to trusted, approved secondary debt buyers and earmark the ones that fit our criteria," Lempert said. "We'll say, this is the portion of this account we would like to purchase. We're purchasing the accounts of those who are factually not likely to be able to pay and we're paying for them — though often at a very, very steep discount."

The group also works with TransUnion, one of the three main credit reporting companies, and can ensure

the debt is removed from a person's credit report. That was another reason the nonprofit was so attractive to Blackmon, particularly in a neighborhood such as Englewood, where she said the annual average income is \$22,000.

"We also know these are populations where people move often," Blackmon said. "They can be transient and they may not set up mail-forwarding services — so they may never even see the letter. But with that extra step of removing (the debt) from a credit report, they don't have to see the letter to reap the benefit."

Lempert said some people who receive letters may assume it's more bad news in the mail, or they don't trust that it's a gift, although the group tries to put a campaign organizer's logo on the letters. And while the Chicago letters haven't yet gone out, RIP Medical Debt has years of experience when it comes to the thank-you notes that come flooding in after a campaign.

"There are cases with people not believing it's real, because there's not much of a precedent for this type of a gift in their lives," Lempert said. "But we do absolutely hear from people after the fact, and — now that there's been so much written about us — people will often say, 'I got the letter and I Googled you and I just want to say thank you so much.'"

The gift also can spark a chain reaction, because once someone feels some control over their financial destiny, they're more likely to feel a renewed sense of purpose behind their bill-paying efforts.

"For some people they'll say, this has empowered me to tackle the rest of my debts, or now I feel better getting a car loan or a mortgage," Lempert said.

On Sunday, Moss was able to reveal the final figures to congregants whose donations made the campaign a success. Moss said they set an initial goal of wiping out \$1 million in local medical debt, but the final numbers were staggering.

"We should never place a price on someone's life and then place a value on who should be able to thrive, based on income. It's just immoral," Moss said. "When I announced to the congregation what we were going to do, they were so excited. No matter what they've been able to give, they're directly involved in purchasing someone's debt, and people especially were so excited about the opportunity to bless someone anonymously."

"Our hope is that other organizations will follow suit and do the same," he said.

Blackmon wants those who receive the letters to remember a few things: It's real, it's a gift and there's no ulterior motive.

"It's not a recruitment ploy," Blackmon said. "It's just what we believe it means to be church."

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Lombardo

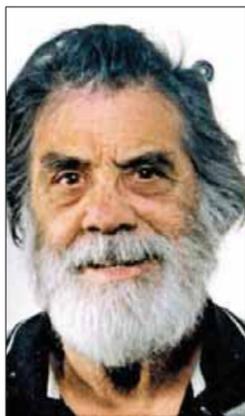
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in 1929 and raised with 10 siblings in a tough Italian section of the city's Near West Side known as "the Patch," Lombardo started as a young thief and neighborhood tough until he became a driver for Outfit figures and rose through the ranks, according to Tribune reporter Jeff Coen's book "Family Secrets: The Case That Crippled the Chicago Mob."

Observers had long seen Lombardo as a possible successor to the city's syndicate after former crime boss Anthony Accardo.

In the early 1980s, Lombardo received a 15-year sentence for conspiring to bribe a U.S. senator and a separate 10-year sentence in a mob scheme to skim \$2 million from a Las Vegas casino.

"This guy Lombardo, he's done everything," retired FBI agent William F. Roemer Jr. and author told the Tribune in 1992 following



U.S. STATES ATTORNEY
Joey "the Clown" Lombardo, shown in 2006.

Lombardo's release from prison for those convictions. "If I wrote a job description of what a mob guy must do to be boss, he'd fit the description. He's done it: corruption, murder, gambling. But he is not a clown, as his nickname believes. He is a sharp guy."

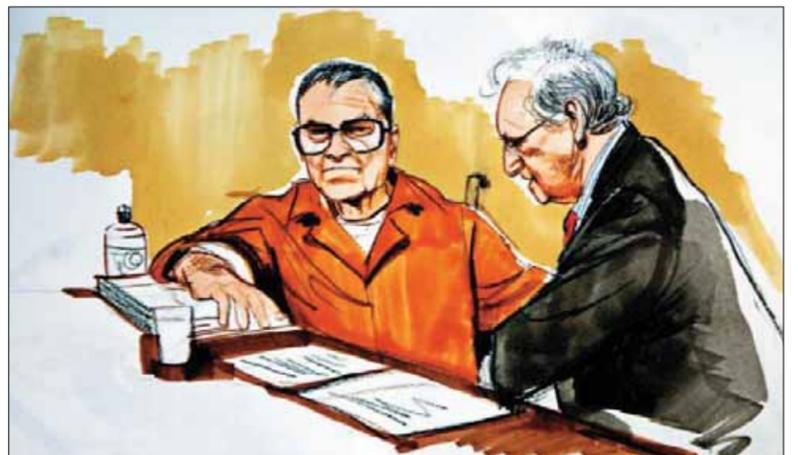
But brutality was only part of Lombardo's facade. Described as one of the Chicago Outfit's most col-

orful and ruthless characters, as well as a "wisecracking elder statesman" of the Outfit, the former capo of the notorious Grand Avenue street crew knew how to deliver a gag.

The local press kept a watchful eye on Lombardo because of antics like his funny-face police mugshots, or the time he left the courthouse holding a newspaper up to his face with a space for his eyes cut out.

An August 2007 Tribune article noted that at the time of his arrest following the Family Secrets indictments, Lombardo was "sporting a beard that resembled the one Saddam Hussein grew while hiding in his spider hole." Brought to court for the first time in the case, Lombardo announced he simply had been "unavailable."

Defense attorney Joseph Lopez, who represented Outfit members such as Calabrese, remembered Lombardo as a "very knowledgeable, very intelligent person" who commanded respect even at his advanced age.



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Joey "the Clown" Lombardo, with his attorney Rick Halprin, during Lombardo's sentencing at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on Feb. 2, 2009, in Chicago.

"I didn't know about him being an Outfit boss ... the only way I know him, he was calm, he was very thoughtful and very smart," Lopez said Sunday.

Lombardo, Lopez said, was a throwback to a time when such men were known for silence as well as their strength.

"That life has been gone

for a while, if that makes any sense," Lopez added.

Despite his failing health, which included a battle with throat cancer and having his gallbladder removed, Lombardo continued to push for his release from prison.

"My mind comes and goes," Lombardo wrote in the neatly printed letter as

part of a court filing asking for reconsideration of his conviction. "All my teeth are out and waiting for the prison to give me false teeth ... over 3 months no false teeth. Had 4 polyps (sic) removed, kidneys are going, I take 13 pills a day!"

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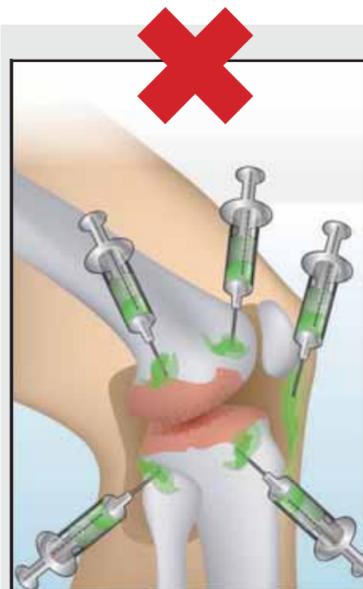
untreated, it can keep you awake at night, and hurt with every step.

The good news is, researchers discovered an almost identical, all natural lubricating fluid called Hyaluronic acid. It has been proven in numerous clinical studies to act as a natural lubricant in your joints.

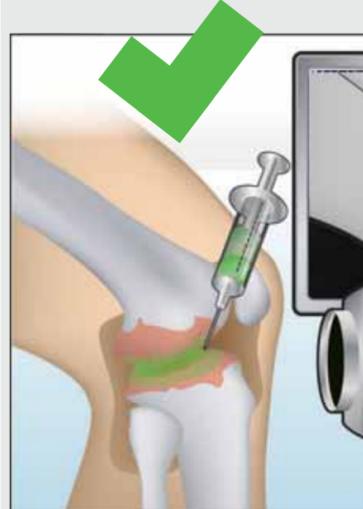
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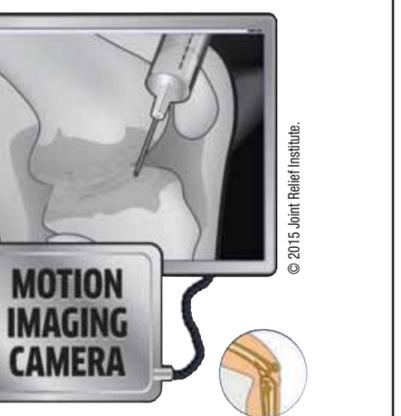
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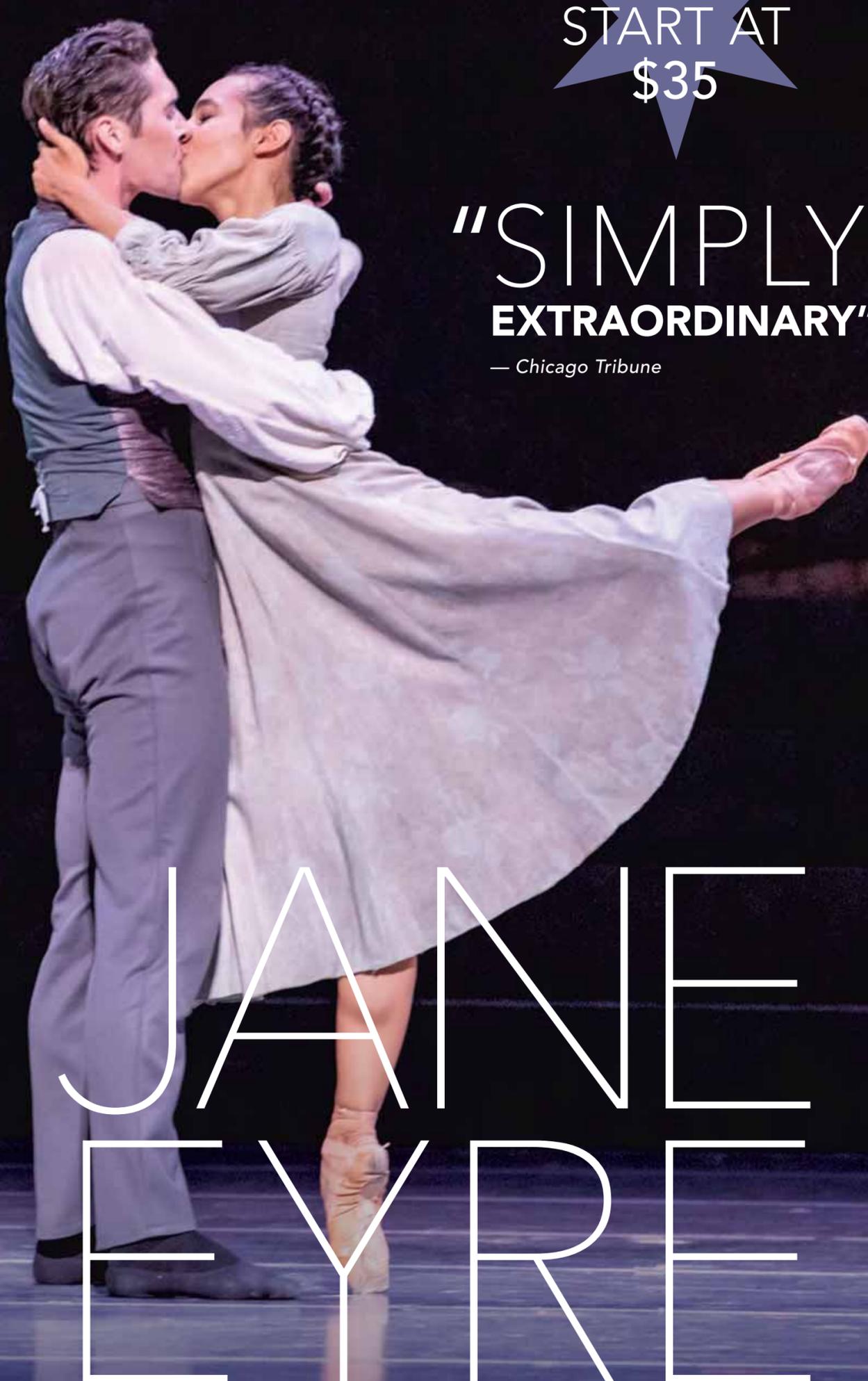
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Vaping

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became especially popular among adolescents in recent years, prompting public health officials to sound the alarm earlier this year after data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed use had catapulted. When reports emerged this summer about mostly young patients flooding hospitals with a mysterious respiratory illness linked to vaping, those warnings were strengthened.

Soon came lawsuits against Juul, proposed bans on flavored e-cigarettes (preferred among teens), calls for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to regulate the industry, and congressional hearings.

It's not only similar to the history of the tobacco industry, it's "the same," said Joelle Lester, director of the Commercial Tobacco Control Program at the Public Health Law Center at the Mitchell Hamline School of Law in Minnesota.

"There are so many things about (e-cigarettes) that feel exactly the same as what happened decades ago with Big Tobacco," she said. "What's different here is the public already understands a lot about how the tobacco industry operates."

The emergence of lawsuits against Juul has also been quicker than when habitual smokers decades ago sued Big Tobacco companies, alleging they knowingly sold a deadly product, Lester said. The new crop of lawsuits accuses Juul of maliciously targeting teens in ads and on social media, luring them to its addictive products to fill a void left by a generation with little desire to smoke traditional cigarettes.

And there's already a quest by politicians to obtain corporate documents that could explain Juul's marketing and help bolster attempts to strictly regulate the industry, also reminiscent of congressional hearings in decades past with appearances by executives from several tobacco companies.

All this is happening, experts say, before science can catch up; doctors still don't know exactly what vaping does to lungs. And while there are early clues that black market, THC-filled vapes could be to blame for the rash of respiratory illnesses linked to vaping, doctors say the ingredients inside nicotine e-cigarettes still cause concern.

Juul spokesman Ted Kwong declined interview requests but released a statement that said, in part, "Juul Labs is committed to eliminating combustible cigarettes, the number one



Tobacco executives are sworn in to testify before a Capitol Hill hearing in 1994.



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Antonio Romanucci, attorney from the law firm Romanucci and Blandin of Chicago, shows a pack of Juul e-cigarettes as he speaks at a news conference on Aug. 13, in Lincolnshire.

cause of preventable death in the world. Our product has always only been intended to be a viable alternative for the one billion current adult smokers in the world. We have never marketed to youth and do not want any non-nicotine users to try our products."

He also pointed to efforts by the company to promote Tobacco 21 legislation, which prohibits the sale of its products to anyone under 21, as well as moves to ensure that retailers comply with the law, among other initiatives.

The company announced Thursday that it would stop selling flavors like mango and cucumber, but will continue to offer mint and menthol. The minty varieties represent a majority of sales, and critics say they also appeal to teens and are included in the proposed flavor bans.

In recent weeks, the company has also halted all U.S. advertising in the face of public criticism and claims from the FDA that Juul's messaging that its products are safer than traditional cigarettes and a way for smokers to cut back are unfounded. The FDA must approve such claims.

While it took decades from the first U.S. surgeon general's warning about cigarettes in 1964 to arrive at strict regulation of the tobacco industry, tobacco prevention experts anticipate a quicker path toward regulating e-cigarettes.

Lester said that's due to already established, often negative public opinion about Big Tobacco, including Juul's parent company, stemming from the history of tobacco litigation and the disclosure of documents proving that executives lied. "This (history) helps

policymakers understand you don't have to wait for the harm to happen to provide a remedy," she said.

"I absolutely think there's going to be greater regulation of this space," added U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, the Schaumburg Democrat who leads a House subcommittee investigating the vaping epidemic. He recently introduced legislation that would cap nicotine levels in e-cigarettes far below a standard Juul.

While recent changes in Juul's advertising tactics are a good step, "more needs to be done," he said. E-cigarettes should be treated just like other tobacco products, not just in regulation, but in taxation too, Krishnamoorthi said.

It's unclear what the lawsuits against the industry will bring, Lester said, noting that early personal in-

jury lawsuits against tobacco companies were mostly unsuccessful, though some produced documents from inside tobacco corporations.

Chicago lawyer Antonio Romanucci represents Gurnee teen Adam Herreder, hospitalized earlier this summer for a vaping-related respiratory illness, in a lawsuit against Juul, among others. He said he's confident about the lawsuit, and now is an opportune time to take legal action "before we're seeing millions of people die or get sickened." Romanucci is also a special prosecutor in a similar suit brought by Lake County State's Attorney Michael Nerheim.

He credits the quicker pace of lawsuits lodged against the e-cigarette industry to a perfect storm combining the respiratory illness that's affected more than 1,400 people and killed at least 33, according to the CDC, and public health officials noticing the increasing vaping trend among teens.

"There was a great coincidence between the unfortunate events of these people getting sick ... and the (data) coming out that teens were getting addicted," he said. "We're getting a two-frontal approach — the illness and the addiction. They seemed to have crossed paths at an opportune time."

And there are also similarities in the tactics of Juul and tobacco companies, Romanucci said, which isn't surprising given their relationship.

While lawsuits like those Romanucci has lodged are popping up across the country, public health experts say the real legal success in curbing America's smoking addiction came when state's attorneys

general from across the country sued Big Tobacco. Their victory resulted in a massive federal court settlement paid annually and indefinitely by tobacco companies after a judge found they'd deceived the public, Lester said.

Settlement funds, which began in the late 1990s, are paid out each year to states. Though there's no legal obligation to spend the money on tobacco education and prevention, states at the time promised to use them to fight the public health epidemic perpetrated by tobacco companies, said Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

A report the group released last year shows many states, including Illinois, aren't spending enough on tobacco education and prevention, when compared with what the CDC recommends and what tobacco companies spend on marketing.

While Illinois has sound anti-smoking policy, including Tobacco 21 laws and high cigarette taxes, Myers said, there's room to improve when it comes to education programs.

Even as smoking rates have plummeted, public education can help reach groups with higher smoking rates, including those with lower incomes or less education.

Carol Knowles, spokeswoman for the state's Office of Management and Budget, said Illinois spends most of its tobacco settlement funds on Medicaid health care costs. For this fiscal year, that's about \$200 million, she estimated, but half of that comes from matching federal grant dollars the state combines with settlement funds. The state is expected to spend about \$20 million this fiscal year on health-related programs, like a tobacco quit line and grants to fund local anti-smoking programs. She also noted that number has increased over the previous two years.

Melany Arnold, spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Public Health, said officials are also looking into ways to funnel tobacco settlement funds toward prevention programs that specifically address vaping.

Myers said states need to amp up their prevention efforts for all kinds of cigarette.

"It's moving a lot faster," he said of vaping addiction. "It's not an accident. Juul read and executed the tobacco companies' playbook ... and they were able to implement it so much more quickly."

The difference now, he said, is "we know a great deal more."

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Fees

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focusing on the congested core," said Bruce Schaller, of New York-based Schaller Consulting, who has studied the effects of ride-share on traffic congestion.

Schaller said he believes that the proposed fees in Chicago will do what Lightfoot says they will do — reduce traffic congestion in the Loop.

"I think with \$3 you'll get to where people will actually start changing behavior," Schaller said. "This sends a bunch of good signals as to what the city's values are, and what kind of city you want to be." He said Chicago's proposed price increase may create a "snowball effect," leading to higher fees in other cities.

New York City has the highest ride-share fee, at \$2.75 in the Manhattan core. It also has gone further than Chicago in regulating the industry by providing drivers a minimum wage, and putting a cap on the number of new drivers. New York also plans to implement a congestion fee in 2021 on personal vehicles entering Manhattan below 60th Street.

Seattle is considering a 51-cent hike on ride-share fees that would bring the total there to 75 cents per ride, and is discussing a minimum wage for drivers.

Schaller compared the ride-share situation to what

happened when taxis first came to cities at the start of the last century — at first they were unregulated, and then cities started to crack down with rules and taxes.

"Everyone gets their free-market moment, then there's a screw-up and a problem and the public responds," Schaller said.

Ride-share trips in Chicago from Uber, Lyft and Via currently are assessed a flat 72 cents per ride in taxes and fees. Under Lightfoot's plan, announced last week, that would drop to 65 cents for shared trips and increase to \$1.25 for single riders.

The largest hike would be on trips to or from downtown during peak hours, where solo riders would pay a total of \$3 in taxes and fees, while shared trips would pay \$1.25 total, under the plan.

In 2018, Chicago raised \$110 million in ride-share taxes, which helped fund the CTA. The administration hopes to make an extra \$40 million under its latest proposal, with a portion of that money going to the CTA to improve bus service.

Lightfoot has talked for several months about plans to limit congestion in the Loop. The city is also doing a congestion study to find other ways to alleviate traffic.

Ride-share companies have criticized the proposed tax increase, saying it would hurt low-income areas, which are currently

underserved by both cabs and mass transit.

"The mayor's proposal shows a total misunderstanding of what causes congestion and how Chicagoans are moving around the city," said Lyft spokeswoman Campbell Matthews. By adding on to already-high fees, Matthews said, the mayor is "clearly backtracking" on campaign commitments to not increase fees that hurt low-income Chicagoans most.

Ride-share companies such as Uber and Lyft entered the market on a promise to supplement public transit and help ease congestion.

But data collected by the city shows almost half of Chicago's millions of monthly ride-share trips are taking place in just a few wealthy, crowded and already transit-rich areas, adding to concerns that ride-sharing is contributing to traffic in the busiest neighborhoods.

A Tribune analysis of ride-share trips that occurred in March shows that more than 4 of every 10 passenger pickups happened in just five of the city's community areas — the Loop, Near North Side, Near West Side, Lakeview and West Town.

Ride-share companies have countered that they want to help take private cars off the street. City data backs up their claims that they are serving low-income areas where, histori-

cally, cabs have been less likely to go.

Studies in other cities have blamed ride-share for increasing congestion, and Lightfoot noted that ride-share use in the city has grown 271% in recent years. As of March, there were 66,562 active ride-share drivers who make four or more trips a month, compared with 15,078 in March 2015, according to the city's Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. The number of cabs operating is limited to 6,999, but there is no cap on ride-share vehicles.

While ride-share use has gone up, taxi use has plummeted, along with the value of taxi medallions, bankrupting some owners. Ride-share trips now far outnumber cab trips, with almost 10 million rides in March, compared with 21 million taxi trips for all of 2018.

Bryant Greening, co-founder of Legal Ride-Share, a firm that specializes in ride-share cases, said that he is concerned about ride-share drivers, since he thinks the proposed new fees will result in less demand.

"The tax specifically targets one of the most lucrative times, rush hour, and one of the most lucrative locations, downtown," Greening said. "I see drivers taking a big hit in terms of their ability to earn wages."

But Greening said that the tax probably will ease

Transportation song quiz

■ Last week's transportation song included both a Chicago Symphony Orchestra musician and a trippy double entendre. "Just slippin' on by on L.S.D. ..." The song was "Lake Shore Drive," a 1971 hit for Aliotta Haynes and Jeremiah. It featured CSO violinist Joe Golan. Nancy Huetteman of North Center was first with the right answer.

■ This hopeful airplane song was co-written by someone usually associated with a horse. What's the song, and who wrote and first recorded it? The first person with the right answer gets a Tribune pen, and glory.

congestion, and may aid the beleaguered taxi industry.

Fayez Khozindar, executive director of the United Transporters Community Council, which represents cab and limo drivers, said the proposed fees are a "Band-Aid" and won't give cab drivers the relief they need.

"This is peanuts ... we demand a real level playing field," Khozindar said.

Khozindar said the council wants ride-share drivers to go through the same chauffeur training as cab drivers, including a written exam. He said ride-share cars also should undergo the same inspections as cabs.

Lightfoot said during a news conference on the ride-share fees on Friday that the city is looking at "equity" issues involving cab and ride-share drivers.

On the Facebook page for Chicago Rideshare Advocates, which is pushing for higher wages and better job protections for ride-share drivers, drivers complained that the tax would make customers pay

more, but would not increase their wages, resulting in lower tips and fewer rides.

"It's going to hurt drivers, there are no two ways around it," Eli Martin, a ride-share driver and co-founder of Chicago Ride-share Advocates. "Drivers are already in a very precarious situation." He said most drivers would like a freeze on the hiring of new drivers.

Schaller said that ride-share drivers need a minimum wage.

He also noted that despite their complaints about more regulation, fees are not the biggest issue for ride-share companies. The problem is that their fares are artificially too low to sustain them as a business, Schaller said.

"The reason their losses are so big is that they're spending so much money to give such good service, low fares and short wait times," Schaller said. "Something's got to give."

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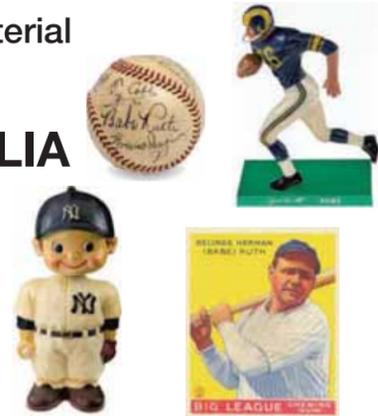
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Time running short for Johnson

He tries to woo lawmakers ahead of Brexit deadline

By GREGORY KATZ
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Associated Press

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson faces a frenzied week of activity in Parliament, and possibly in the courts, as he tries to woo rebellious lawmakers in time to meet the Oct. 31 Brexit deadline.

Johnson has vowed to avoid needing yet another extension to that deadline, even though he has formally asked — in distinctly unenthusiastic tones — for a delay that is being considered by European Union leaders.

EU officials haven't yet responded to his request for more time. They are torn between a wish to finally put the Brexit issue to bed and a devout desire to avoid the economic ramifications of Britain leaving without a divorce deal in place.

Johnson on Sunday used surrogates to make the case that he likely has the votes needed to gain passage for his new Brexit plan and won't need any delay.

British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab told the BBC he believes Johnson has enough support to get his deal through Parliament, but added the government would keep talking with its Northern Ireland ally, the Democratic Unionist Party, to persuade it to back the deal.

The party, which holds 10 seats in Parliament, has refused to support Johnson's agreement because it treats Northern Ireland differently than other parts of the U.K.

"We'll keep talking to the



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British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab told the BBC's Andrew Marr that the U.K. will exit the EU on Oct. 31.

DUP and see if there's any further reassurances that can be provided," Raab said.

The DUP votes might give Johnson a comfortable margin, but it seems steadfast in its opposition to the plan, which replaces an earlier divorce deal negotiated by Theresa May's government but rejected three times by Parliament.

Monday will also feature more legal action, more arm-twisting, cajoling and veiled threats by Johnson and his ministers and more amendments designed by lawmakers to stymie Johnson's plan to have Britain leave the 28-nation bloc.

In the midst of all this, EU leaders and officials across

the English Channel were pondering whether to grant the British leader a Brexit extension he doesn't want.

As required by law, Johnson sent a letter to the EU late Saturday night seeking a delay to Britain's impending departure. He waited until the last possible moment, withheld his signature and immediately followed it with a signed letter indicating that he doesn't actually favor another Brexit extension.

"My view, and the government's position, (is) that a further extension would damage the interests of the U.K. and our EU partners, and the relationship between us," Johnson wrote to

European Council President Donald Tusk.

His decision to send a second letter saying he doesn't really want an extension is likely to trigger court challenges from opponents who believe he intentionally set out to block Parliament's intent even if he technically complied with legal requirements.

The Court of Session in Scotland is already considering the matter and it may end up being decided in the U.K. Supreme Court, which in September ruled that Johnson had acted unlawfully when he suspended Parliament for five weeks as the Brexit deadline crept closer.

Scottish National Party legislator Joanna Cherry, part of a group that brought the earlier successful case against Johnson, said the legal battle over Brexit continues.

"We're back in court on Monday morning and it will be possible then to secure the court's assistance if the prime minister has flouted the law and the promises he gave to the court," she said.

The court action is aimed at keeping Johnson from taking Britain out of the EU without a deal.

Johnson has long declared that he plans to take the U.K. out of the EU on Oct. 31 with or without a divorce deal, and his min-

ister in charge of Brexit again emphasized that stance.

"We have the means and the ability to do so," Michael Gove insisted Sunday.

Gove also said he was holding a special meeting to discuss Operation Yellowhammer, the government's "no-deal" planning apparatus, to make sure Britain is ready for an Oct. 31 departure. The government's own analysts have warned an abrupt break with the EU could lead to recession, massive delays at British ports, and shortages in food and prescription medicine.

The EU's chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, said Tusk would consult with other leaders "in the next days" about Johnson's request, but most signs indicate the EU would prefer an extension to an abrupt no-deal Brexit.

Finnish Prime Minister Antti Rinne, whose country holds the European Union's rotating presidency, said Sunday "it makes sense to allow extra time."

While Johnson's Conservatives are focused on getting more votes, the opposition Labour Party was calling for a second referendum on the whole question of leaving the EU.

Labour's Brexit spokesman Keir Starmer said it is "inevitable" that lawmakers opposed to Brexit will put forward an amendment seeking a second referendum — something strongly opposed by Johnson and his government.

"Whether it's this deal or any future deal, it's got to go back so the public can say, 'Do you want to leave on these terms?'" Starmer said. "If so, then we do. If not, we remain."



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An ethnic minority woman covering her mouth is motioned away by riot police on Sunday in Hong Kong. A water cannon sprayed several people standing outside a mosque.

Hong Kong protest descends into chaos, battles with police

By KELVIN CHAN
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong streets descended into chaotic scenes following an unauthorized pro-democracy rally Sunday as protesters set up roadblocks and torched businesses and police responded with tear gas and a water cannon.

Protesters tossed firebombs and took their anger out on shops with mainland Chinese ties as they skirmished late into the evening with riot police.

Police had beefed up security measures ahead of the rally, for which they refused to give permission, the latest chapter in the unrest that has disrupted life in the financial hub since early June.

Some 24 people were hurt and treated at hospitals, including six with serious injuries, the Hospital Authority said.

As the rally march set off, protest leaders carried a black banner that read, "Five main demands, not one less," as they pressed their calls for police accountability and political rights in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

Supporters sang the pro-

test movement's anthem, waved colonial and U.S. flags, and held up placards depicting the Chinese flag as a Nazi swastika.

Many protesters wore masks in defiance of a recently introduced ban on face coverings at public gatherings, and volunteers handed more out to the crowd.

Matthew Lee, a university student, said he was determined to keep protesting even after more than four months.

"I can see some people want to give up, but I don't want to do this because Hong Kong is my home, we want to protect this place, protect Hong Kong," he said.

Some front-line protesters barricaded streets at multiple locations in Kowloon, where the city's subway operator restricted passenger access.

They tore up stones from the sidewalk and scattered them on the road, commanded plastic safety barriers and unscrewed metal railings to form makeshift roadblocks.

A water cannon truck and armored car led a column of dozens of police vans up and down Nathan Road, a major artery lined

with shops, to spray a stinging blue-dyed liquid as police moved to clear the road of protesters and barricades.

At one point, the water cannon sprayed a handful of people standing outside a mosque. Local broadcaster RTHK reported that the people hit were guarding the mosque and few protesters were nearby. The Hong Kong police force said it was an "unintended impact" of its operation to disperse protesters and later sent a representative to meet the mosque's imam.

As night fell, protesters returned to the streets, setting trash on fire at intersections.

Residents jeered at riot police, cursing at them and telling them to leave. The officers warned people that they were part of an illegal assembly and told them to leave before unleashing tear gas to disperse the crowds.

Along the way, protesters trashed discount grocery shops and a restaurant chain because of what they say is the pro-Beijing ownership of the companies. They also set fire to ATMs and branches of mainland Chinese banks, setting off sprinklers in at least two.

Mulvaney again insists no quid pro quo over Ukraine

By KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney continued to back away Sunday from his public acknowledgment of a quid pro quo in which the Trump administration leveraged military aid to Ukraine for an investigation that could politically benefit President Donald Trump, while the top U.S. diplomat defended Trump's private lawyer's role in Ukrainian affairs as "completely appropriate."

"I never said there was a quid pro quo, cause there isn't," Mulvaney said on "Fox News Sunday," insisting that while he "didn't speak clearly maybe on Thursday," there couldn't have been a quid pro quo because "the aid flowed."

Mulvaney has struggled to explain his about-face since a Thursday news conference in which he said Trump "absolutely" raised concerns about a Democratic National Committee server that was hacked in 2016, which according to a debunked conspiracy theory could be in Ukraine and could prove Russia didn't interfere in the 2016 election.

During that appearance, Mulvaney also told a reporter pointing out he had articulated a quid pro quo that "we do that all the time with foreign policy," listing "three issues" that were involved in the Ukraine decision: corruption, the support other countries were offering and an ongoing Justice department investigation into the origins of the Russia investigation.

But in a subsequent written statement, and again Sunday, Mulvaney insisted there were only "two reasons for holding back the aid," leaving out the Justice Department's probe, which a DOJ official already disavowed. Mulvaney added



EVAN VUCCI/AP

Acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said Sunday that "I never said there was a quid pro quo, cause there isn't."

that once the administration was able to satisfy its concerns that Ukraine was "doing better with" corruption and establish that European nations were giving "a considerable sum of money in nonlethal aid, once those two things cleared, the money flowed."

Yet current and former officials who have been providing testimony to the House's impeachment probe paint a different picture.

According to their statements as described by people familiar with their closed-door testimony, the administration was pushing for Ukrainian leaders to conduct investigations into the server and the role of former Vice President Joe Biden's son Hunter on the board of Ukrainian energy giant Burisma — probes Trump himself referenced in a July 25 phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

The push was largely being driven by the president's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, they said, whom diplomats were being told to work with on Ukraine policy, according to U.S. ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland, who said he was disappointed by the directive.

Speaking on ABC's "This Week," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo refused to say whether Giuliani had

been acting in Ukraine with his blessing, arguing that it was his "consistent policy ... not to talk about the internal deliberations" of the administration. But he defended the decision to bring in an outside figure like Giuliani, arguing that "it happens all the time."

"This is completely appropriate," Pompeo said, pointing out that in the past, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton took advice from Sidney Blumenthal and former Ambassador Bill Richardson had been deputized to help on North Korea policy.

But others disagree. "Rudolph W. Giuliani running around meeting with heads of state on behalf of the president's political interests is a profoundly shocking and important thing for us to understand," Rep. Jim Himes, D-Conn., said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Himes sits on the intelligence committee, one of three House panels conducting the impeachment inquiry.

Not just Democrats are upset.

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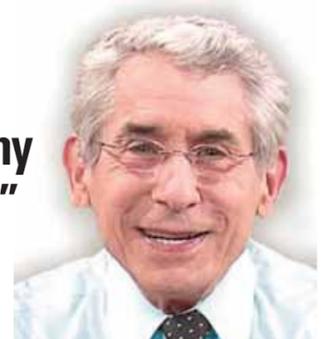
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Kurdish fighters, civilians exit Syrian border town

More fighters to leave soon amid brief cease-fire

BY MEHMET GUZEL AND BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

AKCAKALE, Turkey — Dozens of vehicles rolled out of a besieged Syrian border town, evacuating Kurdish fighters and civilians and opening the way for Turkish-backed forces to take over in the first pullback under a three-day-old U.S.-brokered cease-fire.

Kurdish officials say the evacuation of the town of Ras al-Ayn will be followed by a withdrawal of their forces from a broader section of the border with Turkey, a central requirement of the cease-fire deal.

The withdrawal is supposed to take place before Tuesday evening, when the pause in fighting is set to end.

Questions remain over longer-term arrangements. Turkey says it wants a “safe zone” clear of the Kurdish fighters — whom it considers terrorists — across the entire northeast border. That is far longer than the territory the Kurds will leave under the terms of the deal.

The Trump administration negotiated the accord after heavy criticism at



A convoy evacuates fighters and injured members of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces from the northeastern Syrian border town of Ras al-Ayn on Sunday.

home and abroad that it had opened the way for the Turkish invasion by abruptly removing its soldiers from northeast Syria. That move abandoned the Kurdish-led force, which was allied with the Americans in the bloody, years-long campaign that brought down the Islamic State group's rule over nearly a third of Syria.

For the moment, the pullback focused on Ras al-Ayn, a town that has been a major battle zone since Turkey launched its inva-

sion Oct. 9.

The cease-fire deal only calls for fighters to leave. But Kurdish civilians fled in the convoy as well, fearing atrocities by the Turkish-backed Syrian forces. Those fighters, who are Arab and often Islamist extremists, have been accused of killings of Kurdish civilians and captured fighters during this campaign and in other Syrian territory seized in Turkish campaigns since 2017.

That flight of civilians is likely to be repeated in

other areas the fighters withdraw from, though most have already fled their homes in the past days of fighting.

Turkish TV showed a line of vehicles driving through agricultural areas out of town Sunday. The Turkish military said at least 86 vehicles were involved. The convoys passed through corridors opened by Turkish-backed forces and headed to the town of Tal Tamer further south.

A senior official in the Kurdish-led forces, Redur

Khalil, told The Associated Press the evacuation was completed in the afternoon. “We now have no fighters inside the city,” he said. The pullout elsewhere had not yet begun, he added.

The Kurds had been holed up for days in a small pocket on the southern edge of the city, surrounded by the Turkish-backed fighters and engaged in clashes well after the start of the cease-fire.

Both sides accuse each other of repeatedly violating the cease-fire. Turkey's Defense Ministry said one of its soldiers was killed Sunday in a Kurdish attack with anti-tank weapons and small-arms fire near the border town of Tal Abyad.

That brought the Turkish military's death toll to seven soldiers since it launched its offensive on Oct. 9.

Khalil, the official in the Kurdish-led forces, said that after the Ras al-Ayn evacuation, the forces will withdraw from a zone about 75 miles wide and 20 miles deep between Ras al-Ayn and the town of Tal Abyad further west.

That area has been the main theater of fighting during the offensive, causing the flight of tens of thousands of civilians — Arab and Kurd — from the villages that dot the landscape. At least 160,000 civilians have been displaced by

the Turkish assault.

Significant issues remain over the arrangements at the border.

A previous agreement between the U.S. and Turkey over a “safe zone” along the Syria-Turkish border founded over the diverging definitions of the area.

Erdogan has said the Kurdish fighters must withdraw from the entire north-eastern border from the Euphrates River to the Iraqi border, more than 260 miles.

U.S. officials say the agreement pertains to an 80-mile section. Erdogan's spokesman, Kalin, confirmed that is the area affected by the pause in fighting, but said Turkey still wants the larger zone. Turkey says it also wants to settle some of the 3.6 million Syrian refugees on its soil in the safe zone.

Another question is what the arrangement will be along the rest of the north-eastern border, most of which remains solely in the hands of Kurdish-led fighters.

When they were abandoned by U.S. troops, the Kurds turned to Russia and secured an agreement for Syrian government forces to deploy in the northeast last week.

Erdogan is to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Russian town of Sochi on Tuesday.



U.S. soldiers survey the safe zone between Syria and the Turkish border in September.

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Iran.

Esper's comments to reporters traveling with him were the first to specifically lay out where American troops will go as they shift from Syria and what the counter-IS fight could look like. Esper said he has spoken to his Iraqi counterpart about the plan to shift about 1,000 troops leaving Syria into western Iraq.

Trump's top aide, asked about the fact that the troops were not coming home as the president claimed they would, said, “Well, they will eventually.” Acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney told Fox News Sunday that “the quickest way to get them out of danger was to get them into Iraq.”

As Esper left Washington on Saturday, U.S. troops were continuing to pull out of northern Syria after Turkey's invasion into the border region. Reports of sporadic clashes continued between Turkish-backed fighters and the Syria Kurdish forces despite a five-day cease-fire agreement hammered out Thursday between U.S. and Turkish leaders.

Turkey's defense ministry said one soldier has been killed amid sporadic clashes with Kurdish fighters.

Trump ordered the bulk of the approximately 1,000 U.S. troops in Syria to withdraw after Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan made it clear in a phone call that his forces were about to invade Syria to push back Kurdish forces that Turkey considers terrorists.

The pullout largely abandons America's Kurdish allies who have fought IS alongside U.S. troops for several years. From 200 to 300 U.S. troops will remain at the southern Syrian outpost of Al-Tanf.

Esper said the troops going into Iraq will have two missions.

“One is to help defend Iraq and two is to perform a counter-ISIS mission as we sort through the next steps,” he said. “Things could change between now and whenever we complete the withdrawal, but that's the game plan right now.”

The U.S. currently has more than 5,000 American forces in Iraq, under an agreement between the two countries. The U.S. pulled its troops out of Iraq in 2011 when combat operations there ended, but they went back in after IS began to take over large swaths of the country in 2014. The number of American forces in Iraq has remained small due to political sensitivities in the country, after years of what some Iraqis consider U.S. occupation during the war

that began in 2003.

Esper said he will talk with other allies at a NATO meeting in the coming week to discuss the way ahead for the counter-IS mission.

Asked if U.S. special operations forces will conduct unilateral military operations into Syria to go after IS, Esper said that is an option that will be discussed with allies over time.

He said one of his top concerns is what the next phase of the counter-IS missions looks like, “but we have to work through those details. He said that if U.S. forces do go in, they would be protected by American aircraft.”

While he acknowledged reports of intermittent fighting despite the cease-fire agreement, he said that overall it “generally seems to be holding.”

He also said that, so far, the Syrian Democratic Forces that partnered with the U.S. to fight IS have maintained control of the prisons in Syria where they are still present. The Turks, he said, have indicated they have control of the IS prisons in their areas.

“I can't assess whether that's true or not without having people on the ground,” said Esper.

He added that the U.S. withdrawal will be deliberate and safe, and it will take “weeks not days.”

Delegation led by Pelosi visits Jordan, Afghanistan

BY STEVE HENDRIX
The Washington Post

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., led a surprise congressional visit to Jordan over the weekend, highlighting her sharp disagreement with President Donald Trump over policy in the Middle East, a region roiled by Trump's abrupt removal of U.S. troops from northern Syria and Turkey's subsequent attacks on Kurdish enclaves.

“With the deepening crisis in Syria after Turkey's incursion, our delegation has engaged in vital discussions about the impact to regional stability, increased flow of refugees, and the dangerous opening that has been provided to ISIS, Iran and Russia,” Pelosi said after meeting with King Abdullah II and senior Jordanian officials Saturday night.

Neither country released details of the talks before the delegation departed for the United States on Sunday morning. The trip came as a hastily brokered five-day cease-fire in Syria was struggling to take hold entering its third day.

Pelosi had earlier called the cease-fire deal “a sham” that gave a pass to Turkey's offensive at the expense of the Kurds, a key ally in the recent fight against the Islamic State in Syria. Coverage of Pelosi's “middle of the night” meetings in the Jordanian press focused largely on concerns that Turkey's assault will result in the release of thousands of Islamic State fighters, many of them from Jordan, from Syrian prisons.

“This visit comes at a crucial time of threats to stability in the region and the control of Isis,” said the daily paper Al Ghad.

Pelosi has been harshly critical of Trump's move in Syria, which was greeted with dismay by governments throughout the region. Israeli security ex-



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Rep. Adam Schiff were in the delegation that went to Jordan over the weekend.

perts called it a “betrayal” of the Kurds, and many saw Pelosi's sudden appearance in Amman as a globe-hopping slap at the president.

“I don't think it matters what they talked about, what matters is that she came here to draw a line under his abandonment of the Kurds and the outrage it has caused,” said a former Israeli general, who asked not to be named because of his ties to the military.

Congressional visits, especially to conflict zones, are often kept secret for security reasons. The trips by congressional delegations, known in Washington as codels, have been known to create political waves.

In January, during the government shutdown, Trump revoked the speaker's access to a military plane just as her delegation was preparing to depart for Afghanistan.

In Jordan, the state-run Petra news said Abdullah thanked the speaker for making the trip and for Congress' long-standing support of his country. He “urged a political solution that safeguards Syria's territorial integrity and the

unity of its people, while guaranteeing the safe and voluntary return of refugees.”

Trump has faced a rare bipartisan backlash for his Syria move, and one Republican lawmaker, Rep. Mac Thornberry of Texas, traveled with Pelosi to Jordan. Thornberry, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, announced in September that he would retire at the end of his term.

The other members of the nine-person delegation included Armed Services Committee member Susan Davis, D-Calif.; Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Eliot Engel, D-N.Y.; and Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the head of the intelligence committee who is leading the impeachment inquiry against the president.

Pelosi's office said in a statement Sunday night that the delegation traveled to Afghanistan and met with top Afghan leaders, civil society representatives and U.S. military chiefs and troops serving there.

Associated Press contributed

Search underway for new G-7 summit site after Trump's reversal

BY ZEKE MILLER AND JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration will begin searching for a new place to hold next year's Group of Seven summit after the president scrapped plans to hold the meeting at his Doral golf resort in Florida.

President Donald Trump reversed his plan late Saturday after facing accusations that he was using the presidency to enrich himself

by hosting the international summit at the private resort owned by his family.

“I think he knows,” acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said Sunday, “people think it looks lousy.”

“Based on both Media & Democrat Crazy and Irrational Hostility, we will no longer consider Trump National Doral, Miami, as the Host Site for the G-7 in 2020,”

Trump tweeted Saturday.

The reversal raises further doubts about the position of Mulvaney, the Republican president's top aide, who held a news conference Thursday announcing the choice of Doral for the summit.

He insisted his staff had concluded it was “far and away the best physical facility.”

Mulvaney said the White

House reached that determination after visiting 10 sites, including spots in Hawaii, North Carolina, Tennessee and Utah. But convention, economic development and tourism officials in several of those states said they were unaware of any visits.

Mulvaney on Sunday said Trump was “honestly surprised at the level of pushback” after the Doral announcement. “At the end of the day he still considers himself to be in the hospitality business,” Mulvaney told

“Fox News Sunday.”

“He wanted to put on the absolute best show, the best visit that he possibly could and he was very confident in doing that at Doral,” Mulvaney said.

Trump had been the first administration official to publicly float the selection of his property to host the summit when in August he mentioned it was on the shortlist and praised its facilities and proximity to Miami's international airport. His comments drew criticism from good governance

groups and Democrats, who said it raised concerns that Trump was using the White House to boost his personal finances.

The criticism only intensified with Thursday's announcement.

On Thursday, Mulvaney had discounted Camp David, the government-owned presidential retreat, as the site for the summit, claiming, “I understand the folks who participated in it hated it and thought it was a miserable place to have the G-7.”



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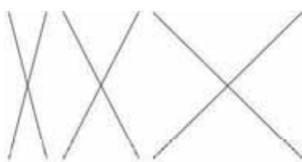
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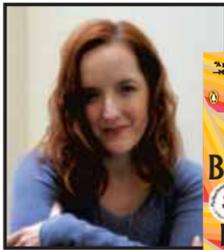


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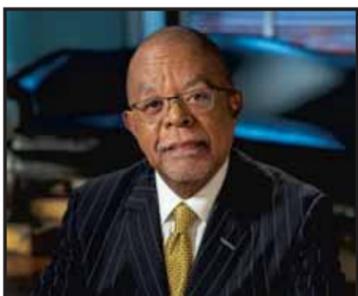


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Explorers find undersea 'war graves'

Sonar detects 2nd warship from Battle of Midway in WWII

By CALEB JONES
Associated Press

MIDWAY ATOLL, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands — Deep-sea explorers scouring the world's oceans for sunken World War II ships are focusing in on debris fields deep in the Pacific, in an area where one of the most decisive battles of the time took place.

Hundreds of miles off Midway Atoll, nearly halfway between the United States and Japan, a research vessel is launching underwater robots miles into the abyss to look for warships from the famed Battle of Midway.

Weeks of grid searches around the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands already have led the Petrel to one sunken warship, the Japanese aircraft carrier Kaga. Last week, the crew began deploying equipment to investigate what could be another.

On Sunday, explorers said an initial review of sonar data shows a second Japanese aircraft carrier — either the Japanese carrier Akagi or the Soryu — resting deep in the Pacific.

Historians consider the Battle of Midway an essential U.S. victory and a key turning point in WWII.

"We read about the battles, we know what happened. But when you see these wrecks on the bottom of the ocean and everything, you kind of get a feel for what the real price is for war," said Frank Thompson, a historian with the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C., who is onboard the Petrel. "You see the damage these things took, and it's humbling to watch some of the video of these vessels because they're war graves."

Sonar images of the Kaga show the bow of the heavy carrier hit the seafloor at a



Men balance themselves on the deck of the USS Yorktown as they prepare to abandon ship after it was hit by two Japanese aerial torpedoes in the Battle of Midway in 1942. The Yorktown was located in 1998 3 miles below the surface.



Rob Kraft, director of subsea operations aboard the Petrel, looks at images Wednesday of the Japanese warship Kaga, discovered off Midway Atoll in the Hawaiian Islands.

high rate of speed, scattering debris and leaving an impact crater that looks as if an explosion occurred in the ocean. The front of the vessel is buried in mud and sediment after nose-diving about 3 miles to the bottom.

The U.S. bombs that struck the Kaga caused a massive fire that left it charred, but the ship stayed mostly together. Its guns, some still intact, stick out the side.

Until now, only one of the

seven ships that went down in the June 1942 air and sea battle — five Japanese vessels and two American — had been located.

The expedition is an effort started by the late Paul Allen, the billionaire co-founder of Microsoft.

For years, the crew of the 250-foot Petrel has worked with the U.S. Navy and other officials around the world to find and document sunken ships. It is illegal to otherwise disturb the

underwater U.S. military grave sites, and their exact coordinates are kept secret.

The Petrel has found 32 vessels.

But this is the first time it has looked for warships from the Battle of Midway, which took place six months after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and left more than 2,000 Japanese and 300 Americans dead.

The attack from the Japanese Imperial Navy was meant to be a surprise, a

strike that would give Japan a strategic advantage in the Pacific. It was thwarted when U.S. analysts decoded Japanese messages and baited their enemy into revealing its plan.

As Japanese warplanes started bombing the military installation at Midway Atoll, a tiny group of islands about 1,300 miles northwest of Honolulu, U.S. forces were already on their way to intercept Japan's fleet. U.S. planes sank four of Japan's aircraft carriers and a cruiser, and downed dozens of its fighter planes.

One of the American ships lost was the USS Yorktown, an aircraft carrier that was heavily damaged and being towed by the U.S. on the battle's final day when it was hit by torpedoes. The other, the USS Hammann, went down trying to defend the Yorktown.

Retired Navy Capt. Jack Crawford, who recently turned 100, was among the Yorktown's 2,270 survivors.

Japanese dive bombers left the Yorktown badly damaged, with black smoke gushing from its stacks, but

the vessel was still upright.

Then the torpedoes hit, Crawford said by telephone from his home in Maryland.

"Bam! Bam! We get two torpedoes, and I know we're in trouble. As soon as the deck edge began to go under, I knew she wasn't going to last," said Crawford, whose later military career was with the naval nuclear propulsion program. He also served as deputy assistant secretary for nuclear energy in the Department of Energy.

The Yorktown sank slowly, and a destroyer was able to pick up Crawford and many others.

In May 1998, almost 56 years later, an expedition led by the National Geographic Society in conjunction with the U.S. Navy found the Yorktown 3 miles below the surface.

Crawford doesn't see much value in these missions to find lost ships, unless they can get some useful information on how the Japanese ships went down. But he wouldn't mind if someone was able to retrieve his strongbox and the brand-new sword he left in it when he and others abandoned ship 77 years ago.

He was too far away to see the Kaga go down.

A piece of the Japanese aircraft carrier was discovered in 1999, but its main wreckage was still missing until recently.

After receiving some promising sonar readings, the Petrel used underwater robots to investigate and get video. It compared the footage with historical records and confirmed this week it had found the Kaga.

Rear Adm. Brian P. Fort, commander of U.S. Naval Forces in Japan, extended thoughts and prayers to Japan. "The terrible price of war in the Pacific was felt by all our navies," he said.

The Petrel crew hopes to find and survey all the wreckage from the battle, an effort that could add new details about Midway to history books.

NEWS BRIEFING

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3 US soldiers killed, 3 injured in training accident in Georgia

FORT STEWART, Ga. — The soldiers were killed and three others were injured when the armored vehicle they were riding in was involved in an accident during training at Fort Stewart in Georgia, the U.S. Army said.

Officials with the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield's 3rd Infantry Division said in a news release that the accident occurred at 3:20 a.m. Sunday. The news release had few additional details.

The soldiers were with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team and were in a Bradley Fighting Vehicle. They were not immediately identified.

The Army said the three injured soldiers were evacuated and taken to an Army hospital, where two of them were treated and released. A third soldier was transferred to another hospital, though his injuries were not considered life threatening.

Milan seeking US apology for WWII bomb that killed 184 kids

MILAN — Milan's mayor appealed Sunday to U.S. authorities to apologize for a World War II bombing raid that killed 184 elementary school children.

Mayor Giuseppe Sala made the request following a Mass marking the 75th anniversary of the Gorla massacre, named for the quarter in the city that was struck, the news agency ANSA reported.

"I think it's necessary

that the American government apologizes, knowing that we are here to forgive," Sala said, adding that he would formalize the request with the U.S. consul in Milan this week.

The air raid on Oct. 20, 1944, targeted an industrial complex near the city, but a second wave of bombers went off course and released their bombs southeast of the target to lighten their loads as they returned to base.

Authorities: Man sprays bear repellent at Trump protesters

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Authorities said a supporter of Donald Trump was arrested after spraying bear repellent on a small crowd protesting the president at the Santa Monica Pier.

Santa Monica police said pro- and anti-Trump demonstrators were shouting at each other Saturday when a scuffle broke out. A video posted online shows a man wearing a "Make America

Great Again" hat circling the crowd and then unleashing spray from a canister. Officials say nobody was seriously hurt by the repellent.

The Los Angeles Times reported authorities arrested a man who could face charges including violating the terms of parole from a previous weapons violation. Officials are trying to determine whether a second man also sprayed the crowd.



A man sits near a banner of Indonesian leader Joko Widodo, left, and deputy Ma'ruf Amin in Jakarta. Widodo was sworn in Sunday for his second five-year term with a vow to try to end poverty, which affects nearly 10 percent of Indonesia's 270 million people.

Lebanese revolt against their leaders in a rare sign of unity

BEIRUT — Hundreds of thousands thronged public squares in the capital and across Lebanon on Sunday in the largest protests the country has seen since 2005, unifying an often divided public against traditional leaders who have ruled for three decades and brought the economy to the brink of disaster.

Protesters, ditching party flags and instead carrying Lebanese flags, flooded streets in Beirut, the northern city of Tripoli as well as cities, towns and villages near the southern border with Israel and along Syria's border in the

east.

In Beirut, the scene was reminiscent of the days after Prime Minister Rafik Hariri was assassinated in 2005, triggering an uprising against Syria's occupation of Lebanon after Damascus was blamed for the killing. That uprising briefly unified Lebanese and led to the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon — after which society fragmented once more.

The uprising began four days ago after the government announced new tax proposals. The announcement turned long-simmering anger into fury at a

ruling class that has amassed wealth for decades but has done little to fix a crumbling economy.

The target was clear: Lebanon's sectarian-based and elite-dominated political system, which has mostly kept the peace since the 1975-1990 civil war but has also spawned political paralysis and endemic corruption. In Lebanon the president is a Maronite Christian, the parliament speaker a Shiite while the prime minister is a Sunni. Cabinet and parliament seats are equally divided between Christians and Muslims.

Demolition blasts topple cranes in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — Officials set off explosions that toppled two cranes Sunday that had loomed precariously for days over a partially collapsed hotel in New Orleans, saying their controlled demolition went "exactly" as planned and efforts now would focus on retrieving two bodies still

inside the ruined building.

The blasts sent one crane crashing to the street while the second fell in a way that left much of it resting atop the ruined hotel building where officials said it was "stable" and could be removed piecemeal.

New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell declared the

demolition a success at a news conference.

The demolition comes a little over a week after the deadly collapse of the Hard Rock Hotel that was being built near a corner of the city's French Quarter.

Three workers died in the disaster, authorities said.

Violence grips Chile even as subway fare hike canceled

SANTIAGO, Chile — Protests and violence in Chile spilled over into a new day Sunday even after President Sebastian Pinera canceled a subway fare hike that prompted demonstrations.

Officials in the Santiago region said three people died in fires at two looted supermarkets early Sunday — among 60 Walmart-owned outlets that have been vandalized, and the company said many stores did not open during the day. Five more people later were found dead in the basement of a burned warehouse and were not employees, authorities said.

At least two airlines canceled or rescheduled flights into the capital, affecting more than 1,400 passengers Sunday and Monday.

The fare boost had led to major protests that included rioting in Chile, authorities said.

In Australia: Qantas on Sunday completed the first nonstop commercial flight from New York to Sydney, which was used to run a series of tests to assess the effects of ultra long-haul flights on crew fatigue and passenger jet lag.

The Boeing 787 Dreamliner touched down in Sydney after a flight of 19 hours and 16 minutes — the world's longest. Qantas said tests ranged from monitoring pilot brain waves, melatonin levels and alertness to exercise classes for passengers. A total of 49 people were on board, in order to minimize weight and give the necessary fuel range.

Two more research flights are planned — London to Sydney in November and another New York to Sydney in December.

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EDITORIALS

Lightfoot's ride-share tax would help tame downtown traffic congestion

Carpooling is one of those activities people applaud more than they practice. Case in point: solo Uber and Lyft patrons. More than three-fourths of ride-share trips downtown serve a single passenger. What's the impact? More Chicago gridlock.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot is proposing a ride-share fee revamp that incentivizes passengers to travel with others. Lightfoot wants to raise taxes and fees on single-passenger ride-share trips from the current rate of 72 cents to \$1.25 per trip. For shared ride-hailing trips, that would drop from 72 cents to 65 cents per trip.

On downtown streets, the tax and fee structure for Uber and Lyft rides would shoot up to \$3. For shared trips downtown, total taxes and fees would be \$1.25. The downtown surcharge would be applied weekdays from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The rationale for the fee restructuring is simple. Traffic congestion is an anvil on the Chicago area's economy, costing the region \$7.3 billion a year in lost productivity and fuel. One of the biggest culprits is the rise of Uber and Lyft.

Ride-share has dramatically changed the way Chicagoans get around. It gives people options. Want to avoid parking downtown? Don't want the hassle of owning a car in the city? Need to get somewhere relatively cheaply in a matter of minutes? Ride-share has served as a convenient, market-driven alternative.

But its popularity has meant a demonstrable ramp-up in congestion, particularly in the downtown area. From 2015 to 2018, the yearly number of ride-share trips in the city jumped 271%, according to city data. In the downtown, weekday ride-share trips between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. rose 309% in that three-year period. During the evening rush hour, the traffic snarls are palpable, and infuriating. Ride-share vehicles take up roughly 26 miles of downtown lane space —



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An Uber ride-share works in the South Loop last week. More than three-fourths of ride-share trips downtown serve a single passenger.

the equivalent of the Chicago Marathon, start to finish.

Getting more Uber and Lyft passengers to share rides would help. Sure, many users may not take the bait of a shared passenger discount. That's their choice — if they prefer a solo ride, they can pay more. Willing to share a ride? Pay less.

Lightfoot says her ride-share fee revamp would generate \$40 million in new reve-

nue for the city's 2020 budget. Some of that money would go toward mass transit improvements like the CTA "Bus Priority Zones," bus-only lanes that allow buses to move through traffic faster. Another chunk of that money would pay for further research into congestion pricing.

Ride-share companies aren't going to like Lightfoot's idea. But traffic con-

gestion in Chicago is becoming too much of a threat to the city's economy to ignore anymore. There are so many reasons — from street violence to rising property taxes to the pension plight — that stoke the exodus of Chicagoans out of the city. Traffic congestion's another one. If this plan helps pare back gridlock, that's good for the city's transportation network, and good for the economy.

GET A DOG AND LIVE TO 100

Anyone who has ever owned a dog knows the experience can have its, um, drawbacks. Dogs of our acquaintance have been known to shred rolls of toilet paper, gobble food off counters, bark furiously at squirrels and letter carriers, barf on rugs, whine to be walked no matter what the weather and require expensive, time-consuming visits to the veterinarian, sometimes after midnight.

But science has found a definite upside. Owning a dog, it seems, can enhance your health. A survey of research covering nearly 4 million people in the journal *Circulation* reached the conclusion that on average, keeping a canine companion reduces the overall risk of death by 24% and the chance of dying from cardiovascular disease by nearly a third. It all translates into longer lifespans — giving new mean-



Tom Crowell walks his dogs Hank, left, and Julietin Halfway, Maryland.

ing to the term "dog years."

The experts at *Circulation* have some ideas to explain this phenomenon. "Several studies have shown that acquiring a dog perforce increases physical exercise (as

anyone who has unsuccessfully tried to sleep past the time of a dog's routine morning walk can attest)," notes an editorial. It pushes people outdoors, and as your dad may have told you, fresh air never killed anyone.

Both purebreds and mutts also tend to "reduce anxiety and loneliness, increase self-esteem and improve overall mood," says *Circulation*. The overall effect is "large and sustained improvements in mental health." You can tell that to any friend who says you're insane to spend the cost of a used car on a Labrador retriever's gall bladder surgery.

It has long been known that dogs have evolved to gain the indulgence of humans, through adoring eyes, wagging tails and sheer enthusiasm. What our naive four-legged friends clearly do not realize is that

we get the better of the deal. They deter burglars, quickly remove messes from the kitchen floor, provide warmth on winter nights and exhibit boundless faith in our fallible selves. All we have to do is provide for their every need.

If yours is not one of the 48 million American homes equipped with these mobile therapeutic devices, you can always visit the nearest animal shelter, which should have many adorable options. You can improve a dog's life while you're saving your own. Shelters also offer cats — which independent research on the part of the Tribune Editorial Board indicates are a boon to the body and soul. Oh, and they don't bark.

Maybe adding a four-legged member to your household will add days to your life. It will certainly add life to your days.

A MINISERIES EPISODE 4

Why a teachers strike is bad for Chicago

Get out your wallets, Chicago taxpayers. The bill for the latest Chicago Teachers Union demands stands well above \$351 million.

That's how much Chicago Public Schools estimates 16% raises offered to teachers over five years will cost. That figure doesn't include raises teachers receive for seniority or advanced degrees. It also doesn't include money folded into the current CPS budget for hundreds of new positions for teachers and support staff.

The Chicago Public Schools budget for the current school year again raises the property tax levy to the maximum allowed. It includes total spending of \$7.7 billion. This is a district with an alarmingly underfunded teachers pension fund. But CTU says the squeeze on taxpayers isn't enough.

The fix from politicians for high property taxes usually is an invitation for homeowners and businesses to appeal their property tax bills. How about the politicians quit giving away money government doesn't have?

Taxpayers in Chicago are frustrated and motivated to move away, as U.S. Census data continually show. Untenable demands from the CTU don't help. They make the city's financial future more untenable.

Enough, CTU.



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(Democrats) are trying to make the president's personality central to what some have

called a "coup." He is helping them. It is one thing to be combative,

but quite another to be mean.

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Trump has better economic ideas than Dems, but letting personality work against him



CAL THOMAS

Depending on the polls you read and how you read them, nearly half of those surveyed want the House impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump to continue. That is not the same as wanting him impeached, much less convicted by the Senate and removed from office, but it represents a momentum the president needs to address and soon.

The president is correct that he is being treated "unfairly" and has been since before the election, which the left still resents his having won. Still, would the president be in such deep water if he displayed a different personality, or at least was kinder to his political opponents?

At a rally in Minnesota, the president said Barack Obama chose Joe Biden as his running mate in 2008,

because "Biden understood how to kiss Barack Obama's ass." That gets his mostly white rallygoers energized, but what effect does it have on the rest of the country?

Ellen DeGeneres recently demonstrated a different model for relating to political opposites. She was seen at a football game sitting in a box and smiling with former President George W. Bush, whose father was criticized by some on the right for speaking of the need for a "kinder and gentler" nation.

DeGeneres said people should be more kind to each other, even if they have different political beliefs.

The New York Post noted, "DeGeneres, 61, has banned numerous celebrities from appearing on her show when they have expressed views that contradict her own, including those who have vocalized their anti-gay marriage views." DeGeneres is gay and married to a woman.

Inconsistency is not unique to DeGeneres, but she has a point worth considering.

In their biography of the late Jack

Kemp, the former congressman, 1996 vice presidential candidate and later Housing and Urban Development secretary, Fred Barnes and Morton Kondracke write: "Kemp embodied a spirit sorely missing in today's politics — in both parties. Kemp was positive, optimistic, idealistic, energetic, growth- and opportunity-oriented. He was incapable of personal attack and negative campaigning, even when it cost him. 'The purpose of politics,' he said, 'is not to defeat your opponent as much as it is to provide superior leadership and better ideas than the opposition.'"

One of my favorite Kemp lines was that you don't beat a thesis with an anti-thesis; you beat it with a better thesis.

President Trump has a better thesis. Like Kemp's promotion of supply-side economics in the 1970s, which Ronald Reagan came to embrace, leading to an economic boom, Trump's policies are working. He should spend less time calling his opponents names and more time dissecting policies that have failed the country in the past.

Democrats have nothing to offer but "free" stuff and impeachment. They are trying to make the president's personality central to what some have called a "coup." He is helping them. It is one thing to be combative, but quite another to be mean.

The president is pushing back against his critics in ways no other recent Republican president has done and good for him for doing so. But there is a way to do it that wins votes and prevails in the next election and another way that detracts from the president's multiple achievements and could lead to political disaster.

The Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah, rhetorically asks, "Can a leopard change his spots?" At his age President Trump may not be able to change his "spots," but he can tone down the invective against opponents, which is only giving them and everyone else who hates him permission to fire back in a similar manner.

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O'Rourke threatens tax-free donations to some churches

That would be a blow against civil society

BY MICHAEL R. STRAIN

Beto O'Rourke has a terrible idea. The Democratic presidential candidate and former Texas congressman wants the U.S. government to take away the tax-exempt status of religious organizations — including churches and mosques — that oppose same-sex marriage.

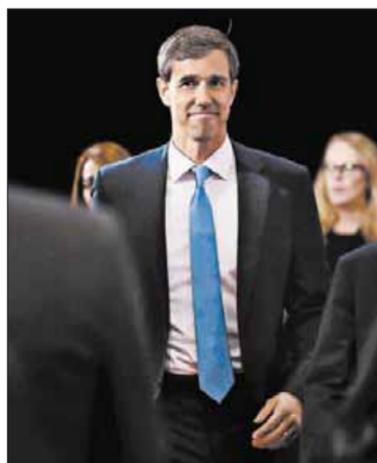
When asked about this, O'Rourke said: "There can be no reward, no benefit, no tax break for anyone or any institution or organization in America that denies the full human rights, and the full civil rights, of everyone in America."

His proposal would be a blow to religious organizations and the American tradition of a healthy civil society, along with the separation of church and state. The magnitude of affected organizations would be large. To take an example close to my heart, there are over 17,000 Catholic parishes and more than 70 million Catholics in the United States.

Let's step back. Why are religious organizations allowed to receive tax-deductible contributions?

Taxpayers have been able to deduct contributions to churches and other nonprofit organizations from their taxable income for more than a century. A few years after the United States created an income tax, the top rate was increased significantly in order to provide revenue for World War I. There was concern at the time that such a high rate would dry up the funds available to nonprofits. So those contributions were made exempt from taxation.

An example of how this works: If you're in the 37% individual income tax bracket, and you make a \$100 contribution to a



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Beto O'Rourke enters the Spin Room after Tuesday's Democratic presidential debate at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio.

church, that \$100 of income is not taxed. Instead of owing the government \$37, you owe nothing. So the actual cost of the donation to you is \$63, not \$100. (You can deduct up to half of your adjusted gross income, and the deduction is only available to households that itemize.)

Because the deduction reduces the cost of a taxpayer's philanthropy, economists believe it increases the amount of charitable giving. Forthcoming research by economists and charitable-giving experts Jonathan Meer and Benjamin Priddy finds that a 10% increase in the "price of giving" reduces philanthropy by a little over 10%. (The price of giving changes when Congress changes marginal income tax rates.) For households in the top tax bracket, eliminating the deduction entirely for religious organizations that oppose same-

sex marriage — as O'Rourke says he would attempt to do if elected president — would increase the taxpayers' cost of giving to those groups by 59%. This would cause their charitable contributions to plummet.

The fact that the deduction supports charitable giving is itself a strong argument in favor of keeping it in the tax code. In addition, income given away should not be taxed. A person who gives money to a house of worship has less money for consumption or saving, and should be taxed on that basis.

You might argue that charitable giving is a form of consumption. Certainly it is, to at least some degree. Large donors can get their names on buildings and programs. And donors experience the good feeling of having given to a cause or organization they support.

But the key point is that the value of donations is much greater for the church or organization receiving them than for the person making the donation. Curtailing charitable giving would hurt religious organizations, not donors.

Much of what religious organizations do — for example, offering aid and support to the poor, treating substance abuse, providing education, helping refugees and the like — is of great social value. Many of these activities would require additional government resources in the absence of churches, synagogues and Islamic centers. The tax-exempt status of those organizations recognizes this complementary relationship between public and private social assistance provisions.

The issue touches the very foundations of U.S. civil society, which is supported by the nation's tradition of charitable giving. Individual charitable contributions in the U.S. totaled \$292 billion last year, according to Giving USA. (My American Enterprise Institute colleagues Alex Brill and Derrick Choe correctly predicted that this figure

would be relatively smaller because of giving disincentives in the 2017 tax law. This is further evidence that charitable giving responds to tax changes.)

I would rather give \$100 to my Catholic parish's food pantry than give the government an extra \$100 in taxes to support expanded nutritional assistance to the poor. The tax exemption for churches supports this American way of organizing society. Government is not the only institution to which Americans turn.

When the nation's social ecology is healthy, religious organizations and the government enjoy a wide distance. O'Rourke's plan would have the state put the church under a microscope, inspecting its theology and rituals to ensure that they support same-sex marriage, doling out tax breaks to some and not to others.

He would keep the tax exemptions for those churches, mosques and synagogues that subscribe to his preferred theology. Those that don't would be required to provide financial support to the government.

He has the policy exactly backward. Rather than curtail the deduction for religious organizations, it should be expanded — for these groups and all traditionally eligible nonprofits — by extending it to households that use the standard deduction, rather than itemizing, when filing their taxes.

And eligibility should continue to be determined without theological tests. Politicians can pick their own places of worship based on their social views, but they should not use the power of government to push religious organizations to adopt them.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Lupita Nyong'o attends the premiere of Hulu's "Little Monsters" on Oct. 8 in New York.

Echoing Hughes, Nyong'o offers a new take on the 'dark and beautiful, bright and strong'



LEONARD PITTS

"If you're white, you're all right. If you're brown, stick around. If you're black, get back." — African American folk saying

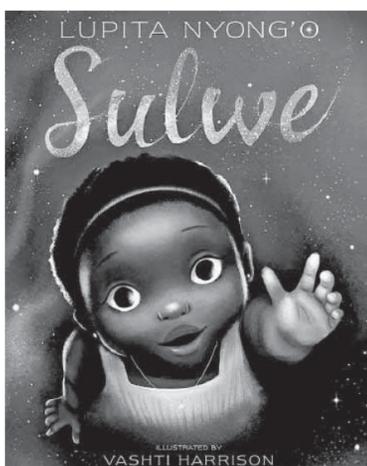
I was about to give a speech — I can't remember when or even where — when this teacher brought a student up, hoping I could help her.

The teacher was white, and her student was a black girl, perhaps 13 or so, of painfully shy demeanor and very dark skin. The woman told me the child thought she was ugly because of her sable complexion. Could I say something to encourage her? I was stunned. Is this true? I asked the girl. Eyes down, she nodded and whispered that it was.

I have no memory of what I told her. I do remember feeling it wasn't nearly enough. Then the event began and I had to go. We didn't speak again, but I've never forgotten that child. She is brought freshly to mind by "Sulwe," a new children's book by Academy Award-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o.

"Sulwe," the book begins, "was born the color of midnight. She looked nothing like her family. Not even a little, not even at all. Mama was the color of dawn, Baba, the color of dusk and Mich, her sister, was the color of high noon." Sulwe gets teased a lot. Kids call her "Blackie," "Darky" and "Night." At one point, she takes an eraser to her skin.

I read the book to my 4-year-old granddaughter Maya the other night. We saw



"Sulwe" by Lupita Nyong'o.

Sulwe take a trip on a shooting star and hear the fable of two sisters, Night and Day, and come to learn that she is, in fact, "dark and beautiful, bright and strong."

Maya, who is the color of midday, pronounced the book "good," then bounded off my lap in search of new adventures. Someday, too soon, she will come to understand herself as black in America and begin to work out what that means.

But she'll have no firsthand knowledge of this extra denigration we African Americans subject one another to because of a foreign standard of beauty, an internalized thing that turns our very skin against us. Maybe I should be happy for that. But I know too many girls and women, boys and men, who are not as lucky.

Most white people will have no clue about this. They've never heard of skin lightening cream or the "paper bag test,"

where your fiance can be no darker than a paper sack. They can't define "high yellow," "caramel," "redbone" or other terms from African America's vast vocabulary of color. They won't know how John Sanford became Redd Foxx because of his ruddy skin tone or that fair-skinned William Robinson was tagged "Smokey" — a derisive term for dark-skinned black people — in that ironic way you'd call a fat guy "Tiny."

Glamorous, gorgeous and dark, Nyong'o, with colleagues like Danai Gurira, Daniel Kaluuya, Viola Davis and Idris Elba, is forcing a welcome and long overdue reconsideration of how beauty is conceived. She has written the book she needed as a child. One hopes no one ever has to write — or need — such a book again.

But then, maybe Langston Hughes had the same hope in 1926, when he wrote a famous essay calling his generation to order. "We younger Negro artists who create now intend to express our individual dark-skinned selves without fear or shame. If white people are pleased, we are glad. If they are not, it doesn't matter. We know we are beautiful. And ugly, too. ... If colored people are pleased, we are glad. If they are not, their displeasure doesn't matter, either. We build our temples for tomorrow, strong as we know how, and we stand on top of the mountain, free within ourselves."

Hughes, you see, had figured out something that still eludes too many black people almost 100 years later.

If we can't be free within ourselves, then we cannot be free.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Provide care to all Cook County residents

In the Oct. 11 article "Preckwinkle says \$6.2B budget is 'responsible and responsive,'" Commissioner John Daley is quoted as saying, in reference to the Cook County health system, "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."

I applaud Commissioner Daley for his clarity! The mission of the county health system is to care for *all* in need. The Affordable Care Act meant that many more in our county were eligible for Medicaid, thereby providing a financial lifeline for the county health system.

The Trump administration has done its best to gut parts of the ACA and frighten immigrants and others who could take part in public benefits. We are now seeing the results of these policies — fewer insured people in the county and more people seeking free care through the county system. This burden is significant, could not have been predicted and is not covered by the county subsidy to the health system.

Our county has an abundance of hospitals, some public and some private. We join Commissioner Daley in calling upon these hospitals to do their part to provide needed health care to all residents of Cook County. The costs of not providing care will be much greater in the long run. If we deny care to those most in need, we have truly lost our moral compass.

— Margie Schaps,
Executive director, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group, Chicago

Pass Clean Energy Jobs Act in Illinois

When Swedish teen Greta Thunberg begs legislators to stop telling her she is amazing but instead do something actually effective to avert climate disaster, she is talking about bills like the Clean Energy Jobs Act. Introduced in the Illinois General Assembly last spring, CEJA has 56 co-sponsors in the Illinois House (HB3624) and 31 in the Illinois Senate (SB2132), but unforgivably, is still awaiting a vote.

A special urgency exists that this bill be considered during the fall veto session. About 21% of the supply charge in our electric bill pays for what is known as "capacity market" energy bought through an auction run by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. This auction is already heavily weighted toward expensive fossil fuels. Under the Trump administration, it has been proposed that the FERC advantage coal plant energy even more. Among other things, CEJA pulls Illinois out of the polluting federal capacity market and sets up our own Illinois capacity market, which would create Illinois jobs and be directed toward carbon-free energy sources. If the General Assembly does not pass CEJA in the fall veto session, Illinois will be forced into contracts for polluting coal energy. Ratepayers cannot afford this; the planet cannot afford this.

Unlike many empty-gesture climate bills, CEJA is not an "aspiration" to get to 100% renewable energy, but sets forth an ingenious path that will save consumers money and create thousands of well-paid Illinois jobs while decarbonizing our electric grid by 2030 and getting Illinois to complete renewable energy by 2050. It will do that while ensuring that a significant portion of the training and great jobs will go to underserved populations and communities hit by the closure of coal mines.

Enough pledging! Pass the Clean Energy Jobs Act this fall.

— Linda Sullivan, Lombard

Keep track of legal pot's ill effects

An Oct. 14 editorial ("How ready is Illinois for legal recreational marijuana?") asks if Illinois is ready for legal recreational marijuana and identifies a number of possible pitfalls.

What concerns me most is whether Illinois will be tracking the consequences of legalization in the following important areas: Has use by teenagers, children under 21, risen dramatically? Have traffic accidents and fatalities caused by drivers using marijuana increased significantly? Have pregnant women been sufficiently warned of the health risks of using marijuana?

And finally, what has happened to the illegal market, which is likely to expand dramatically as the cartels and gangs sell to underage buyers and at lower prices? The Tribune points out there may be straw-man agreements for cannabis business, but there will also likely be straw-man purchases, adults who will give or sell to underage friends or customers. I hope someone will be keeping track of these consequences.

— Peter Bensinger,
Former administrator, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Lake Forest

The staggering toll of horse racing goes beyond thoroughbreds dying on the tracks. It's time to outlaw it.

BY PATRICK BATTUELLO

Much media attention has been focused on the deaths of racehorses at the famed Santa Anita track in Arcadia, California, in recent months. On Sept. 28, a 3-year-old colt named Emtech suffered catastrophic injuries in the eighth race — both front legs snapped — and became the 32nd horse to die racing at Santa Anita since December. Emtech was euthanized on the track after workers had erected a green screen to block the crowd's view of a beautiful, broken animal foundering in the dirt. Two more horses have died since then.

If the horse racing industry could, it might like to put up a screen to shield the public view of the thousands of horses that have died at the approximately 100 racetracks, large and small, across the United States over the past several years. There is no single clearinghouse for this information, so I have endeavored, through Freedom of Information Act requests and monitoring of reports by individual tracks, to try to quantify the carnage resulting from the "sport of kings."

In the past five years, more than 5,000 racehorses have died in the United States, as documented with names, dates and locations on my website, *Horsing Wrongs*. That appalling 1,000-per-year rate reflects just reportable, racing-related deaths. Hundreds more die annually in their stalls from what the industry describes as "non-racing" causes — colic, laminitis, "barn accident" or simply "found dead in the morning."

For all their power and size, racehorses are delicate animals, but they are treated as industrial commodities almost from the moment of birth. Owners generally thrust them into an intensive training regimen at 18 months — long before a horse's body is remotely mature — and they are first raced competitively about six months

later. From there, the physically grinding regimen of racing begins, because if horses aren't racing, they aren't earning.

Death can come in many forms. Cardiovascular collapse. Pulmonary hemorrhage, or bleeding in the lungs. Blunt-force head trauma from collisions with other horses or the track itself in a fall. Snapped necks, severed spines, shredded ligaments. The horses' legs can shatter as they try to support a 1,000-pound body with a jockey on top, at speeds of about 40 mph. Sometimes a leg will break so severely that the limb remains attached to the rest of the body only by skin and tendons. Badly injured horses are euthanized with an injection of pentobarbital solution.

The euphemisms for racehorse deaths and injuries that lead to their being "put down" also come in many forms: "bad step," "went wrong," "broke down," "sudden cardiac event" and "exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage."

The thousands of catastrophic injuries and sudden deaths might sound like a form of slaughter — but then there is the actual slaughtering of racehorses.

The use of horses for meat production is illegal in the U.S., but that simply means horses are shipped out of the country, mostly to Canada or Mexico. According to the Equine Welfare Alliance, using Agriculture Department data, in the period from 2008 to early 2018, more than 1.3 million horses were sent to slaughter from the United States, an average of about 130,000 annually. A Wild for Life Foundation study in 2012, again using USDA data, found that from 2002 to 2010, 19% of the horses slaughtered were thoroughbreds. Another study pegged it at 16%.

Even allowing for a possible decline since then, assuming improved care for racehorses, lowering the thoroughbred total to 12% would still translate to about 15,000 racehorses exported for slaughter annually. Compare the total with what the Jockey Club, a horse racing industry or-

ganization, counts as the annual "foal crop," about 21,000 horses born in each of the past seven years. In come the new racehorses, out goes a significant percentage of that number in no-longer-competitive or simply unwanted racehorses for slaughter.

For Americans who know horse racing primarily from the annual TV spectacle of the Kentucky Derby and other Triple Crown races, the dark and bloody underbelly of the sport might come as a shock. They might also be unaware of just how grim the economic outlook is for horse racing. The *Courier-Journal* in Louisville — the heart of horse racing — reported last year that the industry's problems include "numbers of races and total starters that have been cut roughly in half since 1990, a five-year streak of declining purses and an on-track handle" — the amount of money bet — "that has plunged by 51% since 2001." Attendance at U.S. tracks dropped nearly 50% between 1975 and 1997, the Atlantic noted in 2014, from 78 million to 42 million.

The decline might have been much steeper if horse racing weren't heavily subsidized by revenue from slot machines, steered to tracks in many states by politicians hoping to aid the racing industry. But as *The Washington Post* noted in 2012, "When slots were legalized, the machines proved to be so lucrative many track owners lost interest in the sport and viewed it as a nuisance."

Horse racing might be a nuisance to many track owners, but it is a menace to the animals it depends on. As the staggering toll in dead horses becomes clear, Americans should consider asking their state and federal legislators to outlaw a cruel pastime whose time has passed.

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Reader questions about Medicare

After a column I wrote last summer about Medicare and the various Medicare for All proposals floating around, I was inundated with questions and comments. With Medicare Open Enrollment season upon us (Oct. 15-Dec. 7), it's a good time to address some additional reader concerns.

George from Virginia: "When Medicare for All is talked about, it is made to sound like it is free. What would the bottom-line cost be to me?"

Answer: There is no free lunch, especially when it comes to health care and insurance. When politicians talk about the cost of "Medicare for All" being cheaper for the vast majority of Americans than their current coverage, they are not breaking it down and preparing us for what would likely occur: The cost of insurance and co-pays would likely drop, but taxes would rise. The hope is that net-net, most people would be better off.

Sharon from Oregon: "I had sticker shock when I learned about the cost of Medicare. It might be helpful if you could break it down for readers?"

Answer: At the time of this writing, the 2020 numbers were not available, but here's what the breakdown was for 2019:

■ Part A (Hospital): Typically, there is no premium charge, but there is an annual deductible of \$1,364.

■ Part B (Medical): The monthly premium amount is at least \$135.50 (up to \$460.50, depending on income). There is also an annual deductible of \$185, and most beneficiaries will have 20% co-pays.

■ Part C (Medicare Advantage): Premiums and co-pays vary.

■ Part D (Prescription drug coverage): Premiums and deductibles vary.

Higher earners must pay 85% of the cost of their Medicare Parts B and D benefits, while those beneficiaries with incomes of \$85,000 or less (\$170,000 for couples) pay 25% of the cost of their benefits.

Bill from New York: "What's the rationale behind Medicare NOT covering eye exams or glasses?"

Answer: The Medicare website puts it plainly: "Medicare doesn't cover everything. If you need certain services Medicare doesn't cover, you'll have to pay for them yourself." In other words, it's just too expensive for Medicare to cover the following: long-term care (also called custodial care); most dental care; eye exams related to prescribing glasses; dentures; cosmetic surgery; acupuncture; hearing aids and exams for fitting them; and routine foot care.

You can purchase other insurance that covers these services or a Medicare health plan that covers them, but doing so will add to your total annual costs for health care.

Barbara from Illinois: "I'm 64 and was offered an early retirement package. I am inclined to take it, but what are my options for insurance between now and age 65?"

Answer: If your spouse is still working, you can switch to that coverage, but if you are single, you may want to consider COBRA, which will give you the exact same coverage that you currently have, but it is expensive. Alternatively, you can investigate the Affordable Care Act, which offers a variety of options, but the plans available may not be as robust as your current coverage. If you qualify based on low income, you may be able to get federal tax credits that make ACA coverage more affordable.

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3 secrets for a successful SIDE HUSTLE

Your side hustle should meet your goals no matter how big it is

BY RHETT POWER | Inc.

The side gig is gaining popularity, especially as prominent success stories become the stuff of legend. Social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter all started as side projects, as did billion-dollar companies Slack and WeWork. It's enough to get anyone's hopes up about the career possibilities of making a little extra cash outside your nine-to-five.

Despite the fact that the gig economy is often branded as the new American dream — allowing for schedule flexibility, self-management and the opportunity to choose your own clients — the reality is that many people are side hustling because they need an extra source of income. According to Bankrate's Side Hustle Survey, 43% of full-time American employees work a side hustle, and three in 10 of those gig workers are doing it to supplement their income and cover regular living costs.

Sure, some gigs really are passion projects, or at least that's how they start. A love of photography or a predilection for using a second language can lead a gainfully employed person to pursue a part-time gig. However, jobs like customer service representative, medical coder, and transcriber also appear on FlexJobs' list of common side hustles, so certainly every gig is not just a monetized hobby.

To make sure your side hustle helps you reach your financial goals, consider the scope and objective of that extra work. That could be paying off student loans, saving for a down payment or earning extra cash for a shopping spree. As you set out on this new journey, follow these three steps to ensure your side hustle serves its intended purpose for as long as you want it to.

Be intentional, not accidental

When starting a side hustle, you generally get to decide whether you'll shoot for immediate income in the short term or build a scalable business over the long haul. If you're just looking to pay down debt, the former might be a better option. If you want to create more income down the road, you should consider a scalable option. Starting a side hustle as a tutor is an example of generating immediate income, whereas teaching educators to start their own side hustles as tutors

would be scalable long-term.

According to Jim Wang, founder of WalletHacks.com, entrepreneurs shouldn't be afraid to make a choice based on their current financial needs: "Don't feel like you're short-changing yourself by starting a good side hustle today because you need the cash, well, today." He points out that being intentional about your immediate needs will help you meet them quickly. If you need fast cash for an upcoming vacation or have a lot of debt to pay down, you may not be in the position to found a startup just yet.

Wield connections wisely

When you're looking for your first customers, rely on customer relationship management technology to organize your connections. A little bit of professional efficiency will go a long way when you're asking your mom, your co-worker or your neighbor for help finding buyers of your product or service. "Even before you have customers, a CRM can help you leverage your personal and professional networks to verify your ideas, find mentors and cheerleaders, and generate your first few leads and referrals," advises Alex Haimann, partner and head of business development at Less Annoying CRM.

Starting a successful side hustle requires you to perform a sales role that you may or may not be familiar with. A CRM can help you keep track

of communications with a large number of leads, reminding you when to follow up and when to reestablish a connection. It's a valuable tool for staying on track, whether you're at day one or decade one of a side hustle. If your side gig is more temporary, a CRM will be useful for notifying your clients of business changes or catching up with them if you return to the project in the future.

Know when your side gig needs your full attention

Many people starting a side hustle struggle to get it off the ground. A shortage of customers or an inability to market effectively makes it hard to find regular work, and a small runway disappears before the liftoff. If, on the other hand, your challenge becomes more about keeping up with a massive demand, it might be time to transition your side hustle into your full-time job. According to a SunTrust survey, 81% of side hustlers want to take their gigs full time.

If you do move your hustle from side to center court, don't go it alone. You can't possibly get everything done on your own, and a surge in demand can actually extinguish your progress if you can't keep up and satisfy your customers. Hire an employee (or two) and learn to delegate. Having the right team will eventually allow you to work on your business and not in it; you might even have the chance to start on a second side project if you're so inclined.

Side hustles often start out of necessity. When you're working full-time but you believe in something enough to invest your precious free time in it, it's crucial to figure out how to make it work for you. Follow the above steps to see success with your side hustle, whether you're a writer with a passion project or a consultant with an empire to build.

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Shedding light on dark patterns: Keep your online shopping secure

BY ANNE KATES SMITH
Kiplinger

You're on the checkout page of a website when something appears in your shopping basket that you didn't put there — say, you're buying a laptop, but insurance sneaks in, too, unless you uncheck a box. Or you think you're signing up for a one-time deal or even a free trial, but you've unintentionally committed to a subscription with recurring fees.

Or maybe your relaxed online browsing session takes on an air of urgency because a countdown timer tells you that a hot deal is about to expire, or the site gives you an "almost out of stock" warning.

Not all of these "nudges" are flat-out deceptive. But all are instances of dark patterns, or website designs meant to steer,

coerce or deceive people into making unintended or potentially disadvantageous decisions.

Dark patterns have been a topic of discussion among techies, behavioral scientists and marketers since 2010, when British cognitive scientist Harry Brignull coined the term. His website, www.darkpatterns.org, serves as an information clearinghouse and a dark pattern Hall of Shame. A new study from Princeton University researchers documents how ubiquitous dark patterns can be and explains why we fall for them.

Using a web crawler, the Princeton researchers investigated more than 11,000 shopping websites. They found 1,841 dark patterns on more than 11% of the sites, or more than 1,200 of them. The researchers identified 15 patterns in seven broad categories, including sneaking, urgency and misdi-

rection. The more popular the website, the more likely it was to feature dark patterns.

The most egregious examples, deemed "deceptive" by the researchers, were relatively rare: only 234 instances on 183 websites. The authors note, however, that their limited study no doubt understates the prevalence of dark patterns.

We fall for the trickery because of innate cognitive biases. We might go ahead with a transaction even after a previously undisclosed charge gets added at the last minute because of a bias known as the sunk-cost fallacy — the feeling that we've invested too much time, energy or money to turn back. And something known as the framing effect makes confirm shaming a go-to dark pattern for some sites. You've seen it when a shopping site promises a discount in exchange for your e-mail address. If you don't

want to give it out, you're forced to click on something like "No thanks, I like paying full price."

Once aware of dark patterns, we tend to adapt. Some 65% of British consumers in a recent survey pegged instances of dark patterns on a hotel booking site as the sales pressure they are. But the frontiers keep expanding.

You'll find dark patterns on mobile apps, video games and social media platforms, too. Congress has taken notice: A bill introduced in the Senate in April would empower the Federal Trade Commission to crack down on dark patterns.

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Roth IRAs 101

Misconceptions about Roth IRA benefits and penalties



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The Savings Game

Based on the mail I receive, many readers misunderstand Roth IRAs, including the benefits for the initial owner and for beneficiaries. I'll explain some of the basics associated with Roth IRAs below. However, I should preface this by saying that Congress is contemplating modifications in the regulations that will affect the length of time beneficiaries will be able to stretch out benefits from both traditional and Roth IRAs. If Congress does pass new legislation and it becomes law, I will discuss the impact in a subsequent column.

Roth IRA benefits for original owners

A significant benefit of a Roth IRA is that all income, whether from interest, dividends or capital gains is tax-free. When you invest in a Roth IRA, you are investing after-tax income, so any withdrawals you make from your Roth, after retirement, will be tax-free, regardless of whether the withdrawals exceeded the amount of your initial purchases.

Tax-free distributions from Roth IRAs will not expose investment income to the 3.8% surtax.

Another benefit to original Roth IRA owners is that there are no required distributions. This is very important, in comparison to the regulations on traditional IRAs. Under current regulations, at age 70 1/2, owners of traditional IRAs are required to start taking required mandatory distributions (RMDs) from their IRAs. The RMD amount changes each year based on the value of the IRA at year-end and the life expectancy of the IRA owner. All withdrawals are subject to ordinary income tax rates.

An individual with earned income can make contributions to the Roth IRA of a spouse who is not working or has limited income, as long as the working spouse has sufficient income to cover the contributions for the non-working



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spouse plus any contributions made for the working spouse.

If you have earned income after age 70 1/2, you can still make contributions to a Roth IRA (you can't do this with traditional IRAs).

Even if you are under 59 1/2, you can withdraw any contributions you made to a Roth without penalty. If you make any withdrawals from a traditional IRA, you are subject to a 10% early withdrawal penalty and income taxes.

Benefits for Roth beneficiaries

These are some of the advantages of a Roth IRA to beneficiaries:

Withdrawals of Roth IRA contributions are income tax free as long as the five-year rule has been met (i.e., the account was at least five years old when the owner died; see "Penalties" below).

Under present regulations, beneficiaries can stretch tax-free distributions over their lifetimes. (Proposed congressional proposals may change that limit to 10 years.)

Spouse beneficiaries are not required to take RMD distributions. Non-spouse beneficiaries are required to take RMDs based on their age from the IRS Single Life Expectancy Table, starting the year after the owner's death. Each year the life expectancy for non-spouses is reduced by one year. (See IRS 590-B for instructions and the appropriate table.)

Back-door contribution loophole

If you earn more than the maximum (for 2019 the limit is between \$193,000 and \$203,00 for married filers and between \$122,000 and \$137,000 for single filers), and you are younger than 70 1/2, you can make a contribution to a traditional IRA and then convert that account to a Roth. Pro-rata rules apply. This can be done in the same year. You are no longer allowed to undo (called a recharacterization) a conversion done in or after 2018.

Penalties

Although Roth contributions can be withdrawn without penalty, some withdrawals are subject to penalties and taxes. If your withdrawal exceeds your original contribution, and you are under 59 1/2, or you have not waited five years after your contribution, you're subject to a 10% penalty and income tax liability for the amount of the withdrawal that exceeds your contributions. Beneficiaries are not subject to the 10% early withdrawal penalty, but they are liable to income tax on earnings related to funds that were not held in the account for five years.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.



TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

Large investment firms ditch commissions

The world of investments is having a sale! Now you can trade stocks for free. Zero commissions are now the headline-making trend. At several major brokerage firms, including Schwab, TD Ameritrade, E-Trade and Fidelity, it will cost you absolutely nothing to buy and sell stocks.

The shares of major publicly traded brokerage firms plunged immediately after the announcements. How would the firms make money? Plenty of ways, as it turns out, so don't feel sorry for them. Their profit motivation will be explained below, but first how should you — the "ordinary investor" — react to this opportunity?

Some see this as a chance to get rich quick. But it could be a chance to get poor quicker! After all, when you trade stocks you have to be correct three times: when to get in, when to get out and when to get back in again.

Even if the trading costs are free, the tuition can be expensive. In fast-moving markets, a zero-cost transaction can appeal to your most extreme emotions of fear and greed. And that doesn't typically lead to profits. Just consider these facts from a report on Tradeciety.com:

- 80% of all day traders quit within the first two years.
- Almost 40% of day traders day-trade for just a month. Within three years, the number plummets to 13%. After five years, only 7% of day traders continue.
- The average individual investor annually underperforms a market index by 1.5%. Active traders underperform by 6.5% a year.

—Only about 1% of all day traders can predictably profit net of fees.

The bottom line is few day traders make money over the long run. Part of that is attributable to costs, which now have become zero. But an even more significant reason is the fact that it takes skill and discipline to consistently trade well. Whether that's a learned ability or an inherent trait is open to debate. But if you're willing to face reality, you'll find out quickly whether you have what it takes.

Brokerage profits

Meanwhile, the brokerage industry is not facing self-destruction, although some of the marginal players will certainly be forced to seek merger partners. Yes, commissions will disappear, but the larger firms have two significant ways to make money, even if they charge you zero commissions.

The first is "payment for order flow." While you might think that your buy or sell order is being executed on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, that's likely not the case. Most retail orders are routed to big market-making firms like Citadel Securities and Virtu Financial. The market-makers pay to "see" the orders and execute them. It's called "payment for order flow" — and it's perfectly legal because these firms guarantee the order will be executed at the very best price in the national market system. These market-makers make a tiny bit of money, called "the spread" between bid and ask price on each transaction.

There's a second way the big brokerage firms make money. They pay you a very low rate of return on the "free cash" in your account. And that can really add up. Schwab, for example, has over \$3.5 trillion in customer accounts, with about \$4 billion in cash at any given time.

Schwab has a banking subsidiary. Much of that customer cash is automatically swept into an account that earns about 0.5% in the Schwab bank. Then the bank lends it out very short term, earning about 2%. In fact, those interest earnings accounted for more than half of Schwab's net revenue last year!

Here's a tip: if you have excess cash at Schwab, you should request that it be moved into a higher yielding money market fund. Most clients don't bother — and that's a windfall for the firm.

Other major online brokerage firms have similar profit profiles, with half or more of their net revenue coming from earnings on customer cash. So even at zero commissions the major brokerage firms will continue to be profitable. The big question is: Can day traders say the same? Not likely. And that's The Savage Truth!

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and the author of four best-selling books, including "The Savage Truth on Money." Terry responds to questions on her blog at TerrySavage.com.

Giving to charity while on a budget

Generosity doesn't have to break you

BY RIVAN V. STINSON
Kiplinger

You don't have to let a slim budget stop you from giving to charity. Here are ways to do good on limited means:

One strategy is to combine philanthropy and saving by investing in companies that seek to make the world a better place. There are apps that will help you do that. The Stash app, for example, identifies exchange-traded funds and individual stocks that allow you to invest in companies that align with your convictions, from clean energy to workplace equality. You only need \$5 to open a Stash account, and you'll pay just \$1 per month for a beginner's account.

Another option: Find out if your 401(k) plan offers a socially responsible fund, such as Vanguard Global ESG Select Stock (symbol VEIGX) or Parnasus Mid Cap (PARMX), one of Kiplinger's favorite actively managed no-load mutual funds.

Many social media users are bombarded with charitable solicitations.



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Facebook added a feature in 2017 that allows users to request donations to their favorite charity in lieu of birthday gifts. Depending on how many Facebook friends you have, the posts can be overwhelming. And unless you vet the charities, you have no idea how your money will be used. Donating small amounts to multiple causes may seem like the most generous thing to do, but experts say you can make a much greater impact by limiting your donations to one or two charities.

GoFundMe pitches tend to populate Facebook news feeds as well, and some of these are even more troubling. You're usually prompted to help people or organizations that one of your friends has heard about, but you have no way of knowing if the help is actually needed or if the fundraiser is a scam. In 2017, a couple collected close to \$400,000 from donors purportedly to help a homeless man who lent the couple his last \$20.

All three have been charged with fraud.

If something on your social media feed does catch your attention, do your homework. You can look up charities on Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) and the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance site (www.give.org). Charity Navigator rates charities on financial health and accountability; the Wise Giving Alliance checks out governance, fund-raising, effectiveness and donor privacy. You'll also want to search the internet for complaints and reviews about the charity. If the charity is mostly local, try searching for it on your region's Better Business Bureau website.

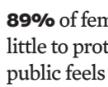
Rivan V. Stinson is a staff writer at Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine. Send your questions and comments to moneypower@kiplinger.com. And for more information on this topic, visit Kiplinger.com.

From boardroom to ballot box: Women entrepreneurs are looking to politics

Women are a force to be reckoned with in the world of entrepreneurship and they could be leading more than businesses soon, according to the Fast Company-Inc 2019 State of Women and Entrepreneurship Survey. The study surveyed 634 women around the world, including 487 female business owners in the U.S. Among the most striking findings? Twenty-eight percent of the respondents said they would consider running for office (either now or in the future). Read on for more of the survey's most interesting data.



57% of female founders say they've experienced depression compared to 60% of male founders (according to the 2019 Inc. 5000 survey)



89% of female founders say the government is doing too little to protect the environment; only 61% of the general public feels the same way according to a Gallup poll



55% of female founders identify with the Democratic party

55% of female founders say the #MeToo movement made them feel more empowered to speak out about their own experiences with sexism and harassment



60% of female founders think immigration should be increased, compared to 30% who believe it should be kept at its current level and 10% who say it should be decreased



*Only U.S.-based respondents received questions about U.S. elections and politics.

SOURCE: Fast Company

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BATTLING BURNOUT

Answer four questions to determine if your job is causing severe and chronic stress

BY MELANIE CURTIN
Inc.

Picture this: I'm walking down the street in Washington, DC on the phone. Despite me trying to suppress the sobs, my father picks up on the fact that I'm crying.

"Quit," he says succinctly. "Just quit and come on down here."

As soon as he says it, I feel a massive wave of relief. The idea of actually quitting my job, letting go of this tremendous, enormous sense of responsibility, makes me lightheaded with joy. You mean I could live without this constant, oppressive weight?

"I'm just — I'm not sure I'd be making the right choice," I say. "Shouldn't I try sticking it out? Isn't that more responsible?"

He is silent for a moment. Then: "Your job isn't supposed to make you this unhappy."

"It's not? You mean this isn't normal?"

"No," he says firmly. "Get out of there."

Looking back, that conversation was a turning point. It took me another six weeks to pluck up the courage to actually quit a job that was destructive to me, but that conversation with my father was the first time I had shared openly just how bad the situation had become.

Just how badly I was suffering from burnout.

Burnout is now defined as an "occupational phenomenon" by the World Health Organization (WHO). According to the WHO, burnout results from "chronic workplace stress that has not been successfully managed." Notably, the guidelines stipulate that the term burnout, when used as a diagnosis, only applies to work-related stress (not personal stress).

In other words, one of the preeminent health organizations in the world now recognizes burnout as a very real health issue — one that can lead to gastrointestinal issues, respiratory prob-



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lems, stress-induced migraines, and more.

According to the WHO handbook, medical practitioners should look for three specific symptoms when diagnosing burnout:

- Lack of energy or exhaustion
- Feeling mental distance from one's job, or feeling negativity or cynicism related to one's job
- Reduced professional efficacy

That's the impersonal list. The more personal list includes things like:

- Experiencing physical dread on Sunday evening, knowing you have to go into work the next day (i.e. knots in your stomach, tense shoulders, headache)
- Questioning whether to wear mascara that day, because you know you'll probably cry at some point

- The nameless, constant and relentless anxiety that plagues you even when you're "off" (a term that isn't very meaningful, given how you still think about

emails even on weekends, knowing they're coming in at all hours ... and if you wait to check your inbox, you'll only suffer more on Monday)

According to Dr. Jennifer Ashton, chief medical correspondent for ABC News, signs of burnout can include respiratory problems, apathy, irritability, insomnia, chronic fatigue, difficulty concentrating, anxiety, and more.

How do you know if you're suffering from burnout? Ashton says to ask yourself four questions, rating each on a scale of 1-4 (1 being never, 2 being sometimes, three often, and 4 always):

1. How often are you tired and lacking energy to go to work in the morning?

2. How often do you feel physically drained, like your batteries are dead?

3. How often is your thinking process sluggish or your concen-

tration impaired?

4. How often do you feel emotionally detached from co-workers (or customers) and unable to be sensitive to their needs?

Total your points from all four questions. If you scored less than nine, you're not suffering from burnout; if 10-12, you're on the verge of burnout; and at 13-16, you're suffering from burnout.

So what do you do if you suspect you may "have" burnout? (Is that the correct term now, like catching the flu?)

According to therapist Joree Rose, one of the root causes of burnout is unrealistic expectations or timelines. "There's an expectation that in this day and age, we want instantaneous results and that means that we are connected at all times to our work," says Rose. "There is no such thing as work/life balance anymore — it's really work/tech balance."

So one thing most people who

study burnout talk about is limiting time with your device.

Rose also points out the cost to personal relationships: "We used to be able to keep work at work, but with owning multiple devices in which we can access our work, it's easy (and common!) for people to lie in bed and get to back to emails instead of connecting with the person next to them."

That particular example makes me sad. The idea of lying next to your partner while they're on their device — is there anything lonelier?

For as common as it is, burnout is an intensely personal situation. It can make you question your worth as a person, compromise your ability to think clearly and even have you question the point of going on.

Of course everyone has to evaluate their situation and make the best decision for them. But I'm happy to report that my own story has a happy ending. I quit that job that was causing me burnout and took about a month off (and yes, I did fly down and spend a lot of that time with my dad).

Then I got another job where I was clear from the beginning that I would not work evenings or weekends. My boss was someone who had witnessed my anguish in my previous position and was all in on supporting that kind of work/life balance.

I was a lot happier in my new role. I felt valued and significant, and I also felt well-rested on Mondays. I loved my coworkers and was excited to get up in the mornings and do my thing. I started smiling every day instead of crying.

I went from feeling burned out to filled up, and never looked back. I wish the same for you.

Melanie Curtin is a sex researcher whose work has appeared in the *Huffington Post* and the *New York Observer*. Curtin also hosts the "Dear Men" podcast.



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OBITUARIES

FRANK LETTIERE 1941-2019

World traveler rode a horse from Chicago to Wyoming

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Frank "Goat" Lettiere loved the wide-open spaces of the American West and travel, making solo journeys to South America, the British Isles, Europe and New Zealand, often on foot or horseback.

In 1977, he rode a horse from Chicago to Cody, Wyoming.

"He was a great adventurer," said George Dee Smith, a Western artist who met Lettiere more than 40 years ago when he arrived in Wyoming. "I can't think of any guy that didn't get more out of life on this earth than Frank did. I had nothing but admiration for him."

Lettiere, 78, died of complications from dementia Oct. 5 in Avantara Long Grove, according to his son Cody. He had lived for many years on Chicago's Southwest Side.

Lettiere was born in 1941 on the South Side of Chicago. Dale "Charlie" Rosenow met him in seventh grade at Cook Elementary School in the Gresham neighborhood, where he remembered that Lettiere was "a foot taller than everybody else."

Lettiere played football at Calumet High School, where he picked up his nickname. Rosenow, who said Lettiere preferred spelling it "Gote," said it was based on Lettiere's chin whiskers and his tendency to eat everything in sight, including leftover pizza on other diners' tables.

Around the mid-1960s, Lettiere started working at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park as an orderly, his son said. He later worked in a physical therapy facility near the hospital.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, he and a growing group of friends began an annual trip to Acapulco, Mexico. "Every year the trip got bigger," said Danny Bowen, who was a high school classmate of one of Lettiere's brothers.

Lettiere and Bowen also took a monthlong trip to Africa with stops in London and Rome. They rented a



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Land Rover in Africa and "fell in love with Mount Kilimanjaro," according to Bowen, who was later married for a time to Lettiere's sister.

During some of that time, Lettiere worked as a Teamster loading trucks for a Chicago company. In his off time, Lettiere and some buddies liked to hike out West, in places like Yellowstone and the Big Bend region in Texas.

In the mid-1970s, Lettiere was seriously injured in a car accident. His son said the injuries left his father unable to keep up with his buddies on those hikes, and he started riding horses as a way to keep up. He eventually got horses of his own, boarding them in the Palos area.

In 1977, he and a friend decided to travel to Wyoming on horseback. The friend and one of the horses dropped out shortly after they crossed the Mississippi River, but Lettiere pressed on, riding back roads and open land all the way to Cody.

He eventually bought a 4-acre parcel outside Cody and in 1978 started construction of a cabin, where he lived with his then-wife as they started raising a family.

"Frank fell in love with the Wapiti Valley," Bowen said, of the area east of Yellowstone National Park.

"Out here you could really grasp America, as to what it used to be like," Smith said. "There's still a romance to the country and still a wildness to the country. You have it here still."

Cody Lettiere said his father supported the family with a series of jobs, ranging from working on horse ranches to oil rig work to construction.

Lettiere was married five times to three women, and all of his marriages ended in divorce, his son said. After one marriage ended in the mid-1980s, he left Wyoming and returned to Chicago and to working in physical therapy in Evergreen Park. He retired around 2000.

From there, he took up world travel in earnest. He made multiple trips to Argentina and Italy, along with visits to Scotland, Sweden, New Zealand and Peru, where he hiked part of the approach to the Inca ruins at Machu Picchu.

Cody Lettiere, named for his town in Wyoming, said his father paid for the trips with savings from a frugal lifestyle. He had no mortgage and often lived without a car, even around Chicago. "He knew how to live very cheap but really enjoy himself," his son said.

Adventurer, traveler, sometimes an anachronistic horseman out of the old West, Lettiere was a vivid character to those who knew him.

"A lover of life, horses and beer," Bowen said.

Lettiere is also survived by his daughter, Tracy Lanciault; three other sons Josh, Jeremiah and Frank; his sister, Joann Bowen; his brother, Jimmy; and five grandchildren.

Services were held.

Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON OCTOBER 21 ...

In 1797 the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," was launched in Boston's harbor.

In 1805 a British fleet commanded by Adm. Horatio Nelson defeated a French-Spanish fleet in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, was killed.

In 1833 Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite who established the Nobel Prizes, was born in Stockholm.

In 1879 Thomas Edison invented a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops captured the German city of Aachen.

In 1945 women in France were allowed to vote for the first time.

In 1959 New York's Guggenheim Museum, designed by architect Frank

Lloyd Wright, was opened to the public.

In 1960 Democrat John Kennedy and Republican Richard Nixon clashed in their fourth and final presidential debate.

In 1964 the movie musical "My Fair Lady," starring Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1966 more than 140 people, mostly children, were killed when a coal waste landslide engulfed a school and several houses in south Wales.

In 1967 tens of thousands of Vietnam War protesters marched in Washington.

In 1971 President Richard Nixon nominated Lewis Powell and William Rehnquist to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1976 Saul Bellow won the Nobel Prize in literature, the first American honored since John Steinbeck in 1962.

In 1991 American hostage Jesse Turner was freed by his kidnappers in Lebanon after nearly five years in captivity.

In 1993 NATO ministers endorsed a U.S. plan to form limited partnerships with Russia and other former East bloc foes, but stopped short of offering full membership.

In 1994 the United States and North Korea signed an agreement requiring the communist nation to halt its nuclear program and agree to inspections.

In 1995 rioting inmates surrendered control of a prison dormitory in Greenville, Ill., ending a one-day uprising that began after the government ordered federal prisons locked down nationwide.

In 2000 fifteen Arab leaders convened in Cairo for their first summit in four years; the Libyan delegation walked out, angry over signs the summit would stop short of calling for breaking ties with Israel.

In 2001 Washington postal worker Thomas Morris Jr. died of inhaled anthrax; officials closed two postal facilities and began testing thousands of postal employees.

In 2002 President George W. Bush said he would try diplomacy "one more time," but did not think Saddam Hussein would disarm — even if doing so would allow the Iraqi president to remain in power.

In 2003 singer-songwriter Elliott Smith died in Los Angeles; he was 34.

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Pick 4 midday	0901 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto midday	703 / 6
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Pick 3 evening	119 / 0
Pick 4 evening	0005 / 8
Lucky Day Lotto evening	3 6 21 40 43

Oct. 21 Lotto: \$8.5M
Oct. 22 Mega Millions: \$82M
Oct. 23 Powerball: \$120M

WISCONSIN	
Oct. 20	
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Daily 4 evening	6746 / 9
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MICHIGAN	
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Bofman, Robert L.

Robert L. Bofman, 62, beloved "brother" and best friend of Elyse Perlman; cherished "dad" of Adam (Sherril) Berns and Josh Berns; adored "grandfather" of Hazel Berns; devoted friend of Donald Levine. Chapel service, Thursday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Shalva. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Consalvo, Ron "Lefty"

Ron "Lefty" Consalvo, age 83, at rest October 17, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Judith Ann (nee Butz); loving father of Joseph, Ann (Louis) Valentine, Gina Consalvo Anderson and Anthony; devoted grandfather of Grace, Matt, Angelina and John; dearest son of the late Giancarlo and Carmella Consalvo; brother of Joe, John, Robert and Richard; uncle of nieces and nephews. Funeral Thursday October 24, 2019 at 9 A.M. from **Salerno's Galewood Chapels** 1857 N. Harlem Ave, Chicago to Shrine of our Lady of Pompeii Church. Funeral Mass 10:30 A.M. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 4-9 P.M. Info 773-889-1700

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Davis, Marvin

Marvin Davis, age 90. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict (1951-1952). Re-united in death with his beloved and inseparable twin brother Jerome Davis. Loyal and devoted friend of Morene Dunn-Axler, and Stuart Orelove. Devoted cousin of Elaine (Jay), Stewart (Mitzie) and Josie (Dr. Steve) and Judy Davis, and caregiver Dan Reynolds. Graveside service Wednesday, 10:30 AM at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave. (Sec. E), Norridge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Chicago Loop Synagogue, 16 S. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60603, Leukemia Research Foundation, 191 Waukegan Road, Suite 105, Northfield, IL 60093, info@lrffmail.org or Youth Centers of Israel, 100 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, www.ycoi.org. Shiva Wednesday at Morene Dunn-Axler residence 5 PM-8 PM, Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjffinfo.com

Evans, James J.

James J. Evans, age 86, of Algonquin former Senior Fire Alarm Operator, Chicago Fire Department, retired. Beloved husband for 61 year of Joyce A. (nee Rickard). Loving father of Pattie (Butch) Komperda, Mary (Tim) Menzer and Suzy Evans. Adoring grandfather of Brian (Valerie) Menzer, Nicole (Ryan) Wall, Lauren Menzer, Chris Komperda, and Stephanie Komperda. Great Grandfather; Crawford, Desi, and Ellie. Fond brother of the late Dan (the late Mary) Evans. Fond uncle Dan, Michael (Colleen) and Kathleen Evans, Thomas (Dorie) and David (Jodi) Rickard. Family and friends will gather for a Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 11:00 A.M. at St. Catherine of Siena Church, West Dundee. Burial with Military Honors will follow at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Cemetery, Fox River Grove. Visitation Tuesday at Miller Funeral Home, West Dundee from 3-8 PM and again on Wednesday at church from 10:00 AM until Mass. Memorials may be made to either Mercy Home for Children, The Wounded Warrior Project or Rainbow Hospice. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.millerfuneralhome-dundee.com For info, please call (847)426-343

Flanigan, Florence Isabella 'Mookie'

FLORENCE ISABELLA FLANIGAN (nee Corcoran), age 89, passed away peacefully on October 17, 2019 at Alden Popular Creek Rehabilitation & Health Care Center in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Loving mother of Pamela Flanigan, the late Kevin Flanigan and Carolyn Flanigan; dear sister of the late Sylvia Doody (Bill), the late Shirley Trudan (Ed), the late James Corcoran (Mary), the late Patricia Jalovec (Tony), Ellen Kowalski (Jerry) and Rose Brodzinski. A private memorial service is being arranged in the near future.

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Geoghegan, James W.

James W. Geoghegan, 77, US Navy Vietnam Veteran; CPD, LT.; was born in Chicago, and passed in FL on October 9, 2019. James was the beloved husband of Rita; loving father of Riecky (Petra), Renee, and the late Craig; adoring grandfather of Dandy (Meral), Michele, and Marilynn; great-grandfather of Felix, Tim, and Holly; loving cousin of Theresa, Izzy (Ken), Vita and their children; good friend to many; member of GAPA and Chicago FOP. Visitation Tuesday 5PM-9PM at Montclair-Lucania Funeral Home, 6901 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL; Graveside Service Wednesday 11:30AM at Ridgewood Memorial Park, 9900 N. Milwaukee Ave, Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Suncoast Hospice Foundation, 5771 Roosevelt Boulevard, Clearwater, FL 33760 or go to www.SunCoastHospice.org in memory of James.

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Gordon, George N.

George N. Gordon. Beloved husband of the late Betty, nee Levy; loving father of Rita G. Gordon and the late Mark Lee (late Rachelle "Shelley" Gordon); devoted grandfather of the late Michael L. Gordon; loving brother of Marilyn J. (the late Dr. Norman R.) Schakne; and fond uncle of nieces and nephews. He was the epitome of loving kindness,

strength, wisdom, and generosity. He was a pillar of strength for his family and friends. He was an amazing role model as a loving husband, amazing father, devoted brother, loyal friend and an overall wonderful person making the world a better place for all. He will be forever in our hearts and may his soul now rest in peace. Private interment at Rosehill Cemetery. Memorial services Tuesday 3 PM at Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Rd, Northfield. Calls of condolence to follow at the temple following service until 6:30 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Information: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** 847-256-5700.



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Kittrick, James J.

James J. Kittrick, age 86, devoted son of the late James and Sarah Kittrick; loving brother of the late Betty (the late Frank) Kurasz; cherished uncle of Russell (Shirley) Kurasz, Robert (Linda Koh) Kurasz and Lisa (Tony) Ha; dearest great-uncle of Denise (Michael) Carden, Ken Kurasz, Cindy Kurasz, Kile Ha and Sarah Ha; dear great-great-uncle of Madelyn and William Carden. Visitation Wednesday 9:00 A.M. until time of prayers 10:30 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Catherine of Alexandria Church 10621 S. Kedvale, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Mass 11:30 A.M. Interment St. Mary. Funeral info: 708 429-3200



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Lamprinakos, Panagiotis

Panagiotis Lamprinakos, 84, Born in Agriani, Laconia, Greece; Beloved husband of Pitsa (nee Papadogiannis); Devoted father of Nikoleta (Constantine) Tziavaras and Demetra (Ryan) Grande; Cherished grandfather of Politimi; Loving son, son-in-law, brother, brother-in-law; Dearest uncle, cousin and friend of many in USA and Greece. Visitation, Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at Colonial Wojciechowski Funeral Home 8025 W. Golf Rd. Niles, IL. from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Family and friends will meet Wednesday morning 9:30 a.m. at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church 7373 N. Caldwell Ave. Niles, IL. 60714 for 10:00 a.m. Funeral service. Interment will follow to Ridgewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to St. Haralambos Church Building Fund appreciated. Arrangements by NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD., Info: 847-581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Lerner, Shirley

Shirley Lerner nee Marshall, age 100. Beloved wife of the late Max Lerner. Loving mother of Eileen (Dr. Steven) Arnstein, Rochelle "Shelley" Lerner and the late Ronald Lerner. Proud grandmother of Wendi Arnstein and Craig (Eugenia Sohn) Arnstein. Cherished great grandmother of Zoe Sinton, Max Sinton, Jacob Sinton, Levi Arnstein and Tai Arnstein. And special caregiver Vanessa. Graveside service Tuesday 2PM at Shalom Memorial Park (Section 5), 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 525 West Monroe, Suite 1510 , Chicago, IL 60661, www.nationalmssociety.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjffinfo.com

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Lewin, Judith L.

Judith Lewin, née Langert, 81. Devoted and dedicated mother of Stanton (Terri) Lewin and Stephanie (Roger Bonds) Conran; cherished and fun-loving grandmother of Alexa and Matthew Lewin, Carly and Victoria Conran; beloved wife of the late Gerald Levant; caring sister of the late Hurley Langert and Marcia Kadetz; treasured catmom of Tali; will be deeply missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Judith was a fiercely loyal friend to many and a dedicated volunteer at Misericordia. She worked for many years at Park School in Evanston, teaching and enhancing the lives of mentally handicapped students. Funeral service Tues, Oct. 22, 10 AM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Misericordia, www.misericordia.com, or the Anti-Cruelty Society, www.anticruelty.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Mason, Warren

Mason, Warren E. "Butch", passed away on October 18, 2019, age 92, veteran of World War II, retired Sgt CPD (34 years). Loving husband of Patricia nee Flaherty of 67 years. Father to the late Daniel, Terrence (Peggy), Michele (Michael) Hurley and Susan (the late Tim) Burns. Grandfather to Sarah (James) Ruzich, Megan Mason, Tricia (Travis) VanHuisen, Maggie (Michael) Mehalek, Joe (Colleen) Hurley, Shelia (Dan) Wood, Clare (Chris) Spencer, Bridget Mason, Dennis and Colleen Burns. Great-Grandfather to Brooke, Molly, Lizzie, Maeve, Patrick, Annie, Grace, Lucy, Collin, Mick, Liam, Tessa and Finn. Brother of Dr. Norma Mason (Decatur, IL) and the late Ruth Hudson. Brother in law of Mary (the late James) Rice and the late Steve & Marge Flaherty. A wake will be held at Andrew J. McGann & Sons Funeral Home, 10727 S. Pulaski Rd, Chicago IL 60655, on Monday, October 21, 2019 from 3-9pm. Closing prayers will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 9:30 am. Mass of Christian Burial to take place at 10am at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park. Interment to follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Evergreen Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are requested to Queen of Martyr's School. For more information please call 773-783-7700.

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McNicholas, John F.

John F. McNicholas, age 85, U.S. Army veteran, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1980, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at Tabor Hills Healthcare Facility in Naperville. He was born August 21, 1934 in Chicago, IL.

Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL.**

For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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Pappas, Gus

"Gus" Constantine Paul Pappas, age 68, of Itasca, IL; was born in Chicago on April 2, 1951, and born into eternity on October 17, 2019; beloved husband of the late Luci nee LaSusa; loving father of Maria (Anthony) Colucci, Nicole (James) Cozzo, Alexander (Ann Marie) Pappas, and the late Constantine "Gussie" Pappas; adoring Papouli of Lucia, Olivia, Elliana, and Nicolas; dear son of the late Paul & Katherine; and a very dear friend of many. Gus was an extraordinarily accomplished man with the most kind and generous heart and hands. He will be greatly missed. Visitation Tuesday 3PM-9PM, and Wednesday from 10AM until the time of Service 11:30AM at Montclair-Lucania Funeral Home, 6901 W. Belmont, Chicago; Entombment at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, Hillside, IL; info 773-622-9300 or go to www.Montclair-LucaniaFuneral.com.

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Ross, Florence

Florence Ross (nee Rutkowski) passed away October 14, 2019 in Phoenix, AZ. She had been married over 40 years to the late Warren Ross. Born in Chicago, she was the daughter of Walter & Anna and the beloved mother of sons Steven and his wife Karen, Brian and his wife Carol, Donald and his wife Mary and daughter Janet and her husband Peter. She was also the grandmother of Breana, Britany, Connor, Craig, Kelli & Katelyn Ross; Nicholas and his wife Ladona, Christina, & Jennifer Stathopoulos; and Erika Robuck. Great grandmother to Emmitt Robuck & Jason Stathopoulos. Nie Nie was also beloved by her many nieces & nephews.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, October 24th, at 11:00 am at Florence's church for the past 35 years, All Saints Lutheran Church at 15649 N 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ. Memorial donations can be made to All Saints.

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Small, Maxine

Maxine Small nee Linke, 84, beloved wife of the late Moe for 55 years; loving mother of Matthew (Susie) Small, Beth (Leo) Cole and Lisa (Todd) Winston; cherished Baga Max of Michael Pearlman, Jared (Alison) Small, Jeffrey (Danielle) Pearlman, Lindsay Small, Jessie Cole, Kevin Cole, Morgan Winston, Jordyn Winston and Noah Winston; adored great grandmother of Madison; dear sister of Eileen (Alan) Freeman; many loving nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Children's Heart Foundation. Chapel service, Tuesday 2:30 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



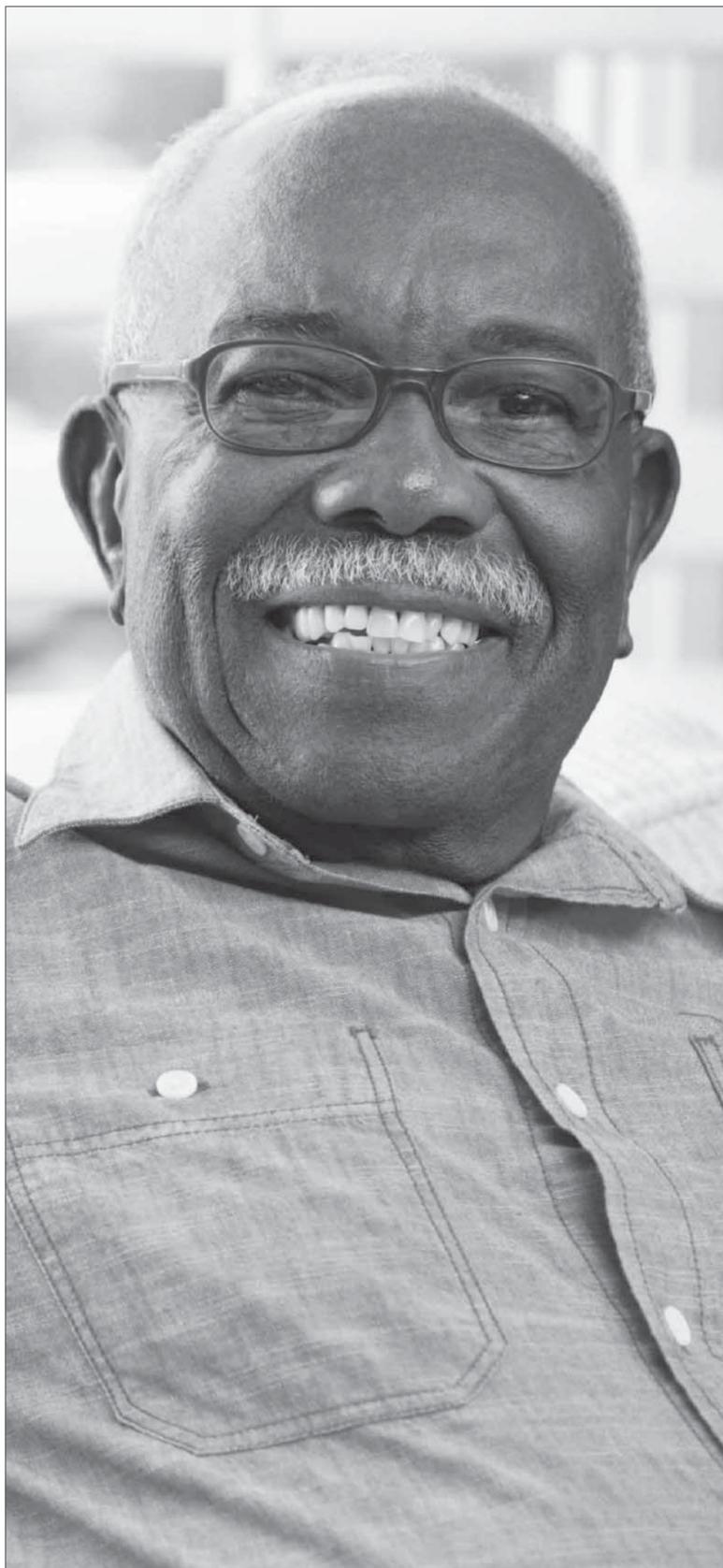
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Sorensen, Carl M.

Proud U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, serving during the Vietnam War & dedicated employee for over 35 years at Saint Francis Hospital in Blue Island, serving as the Plant Operations Manager. Loving father of Carl Sorensen Jr., Jennifer (Christopher) Schmelzer & Joseph (Leah) Sorensen. Proud grandfather of Allen, Connor & Amber Sorensen, Timothy & Angeline Schmelzer and Matilda Wiecezorek. Cherished companion of Donna Brown. Devoted son of the late; Neil & Lynne Sorensen. Dear brother of Carole (Ralph), Neil (late Kathy) & late Daniel. Fond uncle of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Wednesday, October 23rd from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with Military Honors at 7:00 p.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Funeral Services & Interment will be private. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Janiyah Brown

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Shawnta Robinson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01147**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Shawnta Robinson (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 10, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrius Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **11/07/2019** 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.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 15, 2019 6481348

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kyla Simmons

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Michelle Rodriguez (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00832**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kenneth Simmons (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 02, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **11/01/2019** at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 7, 2019 6481341

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE COOK COUNTY OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) FOR POST MORTEM SAMPLES TESTING SERVICES IFB NO.: 1901-17791

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Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until **12:00 P.M. Monday, October 28, 2019 (CST)**

IFB Due Date, Time, and Location: **Friday, November 8, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. (CST)**
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IN THE INTEREST OF
Tavarius Hardy Demetrius Moore

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Monica Davis (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01033 19JA01032**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 18, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **11/08/2019** at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 26, 2019 6469587



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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION
In re: Morgan Administration, Inc., et al. d/b/a) Chapter 11, Case No. 18-30039
Home Overly Bargain to Outlet) (Jointly Administered)
Debtors and Debtors in Possession) Hon. Jacqueline P. Cox

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF JOINT PLAN OF LIQUIDATION OF MORGAN ADMINISTRATION, INC., et al. & ESTABLISHMENT OF BAR DATES

By order of the court, to all parties in interest, please take notice that:

- Plan Confirmation.** On September 13, 2019, Morgan Administration, Inc., and its related debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 proceedings (the "Debtors") jointly with the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors obtained an order confirming the **First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Liquidating Plan (Docket 258)** (the "Plan") from the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the "Bankruptcy Court"). The order confirming the Plan (the "Confirmation Order") is #284 on the case docket. Pursuant to the Plan and Confirmation Order, Sandor Jacobson has been named as the Creditor Trustee (the "Trustee").
- Effective Date of the Plan.** With all conditions to the Effective Date set forth in Section VI.A of the Plan having been satisfied and no stay of the Confirmation Order is in effect, the Effective Date of the Plan is deemed to be October 15, 2019 (the "Effective Date").
- Administrative Claims Bar Date.** A claim asserting a right to payment under § 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code for administrative expense claims not paid as of the Effective Date of the Plan must be filed by **November 14, 2019**. Any claims asserted as entitled to payment under § 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code for which a request for payment is not timely filed by November 14, 2019 will be automatically disallowed, barred from assertion, and will not be enforceable against the Debtors or the Debtors' bankruptcy estates or property. This provision does not apply to retained case professionals (see section 6 below).
- Rejection Damages Claims Bar Date.** Any party who wishes to file a proof of claim based on the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease as a consequence of Plan confirmation (each a "Confirmation Rejection Claim") must be filed by **November 14, 2019**. Any Confirmation Rejection Claim for which a proof of claim is not timely filed by November 14, 2019 will be automatically disallowed, barred from assertion, and will not be enforceable against the Debtors or the Debtors' bankruptcy estates or property.

All allowed claims arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease shall be classified as Class 5 General Unsecured Claims.

Note: the bar date for claims for rejection damages arising from orders entered prior to confirmation are governed by such prior orders of the Court.

- Procedure for Filing Proofs of Rejection Damage Claims & § 503(b) Payment Requests.** A party wishing to file a claim for rejection damages should obtain a copy of the claim form, and instructions on filing the claim, at the following link: <http://www.bmcgroup.com/HOBOContractRej>. All claims for rejection damages must be delivered **no later than the November 14, 2019 deadline** (a) by email to hobo@bmcgroup.com; or (b) by mail to BMC Group, Inc., Attn: HOB0 Claims Processing, PO Box 90100, Los Angeles, CA 90009.
- Procedure for Filing Proofs of Rejection Damage Claims & § 503(b) Payment Requests.** A party wishing to file a request for payment under § 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code for administrative expense claims not paid as of the Effective Date of the Plan (other than a request of any retained case professionals) must file such request with the Bankruptcy Court **no later than November 14, 2019**.
- Deadline for Case Professionals to Apply for Allowance of Fees & Reimbursement of Expenses.** An application of a retained case professional for allowance of fees and reimbursement of expenses incurred in these chapter 11 cases must be filed no later than 45 days after the Effective Date of the Plan.
- Effect of Bar Dates on Claims.** On the Effective Date of the Plan, any claim of any sort filed or asserted after the relevant bar date or deadline for filing such claim will be deemed disallowed in full, and with prejudice, except to the extent that treatment of such claim is subject to a prior order of the Bankruptcy Court or is the subject of a contested proceeding that remains unresolved on the Effective Date. Prior bar dates established in these chapter 11 cases and rights and obligations established by such bar dates are incorporated into and otherwise unaffected by the Plan.
- Inquiries.** If you have any questions regarding this Notice, you should contact the Trustee at creditor.trustee@planmoran.com (reference "HOB0 Plan Inquiry" in the subject line) or by calling 312-928-5387.
- Inconsistencies.** To the extent that there is any inconsistency between this Notice and the Plan or the Confirmation Order, the provisions of the Plan or the Confirmation Order, as applicable, govern.

The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Morgan Administration, Inc. (4200); Belvidere Associates LLC (8559); FP Retail Associates LLC (0915); Hillcrest Enterprises, LLC (4581); Jular Media LLC (0805); KLS Acquisition Corp. (0925); Loomis Enterprises LLC (5451); North Avenue Associates LLC (3229); Oak Creek Distribution LLC (0634); OL Enterprises LLC (9401); and Deforab LLC (9348).

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COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) FOR COURT UNIFORMS IFB NO.: 1901-17963
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Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until **12:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 30, 2019 (CST)**

IFB Due Date, Time, and Location: **Friday, November 8, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. (CST)**
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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019
Community College District No. 504, County of Cook, State of Illinois

Total District Assessed Valuation: \$8,759,092,089
Total District Bonded Debt: \$46,182,599

Tax Revenues	Extensions	Rates
Education Fund	\$19,081,697	0.2179c
Operations and Maintenance Fund	5,523,196	0.0631c
Liability, Protection, and Settlement Fund	3,294,990	0.0376c
Audit Fund	129,046	0.0015c
Life Safety	309,000	0.0035c

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Education Fund	Operations and Maintenance Fund	Bond and Interest Fund	Special Levies Fund
AUDITED REVENUE BY SOURCE				
Local Government				
Local Taxes	\$18,293,345	\$5,294,488	\$0	3,582,155
Chargeback Revenue	456			
Corporate Personal Property				
Replacement Taxes	1,988,326			
Total Local Government	20,282,127	5,294,488	0	3,582,155
State Government				
ICCB Base Operating Grants	3,317,612	964,728		
Other State Revenue	449,470			
Total State Government	3,767,082	964,728	0	0
Federal Government	2,010	0	0	0
Student Tuition and Fees				
Tuition	23,051,848	2,387,375		
Fees	351,634			
Total Tuition and Fees	23,403,482	2,387,375	0	0
Other Sources				
Interest on Investments	344,104	53,502		18,315
Other Miscellaneous	650,486	2,077,968		
Total Other Sources	994,590	2,131,470	0	18,315
Total Revenue	48,449,291	10,778,061	0	3,600,470
AUDITED EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM				
Instruction	17,544,701			
Academic Support	5,418,030			
Student Services	4,473,322			
Public Service	1,703,787			
Auxiliary Services				
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	11,663	13,109,716	3,863,139	384,314
Institutional Support	15,705,657			2,776,201
Total Expenditures	44,857,160	13,109,716	3,863,139	3,160,515
Transfers In/(Out) Net	(4,273,392)	961,000	3,863,689	(861,000)
Fund Balance 7/1/18	12,858,092	(951,225)	0	1,198,935
Fund Balance 6/30/19	\$12,176,831	(\$2,321,880)	\$550	\$777,890

LEGAL NOTICES

*Audit, Life Safety, Liability, Protection & Settlement, and Operations and Maintenance (Restricted Fund) revenues and expenses are reported under the Special Levies Fund.

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CAPITALS 5, BLACKHAWKS 3

'Kind of a whirlwind' for Dach

1st-rounder taken aback by fast pace as he makes debut in Hawks' defeat

By PHIL THOMPSON

Blackhawks first-round pick Kirby Dach made his NHL debut in front of a home crowd Sunday night against the Capitals, starting at center on the first line with Patrick Kane and Dylan Strome at the United Center.

Dach received a loud ovation during pregame introductions when his image was displayed on the giant video board. Dach won the opening faceoff against Nicklas Backstrom.

Dach took his first NHL hit right after the faceoff, courtesy of Jonas Siegenthaler, and in the second period he took a high stick to the face from Chandler Stephenson, who was slapped with a 4-minute double minor.

UP NEXT
Golden Knights at Blackhawks
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, NBCSCH

But the Blackhawks failed to convert on that power-play opportunity and two more in a 5-3 loss.

"Obviously you want to win in your first game in and help the team that way, but I felt good out there," Dach said. "But the same time, there's things I can clean up in my game to

kind of help the team moving forward."

Dach said the pace was the biggest eye-opener.

"You don't know what it's going to be like until you step out there with those guys," Dach said. "Just how big and strong they are, how heavy they are on their sticks and how they compete for pucks, so it was good to get out there."

Coach Jeremy Colliton praised Dach after the game.

"Very pleased. He looked comfortable," Colliton said. "Made a lot of plays. Play away from the puck, I thought, was quite good. He made plays, but did it safely."

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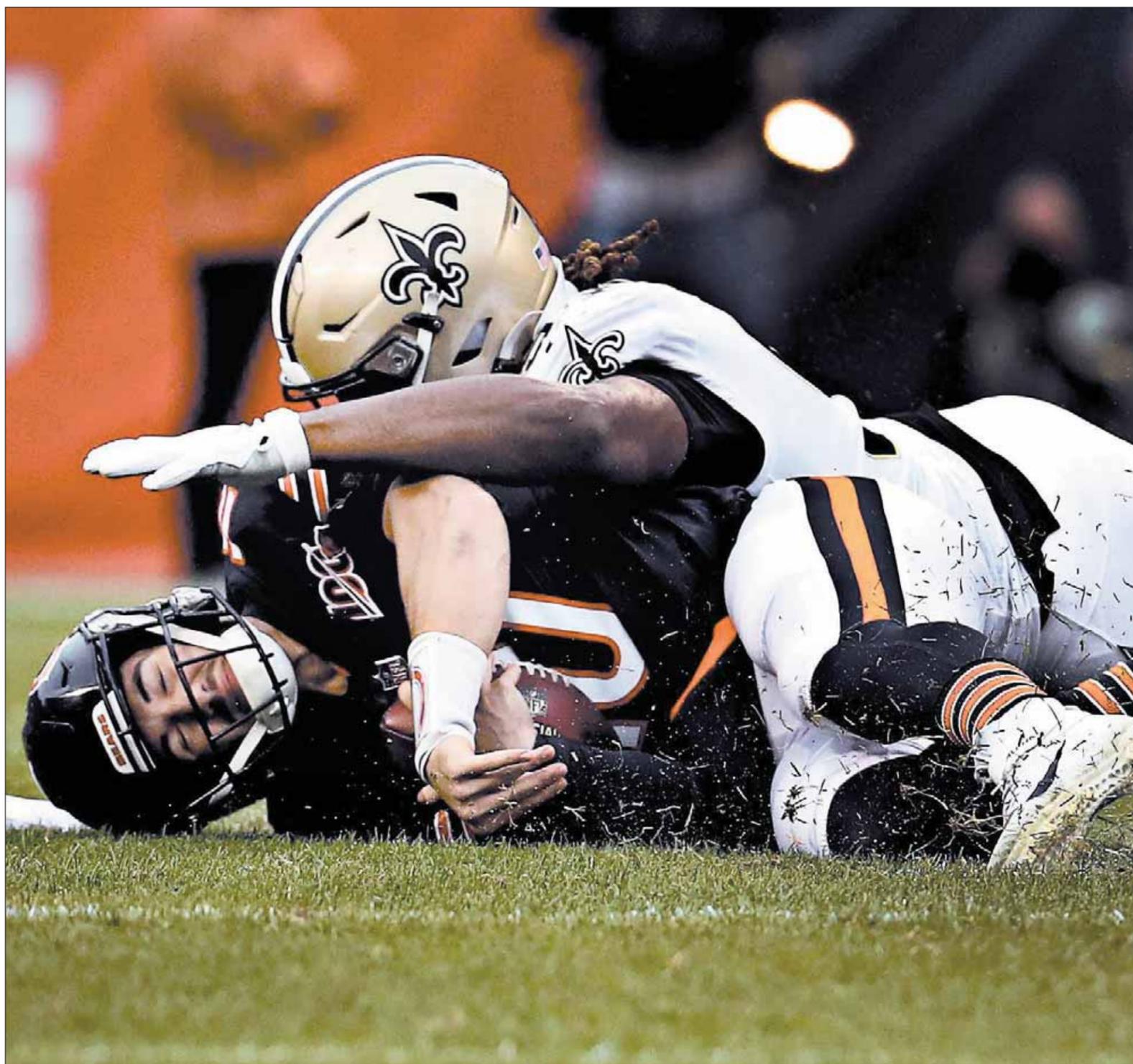
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SAINTS 36, BEARS 25

CRUSHING LOW

Worst loss of Nagy era leaves floundering Bears 3-3 and searching for answers



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky is sacked by Saints defensive end Cameron Jordan in the second quarter Sunday at Soldier Field. The Saints routed the punchless Bears 36-25.

Everything set up for victory — now it's all open to criticism

Between the third and fourth quarters Sunday evening at Soldier Field, the Bears' Monster Squad came racing out to deafening techno beats, an in-stadium hype crew pumping its fists, jumping around like caffeinated kangaroos and pointing like crazy to fire up fans for the standard T-shirt slingshot exhibition.

Uhhhh, guys. Maybe now's not the best time.

Needless to say, most of those left in the crowd of 62,036, weren't in the mood. Not with their Bears getting pummeled by the short-handed Saints. Not with the 2019 season racing away, like



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On the Bears

rainwater rushing toward the sewer.

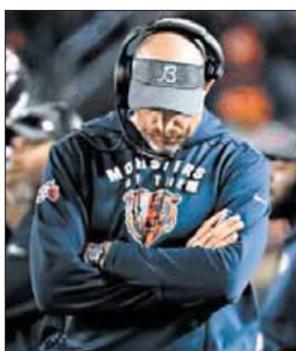
At that point, the Saints were simply taking a quick water break, preparing to finish off another easy scoring drive, loading up for the uppercut that put the Bears behind by 19 points in what ended

as a hope-crushing 36-25 loss.

Sunday was a worst-case scenario for Matt Nagy's team, a day that seemed to tell all of Chicago and the rest of the NFL that this team is broken.

Coming off their open date, against a Saints team missing star quarterback Drew Brees and

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Bears coach Matt Nagy looks away during Sunday's ugly loss.

UP NEXT
Chargers at Bears
Noon Sunday, FOX-32

MORE COVERAGE
Defense buckles under pressure from lack of offense. **Page 3**

Nagy's 'not good' doesn't begin to describe inexcusable effort

The head coach and quarterback trudged to the lectern Sunday night, one after the other, because it was their obligation and because this monstrosity needed some explaining. And as Matt Nagy and Mitch Trubisky tried to account for the Bears' latest offensive meltdown after their 36-25 loss to the Saints, answers were as hard to come by as precious yards.

"We have no identity," Trubisky said. "We're just searching. We don't have any rhythm. We're not the offense we were last year."

Nagy wanted to rewatch the game before issuing explanations and indictments. But after living



RICH CAMPBELL
On the Bears

his nightmare on an overcast afternoon on the lakefront, he was stuck on the endless list of familiar questions about his broken offense.

"I'd love to give you more answers," he said. "I just know: not good." Not even close.

The Saints played without injured future-Hall-of-Fame quarterback Drew Brees. Without injured star running back Alvin Kamara.

The Bears, meanwhile, were coming off their open date, playing on their home field with Trubisky back from a left shoulder

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TOP OF THE SECOND

NBA SEASON PREVIEW

Departures force Raptors into tinkering

With Leonard, Green gone, defending champions to have new look when season begins

By IAN HARRISON
Associated Press

TORONTO — Raptors head coach Nick Nurse expects he'll be experimenting with lineups a lot in the early part of the season.

That's the challenge when you lose two starters from any team, let alone an NBA champion.

Nurse's tinkering became a necessity after free agent forward Kawhi Leonard left the Raptors to sign with the Clippers. Toronto also lost guard Danny Green, who joined LeBron James and the Lakers.

"With the two guys missing, that kind of throws us into experimenting mode," Nurse said.

The plus side? Nurse has plenty of talented players eager to pick up the offensive slack created by the two high-profile departures.

"There's plenty of shots to spread around," he said.

Five-time All-Star Kyle Lowry, whose contract extension was made official last Tuesday, will see some time at shooting guard this season, Nurse said, playing alongside point guard Fred VanVleet.

"I've got to be a lot more of a scorer," Lowry said of his new responsibilities. "It's going to be interesting how we play."

Center Marc Gasol, the defensive standout acquired from the Grizzlies in a deadline move last season, will also figure more prominently, Nurse said. So will Pascal Siakam, whose huge leap forward last year earned him the NBA's Most Improved Player Award. On Saturday, Siakam reportedly agreed to a four-year, \$130 million maximum contract extension.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing Pascal, Serge (Ibaka) and Marc as soon as possible, because I think that's something we could end up using a lot," Nurse said. "I'm always trying to get my best players on the floor and those guys are three of our best players."

Still, it's the loss of Leonard, the Raptors'



SARAH STIER/AP

After undergoing thumb surgery in the offseason, Kyle Lowry is set to start his eighth season with the Raptors and 14th in the NBA.

best player last season, that's likely to have the biggest impact on how they fare in their quest for a repeat title after beating the Warriors in six games.

Keeping Kyle: The Raptors' longest-tenured player, Lowry is beginning his eighth season with the team and 14th in the NBA. He had one year remaining on a three-year, \$100 million contract. His new deal is for one year and \$31 million.

"It's a place I wanted to be and it's the place I've been the most successful in my career," Lowry said last Tuesday in his first public comment on the extension.

Lowry had left thumb surgery this offseason and missed the first two weeks of training camp and preseason. Even so, the Raptors' front office wasn't worried about any decline in their star guard's abilities.

"He has a chance to go down as best Raptor ever," general manager Bobby Webster said.

"Obviously he's playing at a high level, he's continued to play at a high level. We have no reason to expect him not to."

Nurse certainly appreciates Lowry's trademark tenacity.

"He's an influential guy from a lot of standpoints," Nurse said. "Nobody plays harder. To me, he just keeps getting better and better."

Circle the calendar: The Raptors don't have to wait long for their first look at Kawhi Leonard as a Clipper as the teams meet in California on Nov. 11. It's the second

game of a back-to-back at Staples Center for the Raptors, who face the Lakers one night earlier. Leonard and the Clippers face the Raptors in Toronto on Dec. 11

New in town: After losing out on Leonard and Green, the Raptors beefed up their wing options by signing forwards Rondae Hollis-Jefferson and Stanley Johnson. Both are first-round picks from 2015 who bring defense-first reputations but not big scoring totals.

Sharpshooter: The Raptors added an outside-shooting threat by signing guard Matt Thomas to a three-year contract. Thomas made 254 3-pointers in four seasons with Iowa State, the third-highest total in school history, but went undrafted in 2017 and ended up playing in Spain. Last season, Thomas shot 481 (116 for 241) from 3-point range to help Valencia Basket win the EuroCup.

Finger furniture: The Raptors will receive their championship rings before they tip off the regular season at home against the Pelicans on Oct. 22.

"It's going to be cool," Nurse said. "Obviously it's kind of a last moment to celebrate and it's a big one."

The only thing bigger might be the Raptors' rings.

"Those things, they're like pieces of furniture," Nurse said. "They're not really rings they're so big these days."

LET'S PLAY 2

	Sunday Chargers Noon FOX-32	Nov. 3 @Eagles Noon FOX-32
	Tuesday G. Knights 7:30 p.m. NBCSCH	Thursday Flyers 7:30 p.m. NBCSCH
	Wednesday @Hornets 6 p.m. NBCSCH	Friday @Grizzlies 7 p.m. NBCSCH

MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

NFL 7 p.m. Patriots at Jets	ESPN
NHL 6 p.m. Golden Knights at Flyers	NHL
SOCCER 1:55 p.m. Sheffield vs. Arsenal	NBCSN
TENNIS 11:30 p.m. WTA: Elite Trophy Zhuhai Tennis	

CUBS

Cubs, Espada talking 2nd time

The Cubs are moving closer to settling on a manager, three weeks after severing ties with Joe Maddon.

Joe Espada, the Houston Astros bench coach, was headed to Chicago on Sunday for his second interview. Espada's trip was first reported by Mark Feinsand of MLB.com.

The 44-year-old interviewed last week with Cubs executives, and a major-league source said the Cubs have warmed quickly to Espada while downplaying the candidacy of special assistant and former Cubs catcher David Ross.

Espada, according to several reports, also has attracted interest from the Giants.

He provides a fit with sweeping changes in a Cubs organization that is leaning more heavily on technology, most recently with the promotions of Justin Stone to director of hitting and Craig Breslow as director of pitching.

— Mark Gonzales

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JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Saints running back Latavius Murray (28) rushes for a touchdown as Bears outside linebacker Khalil Mack (52) is unable to reach him in the fourth quarter Sunday at Soldier Field.

Defense buckles, breaks

Amukamara mans up, says, 'We all have to look ourselves in the mirror'

BY COLLEEN KANE

The cracks began to show during back-to-back plays on the first drive of the second half Sunday at Soldier Field.

The Bears defense had held their opponent to 12 points and 170 yards in the first half, but suddenly the Saints were making it look easy.

With four Bears defenders hanging on him, Saints running back Latavius Murray kept pedaling down the field for a gain of 17 yards. On the next play, Ted Ginn Jr. streaked past cornerback Prince Amukamara and safety Eddie Jackson and grabbed a 45-yard pass from quarterback Teddy Bridgewater.

When Murray charged into the end zone for a 3-yard touchdown run after Ginn's catch, it marked the start of a 24-point second-half run in the Saints' 36-25 victory. A Bears defense that had tried to keep the game within reach despite a horrible effort on offense couldn't hold any longer.

It broke. "They came and punched us in the mouth and then kept going and going and going," Amukamara said. "The phrase that's been said is, 'We all have to look ourselves in the mirror.' I feel like we're losing our identity. We just have to get back to that."

None of the Bears players would come out and say the Saints wore them down Sunday.

But the pressure the Bears offense put on their defense as they totaled 16 plays on six straight drives in the second and third quarters was undeniable. The Saints had the ball for nearly 15 minutes more than the Bears by the end of the game, and that's



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Saints wide receiver Ted Ginn hauls in a long pass against the Bears' Prince Amukamara.

with the Bears chewing up time in the fourth quarter after the game was out of reach.

"That don't matter," defensive lineman Bilal Nichols said when asked about the time of possession. "When we're on the field, we have to play our best at all times. We consider ourselves one of the top defenses in the league, and when we're on the field, we've got to play like it."

"We started doing uncharacteristic

things. We didn't play our techniques right. We just played bad. That's all I can tell you."

That the Saints scored more points against the Bears defense than any team this season without quarterback Drew Brees, running back Alvin Kamara and tight end Jared Cook will only make the Bears shake their heads more as they review film.

Murray became the second straight 100-yard rusher against a Bears defense playing without Pro Bowlineman Akiem

Hicks. Murray had 27 carries for 119 yards and two touchdowns and also caught five passes for 31 yards.

Jackson said "of course" the Bears missed Hicks.

"A guy like that, it's hard to fill his presence," Jackson said. "I said that last week. A guy like that, you know you've got to step up. There's 11 people on the field, so when one goes down, the other 10 have got to step up."

Meanwhile, Bridgewater passed for 281 yards and two touchdowns as he improved to 5-0 while filling in for Brees.

The Bears defense didn't force a turnover and had just one sack, by reserve defensive lineman Abdullah Anderson. Bridgewater credited the offensive line for holding up against the Bears defensive front.

"They're the ones who are making this all happen," he said. "They're opening the rush lanes for the runners to run the ball, they're giving me time to sit back there and get the ball to the playmakers. I don't think those guys get enough credit."

Khalil Mack, who had eight tackles and a quarterback hit, didn't record a sack for a second straight game. He left the locker room after the game without speaking to reporters for the second time in as many losses.

That left his teammates to try to explain what went wrong instead.

Jackson spoke of mental errors and busted coverages. Amukamara spoke of miscommunication on the back end. Nichols said the Bears simply didn't play "our brand of football."

But all agreed they still believe in this defense.

"It's very frustrating, just because we didn't do our job," Nichols said. "We know what we're capable of, and we came out here, and we didn't play well. Point blank. Period. We have to live with that, and we have to come in this week and get better."

3 KEYS

Any hopes that the Bears would find answers during their week off and return to action Sunday sharp and energized turned out to be misguided. With a thoroughly sloppy performance in front of an agitated Soldier Field crowd, Matt Nagy's team lost 36-25 to the Saints and fell to .500. Here's at our three keys for Sunday's game with postgame analysis.

1. Find a way to get Mitch Trubisky comfortable — and quickly.
The Bears had seven first-half possessions and scratched out just three points. They were 1-for-7 converting touchdowns, and Mitch Trubisky had little rhythm and never really threatened the Saints defense vertically. Trubisky's final numbers — 34-for-54 passing, 251 yards, two touchdowns — were padded in garbage time and don't encapsulate how ugly the performance truly was. The conversation in Chicago has shifted as fans see that this team is likely not playoff-worthy and the real possibility that Trubisky is not the long-term answer at QB.

2. Broken record alert! Establish a running game.
The Bears rushed just five times for 11 yards before halftime. That included an Anthony Miller jet sweep on which the receiver lost a fumble, a turnover the Saints turned into a touchdown. On the Bears' first play of the third quarter, rookie David Montgomery lost a fumble and the Saints turned that into a TD as well. The Bears have little commitment to the ground game and were outgained in rushing yards 151-17. It's no longer too early to sound the alarm bells. This offense is broken and it's hard to argue against those who believe it's broken beyond repair.

3. Fluster Teddy Bridgewater and contain Michael Thomas.
The Saints have won five games in a row in large part because Teddy Bridgewater, filling in for the injured Drew Brees, understands his strengths and limitations. He completed 23 of 38 for 281 yards with two touchdown passes. He didn't turn the ball over and was sacked just once. Michael Thomas, meanwhile, was a force over the middle. The star receiver turned nine catches into 131 yards. The Bears defense never made a game-changing play and ultimately caved in, allowing 425 total yards.
— Dan Wiederer

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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	5	1	0	.833	121	91	2-1-0	3-0-0	4-1-0	1-0-0	2-1-0
N.Y. Jets	1	4	0	.200	63	123	1-2-0	0-2-0	0-3-0	1-1-0	0-2-0
Miami	0	6	0	.000	63	211	0-4-0	0-2-0	0-4-0	0-2-0	0-2-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.667	143	138	2-1-0	2-1-0	3-2-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
Houston	4	3	0	.571	185	164	2-1-0	2-2-0	3-1-0	1-2-0	1-1-0
Jacksonville	3	4	0	.429	144	148	1-2-0	2-2-0	3-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
Tennessee	3	4	0	.429	121	112	1-2-0	2-2-0	2-4-0	1-0-0	0-2-0
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	214	156	2-1-0	3-1-0	3-2-0	2-0-0	2-1-0
Cleveland	2	4	0	.333	120	154	0-3-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	0-3-0	1-0-0
Pittsburgh	2	4	0	.333	123	131	1-2-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
Cincinnati	0	7	0	.000	114	186	0-3-0	0-4-0	0-4-0	0-3-0	0-2-0
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Kansas City	5	2	0	.714	202	150	1-2-0	4-0-0	4-2-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
Oakland	3	3	0	.500	127	165	2-1-0	1-2-0	2-1-0	1-2-0	1-1-0
Denver	2	5	0	.286	112	136	1-3-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	0-2-0	1-2-0
L.A. Chargers	2	5	0	.286	140	141	1-3-0	1-2-0	2-4-0	0-1-0	0-1-0

WEEK 7 RESULTS, SCHEDULE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

San Francisco 9, Washington 0
 Green Bay 42, Oakland 24
 Buffalo 31, Miami 21
 Arizona 27, N.Y. Giants 21
 L.A. Rams 37, Atlanta 10
 Indianapolis 30, Houston 23
 Minnesota 42, Detroit 30
 Jacksonville 27, Cincinnati 17
 Tennessee 23, L.A. Chargers 20
 Baltimore 30, Seattle 16
 New Orleans 36, Chicago 25
 Dallas 37, Philadelphia 10
Open: Tampa Bay, Cleveland, Carolina, Pittsburgh
MONDAY'S GAME
 New England at N.Y. Jets, 7:15 p.m.
THURSDAY'S RESULT
 Kansas City 30, Denver 6

WEEK 8 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

Washington at Minnesota, 7:20 p.m.
SUNDAY, OCT. 27
 Arizona at New Orleans, noon
 Tampa Bay at Tennessee, noon
 N.Y. Giants at Detroit, noon
 Cincinnati vs L.A. Rams at London, UK, noon
 Denver at Indianapolis, noon
 Philadelphia at Buffalo, noon
 N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, noon
 Seattle at Atlanta, noon
 L.A. Chargers at Chicago, noon
 Carolina at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Houston, 3:25 p.m.
 Cleveland at New England, 3:25 p.m.
 Green Bay at Kansas City, 7:20 p.m.
Open: Dallas, Baltimore
MONDAY, OCT. 28
 Miami at Pittsburgh, 7:15 p.m.

WEEK 7 TOP PERFORMERS

PASSING	Player, TM	CO-ATT	YDS	TD	INT
	A. Rodgers, GB	25-31	429	5	0
	M. Stafford, DET	30-45	364	4	1
	K. Cousins, MIN	34-34	337	4	0
	P. Rivers, LAC	24-38	329	2	0
	J. Brissett, IND	26-39	326	4	0
	R. Tannehill, TEN	23-29	312	2	1
RUSHING	Player, Team	ATT	YDS	TD	
	D. Cook, MIN	25	142	2	
	L. Fournette, JAX	29	131	0	
	C. Edmonds, ARI	27	126	3	
	J. Jacobs, OAK	21	124	0	
	L. Murray, NO	27	119	2	
	L. Jackson, BAL	14	116	1	
RECEIVING	Player, Team	REC	YDS	TD	
	S. Diggs, MIN	7	142	0	
	A. Erickson, CIN	8	137	0	
	M. Valdes-Scantling, GB	2	133	1	
	M. Thomas, NO	9	131	0	
	D. Waller, OAK	7	126	2	
	A. Ekeler, LAC	7	118	1	
DEFENSE	Player, Team	SACK	TCK	AST	
	C. Jones, ARI	4.0	5	0	
	D. Fowler, LAR	3.0	6	1	
	G. Atkinson, CIN	2.0	4	2	
	F. Bosa, LAC	2.0	4	2	
	J. Clark, KC	2.0	5	0	
	A. Hitchens, KC	2.0	5	1	

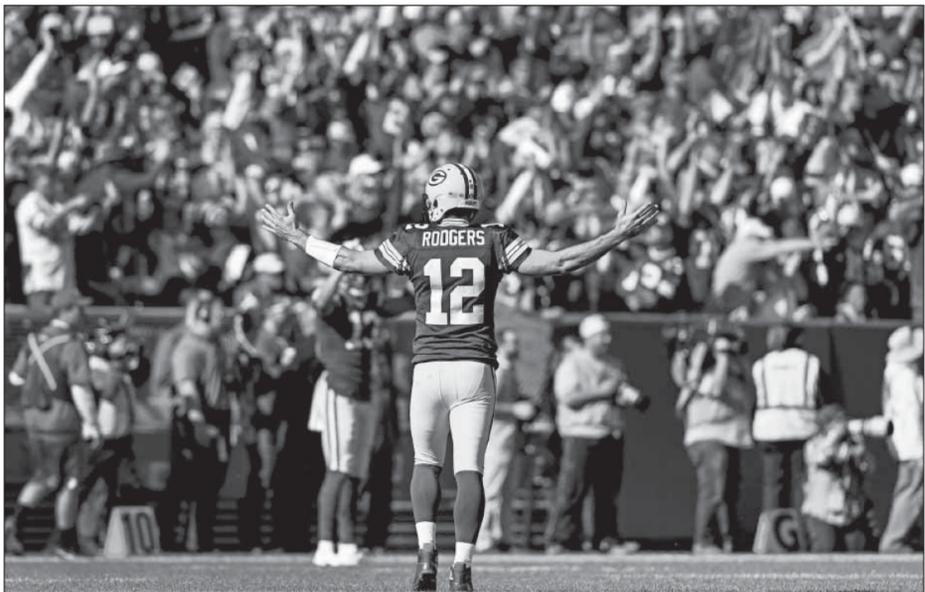
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BILLS 31, DOLPHINS 21	VIKINGS 42, LIONS 30	CARDINALS 27, GIANTS 21	COLTS 30, TEXANS 23	RAMS 37, FALCONS 10	PACKERS 42, RAIDERS 24
Miami 0 14 0 7-21 Buffalo 6 3 0 0-22-31	Minnesota 7 14 7 14-42 Detroit 14 7 3 6-30	Arizona 14 3 7 3-21 New York 0 14 0 7-21	Houston 0 9 7 7-23 Indianapolis 7 7 14 2-30	L.A. Rams 3 10 14 10-37 Atlanta 3 0 0 7-10	Oakland 7 7 7 7-24 Green Bay 7 14 7 7-42
First quarter A: 68,340. Buf: FG Hauschka 39, 10:54. Buf: FG Hauschka 43, 3:48.	First quarter A: 60,314. Det: M.Jones 16 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 7:34. Min: Thielen 25 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 5:24. Det: M.Jones 3 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 1:13. Second quarter Det: G.Johnson 1 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 12:39. Min: Cook 8 run (Bailey kick), 3:26. Det: M.Jones 10 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 0:52. Third quarter Min: Ham 5 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 9:02. Det: FG Prater 46, 3:22. Fourth quarter Min: Rudolph 15 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 5:40. Det: M.Jones 2 pass from Stafford (pass failed), 3:05. Min: Cook 4 run (Bailey kick), 1:55.	First quarter A: 73,577. Ari: Edmonds 20 run (Gonzalez kick), 8:14. Ari: Edmonds 20 run (Gonzalez kick), 8:14. Second quarter Ari: FG Gonzalez 47, 13:30. NYG: Ellison 28 pass from D.Jones (Rosas kick), 11:28. NYG: Penny 0 blocked punt return (Rosas kick), 9:52. Third quarter Ari: Edmonds 22 run (Gonzalez kick), 6:05. Fourth quarter NYG: Barkley 7 run (Rosas kick), 8:13. Ari: FG Gonzalez 35, 2:09.	First quarter A: 59,977. Ind: Pascal 11 pass from Brissett (Vinatieri kick), 5:01. Second quarter Hou: FG Fairbairn 47, 8:59. Hou: FG Fairbairn 31, 6:25. Ind: Hilton 2 pass from Brissett (Vinatieri kick), 1:49. Hou: FG Fairbairn 26, 2:23. Third quarter Ind: Ebron 4 pass from Brissett (Vinatieri kick), 10:29. Hou: Cutce 4 run (Fairbairn kick), 8:43. Ind: Pascal 3 pass from Brissett (Vinatieri kick), 1:14. Fourth quarter Hou: Hopkins 4 pass from Watson (Tucker kick), 8:38. Ind: safety, 2:41.	First downs 23 14 Total net yards 381 224 Rushes-yards 36-90 15-38 Passing 391 186 Punt returns 4-36 1-0 Kickoff returns 0-0 2-65 Fumbles-lost 0-0 2-2 Sacked-yds lost 23-38-0 22-33-1 Comp-att-int 23-38-0 22-33-1 Sacked-yds lost 0-0 5-38 Punts 3-31.7 5-41.0 Fumbles-lost 0-0 4-2 Penalties-yards 5-24 5-48 Possession time 37:09 22:51 Rushing: LA, Gurfley 18-41, Henderson 11-31, Goff 3-3. ATL , Freeman 7-19, B.Hill 5-11, S.Mitch 1-7. Passing: LA, Goff 22-37-0-268, Hokeer 4-46, Ridley 4-30, Hardy 2-19, B.Hill 2-14, Freeman 2-6. Missed field goals: LA, Zuerlein 0-1, Bryant 5-0.	First downs 23 14 Total net yards 381 224 Rushes-yards 36-90 15-38 Passing 391 186 Punt returns 4-36 1-0 Kickoff returns 0-0 2-65 Fumbles-lost 0-0 2-2 Sacked-yds lost 23-38-0 22-33-1 Comp-att-int 23-38-0 22-33-1 Sacked-yds lost 0-0 5-38 Punts 3-31.7 5-41.0 Fumbles-lost 0-0 4-2 Penalties-yards 5-24 5-48 Possession time 37:09 22:51 Rushing: LA, Gurfley 18-41, Henderson 11-31, Goff 3-3. ATL , Freeman 7-19, B.Hill 5-11, S.Mitch 1-7. Passing: LA, Goff 22-37-0-268, Hokeer 4-46, Ridley 4-30, Hardy 2-19, B.Hill 2-14, Freeman 2-6. Missed field goals: LA, Zuerlein 0-1, Bryant 5-0.
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NFC

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Dallas	4	3	0	.571	190	124	3-1-0	1-2-0	3-2-0	1-1-0	3-0-0
Philadelphia	3	4	0	.429	171	186	2-1-0	1-3-0	2-4-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Giants	2	5	0	.286	132	187	1-3-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
Washington	1	6	0	.143	90	176	0-4-0	1-2-0	0-5-0	1-1-0	0-3-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
New Orleans	6	1	0	.857	164	147	3-0-0	3-1-0	4-1-0	2-0-0	1-0-0
Carolina	4	2	0	.667	166	133	1-2-0	3-0-0	2-2-0	2-0-0	1-1-0
Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333	173	185	0-3-0	2-1-0	2-4-0	0-0-0	1-2-0
Atlanta	1	6	0	.143	145	223	1-2-0	0-4-0	1-3-0	0-3-0	0-0-0
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Green Bay	6	1	0	.857	184	139	4-1-0	2-0-0	4-1-0	2-0-0	3-0-0
Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	192	123	3-0-0	2-2-0	4-2-0	1-0-0	1-2-0
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	112	105	1-2-0	2-1-0	2-2-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Detroit	2	3	1	.417	149	160	1-2-0	1-1-1	1-2-1	1-1-0	0-2-0
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
San Francisco	6	0	0	1.000	156	64	2-0-0	4-0-0	3-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0
Seattle	5	2	0	.714	181	176	2-2-0	3-0-0	2-1-0	3-1-0	2-0-0
L.A. Rams	4	3	0	.571	190	164	1-2-0	3-1-0	3-3-0	1-0-0	0-2-0
Arizona	3	3	1	.500	161	192	1-2-1	2-1-0	2-2-1	1-1-0	0-1-0



JEFFREY PHELPS/AP

Aaron Rodgers reacts after throwing one of his five TD passes in the Packers' win Sunday at Lambeau Field.

PACKERS 42, RAIDERS 24

Rodgers, Pack on big roll

QB's 6 total TDs leaves rookie coach 'in awe' as offense hits new high

By KEITH JENKINS
Associated Press

GREEN B

BEARS

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der injury. They couldn't have asked for a timelier matchup against one of the teams they're supposed to be contending with for the NFC title.

But the Bears got whipped in all three phases, booed off the field after almost every offensive possession.

"That's a game we've got to win," Nagy said.

Instead, they fell to 3-3, which is where they were after six games last season. But this was different. This was gross. This defeat felt as heavy as seven.

There is no 9-1 heater coming to finish this season. Not with a Bears offense that scored three points in its first 11 possessions.

Not with an offense that averaged an atrocious 2.5 yards per play before the Saints softened their defense to protect a 29-10 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Not with a quarterback who completed 14 of 27 passes for 84 yards — 84 yards! — and was sacked twice before it was 29-10.

Not with a rushing attack that gained 17 yards on a franchise-record-low seven attempts, two of which were lost fumbles.

"You say, 'It's just one of those days.' But for us, it's been one of those weeks," Nagy said. "We need to pull together. Seventeen yards — you have to be able to run the ball."

Chicago's honeymoon with Nagy ended sometime between David Montgomery's lost fumble on the Bears' first snap of the third quarter and the second three-and-out on the two possessions that immediately followed it.

The second-year coach directed his focus toward the running game. Exiting the week off, Nagy had felt confident and optimistic that he and his coaching staff had found solutions during their self-scouting sessions.

Instead, they gained fewer yards on the ground than in any game since Nov. 26, 2017, which, if you recall, was the Offensive Stone Age that Nagy was supposed to lift them out of.

But here they are, back again.

"You can't run for 17 yards in the NFL and think you're going to win a game," Nagy said. "You should get 17 yards on one run play."

But here they are, back again.

Nagy fielded questions about Trubisky but mostly zoomed out with responses about the whole offense.

He said he didn't consider benching his QB. For all of Trubisky's herky-jerky play, he still gives the Bears the best chance to win and, oh, by the way, is still the franchise quarterback.

But obviously the quarterback is not headed in the upward direction Nagy and his coaches believed he was before his



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Saints outside linebacker A.J. Klein (53) emerges with the ball after a fumble by Bears running back David Montgomery (32) in the third quarter of Sunday's loss at Soldier Field.

Sept. 29 injury.

No throw was more damning than his misfire on third-and-5 on the second possession. He had Taylor Gabriel wide open on a corner route near the left sideline.

"That was one of my favorite third-down (plays) all this week," Trubisky said. "I ripped it all week in practice."

But the ball sailed too high for Gabriel to have any chance of making a play on it. Again, not even close.

"I hit that every single time this week in practice," Trubisky said. "Why it didn't translate to the game is really frustrating for me."

And for the coach. And for the fans who booed him off the field.

Because if Trubisky can't transfer his favorite, best throws in practice to the game, then how can he be the franchise quarterback? How can the Bears build around that? How can they stay this course?

"Mitch knows that he can connect on that," Nagy said. "We've connected on it a lot in practice. But it is what it is."

It is what it is. Such an empty cliché. The verbal equivalent of a shoulder shrug. That is what the Bears quarterback play and entire offense are through six games.

On Wednesday, Nagy said we're about three weeks from the annual NFL split, when teams divide themselves into those that will inspire their fan bases with meaningful football in December and ones that scuffle to the finish line — or worse.

On Sunday, the Bears flicked their blinker on and waved out the passenger-side window for the other cars to make room. They jerked over into the far-right lane and are now hugging the shoulder, squarely headed toward the road with the pretenders, underachievers and also-rans.

Unless, that is, they skid off into the ditch first.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Saints' J.T. Gray (48) and Zach Line chase a punt by the Bears' Pat O'Donnell (16) after Gray blocked the kick in the first quarter Sunday.

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dynamic running back Alvin Kamara, the Bears got their butts kicked and their confidence decimated. At home, Quarterback Mitch Trubisky was as shaky as he has ever been, missing easy throws and jittering on every dropback.

The Bears running game was nowhere to be found. Again.

Plus, a usually proud and feisty defense surrendered 424 total yards and 36 points. That, according to those with plenty of credibility inside the Bears operation, was an undeniable sign that the weight of the offensive struggle was enough to cave in a strong defense.

Said Trubisky: "Running game, passing game. Offense, defense. It's all a trickle-down effect. And everything affects everything else. We're not helping our defense by not staying on the field."

The Bears day started, fittingly, with a three-and-out and a Pat O'Donnell punt that was blocked through the back of the Bears end zone. Yikes.

Yet somehow, the Saints' 2-0 lead less than 2 minutes into the game was just about as good as it got for the Bears.

The Bears offense made routine passing plays look like they were being run through an "American Ninja Warrior" course.

The consistent ineptitude was both alarming and not surprising. On the Bears' first 11 possessions, only three lasted longer than three plays. Only two crossed into Saints territory. Only one — an 11-play, 39-yard field-goal drive in the second quarter — netted more than 20 yards.

Eight of those possessions failed to include even a single first down.

So with every failed third down — eight of them on nine tries through the first three quarters — and every chorus of boos that followed, it became clear that this was

the kind of performance that can torpedo a season.

Right now, everything is fair game. Every possible criticism that even the most extreme fans can launch at the Bears seems justified. And now, the city's bullhorn will be passed around to the angry mob.

Shout the disapproval as you wish. Single out whomever within the Bears organization you care to blame. The Bears have earned this reaction. All of it.

There will be calls for Chase Daniel to start next week against the Chargers. (That's not happening. But the suggestion isn't as outlandish as it should be.)

There will be cries for general manager Ryan Pace to soon be on the hot seat. (It's way, way too early for that. But too many of Pace's draft choices are failing to meet expectations.)

There will be requests for Nagy, the sharp-minded former quarterback, to relinquish his duties as play-caller. (A question on that possibility arose Sunday night and Nagy didn't forcefully swat it away.)

The most scarred Bears fans may even see shades of 2014 in Sunday's loss. This certainly looked like a team that was quickly coming apart, broken down emotionally and void of answers on how to play winning football again.

The point is that Sunday's loss is the kind of failure that makes everything fair game. Everybody too.

It was the latest stomach-turning reminder to a rightfully impatient city that this franchise just never seems to have a formula to sustain success. It was a jarring wake-up call to those in the locker room that their season is hanging by a thread.

"Something's got to change," Nagy said. "And I'll say this, something will change. I don't know what it is. And you guys might not know. Maybe you will, maybe you won't."

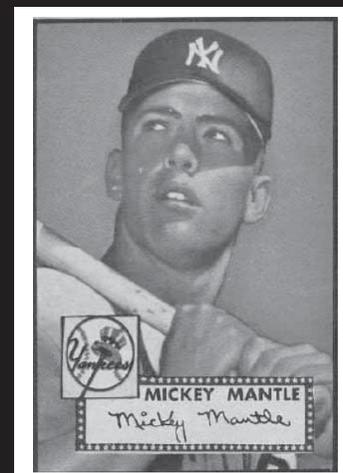
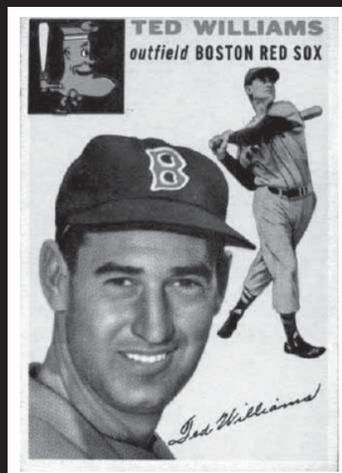
"But something will change. Because it's not good enough right now."

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Oct. 12: N.Y. Yankees 7, Houston 0
Oct. 13: Houston 3, N.Y. Yankees 2 (11)
Oct. 15: Houston 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
Oct. 16: Houston
 at N.Y. Yankees, p.p.d.
Oct. 17: Houston 8, N.Y. Yankees 3
Oct. 18: N.Y. Yankees 4, Houston 1
Oct. 19: Houston 6, N.Y. Yankees 4

WORLD SERIES
G1: Tuesday: Washington
 at Houston, 7:08 p.m.
G2: Wednesday: Washington
 at Houston, 7:07 p.m.
G3: Friday: Houston
 at Washington, 7:07 p.m.
G4: Oct. 26: Houston
 at Washington, 7:07 p.m.
x-G5: Oct. 27: Houston
 at Washington, 7:07 p.m.
x-G6: Oct. 29: Washington
 at Houston, 7:07 p.m.
x-G7: Oct. 30: Washington
 at Houston, 7:08 p.m.
(Best-of-7, x-if necessary)

MLB CALENDAR

October TBA: Trading resumes, day after World Series.
November TBA: Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible former players who became free agents, fifth day after World Series.
November TBA: Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 15th day after World Series.
Nov. 11-14: General managers' meetings, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Nov. 11: Rookies of the Year announced.
Nov. 12: Managers of the Year announced.
Nov. 13: Cy Young Awards announced.
Nov. 14: MVP awards announced.

FRIDAY: ASTROS 6, YANKEES 4

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 1b	5	1	1	2	1	.343
Judge rf	4	0	1	0	2	.267
Torres 2b	5	0	1	0	1	.107
Hicks cf	4	0	0	0	1	.222
Encarnacion dh	3	0	0	0	3	.179
Gregorius ss	4	1	2	0	1	.241
Sanchez c	3	0	1	1	0	.107
Urshela 3b	3	2	3	0	0	.167
Gardner lf	4	0	1	0	2	.167
TOTALS	35	4	10	4	11	

HOUSTON

HOUSTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer cf-rr	3	1	0	0	1	.163
Altuve 2b	4	3	2	0	0	.333
Brantley lf	3	0	1	0	0	.256
1-Martsenick pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Bregman 3b	3	1	0	1	0	.281
Gurriel 1b	4	1	2	3	0	.179
Correa ss	3	0	0	0	1	.184
Alvarez dh	3	0	0	2	1	.184
a-Diaz ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Maldonado c	4	0	1	0	2	.333
Reddick rf-1f	4	0	0	0	0	.167
TOTALS	32	6	6	6	6	

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
010	100	002	-4	10	0		
300	001	002	-6	6	0		

Two outs when winning run scored, a pinch hit for Alvarez in the 8th. 1-ran for Brantley in the 8th. **LOB:** New York 8, Houston 6. **2B:** Gregorius (1), Altuve (2). **HR:** Urshela (1), off Urquidly; LeMahieu (2), off Osuna; Gurriel (1), off Green; Altuve (4), off Chapman. **RBI:** Sanchez (2), Urshela (1), LeMahieu (2), Gurriel (3), Bregman (3), Altuve (2). **SB:** Correa (5). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 4 (Gardner, Gregorius, LeMahieu); Houston 5 (Bregman, Alvarez, Diaz). **RISP:** New York 1 for 6; Houston 1 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Brantley, Gurriel. **GDP:** Sanchez, Springer. **DP:** New York 1 (Urshela, Torres, LeMahieu); Houston 2 (Brantley, Gurriel, Brantley; Altuve, Correa, Gurriel).

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SMU 13 Off at Houston
 USC 11 Off at Colorado
 UConn 10 Off at UMass
 at Purdue 8 Off Illinois
 at Army 9 Off San Jose St
 at Georgia St PK Off Troy
 at Clemson 34 Off Boston Coll
 Memphis 10 Off at Tulsa
 at Toledo Off E. Michigan
 at Texas A&M 11 Off Miss. St
 UCF 9 Off at Temple
 at W Michigan 26 Off Bowling Green
 at Nebraska Off Off Indiana
 at Buffalo 3 Off Cent. Mich.
 Iowa 10 Off at Northwestern
 South Florida 1 Off at E. Carolina
 at Florida St Off Off Syracuse
 Liberty 7 Off at Rutgers
 Southern Miss 12 Off at Rice
 at Utah 17 Off California
 at Wyoming 12 Off Nevada
 at Air Force 2 Off Utah St
 Hawaii 11 Off at New Mex.
 at Marshall 4 Off W Kentucky
 at Stanford Off Off Arizona
 at Oregon 14 Off Wash. St
 at Fresno St 13 Off Colorado St
 Missouri 9 Off at Kentucky
 at N. Carolina 3 Off Duke
 Penn St 7 Off at Michigan St
 at Kent St 2 Off Miami Ohio
 Appalachi. St 25 Off at S. Alabama
 at Ga. Southern 15 Off New Mex. St
 at Iowa St 7 Off at Okla. St
 FIU 3 Off at Mid. Tenn.
 FAU 14 Off at Old Dominion
 at Ball St 3 Off Ohio
 at Alabama 33 Off Arkansas
 S. Carolina 3 Off at Tennessee
 Oklahoma 21 Off at Kansas St
 at Minnesota 14 Off Maryland
 at Navy 3 Off Tulane
 Texas 15 Off at TCU
 at Pittsburgh 3 Off Miami
 Virginia 3 Off at Louisville
 at Illinois 24 Off Akron
 Texas Tech 4 Off at Kansas
 North Texas 4 Off at Charlotte
 at Ohio State 14 Off Wisconsin
 at Arkansas St 14 Off Texas St
 at LSU 11 Off Auburn
 LA Tech 19 Off at UTEP
 at Michigan 1 Off Notre Dame
 Arizona St 3 Off at UNLV
 San Diego St 10 Off at UCLA

NFL

WEEK 7 SP OU MONDAY
 New England 9 Off at NY Jets
WEEK 8 SP OU THURSDAY
 at Minnesota 15 Off Washington

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MLS CUP PLAYOFFS
FIRST ROUND
Eastern Conference
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
 Atlanta 1, New England 0
 Toronto 5, D.C. 1
SUNDAY'S MATCH
 Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Red Bulls 3
Western Conference
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
 Seattle 4, Dallas 3
 Real Salt Lake 2, Portland 1
SUNDAY'S MATCH
 LA Galaxy 2, Minnesota 1
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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	7	1	1	15	34	21
Boston	5	1	2	12	22	18
Toronto	5	3	1	11	35	31
Montreal	4	3	2	10	34	30
Tampa Bay	4	3	1	9	29	27
Florida	3	2	3	9	26	31
Detroit	3	5	0	6	19	28
Ottawa	1	5	1	3	16	27

METRO

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	6	2	2	14	36	31
Carolina	6	3	0	12	30	25
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	12	32	23
N.Y. Islanders	5	3	0	10	21	20
Columbus	3	3	2	8	18	26
New Jersey	2	4	2	6	19	31
Philadelphia	2	3	1	5	15	19
N.Y. Rangers	2	4	0	4	17	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Colorado	7	0	1	15	35	21
Winnipeg	5	5	0	10	28	33
Nashville	4	3	1	9	32	31
St. Louis	3	2	3	9	24	29
Chicago	2	3	1	5	18	20
Dallas	2	7	1	5	21	31
Minnesota	2	6	0	4	18	32

PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Edmonton	7	1	1	15	31	21
Anaheim	6	3	0	12	21	16
Vegas	6	3	0	12	32	21
Vancouver	5	3	0	10	25	17
Calgary	5	4	1	11	26	27
Arizona	4	2	1	9	21	13
Los Angeles	3	5	0	6	24	32
San Jose	3	5	0	6	21	28

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Vancouver 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
 Minnesota 4, Montreal 3
 Washington 5, Chicago 3
 Winnipeg 1, Edmonton 0
 Calgary 2, Anaheim 1

MONDAY'S GAMES

Columbus at Toronto, 6 p.m.
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Arizona at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
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CAPITALS 5, BLACKHAWKS 3

Washington	W	L	3	5
Chicago	0	1	2	3

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- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 277.
- (15) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 277.
- (25) William Byron, Chevrolet, 277.
- (11) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 277.
- (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 277.
- (21) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 277.
- (40) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 277.
- (12) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 277.
- (16) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 277.
- (28) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 277.
- (26) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 277.
- (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 277.
- (27) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 277.
- (19) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 277.
- (29) Joey Logano, Ford, 277.
- (22) Paul Menard, Ford, 277.
- (4) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 277.
- (9) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 277.
- (3) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 277.
- (24) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 277.
- (13) Aric Almirola, Ford, 274.
- (6) Michael McDowell, Ford, 274.
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- (33) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 272.
- (31) Corey LaJoie, Ford, 272.
- (32) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 271.
- (36) JJ Yeley, Ford, 271.
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- (8) Daniel Suarez, Ford, Accident, 270.
- (34) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 268.
- (35) Garrett Smithley, Ford, 267.
- (10) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, Accident, 263.
- (37) Josh Billicki, Ford, 262.
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- (39) Joey Gase, Toyota, Accident, 107.
- (38) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, Toy, 95.
- (7) Ryan Newman, Ford, Accident, 72.

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Lead Changes: 15 among 12 drivers.

Lap Leaders: D. Hemric 1-4; K. Larson 5-6; B. Keselowski 7-8; K. Larson 9-48; W. Byron 49; D. Hamlin 50-58; K. Larson 59-76; R. Blaney 77-78; J. Logano 79-82; C. Elliott 83-86; D. Suarez 87-92; M. Truex Jr. 93-125; D. Hamlin 126-218; A. Bowman 219-225; R. Stenhouse Jr. 226; D. Hamlin 227-277.

Leader's Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led):

Denny Hamlin 3 times for 153 laps; Kyle Larson 3 times for 60 laps; Martin Truex Jr. 1 time for 33 laps; Alex Bowman 1 time for 7 laps; Daniel Suarez 1 time for 6 laps; Chase Elliott 1 time for 4 laps; Daniel Hemric 1 time for 4 laps; Joey Logano 1 time for 4 laps; Brad Keselowski 1 time for 2 laps; Ryan Blaney 1 time for 2 laps; Ricky Stenhouse Jr. 1 time for 1 lap; William Byron 1 time for 1 lap.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

THE AP TOP 25

RK, TEAM	W-L	PTS	LW
1. Alabama (24)	7-0	1486	1
2. LSU (16)	7-0	1462	2
3. Ohio St. (13)	7-0	1429	4
4. Clemson (9)	7-0	1408	3
5. Oklahoma	7-0	1343	5
6. Penn St.	7-0	1224	7
7. Florida	7-1	1138	9
8. Notre Dame	5-1	1058	8
9. Auburn	6-1	1054	11
10. Georgia	6-1	1031	10
11. Oregon	6-1	979	12
12. Utah	6-1	852	13
13. Wisconsin	6-1	767	6
14. Baylor	7-0	732	18
15. Texas	5-2	627	15
16. SMU	7-0	587	19

BASEBALL



JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY

Nationals ace Max Scherzer will take the mound Tuesday in Game 1 of the World Series.

WORLD SERIES

Nationals, Astros rely on rotations

Fall Classic set to showcase All-Star starters at their peak

BY BEN WALKER
Associated Press

Now this is a serious World Series throw-down.

Gerrit Cole, Justin Verlander and Zack Greinke vs. Max Scherzer, Stephen Strasburg and Patrick Corbin — all of them All-Star starters, still pitching at their peak.

It's a mound meeting that every fan can enjoy, the Astros against the Nationals. Capital hill, indeed.

"We've got the best pitcher in the world going. And then after that, we've got the best pitcher in the world going, too. And then after that, we've got the best pitcher in the world going, too," Astros third baseman Alex Bregman said. "It's going to be a lot of fun."

Bregman and fellow MVP candidate Anthony Rendon certainly did their parts to make this the Year of the Home Run. And Jose Altuve lit up Minute Maid Park with his walk-off homer to beat the Yankees in the AL Championship Series.

But the focus of this Fall Classic is right on the rotations.

Cole is set to throw the first pitch on Tuesday night in Houston. He led the majors with 326 strikeouts, was second to Verlander in the big leagues with 20 wins and topped the AL with a 2.50 ERA.

He also is 19-0 in his last 25 starts. That includes 3-0 in the playoffs so far, allowing one earned run in 22²/₃ innings while fanning 32.

The clubs saw each other back in February when they played in the exhibition opener, and Scherzer gave up a homer to the first batter of the game.

Now, eight months later, they meet for real. The 107-win Astros trying to capture their second crown in three years, the wild-card Nationals making their Series debut.

"The World Series comes through Houston. I like the sound of that. I think it should be that way for many years to come," Bregman said.

No slight to Bregman and other big hitters here: Altuve, the ALCS MVP, postseason star George Springer and top shortstops Trea Turner and Carlos Correa. And not to overlook the young stars on this stage for the first time, rookies like Juan Soto and Jordan Alvarez.

Yet in an era when teams search for new pitching strategies — witness the Astros' parade of relievers in Game 6 of the ALCS — the two clubs left figure to rely heavily on their starters.

That's just fine by Astros manager AJ Hinch.

"Philosophically, whether it's about the new-age opener or pulling guys third time through, most of the people that support that haven't had Verlander or Cole on their team," he said.

Moment belongs to Altuve

Astros' 5-foot-6 spark plug delivers dramatic home run that will long be remembered

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jose Altuve, the 5-foot-6 driving force of the Astros, delivered a swing that will play in the club's highlights forever.

Altuve homered off Aroldis Chapman with two outs in the ninth inning and the Astros outlasted the Yankees 6-4 on Saturday night to advance to the World Series for the second time in three years.

"That's one of the best moments of postseason history," Astros GM Jeff Luhnow said.

In a bullpen Game 6 with a back-and-forth finish, DJ LeMahieu hit a tying, two-run shot off Astros closer Roberto Osuna in the top of the ninth. Altuve answered with a two-run drive to left-center, setting off a wild celebration at Minute Maid Park and earning himself AL Championship Series MVP.

"Beautiful game," Altuve said. Yuli Gurriel hit a three-run homer in the first inning, and flashy outfield defense helped the Astros relievers defeat the Yankees and their vaunted bullpen.

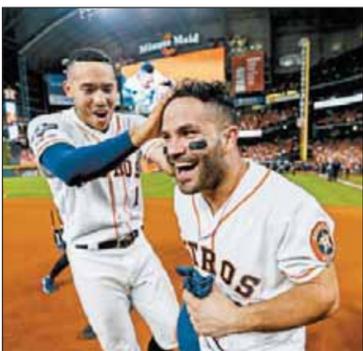
It almost fell apart in the ninth. Gio Urshela singled off Osuna leading off for the first hit of the game, and LeMahieu put a ball into the first row of seats in right field — inches over the glove of leaping George Springer — to tie it at 4.

Altuve, a sparkplug touted as the Astros' heart and soul, didn't let this one get away.

"I get asked to describe Jose Altuve all the time," manager AJ Hinch said. "I think MVP is what he is."

The teams combined to use 14 pitchers in a game that lasted 4 hours, 9 minutes.

The Astros' Will Harris, who got four outs over the sixth and seventh innings and has yet to allow a run this postseason, was



ELSA/GETTY

Carlos Correa congratulates Jose Altuve after the second baseman's walk-off, two-run home run Sunday night.

glad the team's bullpen got to show its stuff. "We have a lot of guys with a lot of pride that are really good at their jobs," he said. "And I was excited for the opportunity for us to prove that today."

The defense helped. Right fielder Josh Reddick dived for Brett Gardner's liner for the second out of the sixth. An inning later, left fielder Michael Brantley laid out for Aaron Hicks' shallow floater and doubled off Aaron Judge at first.

Gurriel, a holdover from the Astros' 2017 championship team, was 1-for-20 to start the ALCS before his drive in the first inning. He jumped all over a high-and-tight fastball from opener Chad Green, and his shot into the Crawford Boxes was his first connection this postseason.

It's the third time the Astros have eliminated the Yankees in the last five postseasons. The Astros won the 2015 wild-card game in the Bronx and beat the Yankees in seven games in the 2017 ALCS before winning their first title.

"I feel like we are on equal footing with them," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "Unfortunately, sports can be a little bit cruel for the team that goes home."

BLACKHAWKS



PAUL BEATY/AP

Kirby Dach (77) and Patrick Kane bump fists with Drake Caggiula (91) after Caggiula's goal. Dach was making his debut with the Hawks, who lost 5-3 to the Capitals.

Blackhawks

Continued from Page 1

Earlier in the day, Dach summed up his journey from being drafted No. 3 overall in June to playing a short stint with the Rockford IceHogs earlier this month to making his NHL debut Sunday night against the Capitals in front of a home crowd.

"It's kind of a whirlwind," Dach said after morning practice at the United Center. "You're just kind of getting thrown in right away and you don't really have time to react. You just kind of got to focus on the game and not really sit back and realize what's going on."

Colliton had been tight-lipped about which line will feature Dach, saying "We'll firm the lineup up tonight."

Alex DeBrincat had dropped a clue, however: "I think that line should be pretty good. I think he'll generate a lot of chances."

Dach made his debut as a center, but he'll likely see time as a wing. Colliton said, "I think he can play either one, which is a big benefit for us. Probably long term he's a center, but it's only a benefit to be versatile."

"I see myself as a centerman," Dach said. "But at the same time I'm happy to play any position the coaching staff puts me in."

The Hawks had just 8.2% odds at moving up from the 12th spot into the top three to select Dach in the draft.

He suffered a concussion at the NHL Prospect Tournament in September and missed the first two weeks of camp. The Hawks sent him to Rockford of the AHL on a conditioning assignment on Oct. 12. He wasn't involved in any goals in three appearances.

"I think a lot of the things he was doing and his games in Rockford will transfer," Colliton said. "Really liked his skating, he was competing, he was on the puck, won a

BLACKHAWKS RECAP
Dominik Kubalik and Patrick Kane scored third-period goals, but the Blackhawks came up short in a 5-3 loss to the Capitals on Sunday night at the United Center. Tom Wilson's goal 11 minutes and 47 seconds into the third won it for the Capitals, who added an empty-net goal for the final margin. The Caps took a 3-1 lead early in the third on Alex Ovechkin's sixth goal of the season. Drake Caggiula also scored for the Hawks, briefly tying the game 1-1 in the second period. The Caps' Braden Holtby made 41 saves, while Corey Crawford had 25 for the Hawks. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

lot of puck battles. He wasn't able to come through offensively, but he very well could have with the plays he made, and he created chances. It'll be good for him. He'll be excited, have some energy, and he'll probably feed off that."

DeBrincat said Dach should expect it to be "nerve-racking."

"He's a big body," DeBrincat said about the 6-foot-4, 198-pound center. "Offensively he can bring the puck to the net and he's got a lot of skill to get around guys."

Dach said he just found out he would play Sunday morning.

"Kind of came to the rink and found out the lineup," he said.

Given the short notice, Dach didn't expect to have a big contingent of relatives and friends at the United Center, but he said his parents and sister would be there. His younger brother, Colton, has his own to worry about. The Saskatoon Blades (the same junior team Kirby once played for) played Sunday night in Winnipeg.

"Kind of speechless and at a loss for words," Dach said. "I've just got to go out there and play my game and focus on all the little things that the coaching staff wants me to do."

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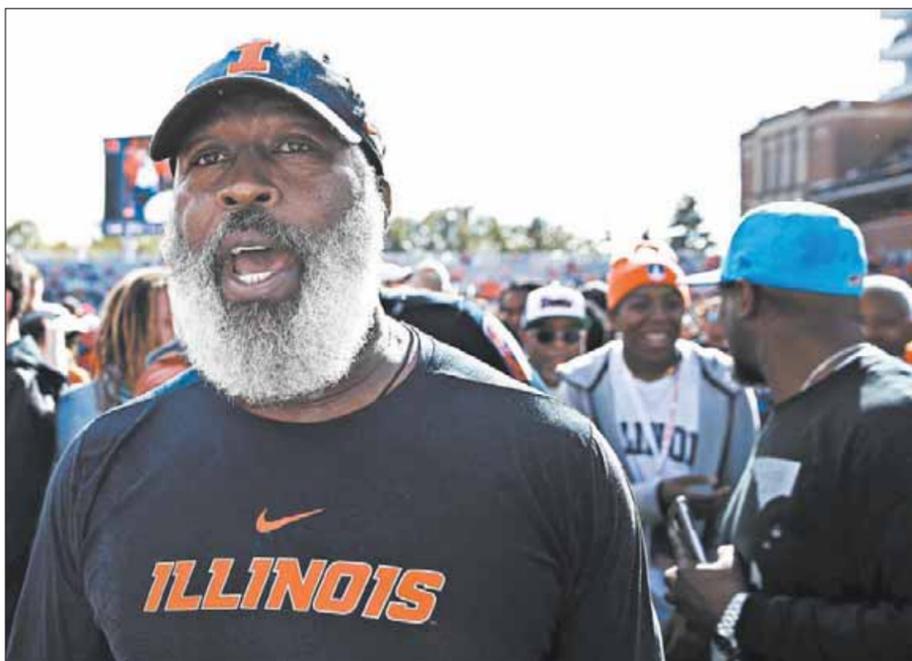
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SPORTS



JOE ROBBINS/GETTY

Illinois coach Lovie Smith, leaving the field after a game-winning field goal as time expired to beat Wisconsin on Saturday at Memorial Stadium, could have bought himself more time on the job with the upset.

Hope springs

Penn St., Michigan — and Lovie — help themselves



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On the Big Ten

The Big Ten's Game of the Year/Decade/Century was supposed to take place on the banks of the Olentangy River in Week 9. That's when undefeated Ohio State would host unblemished Wisconsin.

But then Illinois just had to ruin everything. Here are five things we learned about the Big Ten after a Week 8 that no one saw coming.

1. That Michigan-Penn State game was a spectacle. Maybe the Big Ten's Game of the Year already happened. It's hard to envision a better setting or more dramatic final two minutes.

Michigan's Ronnie Bell was in tears after dropping a touchdown pass that would have tied the game. KJ Hamler, who's almost small enough to fit in your carry-on bag, walked off to cheers from 110,000 fans after earning the toughest 3 yards of the night. And get this: He's from Michigan.

"A lot of people always told me I was too small; I wouldn't do this, I wouldn't do that," the 5-foot-9, 176-pound Hamler told the Allentown Morning Call. "Growing up in Pontiac, there's not a lot of people who make it out. I wanted to be different, change my family's lives. I wanted to do something big."

Hamler zoomed past Michigan nickel back Brad Hawkins and safety Josh Metellus to score on touchdown receptions of 25 and 53 yards in the 28-21 victory. (Hello, mismatches.) He also ran back a kickoff for a score that was nullified by holding. After Hamler muscled his way past the marker on third-and-3, retaining the ball after a helmet-to-helmet hit, he needed a minute to gather himself. Then he received a "whiteout" walk-off.

Penn State remained undefeated and would need to beat Michigan State (on the road), Minnesota (road) and Indiana (at home) to be 10-0 heading into its Nov. 23 showdown at Ohio State.

Michigan can forget about winning the Big Ten, as usual, as Jim Harbaugh fell to 1-10 against top-10 teams. But give credit where it's due: The Wolverines rallied from a 21-0 deficit despite getting hosed on a fourth-down pass interference that wasn't called. Shea Patterson (24-for-41, 276 yards) played with skill and moxie, and Bell hauls in that short pass four out of five times.

Up next for 5-2 Michigan is a visit from Notre Dame, which got an extra week to prepare. Then after a trip to Maryland, Michigan State will seek revenge after the Wolverines defaced their on-field logo last season. Winning at Indiana is no sure thing for Michigan. And the regular season concludes with the Buckeyes in the Big House.

Will the Wolverines even win eight games?

2. Illinois AD Josh Whitman could face an intriguing decision soon. Until Saturday, Lovie Smith's Illinois tenure would

WEEK 8 POWER RANKINGS

Here are the Tribune's latest Big Ten football power rankings, with last week's ranking in parentheses.

1. Ohio State (1)

The Buckeyes have scored 158 points in the second quarter of their seven games this season. Northwestern has scored 75 points — this season.

2. Penn State (3)

The only little guy who had a better Saturday night than KJ Hamler was Jose Altuve.

3. Minnesota (4)

P.J. Fleck never fails to entertain: "Today we're 1-0 in the Rutgers football championship." As a side note, the Gophers are 7-0.

4. Wisconsin (2)

Surely still better than the Gophers, but only one of those teams beat Illinois.

5. Michigan (5)

Jim Harbaugh fell to 0-8 as an underdog at Michigan. But, hey, the Wolverines covered the spread in Happy Valley.

6. Iowa (6)

Credit Bob "The Hitman" Sanders for his inspirational speech before Iowa pushed past Purdue.

7. Michigan State (7)

A goofy schedule means the Spartans have gone three weeks without scoring — their two off weeks sandwiched a blanking by Wisconsin.

8. Indiana (8)

Can the 5-2 Hoosiers lock up just their fourth bowl appearance in 25 years before Halloween? A trip to Nebraska up next.

9. Nebraska (9)

During the Michigan-Penn State broadcast, ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit mentioned that Illinois lost to Eastern Michigan — and Nebraska. Tough times in Lincoln.

10. Illinois (13)

The Illini entered the day as the fifth-worst team in Power Five, via ESPN's Football Power Index. Now? They're known as a giant killer.

11. Purdue (10)

Freshman David Bell posted this ridiculous line at Iowa: 13 catches for 197 yards. Just wait till defenses have to defend him and Rondale Moore.

12. Maryland (12)

Roll out the basketballs already.

13. Northwestern (11)

Linebacker Paddy Fisher on Ohio State: "They are well-oiled and a dang good football team." Can you tell he's from Texas?

14. Rutgers (14)

If the Scarlet Knights played Northwestern, would the over-under be double digits?

have been remembered for only thing — the Santa Claus beard. The losses, the turnovers, the revolving door at quarterback ... all just dust for the bin.

And then Saturday happened — the second-largest upset in a Big Ten game in the last 40 years. Only Northwestern's win over Minnesota as a 32-point underdog tops the Illini upending Wisconsin as a 30.5-point 'dog. Smith called it "a signature win" that boosts his record in Big Ten games to, well, 5-26.

Illinois is 3-4 with several winnable games, notably at Purdue (Saturday), Rutgers the following week and Northwestern at home after Thanksgiving.

Those in the know believe this to be a bowl-or-bust season for Smith, but the \$4 million (buy-out) question remains: If Illinois goes 5-7 with their epic homecoming takedown of the Badgers, would that represent enough progress to merit a fifth season? Only Whitman, the Illinois athletic director and former tight end, knows for sure.

3. Four have emerged as favorites for the Chicago Tribune Silver Football. The award recognizes the Big Ten's best player, as voted on by the league's coaches.

Ohio State has primo candidates in quarterback Justin Fields (22 passing touchdown, 1 interception) and defensive end Chase Young, whom Pro Football Focus cited as college football's highest-graded player at any position. After Young sacked Aidan Smith on Northwestern's second play Friday, NU coaches had Smith roll out, away from Young, on what seemed like every other pass attempt.

Penn State's KJ Hamler probably deserves Jim Harbaugh's vote. (He'd never pencil in a Buckeye, would he?)

Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor is the nation's best running back, via Pro Football Focus and anyone with eyes. But he did fumble late during a 132-yard rushing day in Champaign.

Two dark horses figure to be Ohio State's J.K. Dobbins, who is averaging 7.1 yards per carry, and Wisconsin ace linebacker Chris Orr. As the Big Ten Network's Rick Pizzo gushed Saturday:

"It's not his size, it's not his speed ... it's what he has above his shoulders. He is so cerebral. He sees things happen before they actually take place. I was just listening to a conversation he was having with the Wisconsin coaching staff. He was using terminology that I've never dreamed of understanding."

4. The Gophers are tracking from Minneapolis to Indianapolis. Sports books had Minnesota as fourth most likely to reach the Big Ten title game from the West behind Nebraska (3/1), Wisconsin (3.5/1) and Purdue (4/1).

The Gophers (4.75/1) ended 2018 with back-to-back thrashings of Wisconsin and Georgia Tech, but most remained unconvinced.

"Picked sixth in the West," coach P.J. Fleck texted me in August. "Our players will be better than that."

Boom. They're alone atop the Big Ten West thanks to Wisconsin's loss.

Minnesota squeaked out three nonconference wins and has breezed to four victories against bottom-half Big Ten opponents. The Gophers crushed Rutgers on Saturday, playing turnover-free ball while allowing just 189 yards.

O'Brien hugged Fleck after the extra point that put the Gophers ahead 28-0, saying afterward: "This is what I dreamed about."

Fleck, who teared up after the hug, called O'Brien his team's "biggest motivator."

5. Indiana deserves some love. The Hoosiers are 5-2 and know how to entertain. After an injured Michael Penix Jr. left Saturday's game at Maryland early in the second quarter, Peyton Ramsey did not drop the baton. The quarterback completed 20 of 27 passes in Indiana's 34-28 victory.

"He was ready to play when called upon," coach Tom Allen said of Ramsey, who lost his starting job to Penix. "It's been tough on him, but he's the ultimate team player."

Indiana's passing game is so strong, it doesn't much matter who is pulling the trigger. The Hoosiers are one of just 12 FBS teams completing more than 70% of their passes — 70.1% to be exact.

RED STARS 1, THORNS 0

Almost party time: Red Stars in final

Kerr's goal enough to nail down 1st berth in championship game

By JEREMY MIKULA

Mission No. 1 for the Chicago Red Stars was getting over the hump and reaching the National Women's Soccer League final for the first time.

Mission No. 2 is, according to striker Sam Kerr, to win the trophy and "have a damn party."

Kerr scored the only goal as the Red Stars beat the Portland Thorns 1-0 in an NWSL semifinal Sunday afternoon at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview. The Red Stars will meet the North Carolina Courage in the final at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27 in Cary, N.C.

"We've been working toward this game all year and we deserve to be there," Kerr said. "It was a huge team effort, not just today but all through the season."

Kerr opened the scoring in the eighth minute, set up perfectly by Yuki Nagasato's lofted ball into space. Kerr slotted the ball past Thorns goalkeeper Adrianna Franch.

The Nagasato-to-Kerr connection was a common occurrence in the regular season: Nagasato led the league with eight assists, seven of which went to Kerr.

"When you have somebody like Sam up front and Yuki and Vanessa (DiBernardo) in those half spaces," Red Stars coach Rory Dames said, "you're always a few touches away from being in behind (the defense)."

The Red Stars nearly added a second in the 58th minute through Savannah McCaskill, who turned on a loose ball in the box but sent her effort wide, and in the 80th minute when DiBernardo's shot to the top corner was saved by Franch.

Franch came up with another big save in stoppage time, denying Kerr from scoring her second.



KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/AP

Sam Kerr (20) celebrates with teammates after scoring against the Portland Thorns FC in the Red Stars' NWSL semifinal playoff victory.

PGA

'Tough day' finishes on high note for Thomas

Associated Press

JEJU ISLAND, South Korea — Justin Thomas won his 11th PGA Tour event and his second in South Korea in three years with a final-round 5-under 67 and a two-stroke victory over South Korean-born New Zealander Danny Lee.

Thomas and Lee made it mostly a two-man show Sunday at the CJ Cup at Nine Bridges. They entered the final round tied and stayed that way through the front nine.

Thomas birdied the 14th to take one-stroke lead, then went up by two when Lee bogeyed the 15th after missing a 10-foot par putt and Thomas made a two-footer for par. After going from greenside bunker to bunker on the 16th, Lee bogeyed again and fell three behind. But Thomas bogeyed the 17th after his 12-footer for par lipped out, reducing the deficit to two strokes.

On Saturday, Thomas had a three-stroke lead heading into the 18th ahead of a three-shot swing when Thomas bogeyed and Lee made a long eagle putt. On Sunday, there were no such late miracles for Lee: Thomas and Lee both birdied the 18th, with Lee lipping out on his eagle putt to finish with a 69.

"It was a very, very tough day," Thomas said. "Danny made it extremely difficult. He really made a lot of putts, a lot of unbelievable up and downs to kind of keep me from getting all the momentum."

Thomas finished with a 72-hole total of 20-under 268 at Nine Bridges.

"Just a couple holes that were

"We struggled with their verticality," Thorns coach Mark Parsons said. "We knew about it and prepared for it, but the first half was a tough one. The second half was back to us being us and ... (we) gained some real momentum but failed to have the quality we needed to have in the final third."

After losing in the semifinals in each of the previous four seasons, Sunday was another opportunity for the Red Stars to get over the hump. They finally did that, stifling the Thorns' attack while capitalizing on their best chance early in the match.

"We felt like we let ourselves down," Kerr said of losing last year's semifinal. "Everyone just kind of came back with a different mentality that this was going to be our year. ... We so thoroughly deserve to be there and I'm so happy to be a part of it."

The Red Stars, who finished second in the regular-season standings with a 14-8-2 record, entered the match in good form, winning five straight to finish the season. Kerr helped ensure the Red Stars continued that form, lifting the team into the final to set up a match against the defending NWSL champions.

Just getting to the final was a challenge for the Red Stars. Now comes an additional challenge in facing the Courage, who not only will host the championship match but also eliminated the Red Stars in 2017 and '18.

It could be Kerr's final match with the Red Stars as European clubs reportedly have been interested in signing the Australian.

Not that she's looking too far into the future.

"I love Chicago, I love my teammates, and to have that amount of support today and all season, it's been unbelievable," Kerr said. "But you know there's one more game left, so let's do it. Let's bring the trophy back and then close down the city and have a damn party."

letting me down with the driver on the back nine," Lee said. "A couple tee shots that you cannot hit in that bunkers on the left and I did, so struggling to make par from there when Justin had a couple birdie looks."

On the eagle putt on 18, Lee said: "Pretty close. I wasn't going to leave that short. It looked so good for so long. Had a little too much speed to go in, but I gave it a really good run."

Lee has had to deal with some family issues on the weekend — following the third round he said his second child was born prematurely. Lee's wife Yoomi was scheduled to deliver their child closer to the Christmas holidays. The baby is currently in an incubator.

Lee told the PGA Tour website that he planned to keep the matter private until after the event but responded to a question about whether he and his wife had plans to celebrate should he win the event.

"I was not going to talk about this until the end of the event," said Lee.

Hideki Matsuyama (65), last year's runner-up Gary Woodland (66) and Australian Cameron Smith (69) finished tied for third, five behind Thomas. Jordan Spieth closed with a 71 and was tied with four others at 12-under.

Phil Mickelson finished with a 68 and Jason Day with a 71, both at 7-under.

The PGA Tour's second of three weeks in Asia continues next week at the Zozo Championship in Japan — which will feature Tiger Woods — and ending with the World Golf Championship event in Shanghai.

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HYOSUB SHIN/AP

North Gwinnett coach Bill Stewart instructs his team during the Corky Kell Classic in August in Atlanta. Stewart has a Touchdown Club committed to funding what he needs.

A sport grows with a city

A boom in the Atlanta metro area boosts Georgia's standing as a prep football powerhouse

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

MILTON, Ga. — The lawn in front of Milton High School looks big enough for a football field and provides a grand welcome mat to a building that would fit right in on the campus of a prestigious college, with its colonnade leading to an entrance of glass doors and tall windows.

The 14-year-old building is quiet and mostly dark on this Friday night in northern Fulton County, some 30 miles from downtown Atlanta. The action is at nearby Eagle Stadium, where thousands pack the bleachers to watch their defending state champions face perennial power Buford High.

Milton is an old school — it turns 100 next year — but a new football power. Last year's title was the Eagles' first, another source of pride for a small city incorporated in 2006 that is one of the wealthiest in the state. Milton coach Adam Clack has lived through the growth of north-central Georgia over the last two decades. It is startling.

"This was horse farms," Clack said.

The population of the Atlanta metropolitan area has boomed, adding 663,000 residents since 2010 to make it the fourth-fastest-growing in the U.S. The surge has created vibrant, even affluent suburbs and exurbs such as Milton.

It also has boosted the quality and depth of high school football in a state where both were already among the best in the country. Many public schools are running well-resourced programs that lure top coaches from neighboring states with big salaries and prepare players for the next level with operations that mimic elite colleges.

Georgia has become the clear No. 4 state behind Texas, Florida and California when it comes to producing football players for major-college programs. Recruiters from all over the country flock to Atlanta to find talent, but many of these players are staying close to home and stocking the rosters of the nearby Southeastern Conference and Atlantic Coast Conference schools.

"I ask candidly to a lot of college coaches: You got one place you can go and you can only spend one day, where are you going?" Clack said. "They're like: 'No doubt, we're going to the metro Atlanta area. It's not because you necessarily have the most talent. It's because you have the most ready talent that's going to be eligible.'"

Ten years ago, 6.1% of all players on FBS rosters hailed from Georgia, according to NCAA data, just a touch more than Ohio's 5.9%. That rose to 7.2% of FBS players from Georgia in 2013. Ohio was still at 5.9%.

Last year, 8.2% of FBS players listed Georgia as their home state, creeping closer to California, which was No. 3 at 10.5% and pulling away from fifth-place Ohio (5.1%).

The high-end talent is also on the rise. Using 247 Sports' composite rankings of recruits, the number of blue-chip recruits (rated four- or five-star) from Georgia per year from 2002-09 was 173. From 2010-20, Georgia is averaging 30.8 blue chips per year, an increase of 78%.

By comparison, California, with almost four times the population of Georgia,



JASON GETZ/AP

Milton coach Adam Clack reacts on the sideline against Colquitt County during the Class 7A high school football championship on Dec. 12 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

produced an average of 30.25 blue-chip players per year from 2002-09. That rose to 40 per year from 2010-20, an increase of 32.3%.

"So the level of coaching that exists in Georgia high schools, the level of development, they're comprehensive, 365-day-a-year programs within the high schools and also the trainers that exist here," said Georgia native and first-year Georgia Tech coach Geoff Collins. "That elevates everything in a good way."

North Gwinnett coach Bill Stewart made the move to Georgia from Florida in the 2003. The former University of Central Florida player and Sunshine State native had been defensive coordinator at Armwood High School, northeast of Tampa. On top of teaching and coaching track in the offseason, Stewart was also waiting tables part time to help make mortgage payments.

He said he had head coaching opportunities in Florida but instead took a job as defensive coordinator at Parkview High School in Gwinnett County, which neighbors Fulton County to the northeast. Parkview was working on a 45-game winning streak.

Stewart found a very different way to run a high school football program.

Not only did his teacher salary and coaching stipend go up significantly at Parkview, but the local booster club was also helping to supplement coaches' salaries, along with raising funds for facilities, stadium upgrades and equipment.

At North Gwinnett, Stewart has a Touchdown Club committed to funding

what he needs.

"So let's say I need five more (coaching) supplements or I need two more supplements or whatever it is — if I need more supplements, then our community is going to pay for more supplements because they know how important it is to have a first-class organization and have bodies that can coach," said Stewart, who has the Bulldogs ranked in the top 10 in the state in his third season as head coach.

According to a March report by WTLV-WJXX, at least 44 football coaches in Georgia made six-figure salaries in the 2017-18 school year. The number more than doubled since 2014-15. Many of those coaches previously coached in surrounding states such as Florida, Alabama and South Carolina.

At many schools, coaches simply coach, with not much teaching or administrative tasks.

"I am a full-time football coach," Clack said. "I mean I do a couple other things to justify my position in school, but they make no bones about it. And that's huge. I couldn't imagine going back the other way."

The money and support is good all over the state, not just the Atlanta metro area, coaches say. The sport is thriving in smaller towns. That has not been the case in northern states such as Ohio and Pennsylvania, where the population drain in many small towns has had a drag on football participation.

Even schools without top funding can tap the most important resource: talented players.

At Stephenson High School in DeKalb

County, Ron Gartrell has been head coach since 1996, and his teams have rarely missed the playoffs.

New high schools nearby have cut into Stephenson's population. Several schools share a stadium in DeKalb County. But the sheer number of quality players in the area means there is still talent at Stephenson, where you will find a four-star senior defensive back with offers from Alabama, Auburn and Georgia Tech and a three-star senior receiver committed to Texas A&M.

"You're looking at these people and all these schools are popping up and the competition is getting so much tougher to play these people," Gartrell said. "And you know we're in this little boat trying to row our shore to play against these big old boats. You know, it's been a challenge."

About a 10-minute drive from Hartfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport is Hapeville Charter Career Center. Coach Winston Gordon, a Florida native who played at Savannah State, was working in city government in the Atlanta area when he was lured back into coaching to start the football program at Hapeville in 2011. The school has about 600 students, shares a stadium and practices on a "dirt lot," Gordon said.

Still, Hapeville has had 37 players sign FBS scholarships, Gordon said. This year's squad has a four-star senior receiver verbally committed to South Carolina and a three-star senior defensive end committed to Oregon.

"I think the brand of football is at its all-time best," Gordon said. "And not just here at Hapeville Charter but throughout the state of Georgia."

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Morning has broken

What he learned from English soccer teams convinces Sabres coach to trim early skates

By LANCE LYSOWSKI
The Buffalo News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Most of what Ralph Krueger learned during his five years as chairman of Southampton FC. cannot be applied to his role as coach of the Buffalo Sabres.

Krueger spent most of his time in the English Premier League running the club's day-to-day operations, everything from building a culture within the organization to securing a sponsorship deal with Under Armour. He wasn't involved in on-field strategy or soccer personnel decisions.

Yet one game-day observation stoked Krueger's natural curiosity: Southampton's players didn't perform any on-field workouts before a match at 8 p.m. Instead, they lifted weights or went through dynamic stretching to physically prepare for competition.

That's when Krueger started asking questions. He discovered how Southampton's sports science staff collected data that showed morning workouts were a waste of energy and ultimately had a negative impact on an athlete's ability to sustain performance for an entire season.

When Krueger became the Sabres' coach in May, he decided morning skates, which have been held by NHL teams since the 1970s, were going to be the exception, not the norm, in his return to the bench.

"I just think it's all about energy and understanding the different ways that we can gather energy and/or making sure that the quality of our execution stays high," Krueger said after a morning skate Saturday. "What I find tends to happen is if you're practicing with a team that's tired mentally or physically, your execution principles fall away and it's better to just go off ice and do something really intense together. That was probably one of the few things that comes also out of my experience from the Premier League, watching the way they gather and/or use energy on game days."

However, Krueger did not want to eliminate skates without speaking to his players. He gauged the opinion of his leaders, including captain Jack Eichel, to see if the Sabres would feel comfortable holding an off-ice workout with team meetings as opposed to the 15- to 30-minute game-day skate.

The group agreed with Krueger's plan. Most NHL coaches have cut back on morning skates in recent years. The Blue Jackets' John Tortorella and the Lightning's John Cooper are among those who have called the activities a waste of energy and have mostly abolished them. Their teams typically only have healthy scratches, players recovering from injury and the game's backup goalie on the ice for an informal skate on game day.

Morning skates aren't used to strategically prepare for an opponent. They're simply a way to get players' legs moving and to help maintain their timing with the puck.

The Sabres' skate Saturday morning at SAP Center was only their third in nine games this season, and Krueger had them on the ice only because the team was off Friday. He is among a group of coaches who prefer an intensive practice the day before a game, and he doesn't plan to hold any morning skates at KeyBank Center this season.

"Every guy is different," Sabres winger Jeff Skinner said. "Some guys like to skate, some guys don't like to skate. For me, it doesn't really matter. Sometimes I like to skate and sometimes I don't. The older you get the less you like to skate because you sort of know what you need. It's been good so far. Obviously it's worked out well for us results-wise. It's up to him, so I just do what he says."

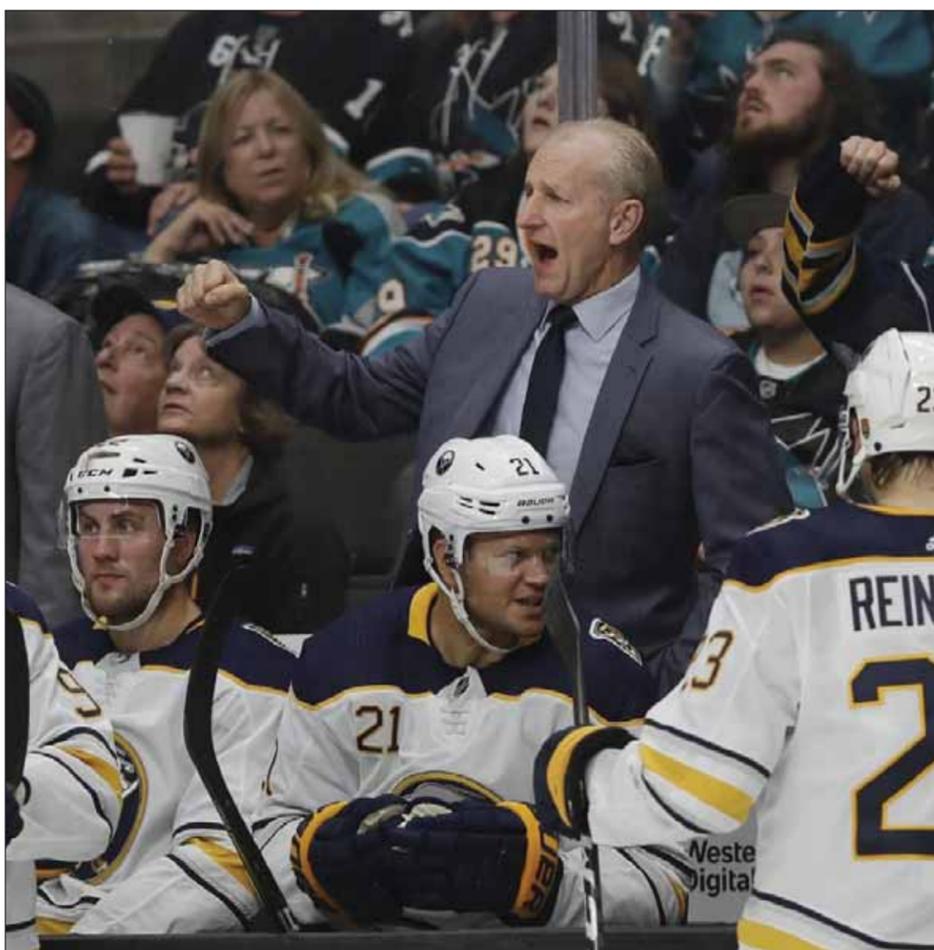
"I like that we prefer to practice hard," forward Marcus Johansson said. "Game days we just get ready for the game. I've always been like that. I feel like morning skates don't do much for me. Not waste your energy in the morning and focus on the night. Even though it's just a morning skate you go out, you focus and you're still skating and thinking. When you don't, you come in relaxed and you make sure your body is feeling good."

The Sabres were busy on game



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

The Sabres' Jack Eichel talks with head coach Ralph Krueger during the first period against the Penguins on Oct. 3 in Pittsburgh.



JEFF CHIU/AP

Sabres head coach Ralph Krueger, center, reacts after officials ruled that Casey Mittelstadt scored a goal against the Sharks during the second period Saturday in San Jose, Calif.

days under former coach Phil Housley, who preferred to hold morning skates unless the team was on the second day of a back-to-back or playing a matinee. He didn't dial back the workload until the Sabres were struggling in the second half of the season. Their 10-game winning streak in November required an overtime or shootout seven times, a stretch that seemed to take a physical and mental toll on players. They endured a historic collapse in the second half that resulted in an eighth consecutive non-playoff season.

Buffalo's trip to Sweden next

month has created another challenge for Krueger. The Sabres are amid a stretch of 12 games in 23 days. Though that includes only two back-to-backs, the Sabres have four trips during that stretch, including three games in California. That is a drastic change from the Oilers' lockout-shortened schedule during Krueger's one season as coach in 2012-13.

The Oilers had only five sets of back-to-backs and intraconference opponents during that 48-game regular season. Yet Krueger typically didn't hold morning skates in Edmonton. His priority was rest and recovery, with an

emphasis on maximizing practice days.

"If you think about it, a morning skate for every game, you're going to play back-to-backs, but say there's 70 times you morning skate, that's 70 extra times you're putting your gear on, getting on the ice and practicing," Eichel said. "You burn energy in the morning that you're never going to get back during the day. He's just trying to conserve as much of our energy as possible. We're on the ice so much during the year."

"His whole approach to making sure you're prepared for games

and not trying to overdo things is really good. There's scientific evidence behind it. We have so many great resources with our sports science team and everyone who does a lot of the data collecting. Throughout the course of a year it takes a toll."

The Sabres have no teamwide workout plan when they are off the ice the morning of a game. Each player is trusted to prepare himself. That was earned during training camp when they successfully navigated a daily workout regimen that included about 75 minutes on the ice and a brief workout in the weight room afterward.

The Sabres dealt with few soft-tissue injuries, which is an improvement from previous seasons. They encountered about 249 and 325 man-games lost in the 2018-19 and 2017-18 seasons, respectively. Among their 36 man-games lost entering Saturday's game in San Jose, only 12 were the result of injuries suffered during the season or training camp.

Less time on the ice has not affected the Sabres' ability to learn Krueger's systems either.

Krueger is maximizing practice days with on- and off-ice workouts, as simple as possible. He's encouraging them to use their creativity, puck movement, speed and skill in the offensive zone while relying on one another in a zone-based defensive system.

The Sabres entered Saturday tied for second in the NHL with 13 points in eight games, while their power play — which had little time together in practice or games during training camp — ranked third. Krueger is routinely speaking to his players to hear their opinions about how the team prepares for games. They declined to disclose many details but value having a coach who includes everyone in those sort of decisions.

"I was actually thinking the other day, he might be the best coach I ever had, in sport and pro hockey," Rasmus Ristolainen said. "It's been really good. He knows what we're going through, how we feel. He's maintaining the schedule, his practice days really well."



BRITTANY SOWACKE/PHOTOS FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Carrie Brownstein, foreground, and Corin Tucker of Sleater-Kinney perform at The Riviera Theatre in support of their latest release, "The Center Won't Hold," on Friday.

RETOOLED AND STILL ROCKING

Sleater-Kinney is back with new album 'The Center Won't Hold'

BY GREG KOT

"Did you ever really see me? I'm not who you thought." Corin Tucker sang as the first of two Sleater-Kinney concerts wound down Friday at the Riviera Theatre.

Tucker and her longtime foil Carrie Brownstein demand to be seen in a new light, as leaders of a retooled band. They're no longer a power trio with drummer Janet Weiss, who departed a few months ago because she felt squeezed out by Sleater-Kinney's "new direction." They're now a duo with a backing band, including drummer Angie Boylan and multi-instrumentalists Katie Harkin and Toko Yasuda.

Long gone are the days when a balky guitar could derail a show for 10 minutes, as it did in the midst of a plucky do-it-yourself tour stop in 1999 at Metro. "We're not professionals," Brownstein said back then by way of apology, "and



Brownstein performs at The Riviera Theatre on Friday.

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JEFF GOLDEN/GETTY

Comedian Jim Gaffigan performs at The Greek Theatre on July 25, 2015, in Los Angeles, California.

Gaffigan brings 'The Pale Tourist' to Chicago

BY ZACH FREEMAN

Leaving the Chicago Theatre on Friday night after the late performance of comedian Jim Gaffigan's new show, I wondered why he had named it the "Secrets and Pies" tour. He's certainly a guy who loves to talk — and write — about eating, but he never mentioned pies specifically, and while he occasionally delivered punchlines in his signature concerned whisper, he didn't mention any secrets either.

Turns out Gaffigan must have been wondering the same thing: Friday afternoon he posted on social media that he was changing the tour name to "The Pale Tourist," adding slyly, "You'll see why on Monday." We'll see what Monday brings, but with a good chunk of time in this set dedicated to discussing tourism ("Jim, your tourist jokes scare me," he imagined the audience reacting at one point) and his paleness (and appearance in general — "I'm like an enormous recessive gene," he said at one point), this title makes a lot more sense.

But regardless of the final title that gets attached to the inevitable TV special that this tour will result in, the fact that it exists at all is impressive. This current international tour bumps Gaffigan's streak of touring annually with new material into its fourth year. (He took a brief break to write and star in two seasons of "The Jim Gaffigan Show.")

But from 2017's "Cinco" to 2018's "The Noble Ape" to this year's "Quality Time" (released by Amazon in August), Gaffigan has been hitting the road hard for the

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'It's very much a celebration of all artists in Chicago'

3Arts to award \$270,000 in grants to local artists

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Artists Ivelisse Diaz and Santiago X have no idea who nominated them for a 3Arts award, but when they received news that they were among the winners of the 12th annual event, Diaz cried and X was wowed.

"I broke down in tears because you do this your whole life and I never received a grant for anything," Diaz said. "It was really awesome to be nominated and to know that people are watching the work that you do. It was a blessing, a burst of inspiration."

Diaz and X are among the 10 local teaching, performing and visual artists who will receive \$25,000 unrestricted grants. Other winners include: dance artists Laksha Dantran and Jumaane Taylor, musicians Samuel "Trump" Harris and Bethany Thomas, teaching artist Damon Locks, theater artists Richard Costes and Stephanie Diaz, and visual artists Norman Teague. Winners are chosen by a juried panel of artists and arts leaders, who, according to 3Arts executive



2019's 3Arts Awards recipients, from left, top: Richard Costes, Laksha Dantran, Ivelisse Diaz, Stephanie Diaz, Damon Locks; Bottom: Jumaane Taylor, Norman Teague, Bethany Thomas, Sam Trump, and Santiago X.

director, Esther Grisham Grimm, think the cash and 3Arts' other programs would make a difference.

"They're looking for artists with a distinctive artistic voice, technical acumen, and who are making a real difference in the Chicago area through their work," Grimm said. "It's very much a celebration of all artists in Chicago."

Another 10 artists will be granted \$2,000 each through the "Make a Wave" artist-to-artist

program wherein 2018 3Arts Awards recipients select the winners. It's a surprise grant whose purpose is to send a "wave" of support through Chicago's cultural communities. Last year, the awards were \$1,000, but this year it doubled.

"The program had such a positive impact on the art and our awardees that we decided to embed it in all future years," Grimm said.

The grantees will be announced at a November 4th

awards celebration at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

X and Diaz join the ranks of hundreds of artists who have garnered more than \$3.6 million in funding.

X, a visual arts winner, is an Indigenous futurist and multidisciplinary artist specializing in land, architectural, and new media installation. He said the money helped him move to an artist studio in Horner Park, outside of his home. It's a space that he is currently using to complete effigy

earthworks being constructed along the Chicago and Des Plaines Rivers. Having moved to Chicago seven years ago, X says the city has been embracing him just as much as he's been embracing it (he's a part of the Chicago Architecture Biennial).

"I intend to keep making and creating and trying to create space for people to think," he said. "Welcome to Chicago, that's how it felt when I got that award."

Diaz, a teaching arts winner, is a vocalist, dancer, and leader in and out of the Bomba community.

"Bomba is the oldest style of music from Puerto Rico," she said. "It traces back to over 400 years of our history. This is our African-influenced music that revives our story and ancestors. It's music of resistance and the music of how our ancestors used to communicate; this is the style of music that we used in July to remove our governor."

Diaz plans on using her funds to invest in her community, as well as her traveling school, La Escuelita Bomba de Corazon. It's been 10 years since Diaz opened its doors.

"I never thought I'd be celebrating 10 years of my school with one of the biggest grants and it's

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Lady Gaga attends Lady Gaga Celebrates the Launch of Haus Laboratories at Barker Hangar on Sept. 16.

Lady Gaga falls off stage while dancing with fan

NEW YORK (AP) — Lady Gaga is recovering after falling off the stage while dancing with a fan at a concert.

During her Las Vegas show Thursday night, the pop star invited a fan onstage who picked her up and lost balance. Both plunged to the floor as a result.

Moments after the fall, Gaga was back onstage with the fan and told him: “You promise me you’re not gonna be sad about that, right?”

He responded: “I promise.”

Several fans posted video of the fall and Gaga’s return to the stage on social media.

After the show Gaga posted Instagram photos of herself in a bath, writing: “Post show routine: ice bath for 5-10 min, hot bath for 20, then compression suit packed with ice packs for 20.”

A representative for Gaga didn’t reply to an email seeking comment. The singer has suffered from fibromyalgia, a condition marked by chronic and widespread musculoskeletal pain, and she has canceled several concerts as a result

Oct. 21 birthdays: Actress Joyce Randolph is 95. Keyboardist Manfred Mann is 79. Guitarist Steve Cropper is 78. Singer Elvin Bishop is 77. TV judge Judy Sheindlin is 77. Actor Everett McGill is 74. Trumpeter Lee Loughnane is 73. Actor Dick Christie is 71. Guitarist Charlotte Caffey is 66. Director Catherine Hardwicke is 64. Singer Julian Cope is 62. Guitarist Steve Lukather is 62. Actor Ken Watanabe is 60. Actress Melora Walters is 59. Singer-bassist Nick Oliveri is 48. Keyboardist Charlie Lowell is 46. Actor Jeremy Miller is 43. Singer Matthew Ramsey is 42. Actor Will Estes is 41. Actor Michael McMillian is 41. Reality TV star Kim Kardashian is 39. Actress Charlotte Sullivan is 36. Actor Glenn Powell is 31. Country singer Kane Brown is 26.

Box office

1. **“Maleficent: Mistress of Evil,”** \$36 million
2. **“Joker,”** \$29.5 million
3. **“Zombieland: Double Tap,”** \$26.7 million
4. **“The Addams Family,”** \$16.1 million
5. **“Gemini Man,”** \$8.5 million
6. **“Abominable,”** \$3.5 million
7. **“Downton Abbey,”** \$3.1 million
8. **“Judy,”** \$2.1 million
9. **“Hustlers,”** \$2.1 million
10. **“It: Chapter Two,”** \$1.5 million

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FRANCOIS MORI/AP

Oscar winner Jennifer Lawrence got married over the weekend: The “Hunger Games” star tied the knot with New York art dealer Cooke Maroney on Saturday at a Newport, Rhode Island, mansion. Lawrence’s publicist confirmed to The Associated Press that the wedding took place, but did not provide additional details. People.com reports that Emma Stone, Kris Jenner and Amy Schumer were among the 150 guests at Belcourt Castle, which is owned by Carolyn Rafaelian, owner and founder of the jewelry company Alex and Ani. The Newport Daily News reports that about 100 fans stood outside the mansion hoping to catch a glimpse of a celebrity.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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It may be time for couple to break

Dear Amy: My husband and I have been together almost 19 years and have two children together. We’ve had our ups and downs. Approximately five years ago, we had an argument and he kicked me out of the home, which led me to stay with my mother out of town.

During this time, I begged to come home and was denied. After about a month, I learned that he had flown out of state and rented a hotel room and a car for three days so he could meet a 19-year-old girl he met on Instagram! I don’t know if it was out of retaliation or feeling rejected (probably both), but I also had an affair, which I’ve regretted ever since.

I have forgiven him, and he claimed the same. I thought things were good.

Last winter, I stumbled upon a letter he had written to a 26-year-old heroin addict who was in prison for a drug possession charge she caught right after they met. They were having an intense emotional affair.

We were working past that and in therapy.

Things started getting better until I stumbled upon an email confirmation of a review he had posted about an escort he had been with. He confessed to having paid contact with 10 different escorts over the past year.

I love him, but he’s trying to justify it by claiming I was ignoring him. I was going to school and working to try and better our financial problems!

I can’t even look at him without thinking about his disgusting behavior. What do I do? I don’t want to throw away 19 years!

Our kids have been staying with their grandparents to spare them this drama, but they obviously know that things are not good. Please help!

— R, from Colorado

Dear R: You don’t say how old your children are, but within the last five years, their mother has been “kicked out” of the home for an extended period, and their dad went on an out-of-town sex bender. Since then, the drama has been near-constant. (And can I just mention that a guy who posts an online review of a paid escort is a guy who is begging to get caught?)

I could lecture you about putting your children first, and I hope you are capable of that. For now, the kids have been put out of the home so that their parents can continue to play out their relationship drama.

I have to assume that their lives are more stable with their grandparents, but you must imagine the longer-term impact on them. Your behavior now is scripting their future.

You say you two are in therapy, but it is hard to imagine that a competent therapist would counsel you to stay together.

My advice is for you to get tested for STDs and undertake the process of dissolving your marriage. You might interpret this as “throwing away 19 years,” but I would tell you this is a lifeline to a fresh start.

Dear Readers: Today I was in the doctor’s office getting a flu shot (ahem, so should you). The RN administering the injection said, “Amy, I have a bone to

pick with you.”

Now, I’m used to these conversations, but this admonition from a health-care professional about to jab me with a needle really got my attention.

She told me that when I answer questions from readers regarding depression, in her opinion, I tend to offer compassionate and correct counsel. And then she proceeded with the bone-picking. “You do a good job, but leave out the most important part!” she said.

What is that?

“Anyone struggling with a mental health issue should visit their primary care physician first. Mental illness is often linked to other medical problems. A physician can help with the initial diagnosis and develop a care plan.”

I responded that I thought this was more or less common knowledge, and perhaps didn’t need restating, but I think I’m wrong about that, and I’m grateful to this concerned health-care professional for pointing it out.

Dear Amy: Responding to the question from a short person who was tired of people’s comments, I am a tall person who ONCE made a joke about someone’s height. I was given an answer I will never forget: “Yes, I may be short, but you making a comment like that makes you seem awful small.”

— Touché

Dear Touché: Impressive.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Thaddeus Tukes celebrates ‘Let’s Vibe’ at Green Mill

By HOWARD REICH

There was a celebratory air at the Green Mill Jazz Club on Friday night, and not only because Chicago vibraphonist Thaddeus Tukes was marking the release of his third album, the aptly named “Let’s Vibe.”

For the very sound of the vibraphone, with its ringing tones and overtones, beguiles and delights the ear, particularly when played as fluidly as Tukes. Add to this his fleet technique on marimba, and you had a riot of sound produced by fast-flying mallets. That Tukes was fronting a sextet on the Green Mill’s compact stage added to the sonic and visual impact of the event.

Yet even with all that personnel, instrumentation and sound production, there was an elegance to the music-making that listeners have come to expect from Tukes. Wearing a black tux, bright white shirt and traditional bow tie loosened around his neck, Tukes balanced the distinct tintinnabulation of his instruments with succinct, well-tailored statements from his colleagues.

The climax of his first set emerged not on vibraphone but on marimba, its lighter, less resonant sound inspiring some remarkable flights of virtuosity. Here Tukes played one of the evening’s many original compositions, “No Mas Ron” (from the new album), which he said was inspired by a trip to Cuba and environs. The rhythmic buoyancy of the tune illuminated what he meant, the music bounding from one offbeat to the next. Tukes’ complex lines and cascading chords, lively tempo and Afro-Caribbean rhythms told the story.



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Thaddeus Tukes performs with the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic in 2018.

Earlier in the night, Tukes dispatched another characteristically jubilant original, “Vibestown Stomp,” also from the “Let’s Vibe” release. He said the piece represented his homage to Chicago jazz, which, judging by this performance, he regards as soulful and hard-swinging. Beyond Tukes’ perpetually syncopated themes and intricately embellished lines, the piece engendered raspy exhortations from tenor saxophonist Irvin Pierce, robust plunger-muted riffs from trombonist Adam Thornburg and unstoppable rhythmic momentum from pianist Julius Tucker, bassist Katie Ernst and drummer Alvin Cobb, Jr.

If this is how Tukes views the meaning of Chicago jazz, it’s no wonder he’s based his career here. His music — and his between-song commentary — indicate a deep connection to the century-long history of jazz made in Chicago.

Amid all this muscular playing, however, Tukes also offered respite in the form of Duke Ellington’s “Sunset and the Mocking Bird” (from Tukes’ “Vibes” album of 2016). After a poetic opening solo from

pianist Tucker, Tukes unfurled delicately expressed single-note lines, allowing long-held pitches to slowly fade away. His meticulously ornamented phrases were accompanied by Ernst’s bowed lines on bass and Tucker’s silvery pianism, showing the introspective side of this band’s work.

Tukes and friends produced great washes of color in his “Robbin Hood,” the vibraphonist’s hard-struck notes punctuated by telegraphic, two-horn motifs from Thornburg on trumpet and Pierce on saxophone. This was the boldest statement in the set, the band affirming that it can flex its muscles when so inclined.

All of which made one appreciate anew Tukes’ contributions to music in Chicago these days. For though fine pianists, saxophonists, brass players and others always have been in abundance here, an up-and-coming vibraphonist with something significant to say is as rare as he is welcome.

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BROADWAY REVIEW

Mary-Louise Parker shines in Adam Rapp's drama

BY CHRIS JONES

NEW YORK — Anyone who has tended to the dying, or even the severely challenged, has seen someone's mind flick back across their entire lives, thinking about their successes and, shudder, their failings. They also usually think about what to do with the time they have left.

Shouldn't we all? Actually, most of our lives are made up of the drip, drip of the everyday nonsense that we have convinced ourselves matters. But give someone a hard deadline for their own death, and they might then think about doing something of which they never would otherwise dream.

That's the situation in which Bella, the reluctant and macabre heroine of Adam Rapp's exquisitely dark and Dostoevskian little play, "The Sound Inside," finds herself.

As played in this gorgeous piece of theater by Mary Louise Parker — and, heaven forfend, what a complete performance! — Bella is a 50-ish woman, a professor of creative writing who sacrificed her personal life to a climb up the academic tentpole to a position at Yale University. She's the maybe-unreliable narrator of her own story, self-critical and fiendishly intelligent, even if she never has been all that productive. Couple of minor things published. That's been it. Still, a life to fill the years.

But now cancer, endured without anyone to take her to chemotherapy. Or pick her up after. If she even wants picking up.

Enter an enigmatic, invasive, 18-year-old undergraduate named Christopher (an all-in Will Hochman, keeping up with Parker). Bella already suspects he is a prodigious writer in the gonzo David Foster Wallace mode with a Luddite personality located somewhere on the proverbial spectrum (he hates Twitter). But can he actually do anything for her,



CAROLYN BROWN

Will Hochman and Mary-Louise Parker in "The Sound Inside" on Broadway at Studio 54.

now that life seems to be dealing such rough blows?

Should she? Would he? Will they? Would that be fair to him? What answers might they find together? Dare she even ask?

All of that is revealed within about 90 minutes in director David Cromer's existentially terrifying production, a gorgeously expressionistic staging wherein meaning and temporary respite continually emerges from, and then returns to, darkness. The script actually has a campus setting, but these

ghostly shadows of New Haven might as well be the devil's waiting room.

Will Bella find comfort with Christopher? Spend half an hour with Bella, and with Parker's clear-eyed dive into mortality, and you desperately hope so.

An affair between a professor and a freshman is, of course, salacious and intriguing, as well as morally problematic. But sex is only one possibility here as Bella navigates a new personal world order, otherwise known as running out of time.

With the help of a lighting design from Heather Gilbert that craves the black of night more than any illumination, Cromer keeps misdirecting you as you watch this oddest of couples navigate whatever it is they are doing. One of Cromer's most stellar achievements here is the continuance of Bella's self-dramatization. On Alexander Woodward's set, a design that refuses ever to fully reveal itself, one location of their affair seems to melt into another so organically that a cinematic term

like cross-fade does not do it justice.

These are theatrical transformations, explicitly directed to point out how one moment of our life tends to bleed into another. We don't get separate scenes. We don't get an intermission. We just live until it ends.

Rapp is writing about how death usually comes with a sudden awareness of the youth of other people, fellow humans totally unaware of how lucky they are right now, and the rich banquet of possibility that

lies ahead. How perfect that we now see "The Sound Inside" — which is even better than when I first saw it in Williamstown — at Studio 54, once the playground of oblivious hedonists.

"The Sound Inside" plays at Studio 54, 254 W. 54th St., New York; Soundinside-Broadway.com

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Rock

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we don't want to be."

Professional or not, Sleater-Kinney was already rounding into shape as an explosive live act 20 years ago, one of the best of its generation with no-frills sets that leaped from one crescendo to the next. The new Sleater-Kinney on display at the Riviera is a more polished enterprise, with Brownstein and Tucker out front while their three accomplices stood in back, their boundaries clearly outlined, their faces often in shadows as the lights focused on the two singer-guitarists out front.

This cleaner, glitzier presentation was in keeping with the more direct, pop-oriented presentation on the band's latest album, "The Center Won't Hold," produced by St. Vincent, aka Annie Clark. The new songs are hit and miss, heavier on keyboards and electronic textures. It's an uncharacteristically erratic collection that dialed down some of the band's strengths, notably Weiss' agile yet powerful drumming and the tangled interplay between the Brownstein-Tucker guitars and voices.

Yet as the band played the entirety of "The Center Won't Hold" during a nearly two-hour set, several of the new songs sounded tougher, grittier than their studio counterparts. "Hurry on Home" took on a breathless urgency and a skronky guitar break gave the plaintive "Reach Out" a twist. The gothic "RUINS" plodded along until Brownstein divebombed it with her guitar. But the band couldn't give new life to the unfunky "Bad Dance," the sing-songy "The Future is Here" or the tepid "The Dog/The Body."

Part of the issue was the lack of genuine connection

Sleater-Kinney set list Friday at the Riviera:

1. The Center Won't Hold
2. Hurry On Home
3. Price Tag
4. The Future is Here
5. Jumpers
6. Reach Out
7. Bury Our Friends
8. RUINS
9. What's Mine is Yours
10. Ironclad
11. One More Hour
12. Bad Dance
13. Restless
14. The Fox
15. LOVE
16. Can I Go On
17. Step Aside
18. A New Wave
19. Animal
20. The Dog/The Body
21. Entertain
- Encore:**
22. Broken
23. Oh!
24. Words and Guitar
25. Modern Girl
- Encore 2:**
26. Call the Doctor
27. Start Together
28. Dig Me Out

between the two leaders and the backing trio. Without Weiss leaning into the songs like she was driving Secretariat to the finish line, Brownstein and Tucker had to do most of the heavy lifting themselves. Tucker's howitzer of a voice shook the rafters on "Price Tag" and "Animal," and "Jumpers" and "The Fox" landed like wrecking balls. Brownstein strutted across the stage and jutted her guitar toward the ceiling while trading smiles with Tucker. After decades of dominance, Sleater-Kinney is once again a work in progress. But even amid a few bumps with a refashioned sound and band, Tucker and Brownstein exuded a confidence that suggested they knew they'd get where they needed to be soon enough.

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Gaffigan

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last few years — with \$30 million in earnings, he was ranked third this year on Forbes' list of highest paid comedians.

Friday night it felt like all the work — on top of touring he's had a constant stream of movie and TV roles for the last few years — was catching up to him. Of course, as a stand-up, part of his shtick is how lazy and low energy he is, but unlike in other performances, at the late show Friday night he seemed legitimately exhausted, working steadily through his 70-minute set like a man who needed a recharge.

Sporting a light beard and disheveled blonde hair, Gaffigan — dressed in a black dress shirt, gray pants and sneakers — moved slowly around the stage, holding the microphone in his right hand and either gesturing or leaning on the microphone stand with his left.

While his latest material shares a structure with his past specials — Gaffigan mentions a topic (rodeos, motorcycles, Canada) and then in the middle of a laugh you realize he's been slinging grade-A one-liners on that same subject for several minutes — this set currently feels slightly underdeveloped overall and even a bit lackluster in some sections. ("I would never call my wife crazy," he said at one point, "be-



GEORGE PIMENTEL/WIREIMAGE

Comedian Jim Gaffigan performs in Toronto, Canada, in 2017.

cause I like to be married.")

Some of his best moments of the night included discussing his upbringing outside of Gary, Indiana ("which is where they make the bathroom smell," he quipped) and an especially strong opening in which he imagined a marketing company helping to promote religions and did a deep dive on motorcyclists vs. cyclists. ("I think cyclists need to settle down on the helmet design. It's all so aerodynamic," he said. "You're not going that fast.")

This tour still has months to go — and this was only the second of five shows in Chicago, book-ended by Madonna's latest tour in the same space —

so Gaffigan (and his wife and writing partner Jeanie Gaffigan) have time to get the rest of the show up to this level and pull the material as a whole into a more cohesive package.

But they're also working using the road to get even more direct access to their fanbase. While many comedians have been locking patrons' cellphones up before they can even enter the theater lately, Gaffigan had a display up before opener Ted Alexandro took the stage asking audience members to text him.

"TEXT JIM!?! He'll Text Back!" it said boldly. "Really?" A text sent to the number displayed resulted in a request to fill out a form with some personal information in order to start receiving texts

("which may be marketing in nature" reads the fine print) from Gaffigan. "Msg frequency will vary but you remain the most important person in my life!" came the automated response.

Developing a framework that makes the transmission of marketing material directly to the consumer something they excitedly sign up for? That doesn't sound like the work of a lazy comedian. But keeping those text message recipients interested once the ads start flowing? That sounds exhausting.

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Arts

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really awesome. It's my first grant," Diaz said. "I have a lot of ties to a lot of things in the culture. I just started a new project in Tijuana, Mexico where I'm bringing music of healing

and resistance and empowering women that are stuck at the border. I want to use this money to invest in people to help to continue building community and spaces where people feel good about themselves. It really makes me happy to be out here leaving a legacy that benefits everybody."

"One of the distinguishing characteristics in our program is that we're not looking necessarily for emerging artists, mid-career artists or elder artists, but rather all are a part of the pool," Grimm said. "Most programs you receive a check and that's kind of the end of the run. Our grassroots approach is

once an artist gets an award, it's just the beginning. Because so many of the artists we've awarded have never received significant grants before, it gives us the opportunity to help them build real momentum, which takes time."

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The art of talking about craft

'Inside the Actors Studio' returns

BY ROBERT LLOYD
Variety

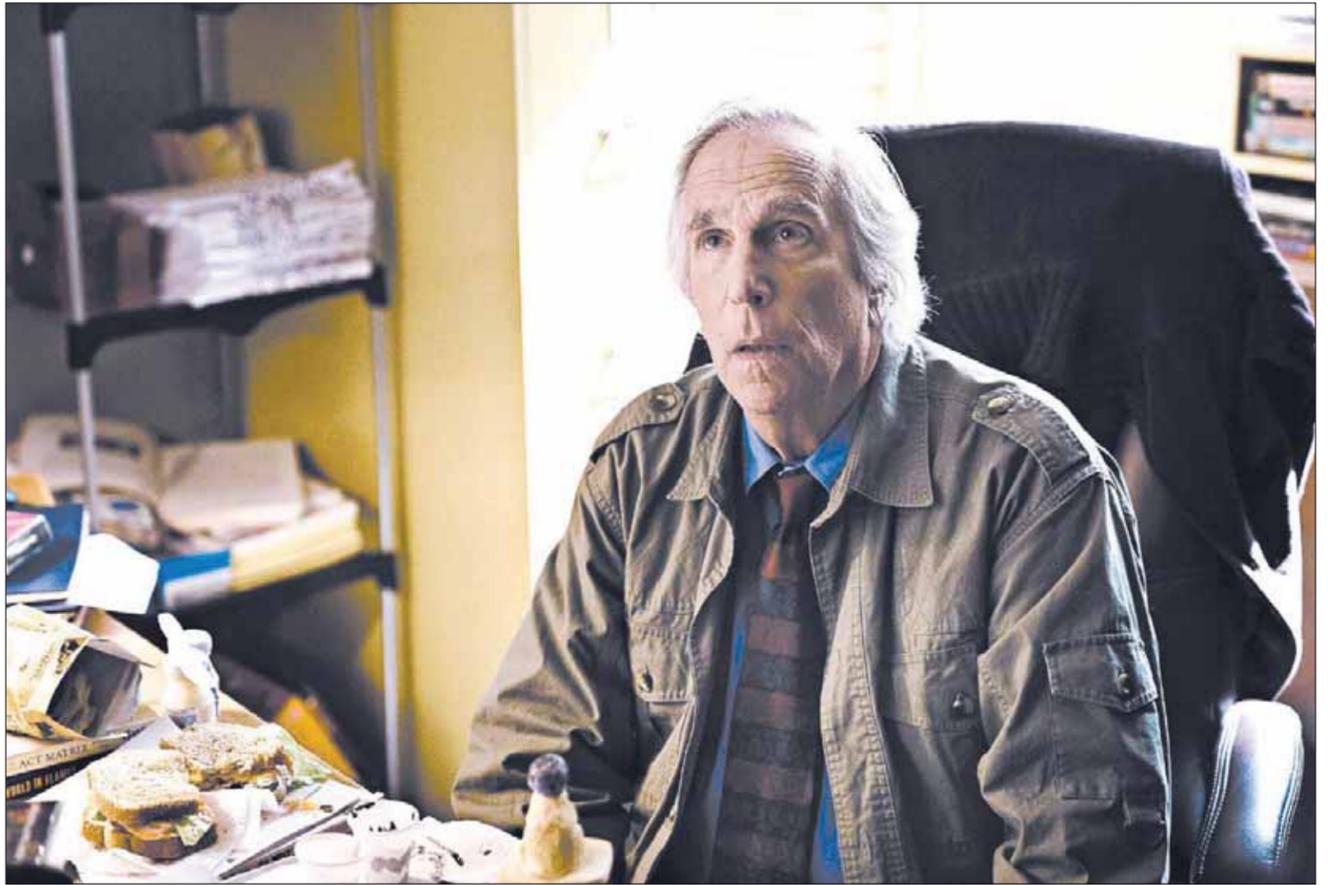
"Inside the Actors Studio," a show in which famous actors talk about their craft, returned to television Sunday on a new network, Ovation, and with rotating hosts in place of James Lipton, who created the show and captained its previous 22 seasons into his 90s.

Lipton, whose last "Actors Studio" ran on Bravo in January 2018, is a hard act to follow. With his combed-back, dark(ened) hair, wizard's goatee and imperial eyebrows — he could play Dr. Strange's grandpa — and pedagogical fanboy manner, he has personified the series. He's been animated on "The Simpsons," played by Will Ferrell on "Saturday Night Live."

The reverential solemnity with which he describes even the slightest accomplishments of his illustrious guests has opened him to parody — see Ferrell, above — but he's a believer. That Henry Winkler, who has won an Emmy for playing an acting teacher on "Barry," is the new season's first guest, feels fitting, as does the fact that his interviewer is Actors Studio member Alec Baldwin, who like Lipton is a big character, with a tendency to purr.

But what's made "Inside the Actors Studio" notable from the start is that it takes its subjects seriously — even too seriously. (But that's a feature, not a bug, and it may lead you to a new appreciation of the work of Pierce Brosnan, say, or Brooke Shields.) Indeed, the series records an actual "master class," its audience made up of students from the Actors Studio Drama School, a graduate program co-founded by Lipton and now affiliated with New York's Pace University. Of the sessions and the series, Lipton said that he vowed "we would not deal in gossip, we would deal in craft, which of course might make us dry and off the air in a year."

In fact, there is a great hunger for this sort of conversation — deep, thoughtful, informed, born of experience and practice — that has flowered in the media in recent years, perhaps because so much of the current landscape is taken up by the rhetorical equivalent of billboards, all screaming and little substance. Creative people of all sorts are being deposed, debriefed and interrogated by their colleagues on podcasts and panels, on daytime and late night TV, on-screen, onstage and the various audio delivery systems, and we're the better for it. Successful actors are as much in the job of talking about themselves as the work they're known for. But much of that talk is promotional fluff, and handlers work to keep things light. The old saw that there is no such thing as bad press obviously no longer holds. That's not to say there's no entertainment value in "The Tonight Show" —



Henry Winkler, who won an Emmy for playing an acting teacher on HBO's "Barry," is the first guest on the new season of "Inside the Actors Studio." HBO

there's plenty; but guests are there to sparkle for a moment, long enough to display a personality but too brief to reveal a person. And yet even a person whose life is chaotic or tragic or dull may come alive when work is made the center of the conversation.

On Comedy Central, the lately debuted "Good Talk With Anthony Jeselnik" offers another show in which a comedian interviews other comedians — like Jerry Seinfeld's (now Netflix) series, without the cars of coffee, or Marc Maron's "WTF" podcast, with pictures. It's both a takeoff on a talk show and an actually effective one, the level of irony fluctuating from question to question and sometimes within a single sentence.

Jeselnik's comedy persona, which he puts on and takes off throughout each half hour, is superior, competitive and dismissive — the anti-Lipton. To Nick Kroll: "You do both stand-up and improv. It's so rare for people to be good at both; how do you come so close to pulling it off?" To Tig Notaro: "You've been very outspoken about the #MeToo Movement. Do you do any celebrity impressions?" (She does one that might be either Larry David or Joan Rivers, or both at once.) It's a funny show, but not an unserious one.

Intelligent interview shows are nothing new, of course, if never common, which is why we lionize those who have done it well — Ed Murrow, Studs Terkel, Barbara Walters. "The Dick Cavett Show," which aired late night on ABC from 1969 to 1975 (and in other permutations before and after that), when such shows ran for 90 minutes — sometimes dedicated to a single guest — set a standard for smart talk. Guests were not necessarily there to sell a project but just to talk in an

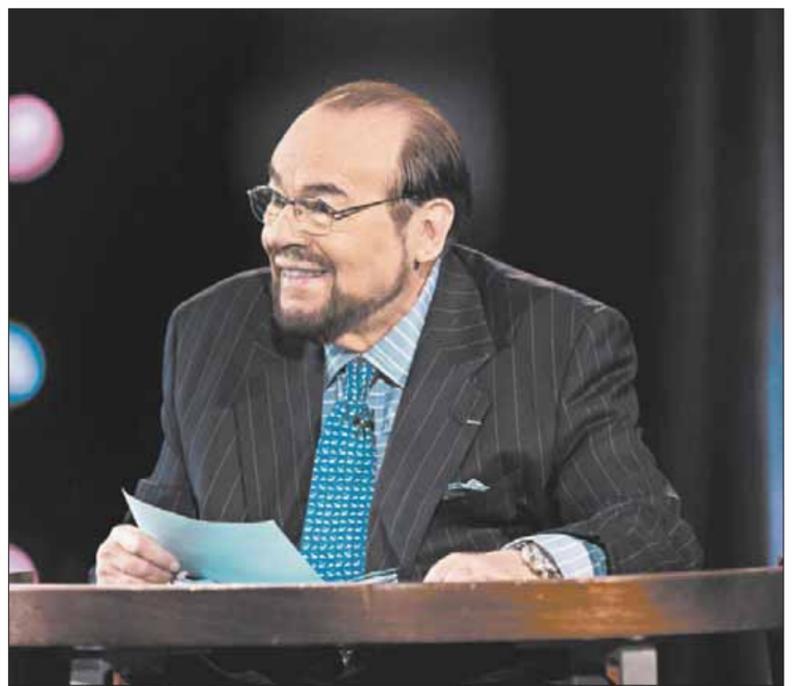
atmosphere of sympathetic interest.

"Fresh Air," hosted by Terry Gross since 1975, is similarly smart and thoughtful; Gross' interviews, which are archived online, hold up over time. Howard Stern, who recently put out a book collecting excerpts from his interviews, is another genuinely curious interviewer, guided less by commercial considerations than his own interests, which, yes, can be a little, you know, eww. (You can find Stern interviewed on a recent edition of "Conan O'Brien Needs a Friend" — O'Brien sounds like a different, more rounded person there than on his television show — and hear O'Brien interviewed by Gross on "Fresh Air.")

Behind the curtain

Still, when the talk is among people who share professional expertise, it pulls back a curtain. I suppose some viewers watch "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee" for the classic cars, but the real appeal is a chance to eavesdrop on high-level shop talk, as if from the next booth at Nate 'n Al's. Since 2009, Maron has recorded more than 1,000 episodes of his "WTF" podcast; for a long time, his guests, deposed at length, were almost entirely comedians — like himself — including many who would become much more famous.

"Actors Studio" may actually be a master class, but it's a phrase you hear bandied about these days: "[Blank] gave a master class in [blank]." Oprah Winfrey has a TV series and podcast called "Oprah's Master Class": "Everybody has a story, and there's something to be learned from every experience" is the tagline — though "everybody" here means Maya Angelou, Jay-Z, John Lewis, Jane



James Lipton created the "Inside the Actors Studio" and captained its previous 22 seasons into his 90s. JAIMIE TRUEBLOOD/BRavo

Fonda and Justin Timberlake."

At Masterclass.com, a sort of platinum Learning Annex, one can take video courses in comedy from Steve Martin, violin from Itzhak Perlman, creative writing from Margaret Atwood, acting from Helen Mirren, economics from Paul Krugman and "ball-handling, shooting and scoring" from Stephen Curry.

Judd Apatow's comedy course comes in 32 installments with a workbook, which will surprise no one familiar with the length of his films, or his own print collection of interviews with comics, the 2015 "Sick in the Head."

Chats on the web

These conversations and lectures live largely on the web, a bottomless well where the overhead is low, access is easy and there is little to get between an

idea and its audience. The YouTube-based series "Tongue and Pencil" features animator Chris Prynosi ("Me-talocalypse," "Big Mouth") speaking, drinking and drawing with fellow artists.

Matt Sweeney's "Guitar Moves" — "two guys talking about guitar without being lofty about it" — produced a different sort of Keith Richards interview, including a performance of "Malaguena."

And there are all sorts of celebrities: Math superstars are interviewed on the YouTube channel of the Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques, for example, and you don't have to have any particular affection for the subject to find their stories fascinating, even useful. On "The Good Place: The Podcast," hosted by Marc Evan Jackson, who plays that series' senior evil character, actors, writers,

directors, producers and other crew members give insight into how a complicated comedy is put together; it's exciting and enlightening.

Such series appeal to the head and the heart; apart from whatever inside factual information they convey, they make their subjects more human, and what someone has to say about his or her life or way of working may tell you something about yours. They may help a younger person to build an identity, an older one to reframe the past. We are all trying to master some little bit of our world, and it's good to hear the masters talk.

"We are not just celebrities or stars," Winkler tells his student audience on "Inside the Actors Studio." "We are illuminators of the world, we are mirrors, and the society needs us." It's a bit highfalutin, sure, but he's not wrong. And James Lipton would agree.

'American Idol' was just his beginning

BY ALLISON STEWART

Scarypoolparty had only been making music for a few years before he appeared on the latest season of "American Idol," competing under his real name, Alejandro Aranda.

The singer-songwriter, 25, was one of the only "Idol" finalists to ever perform songs he'd written himself, which may be part of the reason he only came in second, and the judges were fulsome in their praise.

"I just feel like I'm in the presence of greatness," said Luke Bryan.

Katy Perry asked if she could roadie for Aranda on his almost instantly sold-

out first headlining tour. Stevie Nicks said he made her cry (she wasn't actually a judge, but still).

After "Idol," things started happening quickly.

Aranda signed a deal with Hollywood Records and began work on a debut album. He performed his first full-band show just a few months ago, at Lollapalooza.

His hometown of Pomona, California, where Aranda had recently toiled as a dishwasher, threw him a parade. His friend Twin Shadow, who gave him an early break when he recruited Aranda for his touring band, is now opening for him.

In a phone interview,

Scarypoolparty broke down his almost unrecognizably weird new life. The following is an edited transcript of the interview:

Q: This feels fast. Does it feel fast to you?

A: Yeah, it feels extremely fast. It feels kind of like a dream, in a sense.

Q: It must be a hard transition, to be on the show and all these famous judges are telling you how great you are and millions of people are supporting you, and then the show ends and you're just sort of cast out to figure it out for yourself.

A: For me, it's not really a transition. You're just an artist. It matters how you view your music and how you view your identity.

It was a good opportunity for me to showcase my songs, which they allowed me to (do). I'm still the same coming in and out. I don't think I'll ever change that mentality.

Q: Did "Idol" change how you approach making music in any way?

A: Not really. It kind of put me in this weird state where I wasn't really writing songs because you're busy recording the show.

I wasn't really writing, but I was trying to stay true to writing every day, prac-



Scarypoolparty plays at Plaza Live on Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$89. SCARYPOOLPARTY

ting every day. It was actually kind of hard to be on that show and try to write music. Coming out of it was a breath of air.

Q: You're doing some dates with Twin Shadow.

You were recently working for him.

A: We both have this relationship which is nothing but goodness.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Lee Brice

“The Love of Dogs Benefit Concert” (9 p.m., Hallmark): From the Country Music Hall of Fame CMA Theater in Nashville, Tenn., Larissa Wohl hosts this musical event aimed at finding permanent homes for millions of shelter and rescue dogs across the United States. Country music stars Lee Brice, Hunter Hayes and Easton Corbin team up for the concert, which was filmed earlier this month.

“All American” (7 p.m., CW): Spencer (Daniel Ezra) delivers an ultimatum to his father (guest star Chad Coleman) about his new player in the new episode “Never No More,” but after talking to Jordan (Michael Evans Behling), Spencer gains a new perspective on what’s really bothering him. Elsewhere, Coop (Bre-Z) shows off her rapping skills at school, gaining a newfound confidence that inspires her to enter a freestyle battle.

“9-1-1” (7 p.m., FOX): The team races to help protestors at a slaughterhouse in the new episode “Rage,” but there may be even more bloodshed in a home where an aggrieved wife finds herself trapped in a “rage room” with her husband’s mistress. Elsewhere, Buck’s (Oliver Stark) suit against the city goes into arbitration, leaving his colleagues feeling betrayed, and Eddie (Ryan Guzman) turns to Lena (guest star Ronda Rousey) for help with his own anger issues.

“Rock the Block” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., HGTV): Four of the fiercest women in home renovation and design face off in this new reality competition series, in which each of the rivals is given four weeks and \$175,000 for their makeover on one of four identical properties in the Los Angeles area. The goal? To enhance the value of the property.

“Bluff City Law” (9:01 p.m., NBC): Elijah and Sydney (Jimmy Smits, Caitlin McGee) realize they’ll have to set aside any lingering father-daughter personal issues to focus on helping a group of farmers who are in dire jeopardy of losing everything they have to a nefarious corporate scheme in the new episode “When the Levee Breaks.”

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): He’s usually based on the West Coast, but for the fifth time in his show’s history, late-night host Jimmy Kimmel returns to his hometown borough of Brooklyn, N.Y., for a week of shows based at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, where Kimmel will do his traditional monologue and interview celebrity guests.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress Rosario Dawson; comic Dulcé Sloan.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Scarlett Johansson; 2020 presidential hopeful Pete Buttigieg; Jim James, Teddy Abrams and members of the Louisville Orchestra perform.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Julie Andrews; actor Jonathan Groff; YUNGBLUD and Dan Reynolds perform.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

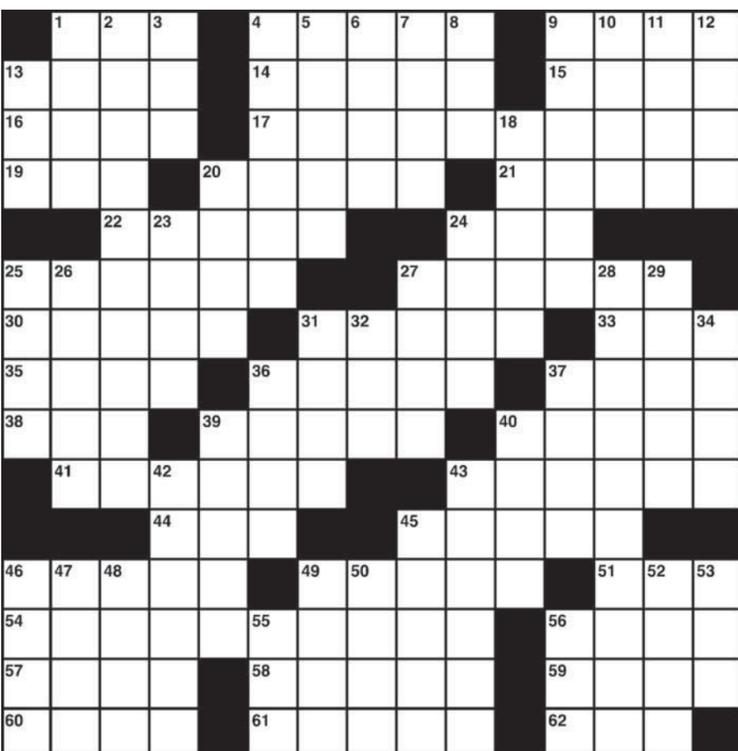
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MONDAY EVENING, OCT. 21

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Neighborhood (N)	Bob Hearts Abishola (N)	All Rise: “Devotees in the Courthouse of Love.” (N)		Bull: “Billboard Justice.” (N) ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	The Voice: “The Battles, Part 3.” (N) ©				(9:01) Bluff City Law (N)		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	Dancing With the Stars: “Week 6.” (N) (Live) ©				The Good Doctor: “First Case, Second Base.” (N)		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish: “Gap Year.”	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3’s Comp.
	This TV 9.3	Little Man Tate (PG,91) ***	Jodie Foster. ©			Modern Girls (PG-13,86) * ©		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Antiques Roadshow: “Virginia Beach.” ©		Retro Report on PBS (N) ©		POV (N) ©
	CW 26.1	All American (N) ©		Black Lightning (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil (N) ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		The Steve Wilkos Show		Cops ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Marked for Death (R,90) **	Steven Seagal. ©			Above Lw ♦
	FOX 32	9-1-1: “Rage.” (N) ©		(8:01) Prodigal Son: “The Trip.” (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	Criminal Minds: “Ashley.”		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦
	TeleM 44	Exatón EE. UU. (N)		El final del paraíso (N) ©		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)
	MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago ♦
	UniMas 60	Enamorándonos		Resistiré		Noticiero Uni	Apocalipsis	
	WJYS 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Wonderen	Monument
	Univ 66	La Rosa de Guadalupe		Cuna de lobos		El dragón (N)		Noticias (N)
CABLE	AE	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Live Rescue: “Live Rescue -- 10.21.19.” (N) ©				Live PD ♦
	AMC	(6) Independence Day (PG-13,96) ***	Will Smith.			Independence Day (PG-13,96) ***		
	ANIM	The Last Alaskans: Arctic Refuge (Season 2) (N)				The Last Alaskans: Arctic Refuge		
	BBCA	X-Men (PG-13,00) ***	Hugh Jackman. ©			(9:15) X2: X-Men United (03) ***		
	BET	Family Bus. Carl Weber’s	The Family Business			The Family Business		Family ♦
	BIGTEN	BTN Volleyball in 60 ©		The BIG Show ©		BTN Football in 60 ©		BIG Show ♦
	BRAVO	Below Deck ©		Below Deck (N) ©		Below Deck ©		Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily Show
	DISC	Street-Memphis (N)		(8:01) Street Outlaws: “The Crow Also Rises...” ©				Outlaws (N)
	DISN	Just Roll With It ©		Jessie ©	Jessie ©	Coop	Sydney-Max	Raven
	E!	The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13,06) ***	Meryl Streep. ©			Nightly (N)		Devil ♦
	ESPN	NFL Football: New England Patriots at New York Jets. (N) (Live)						SportsC. (N)
	ESPN2	Baseball Tonight (N) ©		UFC Reloaded				Foot. Final ♦
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Halloween Baking		Halloween Baking (N)		Halloween Cake-Off (N)		Halloween ♦
	FREE	Hotel Transilvania: Goosebumps (PG,15) ***	Jack Black, Dylan Minnette. © (SAP)					700 Club ♦
	FX	The Secret Life of Pets (PG,16) ***				The Secret Life of Pets (PG,16) ***		
	HALL	2019 American Humane Hero Dog Awards (N) ©				The Love of (N)		Golden Girls
	HGTV	Good Bones (N) ©		Rock the Block (N) ©		Rock (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters
	HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(9:03) Pawn Stars (N)		Pawn ♦
	HLN	The Dead Wives Club: “Natalie Wood.”		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE	Snowed Inn Christmas (NR,17)	Bethany Joy Lenz.			(9:03) Christmas Lost and Found ♦		
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish ♦
	NBCSCH	Bulls (N)	Beer Money	NASCAR Xfinity (Tape) ♦				
	NICK	Are You Afraid		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦
	OVATION	(6) Maigret ©		Boomerang (R,92) **	Eddie Murphy, Halle Berry.			
	OWN	Dateline on OWN ©		Dateline on OWN ©		Dateline on OWN ©		Dateline ♦
	OXY	NCIS ©		NCIS: “Under the Radar.”		NCIS ©		NCIS ♦
PARMT	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
SYFY	Harry Potter	Annabelle: Creation (R,17) **	Stephanie Sigman. ©				Futurama ♦	
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Conan (N)	
TCM	The Story of Louis Pasteur (36) ***		(8:45) The Life of Emile Zola (NR,37) ***					
TLC	90 Day: Other (N)		90 Day Fiance: The Other Way: “Tell All: Part 2.” (N)				90 Day ♦	
TLN	Supernatural	TOGETHER	Faith Chi	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham	Humanity ♦	
TNT	(6:45) Wonder Woman (PG-13,17) ***	Gal Gadot. ©					Huntsman War ♦	
TOON	We Bare	We Bare	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Paranormal Emergency		Paranormal (N)		My Horror Story (N) ©		Ghost Nat. ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						The Purge ♦	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N)		Cartel Crew (N) ©		Love & Hip Hop		Basketball ♦	
WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law & Order: “Poison Ivy.”		Law ♦	
WGN America	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	(5:55) Cold Pursuit **		The Deuce (N) ©		Catherine the Great (Premiere) (N)		Catherine ♦
	HBO2	The Deuce ©		Corky Romano (PG-13,01) * ©				The A-Team (10) ** © ♦
	MAX	Casino Royale (PG-13,06) ***	Daniel Craig, Eva Green. ©					Quantum of Solace ***
	SHO	The Circus	The Affair: “509.” ©			On Becoming a God		Desus (N)
	STARZ	(7:05) Leavenworth ©		The River and the Wall (NR,19) ©				Duplicity ♦
	STZNC	(5:28) The Lone Ranger		Role Models (R,08) ***				Fast and Furious-Drift ♦

Crossword



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ACROSS

- Crony
- Quackers
- “Woe is me!”
- Additional amount
- TV actress ___ Grant
- ___ fide; genuine
- Reason to call Orkin
- Strewing about
- Ugandan tyrant
- Student’s composition
- Months for dads & grads
- Pilot
- Energy
- Martians & others
- Stratagem
- Decompose
- Stretch of land
- Apple product
- Enthusiastic
- ___ about; ponder
- Agile
- “Give ___ break!”
- Grains sown
- Essentials
- Go by, as time
- William Randolph or Patty
- College entry exam
- ___ Mesa, CA
- Nuisances

DOWN

- Fishing spot
- Imitation
- French article
- ___ off; leaves quickly
- Stomach ailment
- Boston ___ chowder
- Toy with a tail
- “Ready, __, go!”
- Sudden
- Cut of pork
- Actress Meara
- Hangs limply
- ___ tai; rum cocktail
- Kick out
- Wee
- Go ahead of others
- Fill a suitcase
- Eden resident

Solutions

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Oct. 21): Success takes root in creativity, connection and communication this year. Steadily contribute for home and family. Love enchants you anew this winter before your career takes a new direction. Some news requires adaptation next summer, leading to a professional growth phase.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Create projects for romance, art and beauty. Enjoy favorite games, activities and people. Relaxation, nature and entertainment feed your playful heart. Have fun together.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Realize domestic dreams with soap, water and maybe a coat of paint. Imagine possibilities for textiles, lighting or color. Keep an inspiration journal.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Gather information. Avoid distractions. Stay on track. Communications, promotions and creative projects can get dreamy results. Focus your attention for the best results.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Keep taking care of business to create positive cash flow. Infuse communications with heart and a dream will approach reality. Polish sales and marketing materials.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. You're getting stronger. A personal dream appears within reach. Persistence and determination move you closer, one step at a time. Talk about what you love.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 6. Look back for insight on the road ahead. Consider ancestors, mentors and elders. What would they advise? Postpone crowds, noise or distractions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Strategize with teammates. Discuss dreams, visions and ambitions. Social events lead to amazing connections and synchronicity. Hold meetings, gatherings and parties. Have fun with friends.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Focus on practical professional tasks, especially regarding communications, sales and marketing. Edit, craft and polish for beautiful results.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Dream big. Expand your boundaries and frontiers. Travel and explore. Long-distance communication sends you in interesting new directions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Financial conversations with your partner can lead to agreement about the results you would love to produce together. Listen generously.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Coordinate errands, responsibilities and actions with your partner. Find efficiencies to conserve energy, time and money. Avoid risky business.

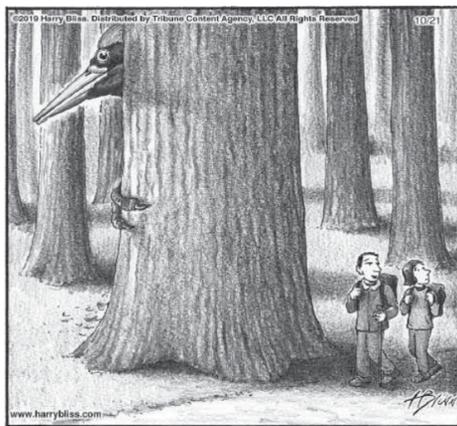
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Your work and health seem energized. Discuss goals with advisers. For best performance, work with trusted doctors, trainers and coaches.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 5 4 ♥ J 5 4 3 ♦ A 8 6 ♣ A 10 8

As dealer, what call would you make?

A.1—Back in the Culbertson era, and a bit beyond, a hand with 2 1/2 quick tricks was a mandatory opening bid. It is not mandatory today, although many would open this hand. We like to be conservative with 4-3-3-3 shape and pass with fewer than 13 points.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q ♥ A 4 ♦ K Q 10 6 3 2 ♣ A J 7 4

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass

?

What call would you make?

A.2—2D, 3D, or 2C? We like to convey as much info as possible, so we like 2C now hoping to bid 3D next.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 4 ♥ 10 ♦ A 9 7 6 3 ♣ A K Q J 7 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

A.3—6-5 hands with all their values in the long suits play much stronger than their high-card points. This hand is well worth a reverse. Open 1C.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 10 4 3 ♥ A K 9 6 5 4 ♦ Void ♣ J 7 5 2

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♥	Dbl
Pass	3♦	4♣	4♦
Pass	Pass	?	

Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

A.4—Don't stop now. This hand has enormous potential. Bid 4H and let partner decide which game to play.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



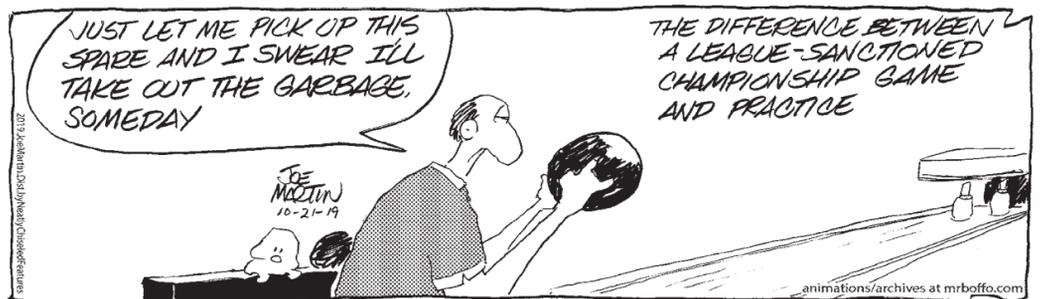
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MONDAY, OCT. 21 NORMAL HIGH: 60° NORMAL LOW: 41° RECORD HIGH: 87° (1953) RECORD LOW: 26° (1952)

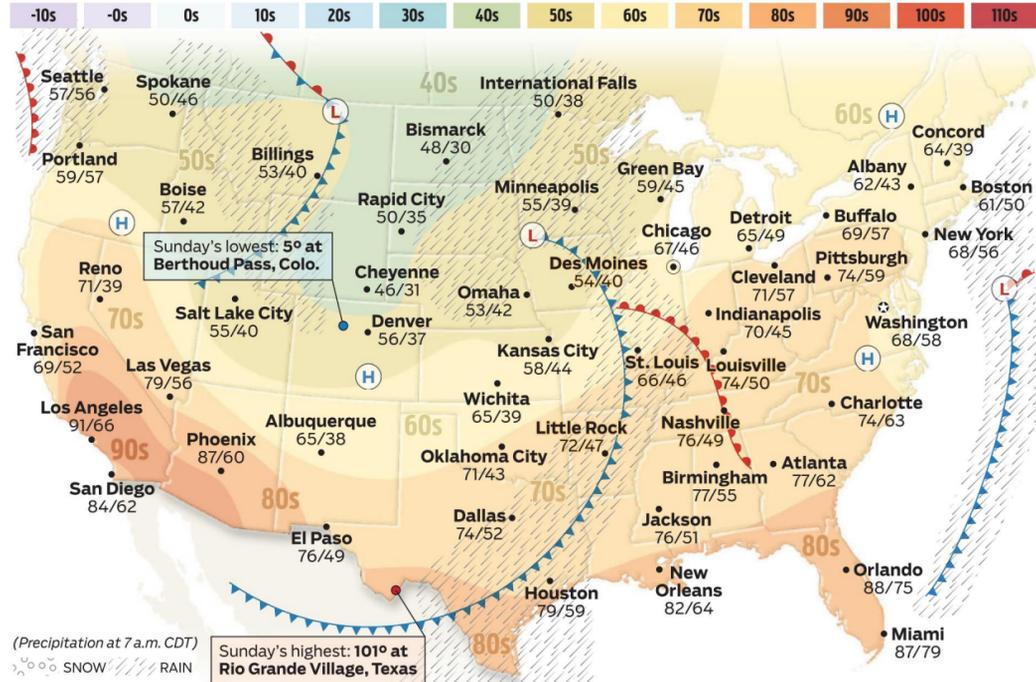
Storm system brings windy start to the week

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 67 **LOW** 46

■ Low pressure to the north brings another day of mild air before temps drop.
 ■ Cloudy and mild to start the day. Showers and a few t-storms, possibly ongoing at daybreak, continue into midday.
 ■ Windy. SE winds 20-30 mph turn SW and gust to near 40 mph.
 ■ Skies turn partly, to mostly sunny by mid-afternoon. Temps peak in the mid-upper 60s.
 ■ Clouds return overnight as colder air sweeps into the area on SW-W winds.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Deepening low pressure over southern Minnesota early Monday is forecast to move to western Lake Superior by Tuesday morning. This system will sweep a cold front across the Midwest on Monday, accompanied by clouds and a threat of rain. Most notable will be an increase in wind. South winds are expected to peak near 30 mph Monday morning, before turning southwest as drier air arrives in the wake of the front. Afternoon gusts could reach 40 mph at times, producing potential gale conditions on Lake Michigan. Temperatures are likely to spike Monday afternoon as the storm's dry slot arrives and sunshine emerges. Colder air over the upper Midwest is due to arrive Monday night, setting up a blustery, gray, chilly Tuesday. Temperatures are forecast to average below normal the remainder of the work week.

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

HIGH 52 **LOW** 39

Blustery and colder. Ragged low clouds break at times allowing peeks of sun. Brief sprinkles possible. Temps gradually rise to the low 50s. SW-W winds 20-30 mph and gusty, diminish late.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

HIGH 59 **LOW** 47

Sunny much of the day, though clouds increase late. Temps moderate, reaching highs in the upper 50s, with some 60-degree readings in spots. W winds 10-15 mph turn SW. Clouds thicken at night.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

HIGH 53 **LOW** 36

Cloudy skies persist in the wake of an overnight cold front. Spotty showers linger much of the day. Chilly, with highs in the low 50s. Rather brisk N-NW winds 15 to 25 mph. Clearing, colder overnight.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

HIGH 50 **LOW** 34

Scattered fair weather clouds develop midday, otherwise sunny. Continued cool. Temps struggle to reach highs of around 50 degrees. Clear and cold overnight. NW wind diminish to 10-15 mph.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

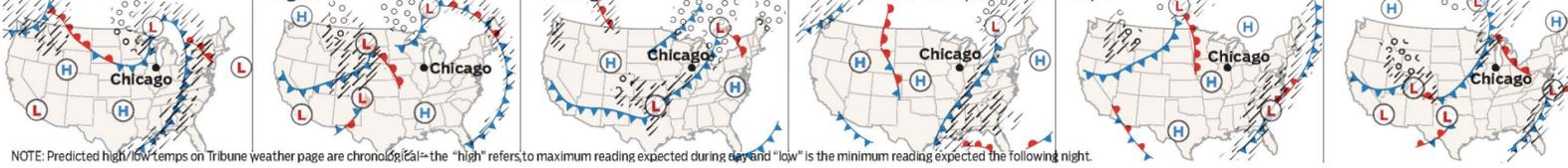
HIGH 58 **LOW** 38

High pressure draped across the region brings pleasant fall weather. After a frosty start to the day, temps respond to abundant sunshine, peaking in the upper 50s. S winds 10-15 mph.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

HIGH 64 **LOW** 44

Mostly sunny skies and SW winds of 15-20 mph combine to bring an influx of mild air. Temps climb to afternoon highs in the low-mid 60s. Fair and seasonably cool at night.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 Why are summers so hot in Baghdad? Is it a dry or humid heat?
 Daniel Morgenthaler, Chicago

Dear Daniel,
 Baghdad, Iraq's capital city, is located in the country's central desert, where the intensely hot and rain-free summers are the epitome of dry heat. High temperatures average in the 105-115 range and occasionally top 120. The intense, unfiltered sunshine and very dry air delivered by the prevailing hot, dusty shamal winds combine to produce the daily triple-digit heat. Baghdad winters are mild and relatively dry, with precipitation averaging about six inches. Highs cluster around 60 and lows around 40, though on many nights readings drop below freezing.

In January 2008, rare snow hit the city, the area's first in about a century.

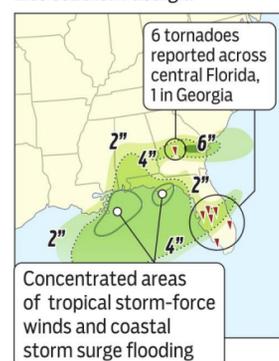
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Cooler air set to return following current mild spell

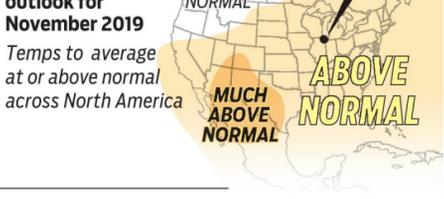
NESTOR LEAVES ITS IMPACT ON GULF COAST/SOUTHEAST
Floods, tornadoes reported over the weekend
 Heavy rainfall—4 to 6 inches from central eastern Gulf Coast into southern Georgia



PAST WEEKEND'S TEMPS
 Sunshine, south winds break cool spell
 Area high temperatures observed Saturday/Sunday



UPCOMING COOL PATTERN NOT EXPECTED TO LAST
 Monthly temp outlook for November 2019
 Temps to average at or above normal across North America



MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES										
MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	MONDAY	FC	HI	LO			
Illinois	ts	70	44	su	63	39	39	Albany	pc	62	43	sh	59	48	Kingston	ts	88	78
Carbondale	ts	68	44	su	63	39	39	Bismarck	pc	48	30	su	50	30	Lima	pc	67	60
Champaign	ts	68	44	su	63	39	39	Boise	pc	57	42	su	60	38	London	pc	67	61
Decatur	ts	67	44	su	63	39	39	Boston	pc	61	50	su	58	39	Madrid	su	60	43
Moline	ts	64	46	su	63	39	39	Brownsville	pc	91	69	su	87	69	Manila	ts	90	78
Peoria	ts	64	46	su	63	39	39	Buffalo	pc	69	57	su	66	45	Montreal	pc	58	45
Quincy	sh	61	44	su	60	39	39	Burlington	pc	61	44	su	61	40	Moscow	sh	63	46
Rockford	ts	65	45	su	63	39	39	Charlotte	cl	74	63	su	75	46	Moscow	cl	66	48
Springfield	pc	65	44	su	63	39	39	Charltn SC	pc	75	68	su	79	50	Nairobi	pc	79	61
Sterling	pc	64	45	su	61	35	35	Charltn WV	pc	78	58	su	81	43	Nassau	pc	86	78
Indiana	ts	69	45	su	63	39	39	Chattanooga	sh	79	57	su	83	43	New Delhi	su	90	65
Bloomington	ts	71	46	su	62	39	39	Cheyanne	pc	46	31	su	58	40	New Delhi	cl	40	36
Evansville	ts	68	45	su	63	39	39	Cincinnati	pc	74	48	su	63	41	Ottawa	pc	61	46
Fort Wayne	ts	70	45	su	63	39	39	Cleveland	cl	71	57	su	63	46	Paris	pc	84	74
Indianapolis	ts	70	45	su	63	39	39	Colorado	pc	63	44	su	61	40	Panama City	cl	59	45
Lafayette	ts	67	45	su	63	39	39	Colo. Spgs	pc	62	29	su	61	41	Prague	pc	66	48
Lafayette	ts	67	45	su	63	39	39	Columbia MO	pc	59	43	su	60	41	Rio de Janeiro	sh	76	67
South Bend	ts	65	46	su	62	39	39	Columbia SC	pc	79	67	su	63	46	Riyadh	pc	88	79
Wisconsin	ts	69	45	su	63	39	39	Columbus	sh	73	51	su	60	41	Rome	pc	79	58
Green Bay	ts	59	45	su	48	37	37	Columbus OH	pc	63	44	su	63	41	Santiago	pc	81	53
Kenosha	ts	60	42	su	48	35	35	Cuba	ts	63	44	su	63	41	Seoul	pc	75	52
La Crosse	ts	60	42	su	48	35	35	Dallas	su	74	52	su	63	41	Singapore	ts	87	79
Madison	ts	60	42	su	48	35	35	Dallas	su	74	52	su	63	41	Sofia	ts	77	44
Milwaukee	ts	60	42	su	48	35	35	Daytona Bch.	ts	86	75	su	69	49	Stockholm	pc	66	42
Wausau	ts	55	41	su	43	34	34	Denver	pc	56	37	su	66	43	Sydney	pc	72	59
Michigan	ts	65	49	su	55	42	42	Des Moines	pc	54	40	su	64	37	Taipei	pc	82	69
Detroit	ts	65	49	su	55	42	42	Dubuque	sh	59	42	su	48	34	Tehran	pc	72	57
Grand Rapids	ts	63	47	su	50	42	42	Iowa	ts	54	39	su	53	34	Tokyo	pc	69	45
Marquette	ts	55	46	su	49	39	39	Lowell	ts	57	41	su	49	33	Toronto	cl	59	54
St. Ste. Marie	ts	57	48	su	51	42	42	Madison	ts	60	42	su	48	39	Trinidad	pc	88	74
Traverse City	ts	62	48	su	51	41	41	Marquette	ts	55	46	su	49	39	Vancouver	pc	81	68
Florida	ts	86	75	su	69	52	52	St. Ste. Marie	ts	57	48	su	51	42	Vienna	pc	67	51
Georgia	ts	86	75	su	69	52	52	Traverse City	ts	62	48	su	51	41	Warsaw	su	71	49
Alabama	ts	86	75	su	69	52	52	Wausau	ts	55	41	su	43	34	Winnipeg	sh	45	35
Arkansas	ts	86	75	su	69	52	52	Illinois	ts	70	44	su	63	39	Algeria	ts	84	76
California	ts	86	75	su	69	52	52	Indiana	ts	69	45	su	63	39	Algeria	ts	84	76
Colorado	ts	63	44	su	63	39	39	Michigan	ts	65	49	su	55	42	Algeria	ts	84	76
Connecticut	ts	63	44	su	63	39	39	Minnesota	ts	63	47	su	50	42	Algeria	ts	84	76
Delaware	ts	63	44	su	63	39	39	Missouri	ts	63	47	su	50	42	Algeria	ts	84	76
District of Columbia	ts	63	44	su	63	39	39	Montana	ts	63	47	su	50	42	Algeria	ts	84	76
Florida	ts	86	75	su	69	52	52	Nevada	ts	63	47	su	50	42	Algeria	ts	84	76
Georgia	ts	86	75	su	69	52	52	New Hampshire	ts	63	47	su	50	42	Algeria	ts	84	76
Hawaii	ts	86	75	su	69	52	52	New Jersey	ts	63	47	su	50	42	Algeria	ts	84	76
Idaho	ts	63	44	su	63	39	39	New Mexico	ts	63	47	su	50	42	Algeria	ts	84	76
Illinois	ts	70	44	su	63	39	39	New York	ts	63	47	su	50	42	Algeria	ts	84	76
Indiana	ts	69	45	su	63	39	39	North Carolina	ts	63	47	su	50	42	Algeria	ts	84	76
Iowa	ts	54	39	su	53	34	34	North Dakota	ts	63	47	su	50	42	Algeria	ts	84	76
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Montana	ts	63	47	su	50	42	42	Washington	ts	63	47	su	50	42	Algeria	ts	84	76
Nebraska	ts																	