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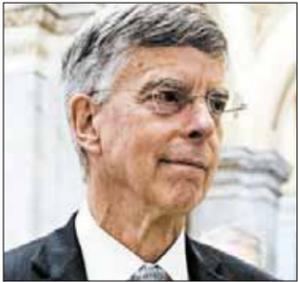
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Envoy: Trump tied US aid to probes

Testimony at odds with president's denials on Ukraine, Bidens



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Acting Ambassador William Taylor leaves a closed-door meeting after testifying Tuesday.

BY RACHAEL BADE, ANNE GEARAN, KAROUN DEMIRJIAN AND JOHN WAGNER The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The senior U.S. diplomat in Ukraine told lawmakers Tuesday that President Donald Trump made the release of military aid contingent on public declarations from Ukraine that it would investigate the Bidens and the 2016 election,

contradicting Trump's denial that he used the money as leverage for political gain.

The closed-door testimony from acting Ambassador William Taylor undermined the repeated statements of the president and the depositions of other administration officials, with the potential to reset the House impeachment probe of Trump.

Taylor, a seasoned diplomat, Army veteran and meticulous note taker, provided an expansive

INFLUENCE: Russia's Putin and Hungary's Orban helped sour Trump on Ukraine.

WORDING CHOICE: Trump likens Dem-led impeachment inquiry to "lynching."

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ing," Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., said.

In a 15-page opening statement, Taylor stood by his characterization that it was "crazy" to make the assistance contingent on investigations he found troubling.

He described how officials from the Pentagon, State Department, CIA and former national security adviser John Bolton tried

description of a series of events at the heart of an investigation that poses the most serious threat to the Trump presidency.

"The testimony is very disturb-

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2 cops convicted by jury of corruption

Prosecutors say they stole cash and drugs, lied for bogus warrants

BY JASON MEISNER

It was a trial that laid bare the shady world of anonymous Chicago police informants and seemed ripped right from a Hollywood script.

For two weeks, a federal jury heard testimony about cops paying cooperators to lie on search warrants, about payments in the form of cash, drugs or cigarettes being handed out in dark alleys and grocery store parking lots, even about a judge signing a warrant outside a Chicago steakhouse that unbeknownst to him was part of an FBI sting.

On Tuesday, the jury deliberated for only about five hours before convicting veteran tactical Sgt. Xavier Elizondo and Officer David Salgado of betraying their badges by lying to judges to obtain search warrants and then stealing drugs and cash they found during raids.

Elizondo and Salgado were each found guilty of conspiracy and obstruction of justice charges. Elizondo was also convicted on one count of attempting to destroy evidence, while Salgado was also found guilty of one count of lying to the FBI.

The most serious charge of obstruction carries a sentence of up to 20 years in prison.

Seated at separate defense tables, both Elizondo and Salgado remained expressionless as the verdict was read in U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly's courtroom. The officers will remain free on bond for now, but prosecutors indicated they will seek their jailing while awaiting sentencing in January.

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STRIKE GOES ON: Hundreds of Chicago Teachers Union members and supporters chant slogans Tuesday during a rally and march at Washington Park in Chicago. The teachers strike was expected to continue into a fifth school day Wednesday. Chicagoland, Pages 8, 9

CTU wants class size caps, but it may be bad fiscal fit

It's a key issue in current strike, even as benefits versus increased cost questioned

BY KIM GEIGER

Former Chicago Public Schools teacher Elisa Tavares Bell remembers fielding calls from her son's kindergarten teacher at Belmont-Cragin Elementary, who was having trouble getting the boy to succeed in class. She knew her son was a challenging student, but her teaching background also made her think the crowded class-

room of 41 kids might be stretching the teacher too thin.

"I was wondering, how is he getting the attention and support that he needs? How is she able to adequately manage that?" Bell said. "I was a teacher myself. What would have happened had I had 40 kids in my class? I was trying to envision it."

Bell says she spent two years trying to convince administrators at the school to address the

class size issue. She was hopeful when a teacher's assistant was assigned to her son's classroom, but it turned out that the assistant was routinely pulled out for other tasks. After her son spent first grade in a class with 39 kids, Bell says she knew she had to find a new school.

Now Bell and her three children commute about 25 minutes from their home in the West Side's Galewood neighborhood

to Darwin Elementary in Logan Square, where the principal assured Bell that he was committed to keeping class sizes down. There, Bell's son repeated first grade — in a class with just 19 kids — and the difference in his behavior was clear.

"I can't imagine that everything that went down at the other school would have hap-

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Mayor hopes to close hole, avoid tax hike with help of Springfield

BY JOHN BYRNE AND GREGORY PRATT

Mayor Lori Lightfoot will step to the microphone in City Council chambers to deliver her first budget speech Wednesday morning with plenty of questions hanging over a 2020 spending plan that will detail her road map for filling an \$838 million hole but also give her a chance to define what she called "a statement of values" for the city.

To reduce or avoid what could be a massive, politically danger-

ous property tax hike, Lightfoot wants the state legislature and Gov. J.B. Pritzker to come through with a graduated real estate transfer tax so she can start charging way more starting next year for sales of high-end residential and commercial properties.

But lawmakers haven't even met yet for their fall veto session, leaving the new mayor to explain her financial blueprint to skeptical aldermen without knowing



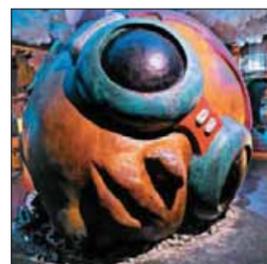
Lightfoot

whether she can accomplish the daunting task of rounding up the votes in Springfield to deliver a key piece of it.

On the eve of the speech, Lightfoot said she would have "a lot of good news for taxpayers."

During briefings with City Council members Tuesday, they said Lightfoot laid out a way to potentially avoid the property tax hike if Springfield comes through

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'Flyboy' gets his own park in Pilsen

What starts as a gallery space with paintings that beg you to touch, morphs into a whimsical world through artist Hebru Brantley's canvases — a world that is tactile, nostalgic and interactive in a way most interactive gallery experiences aren't. A+E

Bulls have reason for hopeful outlook

They've got a coach in Jim Boylen and a roster that gives them a chance to be good again. If they stay healthy, their fans will be happy, writes David Haugh. Chicago Sports



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Gates is widely celebrated as one of the foremost authorities on the history of African American literature. Credited with discovering the earliest known literary works by African American writers, Gates is also celebrated for the work he has done to make history accessible and appealing through his PBS show, "Finding Your Roots," and through his numerous, acclaimed documentaries. In his newest book, "Stony The Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow," Gates argues that the roots of contemporary structural racism can be traced to this transformative period following the Civil War. He demonstrates yet again why he is one of America's most powerful voices on race and history.

"The Great Believers" was lauded in these pages as "a swing for the literary fences, a vast, ambitious epic," representing "a grand fusion of the past and the present, the public and the personal." The novel, set in Chicago and Paris, depicts both the height of the American AIDS epidemic and its aftermath for those who loved and lost during the worst of its ravages. The book was a finalist for both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

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A photo dubbed "The Last Supper" shows Joey "the Clown" Lombardo (standing in the back, right).



JOHN KASS

Joey 'the Clown' Lombardo and St. Dismas, the 'Good Thief'

When Chicago Outfit boss Joseph "Joey the Clown" Lombardo, 90, died the other day in the supermax prison in Colorado of natural causes, I found myself out on Grand Avenue, looking for his clown friends.

It was raining. I was looking for a Lombardo associate, a small, dangerous man called "the little guy," but I couldn't find him. The "little guy" must be in mourning.

Some of the old-timers are still around. And a few younger ones dream about restarting this thing of theirs. But the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office finished them with the "Family Secrets" case, when Lombardo and other bosses and killers were sent to federal prison.

And so, I sat in my car on Grand Avenue in the rain, outside Richard's, and called a Grand Avenue guy to talk about the glory days.

"There's nobody around," said the guy. "And if they're around, they're nobody. It's over."

Yet for most of the 20th century, the Outfit ruled Chicago and shaped the city you see today. Lombardo and his friends were princes of this city. A photo from the "Family Secrets" trial, called "The Last Supper," shows the bosses happy together. They had this thing of theirs, built by the brilliant and ruthless former seminarian, Paul "The Waiter" Ricca.

The muscle brought money and bought politicians. Through pet politicians, the Outfit shaped local law enforcement, in the city, suburbs and beyond. Think of an Iron Triangle: politics, cops and muscle.

And when the history of the Mexican drug cartels in America is written — like El Chapo's hub city, Chicago — you'll see the same Iron Triangle pattern.

Lombardo had the muscle in Frank "The German" Schweigs, the most feared Outfit killer in America. When it came time to kill a boss, in New York, Las Vegas, in California, Chicago, everywhere, they sent The German.

It was The German who did Allen Dorfman, the money man for the

Teamsters union, after Dorfman had been convicted with Lombardo for conspiring to bribe a U.S. senator in Teamster-backed casino deals in Las Vegas.

Before sentencing, Dorfman sauntered in broad daylight through the parking lot of the Lincolnwood Hyatt with his friend, bail bondsman Irwin Weiner. Weiner walked on. Dorfman didn't. It went down the way it did in the movie "Casino."

In Dorfman's address book the FBI found the home phone of the Outfit's cop: Chicago police Chief of Detectives William Hanhardt, who'd been portrayed as a hero by media. Later, Hanhardt would testify as a surprise defense witness in the Las Vegas criminal trial of another member of Lombardo's crew, Anthony Spilotro, played in "Casino" by actor Joe Pesci.

At the Spilotro trial, Hanhardt had a job to do: undercut the testimony of Outfit enforcer-turned-federal witness Frank Cullotta. In an interview about Hanhardt, Cullotta later told me: "Through the years, Tony would tell us, 'That's our guy. We got him.'"

Oddly perhaps, Cullotta also appeared in "Casino" and shot the Dorfman character in the parking lot, just like The German did.

With Cullotta's testimony destroyed, there was a mistrial in the Spilotro case. Tony and his brother Michael returned to Chicago. They had become liabilities. Tony was a drug user. Michael's history of trading in malicious Outfit gossip caught up to him. The brothers were beaten to death in a suburban basement and dumped in an Indiana cornfield.

Lombardo, Schweigs and Hanhardt were of the old school. They served the code of silence in the world Paul Ricca built. But all that changed.

In 2003, I broke the story that panicked the Outfit, when hitman Nick Calabrese was moved into the federal witness protection program in what would become the "Family Secrets" case.

A few years before, I was out on

Grand Avenue, looking for Lombardo. I found him in a neighborhood restaurant, Bella Note, the kind of place where everyone minds their own business. The food was absolutely delicious. It was a place perfect for my purpose.

I sat with my friend and colleague, Liam Ford, now a Tribune editor. Lombardo was seated at another table about 10 feet away.

A gold Roman Catholic religious medallion hung from Lombardo's neck on a gold chain. It dangled over his pasta as he ate. Then he looked up at me with those dark eyes, and you could see the wolf in him still.

Slowly I pulled out my notebook, signaling I was about to come over. You never want to surprise a wolf, even an old one. But he snapped his fingers and immediately, busboys shoveled his meal into "to go" boxes. And he was gone.

Hey, I asked the manager, what's up with Joey the Clown?

"Clown? Clown? What are you talking about, clown?" the manager said. "What clown? There is no clown. ... That was Mr. Irwin Goldman."

Irwin Goldman? With a large Catholic medallion around his neck?

It was a medallion of St. Dismas, the "Good Thief" crucified next to Christ. After stolen jewels were removed from their settings, they didn't throw away the gold. It was melted down and put to good use.

"St. Dismas, the good thief was a thing all the Outfit guys had," said the Grand Avenue guy on the phone. "All the Outfit guys had a St. Dismas medallion. Was it big? Was it a big St. Dismas?"

Yeah, it was a big one.

"The big St. Dismas," he said. "That was the one the Spilotros gave him."

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No 9-year-old should be charged with murder



DAHLEEN GLANTON

I can't stop thinking about that little boy who is charged with murder. When I close my eyes, I imagine him in a courtroom sitting in chair, as described in news reports, with his head barely visible over the back and his legs too short to reach the floor.

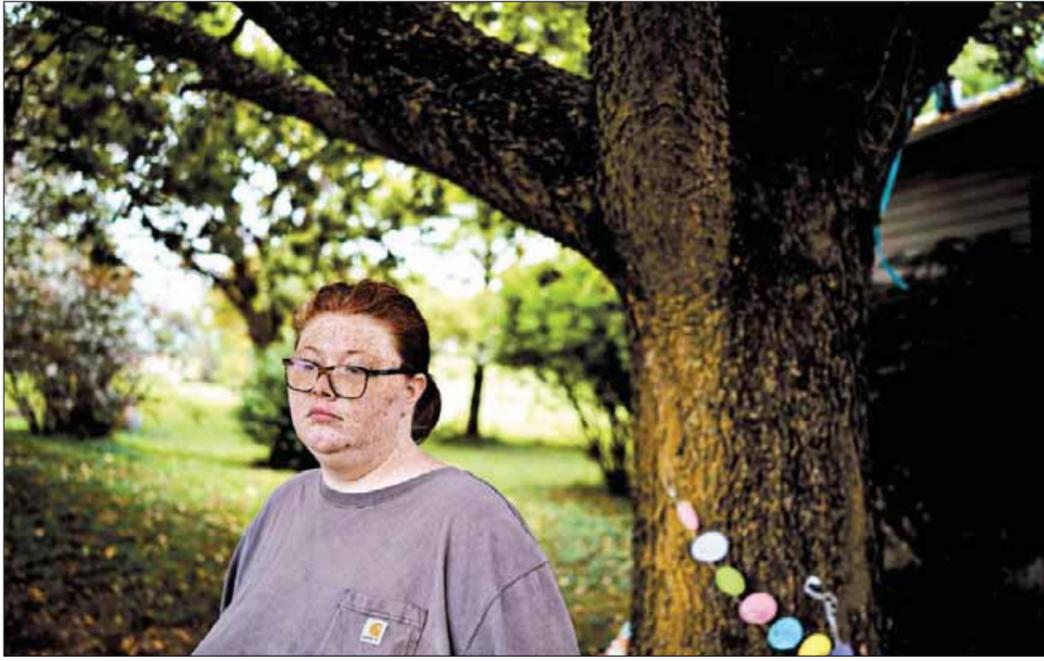
A 9-year-old boy, wearing blue pants and a red-checked shirt, appeared in a juvenile courtroom in Illinois on Tuesday to hear the charges leveled against him. How could someone so young possibly understand what it means to be charged with five counts of first-degree murder, two counts of arson and one count of aggravated arson?

Even basic words made no sense to him — alleged, arson, residence. His court-appointed lawyer had to explain their meaning. That should be evidence enough that the charges make no sense. This child has no idea what is in store for him.

The only good thing is that the boy, whose name we will not reveal because of his age, is too young to be sent to a juvenile detention center if he is convicted. The most he could get is up to five years of probation. So why hit him with the state's most serious charges?

What we're seeing in Illinois is a pattern of prosecutors charging young people excessively, simply because they can. Even though there is no real benefit to society, children are being charged with first-degree murder as a means of leveraging a plea bargain to avoid a trial or simply to make a political statement about being tough on crime.

In the case of this 9-year-old, we'll have to wait and see what Woodford County



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



MATT DAYHOFF/JOURNAL STAR

A fence and caution tape surrounds a trailer home that was destroyed by fire in the Timberline Mobile Home Park.

State's Attorney Greg Minger expects to get out of it.

This is the second case in two months in which state prosecutors in Illinois have gone too far in filing first-degree murder charges against young people. In Lake County, five teenagers were charged with first-degree murder under the state's controversial felony murder rule after a homeowner shot and killed the sixth member of their group.

The teenagers were allegedly attempting to steal the homeowner's car from

his yard, and the man said he feared for his life. The murder charges were later dropped in a deal for lesser charges.

The 9-year-old's case is in a different county, involves a different prosecutor and entirely different circumstances. What the cases have in common is that the charges are an overreach and, though legal, never should have been brought against a child.

A youngster charged with murder is not something we want to see in America, particularly one as

young as 9. Such things typically are reserved for countries that have no regard for humanity, not a nation that sets strict humanitarian standards for itself and demands that others do the same.

When it comes to children, prosecutors should be willing to err on the side of caution. While most Americans support holding children accountable within the juvenile court system, we also advocate for leniency to allow them a chance for redemption.

Without question, this child is accused of a horrific thing. Prosecutors said he deliberately set fire to a mobile home in Goodfield, Illinois, in April, killing five people, including his two half-siblings — a 2-year-old boy and a 1-year-old girl — and his 2-year-old cousin, his mother's fiancé and his great-grandmother. The boy and his mother escaped.

The child's mother offered some insight into what may have led her son to set the trailer on fire. Katie Alwood told the Trib-

une that her son suffered from schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and ADHD. She said she is sure he never intended to kill anyone.

We don't yet know why Minger is so sure the child intended to murder. We don't know what criteria he used to get inside the head of a boy whose brain is so undeveloped at his age that his thought process and actions can often be at odds with each other.

In this case, it doesn't really matter how Minger reached his conclusion, though. No 9-year-old should be charged with first-degree murder, regardless of what he did. They aren't capable of even understanding the concept of murder. Such serious charges should be reserved for criminals who know what they are doing.

Perhaps it is easy for me to come to that conclusion since I didn't have a loved one perish in that fire. It was not my 2-year-old daughter or my grandmother who lost their lives.

Perhaps if my heart were grieving as the boy's aunt,

Samantha Alwood's, is, I would feel differently. Alwood's 2-year-old daughter, Rose, is gone. At this point, no punishment seems sufficient to her, certainly not probation.

We cannot dismiss the anguish of the survivors who must live with the fact that three young children are dead for no explainable reason. Unfortunately, it's too late to save them.

But as a society, we have a chance to save another child. With the proper treatment, adult supervision and medical resources, perhaps this 9-year-old could have a chance at rehabilitation and healing.

Under the terms of his sentencing, if convicted, the child's life could take a turn once he reaches age 10. At that point, he could be sent to a county juvenile detention center if he breaks the rules of his probation. At age 13, he would be eligible for state detention.

That means he has a short time to get all the help he needs to become a well-adjusted child. Without proper counseling and support during his probationary period, maybe even intensive therapy in a hospital, that will likely be impossible.

His family may not be able to afford top-notch medical care. And we know from experience, it is unlikely he will get the support he needs from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

What this child needs from prosecutors and the courts right now is compassion, not an open-ended invitation to a life of crime.

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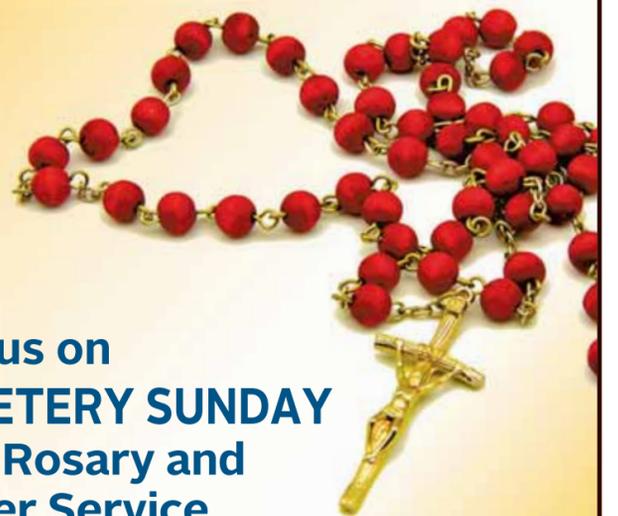
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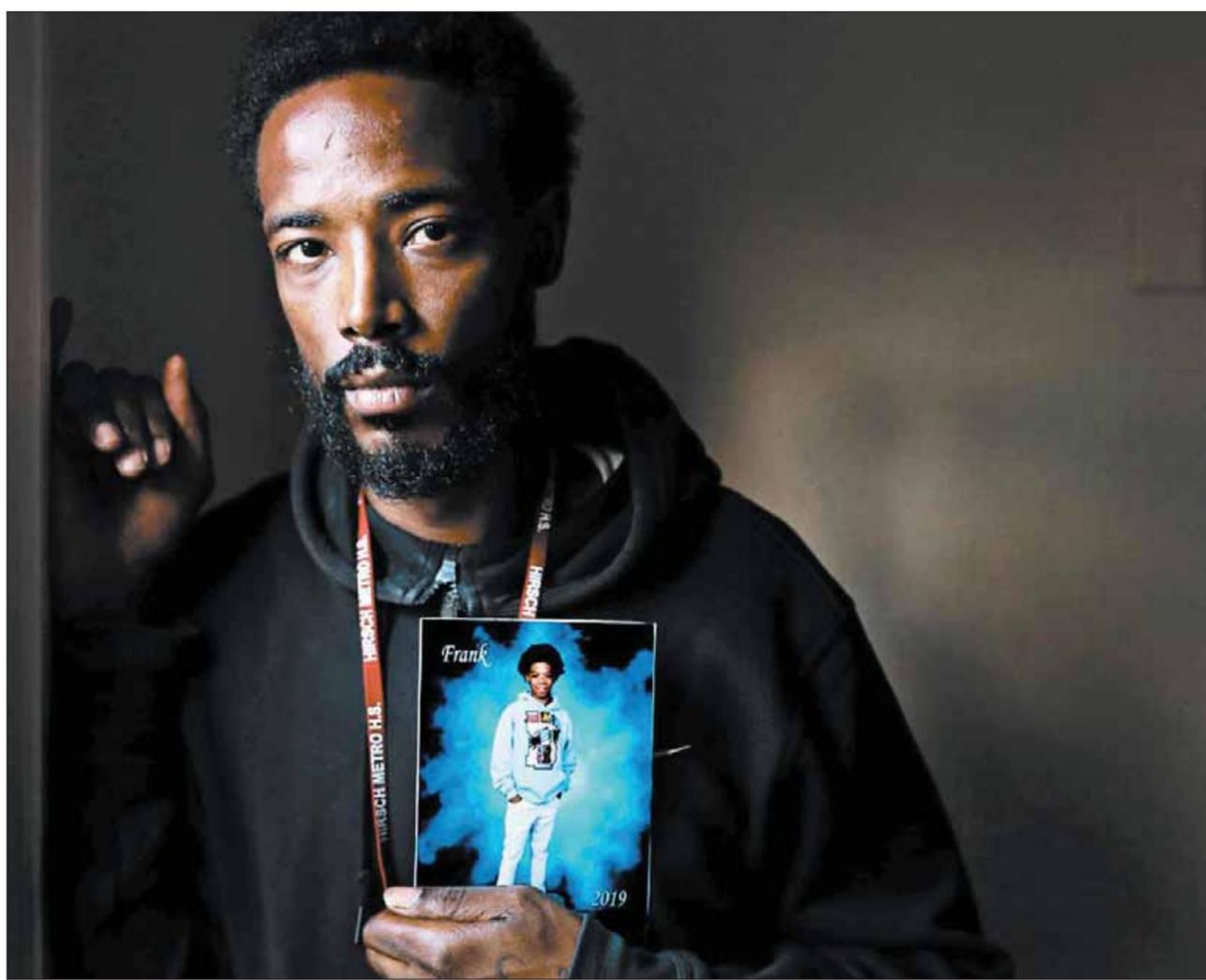
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Frank Looney poses with a picture of his son, Frank Davis Looney Jr., at his home in Chicago's East Chatham neighborhood on Tuesday.

High school freshman youngest victim of last weekend's violence

16-year-old had big basketball dreams, loved his sisters

BY MARIE FAZIO

Frank Looney was named after his father, and the two were so close that they shared the same nickname too: Frank Nitty.

"He wanted to be like his pops," the elder Looney said. "We laughed every day, everything he said was funny."

The 16-year-old had just moved in with his dad and appeared to be headed down the right path, "checking the boxes" and starting at a new high school. When the boy didn't come home Saturday night, his father assumed he was at his mother's and would come home for school.

"I was going to let him have his fun weekend and then get back to business, but it didn't happen like that," he said.

Around 10 p.m. Saturday, the boy was standing outside a party in the 3400 block of West Flournoy

Street when two gunmen opened fire from the bottom of the stairs. Frank was killed, and a 17-year-old girl and another 16-year-old boy were wounded.

Looney said his son had big basketball dreams, loved his six sisters and enjoyed going out with friends. "He was just a cool cat," his father said. "He just wanted to be Frank, just wanted to be free."

Jim Dorrell was the boy's English teacher before the boy transferred from Marshall Metro High School a few weeks ago. Dorrell remembers a boy with "this larger-than-life aura."

The first time he saw Looney, the teen was dancing down the hallway on his first day of high school, exuding rare confidence for a freshman.

"He was always the center of attention when I saw him, even though he was short for his age," Dorrell said early Tuesday morning outside Marshall, where he joined other striking teachers on the picket line. Cars honked as they passed. At least three

police cars, sirens blaring, raced by within a few minutes of each other.

Looney was the youngest person killed over the city's most violent weekend since the three-day Labor Day holiday: At least 40 people shot, five of them fatally. Much of that violence was in the Harrison police district that surrounds Marshall in East Garfield Park.

"The entire population of students goes through trauma on a daily basis," said Stephanie Steele, a social worker who divides her week between Marshall and Collins Academy about a mile and a half away.

If there wasn't a strike, Steele would have been at Marshall on Monday morning offering grief counseling to students who knew Looney. "They want justice for the person they loved," Steele said. "It makes it hard for them to focus and really impacts their outlook on life."

One of the sticking points in the ongoing contract negotiations has been the level of social workers

and nurses and special education aides at the schools. At Marshall, Steele said she is the only social worker available for students.

When a classmate dies, the students always seem to know before the school tells them, she said. They'll come to Steele in groups or individually to talk.

Sometimes they write letters to the person who died. Other times students come for the space to cry or feel sad or angry. Steele said she asks them to remember something happy about the person.

Steele said it's a rare week when she doesn't offer grief counseling. Just before the strike began, she had three students dealing with trauma from the deaths of loved ones.

Students who go through trauma tend to get upset easily because they're in a heightened emotional state, the body's natural response to stress. "They almost rest in that state," Steele said. "They've been through so much trauma that they're constantly living in that mode."

This can lead to diffi-

culty focusing in school, nightmares, not sleeping, memory loss, among other physical and mental conditions. Some students lose motivation to try in school, wondering if they or a family member will be next, Steele said.

"My students are brave warriors and it's amazing that they can ask for help," Steele said.

It's difficult for the entire school community to look at empty desks and remember former students or get ready for prom, thinking of plans that had been made before tragedy struck, she said.

"I'd be lying if I said it didn't take a toll," Steele said. "Every time we lose a kid my anxiety is heightened wondering who it's going to be next."

Dorrell said he tries not to think about it every time a student is killed, but says it's been particularly difficult for him to move on from Looney's death. "Maybe it's because he was so little and lively?"

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Ill. Tollway head won't appear at City Club

Cancels appearance after club receives subpoena in probe

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Illinois Tollway head Jose Alvarez canceled a scheduled Tuesday appearance at the City Club of Chicago, following news that the club had been the subject of a subpoena and search warrant in what sources said is part of an ongoing probe into ComEd's lobbying practices.

"Executive Director Alvarez cancelled his appearance at the City Club while there are questions about the federal investigation involving the organization," said Illinois State Toll Highway Authority spokesman Dan Rozek. He declined to comment further.

The federal paperwork hits the City Club amid a series of inquiries into state and city political dealings, which have sought information on a wide range of individuals, from construction magnates to transportation officials to lobbyists and politicians.

Another search warrant made public earlier this month named numerous political players, including Tollway board member and Berwyn Ald. Cesar Santoy, who has resigned from the board.

In the subpoena and search warrant served on the City Club, federal investigators sought information about Democratic Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan as part of the ComEd probe, sources told the Tribune on Monday.

The City Club subpoena and search warrant, executed in mid-May, also requested information about several ComEd officials, including Anne Pramaggiore, a source said. She is a former top ComEd official who abruptly retired last week as CEO of Exelon Utilities.

As part of the investigation, authorities are looking at certain ComEd executives and have focused on payments through the company's network of consultants to some individuals to seemingly circumvent lobbying disclosure rules, a source said.

City Club President Jay Doherty is a ComEd lobbyist. On Monday, he ignored reporters' questions at an event featuring Democratic Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul.

The organization, which hosts speeches for prominent public figures, said in a statement late Sunday night that it has cooperated with a subpoena and search warrant. A City Club representative, who asked not to be identified, said Alvarez requested that Tuesday's appearance be postponed. She said the club will continue to have its events as usual for the rest of October.

The search warrant that named Santoy and others was used by federal agents to raid state Sen. Martin Sandoval's offices in the Capitol. Sandoval resigned his post as chairman of the powerful Senate Transportation Committee on Oct. 11. Santoy's attorney, Brendan Shiller, has said the Berwyn architect has been assured that he is not a target of the federal probe.

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A '1-in-a-million shot' mortally wounded girl on W. Side

Trial opens in 2014 slaying of girl, 11, at sleepover

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

Sharonda Jones heard what she thought was a firecracker. Then came the burst of white powder from a wall of the bedroom where she was sitting with her best friend, 11-year-old Shamiya Adams.

"I looked at Shamiya," Jones said Tuesday in a Cook County courtroom, pausing and sighing before she continued. "I saw the bullet wound in her head."

Jones, now 16, took the witness stand on the first day of testimony at the trial of Tevin Lee, who is charged with first-degree murder in Shamiya's slaying in July 2014.

Prosecutors allege Lee, then 18, was seeking to avenge the beating of a friend's brother earlier that same day when he opened fire at a group of boys outside Jones' apartment on Chicago's West Side.

"He lets off about four

shots, bam bam bam," Assistant State's Attorney Eugene Wood, repeatedly pointing at Lee, told jurors in opening statements. "And one of those shots — it's a one-in-a-million shot really. It goes in an open window, it penetrates a bedroom closet, goes through the wall and goes into the middle bedroom. And that's how it strikes Shamiya in the head. That's why we're here today. 'Cause he brought a gun to a fistfight."

Multiple eyewitnesses later identified Lee as the shooter, Wood said.

But Lee's defense said many of those witnesses are unreliable and argued that the real gunman was a friend of Lee's nicknamed "Boo Man," the older brother of the boy who had been attacked earlier in the day.

"The person who had the motive to go out there and seek revenge was not Tevin Lee," Assistant Public Defender Caroline Glen-

non told jurors. "It was Boo Man."

Lee had just graduated from high school and was planning to start college, Glennon said. He was working at a violence prevention program that summer and had been trained to resolve conflict in peaceful ways, she said.

That's what Lee was trying to do when he approached a group of boys along with the victim of the earlier beating. The victim, then 14, said none of the boys out there were the ones who had jumped him that day, according to Glennon.

"There was no taunting, there was no yelling, there was no angry words, there was no fight," she said. "There was a man who felt comfortable inquiring what happened, trying to resolve the situation with his words."

As Lee walked away, the other group of boys then "recruited" about 20 others to follow and confront them, Glennon said.



Adams

That's when Boo Man fired the shots, she said — one up in the air, then three more.

Testifying in a high-pitched but clear voice, Sharonda Jones said a group of friends had gathered at her house for a sleepover. They planned to make s'mores outside, but the bugs were too bothersome, so they returned inside with plans to instead heat them up in the microwave.

Before doing that, though, they gathered in a bedroom on the first floor of the West Side two-flat where Jones lived with her mother and siblings. That's when the unlikely bullet struck Shamiya behind her ear.

Jones did not see who fired the shots. She just heard a pop and saw Shamiya lying on the bedroom floor next to her.

"I ran outside to my cousin's house," Jones testified in a matter-of-fact tone. "I was just screaming like, 'They just shot Shamiya!'"

Later Tuesday, Iuana

Dorden, the first of several eyewitnesses expected to testify, identified Lee as the male she saw firing a gun from a vacant lot near the apartment building where Shamiya was playing.

In Dorden's nearly 2½ hours of often-tense testimony, attorneys for Lee noted that she waited for a few days before contacting police and hinted that she only cooperated with prosecutors because she got a sweetheart deal on a drug conviction. Her initial charge carried up to 30 years in prison on conviction, but Dorden pleaded guilty in 2015 to a lesser offense and was given just two years of probation.

On the witness stand, Dorden grew animated at the implication that she had won leniency in exchange for testifying.

"The police, the state's attorney, they let me know you don't get no special treatment on this case just because you're a witness," she said.

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Cook County Health's raises for top staff panned

Hospital officials reject watchdog's recommendation

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

The chief financial officer of Cook County Health system was given a \$60,000 pay raise this year, lifting his salary by 25% from \$240,000 to \$300,000, according to a recent watchdog report.

Ekerete Akpan was one of nine high-ranking Cook County Health employees who were given robust pay raises.

The new salaries were implemented without "the justification being documented as required ..." according to the report. In addition, the pay increases exceeded a plan set out in a business rule that called for possible raises of zero, 4% and 6% for certain positions, the Office of the Independent Inspector General determined in its quarterly report.

After investigating the salary bumps, Inspector General Patrick Blanchard's

office recommended that the pay increases that exceeded 6% be discontinued and, if justified, initiate them as set forth in the policy.

But county health system officials rejected that suggestion, according to the report.

"CCH believes the adjustments were justified and therefore sees no reason to discontinue the increases," said Jeff McCutchan, the attorney for the hospital's board of directors.

Despite Blanchard's report, McCutchan said administrators did obtain the proper approvals and justified the salary increases, but turned the paperwork in too late.

"At the time he wrote the report, he didn't know what our position was," McCutchan said.

"While we followed all the steps ... we mistakenly neglected to turn that paperwork in to the IG at the time we were supposed to do it," McCutchan said.

Blanchard's office re-



Akpan

leased the third-quarter report last week. The report comes as Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle has been touting her proposed \$6.2 billion spending plan for the 2020 fiscal year, which includes no new taxes or fee increases.

While Preckwinkle has boasted of her ability to eliminate what was once a triple-digit deficit, she has raised concerns about future projected budget gaps that are a result of operating two hospitals that mainly provide care to poorer residents.

In her analysis, Preckwinkle wasn't critical of county health system staff salaries or compensation packages.

Still, the inspector general report flagged some issues.

According to the inspector general's report, pay raises at the hospital are supposed to be approved by the deputy CEO or someone in a comparable position. But in this case, the paper-

work outlining these large salary jumps for nonunion staff was written by a human resources analyst.

The required paperwork to implement the salary changes did not include proper language justifying the pay raises for these employees, the report said. In addition, the pay increases were implemented in January, but the paperwork outlining the raises wasn't submitted until June.

Akpan received the highest salary bump, which pushed his annual salary up by \$60,000 a year, according to the report.

The other eight senior-level employees received pay raises that ranged from 9.2% to 9.4%.

For example, the chief human resources officer, Barbara Banks Pryor, received a pay raise of 9.4%, which lifted her annual salary by \$19,552 from \$208,000 to \$227,552.

Five senior-level executives got two-step increases that also exceeded standard protocols, the report found. First their pay was bumped up in 2018, then they re-

ceived a "longevity" increase, which is essentially a financial bonus simply for staying in the job.

For example, the chief of communications and marketing, Caryn Stancik, received a pay raise of \$31,000 in 2018, which lifted her annual salary from \$200,000 to \$231,000, the report shows.

Then she was given a longevity increase of 9.2%, which lifted her pay by an additional \$20,160 so that she now makes \$251,160, the report found.

Similarly, the director of finance for CountyCare saw a salary increase of \$34,618, which raised the pay rate from \$173,102 to \$207,720. Then that employee received a 6% longevity bonus, bringing the total salary to \$220,183, the report shows.

McCutchan said the pay increases were supported by the hospital's board and basically help to raise the executives' pay in line with what other hospitals are paying. The majority of the workforce is in a union and received regular raises, he said.

But "these employees received no increases over that same time period."

McCutchan said the pay increases were part of a board strategy to recruit the best in leadership to the hospital.

"The particular positions have been identified as ones that were being paid at nearly the bottom level," he said. "When we pay that low, it makes it difficult or even impossible to recruit people here."

"Seventy-five percent of their (hospital) counterparts are getting paid higher," he said.

The case is still under investigation, Blanchard said Monday.

"The salary increases were remarkable. Under the rules, they may be appropriate, but we don't have (documentation of) their reasoning," Blanchard said. Hospital officials "did submit a response that addressed the concerns. That response continues to be deficient."

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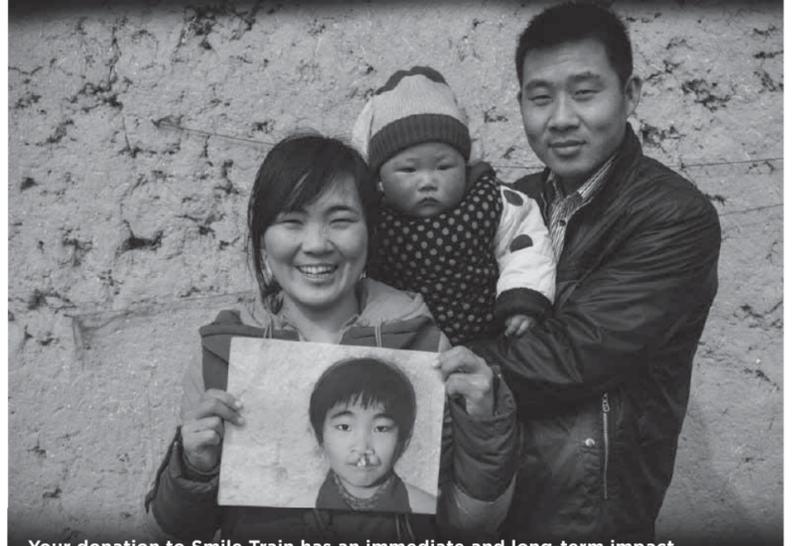
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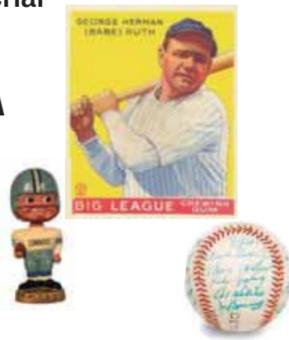
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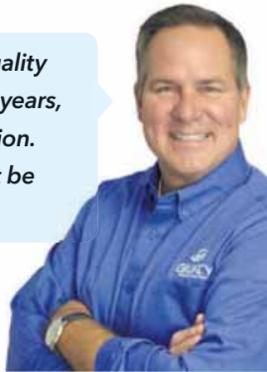
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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren, center, joins striking Chicago Public Schools teachers at Oscar DePriest Elementary School in South Austin on Tuesday.

Sen. Warren: 'Everyone in America should support you in this strike'

BY BILL RUTHHART
AND JUAN PEREZ JR.

Democratic presidential front-runner Elizabeth Warren made her way through a sea of striking Chicago teachers Tuesday, stepped onto a wooden crate just high enough for her to see out over the red-clad crowd and officially took sides in the contract standoff between the Chicago Teachers Union and first-year Democratic Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

"I'm here to stand with Chicago teachers. ... I'm here to stand with every one of the people who stand for our children every day," Warren said to cheers from teachers packed into a soggy field in front of Oscar DePriest Elementary School in South Austin. "Everyone in America should support you in this strike, and the reason is because when you go out and fight, you don't just fight for yourselves — you fight for the children of this city and the children of this country."

The Massachusetts senator, who briefly taught special education at a public school early in her career, became the first presidential candidate to join the Chicago teachers on the picket line as the strike stretched into its fourth day of canceled classes. Warren's appearance once again brought national attention to the union's demands for higher pay, more support staff and commitments on classroom sizes and affordable housing, as the teachers sought to ratchet up the heat on Lightfoot and her negotiating team.

Before Warren spoke, CTU President Jesse Sharkey oscillated between noting the city had made improved offers in negotiations and attacking Lightfoot, calling her "petty" and accusing the mayor of seeking political retribution against the union since it endorsed her opponent, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, in the April runoff election. Lightfoot has taken shots at the union for not showing enough urgency at the bargaining table.

Warren did not reference the first year-mayor in her five-minute remarks, but her decidedly pro-labor message helped hammer home the point she was there to make: It's time

unions hold elected leaders' feet to the fire to demand justice.

"The unions are how we have a voice. The unions are how we have power. The unions are how we make sure that the needs of everyone of our children are heard loud and clear," Warren said. "So today, I'm here because the eyes of this nation are upon you. They have turned to Chicago for you to lead the way, for you to show how the power of standing together is the power of making real change in this country."

Afterward, Sharkey said he welcomed the high visibility Warren's appearance brought to his union's efforts.

"We're trying to get a good contract. We're trying to win good schools in the city of Chicago," Sharkey said. "I think national attention helps us do that."

Lightfoot, meanwhile, shrugged it all off as little more than a distraction.

"Look, people are going to come in to catch a moment, and then they're going to leave. ... What's most important is what happens at the bargaining table," Lightfoot said. "All the other atmospherics really don't get a deal done. They don't drive us toward resolution, and more importantly, they don't put our students back in the school. There has to be a commitment and will, and a sense of urgency on all sides. That's what's going to make a difference. The rest of it really doesn't matter."

Warren was among the big-name politicians who called to congratulate Lightfoot after her stunning rise from little-known lawyer to mayor of America's third largest city. But when asked Tuesday whether she had spoken with the mayor before she arrived in Chicago, Warren sidestepped the question. A Lightfoot spokesman said Tuesday afternoon that the two had not talked.

Warren sandwiched her visit in between campaign appearances in Iowa, where the first-in-the-nation caucuses will be held in a little more than three months. Her stop in Chicago also came the day after she announced a sweeping education platform and as she, U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Vice President Joe

Biden continue to jockey for major union support along with several other challengers in the 19-candidate Democratic field.

In the runup to the strike, Sanders joined union members for a boisterous rally at the CTU's headquarters on the Near West Side, declaring, "You want, and I want, that the teaching profession receive the honor and respect it deserves for the enormously important work you do." Sanders repeatedly has expressed his support for the strike on Twitter, stating that the "city of Chicago must sit down with CTU Local 1, bargain in good faith and work out a contract that is fair and just."

Warren also repeatedly has tweeted her support for the strike, including posting a video of her calling Chicago teachers, including thanking one for "donating to my campaign multiple times." And Biden has said he was "proud to stand" with striking teachers, saying, "It's time we support all workers with the pay and dignity they deserve."

Warren's visit came on the fourth day classes were canceled for students. While Lightfoot has offered the union a 16% pay raise over five years, the CTU has countered with an offer for a 15% pay hike over three years while pressing for commitments on issues ranging from class size and teacher preparation time to affordable housing and the hiring of more librarians, nurses and counselors.

Asked how she expected Lightfoot to give teachers all that they've demanded while the city faces an \$838 million budget hole and billions of dollars in unfunded pension liabilities, Warren did not speak to the current strike or the city's financial challenges. Instead, she pivoted to her push for a wealth tax on those with a net worth of over \$50 million to create tens of billions of dollars in new national education funding.

"I want to give cities like Chicago a good federal partner," she said. "We need to ask those at the very top to pitch in a little more so we can actually make the investments in every single child in this country."

Chicago Tribune's John Byrne contributed.

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With no deal, teachers to continue walkout

Union gets Warren visit, Biden call as strike enters Day 5

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The Chicago teachers strike will continue into a fifth school day Wednesday with little indication of progress Tuesday.

The Chicago Teachers Union — which received a visit from Elizabeth Warren to the picket lines Tuesday along with a call of support from Joe Biden — reported late Tuesday that there was “good conversation” at the bargaining table but not enough progress for members to end the strike.

“There was progress, but we’re still clear that we have not landed on just terms yet,” said CTU chief of staff Jennifer Johnson. “... We understand that we’re not going to solve all problems, but we need to see a substantial down payment and then a plan to address class size and other issues through the life of the contract.”

Also Tuesday, the CTU has asked for a show of solidarity on Thursday by having people wear red and post messages of support on social media — another indication that the walkout could continue at least into that day as well.

A CTU spokeswoman said members are hopeful for a settlement but that they can’t predict how long the strike will last.

“We’re hoping for the best and planning for the worst. Bargaining is continuing today, and we plan to continue bargaining until we land a settlement,” spokeswoman Chris Geovannis said Tuesday. “We also don’t know when that will be — certainly not after the mayor announced as bargaining began on day four of our strike that she was, essentially, done negotiating.”

“We will not return to our schools without substantive and comprehensive improvements for our school communities,” she added. “And we’re far from there yet.”

Earlier on Tuesday, Mayor Lori Lightfoot rejected the CTU’s claim that her letter to the union — asking members to halt the strike while talks continue — threw cold water on the negotiations. It’s her responsibility to be honest about the city’s financial situation, she said, and to speak out about “the hard-



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CTU members and supporters chant Tuesday at a rally outside Oscar DePriest Elementary School in Chicago.

ships that our students and our families are facing.”

“We had been making progress — not enough, not fast enough — but we felt like it was important to let the union and let the public know what’s actually happening, and the consequences for our young people, and ask them in good faith to come back and continue bargaining in good faith,” Lightfoot said. “They’ve obviously rejected that, but I’m not going to shy away from the fact that I have a responsibility to carry with me the weight and the hardship that our young people and our families are facing during this work stoppage.”

As for the union saying Lightfoot announced there wouldn’t be any more movement on the contract, the mayor said that’s a mischaracterization of her comments about the situation.

She was simply making clear there’s no additional money, she said.

“There’s a finite amount of money that’s available,” she said. “As you know, we’re barely two years away from a moment when CPS was on the verge of insolvency. There’s not an unlimited pool of money, and I wanted to make sure that we made that point very clear.”

As a result of the strike, the Chicago Board of Education has also postponed its regular monthly meeting, which had been scheduled for Wednesday. The board said it will not meet again until a contract agree-

ment is reached.

“This will allow district leadership to focus on negotiations and central office staff, who are currently deployed to the schools, to support students during the work stoppage,” the board said in a statement, adding the board and mayor are “committed to reaching agreements ... that respect and honor the hard work of our teachers and support staff while also protecting the historical academic progress our students have made in the past decade.”

Also Tuesday, Democratic presidential candidate Warren joined CTU members on the fourth day of their strike, hours after union President Jesse Sharkey accused Lightfoot’s administration of “vindictive actions” for suggesting the union go back to work without a contract and saying there was no more money for teacher demands.

Warren supports unions and teachers, she said, adding that both have the power to “change the course of American history.”

“I’m here because the eyes of this nation are upon you. They have turned to Chicago for you to lead the way. For you to show how the power of standing together is the power of making real change in this country,” Warren said.

Sharkey later said he received a call from Warren’s fellow Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden. Sharkey said the former

vice president offered a “message of support” and that it was “inspiring to talk to him.”

Sharkey had said earlier that Lightfoot’s letter had “dashed our hopes for a quick settlement.”

In an email sent after midnight Tuesday, Sharkey said: “Our bargaining team was beginning to see glimmers of progress on issues that matter to our members. (Monday) that progress stopped dead.”

“It was clear from the mayor’s letter to the press demanding members go back to work without a contract and from the sudden atmosphere of stonewalling from the CPS team, that (Lightfoot) had pulled the plug on negotiations,” Sharkey continued.

“The mayor’s team said that there was no more money in the budget to address the many outstanding demands that are necessary to deliver justice for our school communities,” he said.

The strike has sent about 25,000 teachers and 7,000 support staff to picket lines, and kept about 300,000 students out of class and extracurricular activities, although school buildings staffed by principals and nonstriking staff have been open for child care and meals.

Union officials said talks again focused on inequities in school sports programs, and Johnson acknowledged that athletes missing out on postseason play because of the strike is “a point of real heartache for our families.”

The work stoppage meant classes were canceled Tuesday for CPS students. In comments made early Tuesday, Sharkey said he and union Vice President Stacy Davis Gates, as well as lawyers, would be in talks, but a 40-member contingent of the union’s bargaining team was heading back to the picket lines.

When Warren and American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten joined strikers outside DePriest Elementary School in the South Austin neighborhood a little before 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sharkey also was present, but he said Gates remained in negotiations.

“I believe in public education, and I believe it is time in America to make a new investment in public education. And I got a plan for that,” Warren said in broadcast remarks, using the oft-repeated phrase that’s become a hallmark of her campaign.

“Everyone in America should support you in this strike ... you don’t just fight for yourselves, you fight for the children of this city and the children of this country,” Warren said.

Before taking questions, she garnered shouts of support and applause during her brief speech, including when she said she hopes for a partnership that does not include “high-stakes testing.”

“For me, this is all about good partnership, because I believe in you. I believe in the work that you do every day. A long time ago I stood

where you stand,” she said, adding her thanks to the teachers.

“I also am here to stand with our unions, to stand with SEIU, to stand with CTU, and here’s why: Because the unions are how we have a voice. The unions are how we have power. The unions are how we make sure that the needs of every one of our children are heard loud and clear,” Warren said.

Sharkey answered questions after Warren spoke. When a reporter asked him about attending the rally rather than remaining in negotiations, he defended his decision, saying the mayor already had essentially ground talks to a halt. Again referencing Lightfoot’s request that the strike end while negotiations continue, he said: “It made us think maybe she doesn’t understand how this process works.”

The union’s grim take on Monday’s talks was in stark contrast with the message coming from Lightfoot and her administration at the start of the week.

Late Monday, a Lightfoot administration source said there was slow and steady progress on a number of issues. The pace of proposals had picked up, and the union was moving faster, the source said.

CTU officials gave CPS proposals on staffing and class sizes, and the administration responded again before talks ended for the day. There were no major breakthroughs, but it was a positive day, the source said, though

Lightfoot officials were disappointed in CTU for not calling off the strike as the mayor proposed.

Also Monday night, Lightfoot and CPS CEO Janice Jackson released a statement saying talks had been productive while criticizing the union for sending bargaining members to picket.

“Real progress has been made on the key contract issues that CTU identified, and written proposals to boost staffing and support overcrowded classrooms have been exchanged,” they wrote. “We were encouraged today by the improved pace of bargaining and substantive discussions on key issues, so it is now deeply concerning to hear that CTU is pulling members of its bargaining team away from the negotiating table tomorrow at this crucial juncture.”

The mayor and Jackson again reiterated their argument that the strike is hurting students.

Classes

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pened like that, had they just had 20 or 25 kids in the classroom,” Bell said.

At least 1,300 kindergarten through eighth grade classes in the CPS system are packed with 30 or more students, according to an analysis of CPS data from this school year by the Chicago Teachers Union, which has made class size one of its core issues as it seeks to settle a new contract that would end its current strike.

Current caps on class sizes are around 28, but the union says the limits aren’t enforceable and that CPS often disregards them. At CPS high schools, more than 700 classes in core subjects, arts and music have more than 34 students, and 357 physical education and health classes have 41 or more students, according to the data, which CTU said provided a snapshot but was not complete.

In the previous school year, there were more than 1,700 kindergarten through eighth grade classes in the CPS system with 30 or more students, according to a Tribune review of CPS data, and about the same number of large classes at the high school level.

CPS spokeswoman Emily Bolton pointed to data on the district’s website that said 83% of kindergarten through third grade classrooms — the primary classroom for students in those grades — have 28 or fewer students; 89% of fourth through eighth grade

homerooms have 31 or fewer students and the average elementary class size at CPS was 25.2 in the 2018-19 school year.

The CTU has rejected offers for pay raises without also getting the improvements to school conditions that they’re seeking, including smaller classes and more staffing. Lightfoot has argued that the union’s proposal would cost the city \$2.5 billion that it doesn’t have.

The district’s most recent offer would “allocate over \$10 million to support additional staffing for the relatively small number of overcrowded classrooms in the district,” CPS CEO Janice Jackson wrote in a Monday email update on the negotiations. But no formal agreement had been reached and the details of the offer were murky.

The notion that smaller class sizes are better took off after an experimental study in Tennessee in the 1980s that randomly assigned more than 7,000 children to normal sized classes of 22 to 25 students or small classes of 13 to 17 students. The study tracked the students from kindergarten through the third grade.

It found that students in the smaller classes had higher math and reading scores, and that the effects were strongest among minority and low-income students. Researchers followed the students after the study and found that those in the larger classes were more likely to have been held back a grade by the time they’d reached high school.

The results sparked a

nationwide trend toward class size reductions, but some believe the outcomes from Tennessee were extrapolated too far. As districts and some states started making major efforts to reduce class sizes, critics say, the results did not reflect the promise of the Tennessee experiment.

At the heart of the debate is the issue of teacher quality. Education experts and advocates tend to agree that student success is most affected by having a good teacher. But measuring teacher quality is hard to do.

Proponents of reducing class sizes argue that, in early elementary grades in particular, it’s one of the few interventions proven to improve student outcomes. Surveys of teachers also consistently find that they rank smaller class sizes as the change that would most help them to do their jobs better.

“I’d say that the research is very, very strong,” said Leonie Haimson, founder of the New York advocacy group Class Size Matters. “And what’s unfortunate is that those kids who are the most likely to benefit are the least likely to get the smaller class sizes because they’re in the large urban school districts.”

Haimson points to several analyses of class size reduction efforts, including a 2014 review by Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach, director of the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University.

The research “shows that students in the early grades perform better in small classes,” Schanzenbach wrote in a 2014 paper. “This

is especially the case for students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds, who experience even larger performance gains than average students when enrolled in smaller classes. Small class sizes enable teachers to be more effective, and research has shown that children who attend small classes in the early grades continue to benefit over their entire lifetime.”

Schanzenbach concluded that “money saved today by increasing class sizes will result in more substantial social and educational costs in the future. ... While lower class size has a demonstrable cost, it may prove the more cost-effective policy overall.”

Critics of the push for smaller classes say the economics don’t add up. That’s because having smaller classes means hiring more teachers, which means hiring from a less qualified or skilled pool. More teachers isn’t necessarily better, they say, if the teachers aren’t very good. In the end, the cost of hiring more teachers and maintaining additional classrooms doesn’t justify the benefits, they say.

“It’s clearly not a panacea and it wouldn’t be how I would spend the marginal educational dollar,” Dan Goldhaber, director of the Center for Education Data and Research at the University of Washington, told the Tribune. “It is something that policymakers ought to think about, but they ought to think about it in a very targeted way.”

In 2018, a Norwegian research group called the

Campbell Collaboration reviewed 127 studies on class size and its effect on academic achievement and concluded that “the available evidence points to no or only very small effect” of small class sizes compared with larger class sizes.

In Chicago, CTU wants elementary class size caps lowered from 28 at the kindergarten and primary level to 20 for kindergarten and 24 for primary, and from 31 to 28 for intermediate and upper level classes. At high schools, the union wants existing caps — limiting most regular class sizes to 28 and remedial class sizes to 25 — to be firm requirements rather than loose guidelines, as they are today.

The union also wants teachers assistants assigned to overcrowded classes each September. And it wants \$24 million set aside for hiring teachers assistants — up from \$6 million in the current contract — and an additional \$4 million earmarked for other measures to deal with overcrowding.

CTU argues that CPS should be able to afford the changes, given that the district is receiving more money from the state thanks to a law enacted in 2017 that gave the district a boost in state education funding. That law was intended to help school districts manage class sizes and increase supports for kids in poverty, English language learners and those with special needs. Smaller class sizes would help with each of those objectives, the union argues.

The union has also pro-

posed compensation of \$5 per student, per day, for teachers whose class sizes exceed the limit. That’s \$1,040 per student for the 208-day school year.

The idea of paying teachers to take on more students is supported by the skeptics of class size reduction, who tend to view the issue as a matter of labor supply and demand.

“The highest impact you could have in the classroom is to make sure the teachers are effective,” said Kate Walsh, president of the National Council on Teacher Quality. “And when you lower class size, all of a sudden you need to hire more teachers and you end up weakening your talent pool.”

Walsh and others say incentivizing good teachers to take on more students is a winner with parents, too.

“There’s some good evidence that parents would prefer to have their kid in a classroom with a better teacher than with a smaller class size,” said Marguerite Roza, a research professor at Georgetown University.

Bell, the CPS parent and former teacher, said parents shouldn’t have to choose. And she questioned the notion that even the best teacher would be able to handle a crowded class.

“It’s hard to spread myself thin as a mom to three. It was harder as a teacher with 30 and it would be impossible with 40,” Bell said.

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Remains identified as woman missing 9 years

Benedetta Bentley disappeared after weekend getaway

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Benedetta “Beth” Bentley disappeared nine years ago after a mysterious weekend getaway, a cold case that warmed only slightly in late 2017 when human remains were found in a rural part of far southern Illinois’ Jefferson County, not far from where the Woodstock woman was allegedly last seen.

On Tuesday, though, Illinois State Police announced a breakthrough: The badly burned remains, identified by means they did not specify, were indeed those of Bentley.

State police, who investigated the case along with the Woodstock Police Department, said they have forwarded their findings to the Jefferson County state’s attorney’s office for review. Prosecutors did not respond to messages seeking comment. The county’s coroner

declined to give the cause and manner of Bentley’s death, pending further review by the state’s attorney.

Woodstock police Chief John Lieb said his agency had only a supportive role in the case, and that the state police and Jefferson County state’s attorney’s office will decide the next course of action.

“They need to be very prudent and methodical in information that they release so they can protect a potential or possible prosecution,” Lieb said. “They have not spoken to me directly on their immediate intentions.”

The revelation was the latest twist in a case that began May 20, 2010, when Bentley told relatives she was traveling to Wisconsin for a weekend trip with her close friend, Jenn Wyatt.

But she and Wyatt, who worked together in the McHenry law office of Bentley’s husband, Scott, never went to Wisconsin. Instead, they drove to Mount Vernon, where they met Wy-



Bentley

att’s boyfriend and others to spend the weekend dining and drinking at a nearby lake, Wyatt told the Tribune in 2011.

Wyatt said she dropped Bentley off at the Centralia Amtrak station on May 23, 2010, though she was unsure where Bentley was going or how she would get there.

Police said Bentley never boarded the train, and there has been no activity on her cellphone, bank account or credit cards since that day.

McHenry County court records show that Wyatt was indicted on charges of obstructing justice in 2012 for allegedly making false statements about taking Bentley to the train station. The charges were later dropped. Wyatt could not be reached for comment.

When Bentley didn’t come back, Scott Bentley called Wyatt. His stepson, Jeremy Vermont, told the Tribune in 2011 that he heard Scott Bentley scream, “Where is she?” until Wyatt admitted the lie about Wisconsin and said she didn’t

know where her friend was.

Vermont could not be reached for comment Tuesday. Contacted via email, Scott Bentley replied: “Due to the ongoing investigation, I am not at liberty to comment at this time.”

In the months after Bentley’s disappearance, authorities said they had no suspects or even productive leads. State police used cadaver-finding dogs to comb rural areas outside Mount Vernon, re-interviewed family members and visited potential witnesses in southern Illinois.

Police have said little about their discovery of the remains — only that they were found in a rural area close to where Bentley was last seen, and that they had been badly burned.

Angela Scott, who was Bentley’s neighbor in Woodstock for about seven years, described her as “absolutely beautiful, funny, smart and witty,” and someone who “could talk to anybody.”

Scott said her friend’s vivacity was one reason she worried about her.

“I loved Beth,” said Scott, who has since moved to Missouri. “She was a good person. She would just give you the shirt off her back. She had common sense, but she was going through a tough time when she disappeared.”

Bentley was working long hours at her husband’s law firm and was busy with her three sons at the time she went missing, Scott said. She was looking forward to several family gatherings, including one son’s high school graduation, which Scott said Bentley never would have missed.

“I knew after Beth had been missing for a week that she was gone because she adored those boys and there had been nothing she wouldn’t do for them,” she said.

Flo McConkey, of Brownstown, Illinois, lived about an hour from where she and other searchers scoured for Bentley — even in a portable toilet set up in a nearby cemetery.

Now that Bentley has been found, McConkey said she feels for the Woodstock

woman’s children.

“This is closure for them, yes, but I feel like her boys probably had some hope out there somewhere,” she said. “You would have a glimmer of hope that your mom is still alive. Now her sons ... have to face the fact that someone murdered their mother.”

Several Facebook pages devoted to the case bubbled with chatter after police announced their finding Tuesday, with some offering theories on the case or expressing relief that Bentley’s remains had finally been identified.

Lieb said he hoped his town would also take comfort from the finding. “I think this latest news might help some of the closure for both the family of the victim ... as well as the Woodstock Community,” he said. “They held vigils on her birthday every year. It answers some questions for the community.”

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Sgt. Xavier Elizondo, 47, who was found guilty Tuesday has been with the police department for 23 years.

Guilty

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The verdict marked the latest in a long line of embarrassing cases for the Chicago Police Department — some stretching back decades — in which officers have been caught allegedly profiting from the drug trade they were supposed to be investigating.

But the allegations against Elizondo and Salgado contained an added twist. Instead of kicking down doors in warrantless searches or pulling over drug dealers without probable cause, the officers had informants falsely testify before Cook County judges in order to obtain search warrants, according to the charges.

They then used the warrants to carry out what appeared to be legitimate raids on suspected drug dealers, stealing a portion of the cash and drugs they seized and giving a share of the proceeds to the informants for their assistance in the scheme, according to the charges.

Elizondo, 47, who’s been with the department for 23 years, and Salgado, 39, an officer since 2003, have been on paid desk duty since January 2018 after they were targeted in a pair of elaborate FBI sting operations designed to catch them in the act. The department will likely move to fire them given the felony convictions.

Both Elizondo and his attorney, Michael Clancy, left the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse without comment Tuesday. Salgado, who tried to duck a Chicago Tribune photographer one day of the trial by draping a coat over his face, wore dark sunglasses Tuesday as he walked briskly away from reporters shouting questions at him.

Salgado’s attorney, Michael Petro, told reporters in the courthouse lobby that he intends to appeal, saying his client should have been tried separately from Elizondo, who was his superior officer. He said Salgado, a married father of young children, was a dedicated, hardworking cop and was taking the verdict hard.

“He’s sad,” Petro said. “He loses his job, his livelihood and soon his pension.”

In a risky move, Elizondo took the witness stand in his own defense, claiming he always “had a

knack” for recruiting informants to tip him off about guns, cash and drugs on the city’s violence-plagued West Side. To win over cooperators, he often pretended to be a dirty cop who was willing to cut them in on a share of whatever was found in a raid, he told jurors.

So it wasn’t surprising, Elizondo testified, that he was caught in an FBI sting in 2017 telling an informant that “whatever falls out of the bag” would be his.

“It’s a lie that I tell,” he testified. “It could be drugs, it could be jewelry, it could be whatever you want it to be.”

Now that Elizondo was convicted, his testimony could backfire. Prosecutors will likely seek additional prison time by arguing he lied on the witness stand.

The convictions of the two gang officers mark the latest black eye for the Police Department.

In the 1990s, a federal probe led to the conviction of the so-called Austin Seven, officers involved in a series of robberies of drug dealers. The ringleader, Officer Edward “Pacman” Jackson Jr., was sentenced in 2001 to 115 years in prison.

Federal authorities also charged corrupt Chicago cop Joseph Miedzianowski, whose shocking double life as a drug dealer led to the breakup of the department’s vaunted gang crimes unit. Miedzianowski was sentenced to life in prison without parole in 2003 for his racketeering conviction.

Scandal also engulfed the Special Operations Section after disturbing allegations surfaced that the elite team of officers routinely robbed suspected drug dealers as well as law-abiding citizens during illegal stops and searches. The blowback was severe — numerous officers were criminally charged, the SOS unit was disbanded and the scandal helped force the resignation of then-Superintendent Philip Cline in 2007.

More recently, the convictions of more than 60 people have been thrown out of court because of a nearly decade-long run of corruption by former Sgt. Ronald Watts and his team of tactical officers, who were accused of forcing residents and drug dealers alike to pay a “protection” tax and pinning bogus cases on those who refused



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Officer David Salgado leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse after being found guilty of conspiracy and obstruction.

to do so.

In closing arguments Monday, prosecutors said Elizondo and Salgado disgraced their badges and trampled on the civil rights of citizens in a city already weary of police abuses.

“They were fighting crime, but that doesn’t mean they’re allowed to commit crimes while doing it,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean Franzblau told the jury.

In his closing remarks, Clancy said the veteran tactical sergeant dedicated his career to fighting the scourge of guns and drugs on the city’s violence-torn streets.

To be effective at his job, Elizondo played a time-honored game with informants, stringing them along by promising a cut of the loot, Clancy said. But it was all an act, he said, because in the end, all Elizondo would give them was a small amount of cash from his own pocket or a pack of cigarettes.

“That’s how you have to police on the West Side of Chicago,” Clancy said. “You gotta play games with these people to get them to work for you.”

The trial featured testimony from a series of informants who told the jury about standing in as John Does on search warrants that don’t require an informant to identify themselves, then being paid cash by the officers at late-night meetings in grocery store parking lots, in dark alleys and other locations around the city.

Text messages presented during the trial showed Elizondo told one of his longtime informants, Latonia Gipson, that she had to “see the man” — meaning to appear before a judge as a John Doe and lie — before she could get paid.

Gipson testified last week that after she provided a tip on a drug house in 2017, Salgado met her in a Jewel parking lot and gave her a bottle of liquor and marijuana for her birthday.

Earlier that day, Salgado had been seen by other team members removing the marijuana from an evidence bag that was being inventoried at a police station, Officer Lisa Torres testified.

“That is just one stunning moment in a trial that was full of them” Assistant U.S. Attorney Ankur Srivastava said Monday in his closing remarks.

Earlier in the trial, the

jury heard rare testimony from a sitting Cook County judge, Mauricio Araujo, who signed a search warrant outside the Smith & Wollensky steakhouse in December 2017 based on information provided by an informant who was secretly cooperating with the FBI.

Under the FBI’s instruction, the informant had refused to appear before the judge to swear out the complaint. Instead, Elizondo and Salgado used one of their longtime informants, Antwan Davis, to stand in as the John Doe and falsely swear under oath that he had seen drugs being sold out of the house.

In a second sting in January 2018, the FBI hid \$18,200 in purported drug money in a rental car parked near Midway Airport. Prosecutors said Elizondo and Salgado stole \$4,200 of the cash during a search of the vehicle and hid it from the rest of the team.

The FBI’s cover was blown on Jan. 29 when agents — along with a member of the Police Department’s Bureau of Internal Affairs — went to Homan Square to tow the Hyundai and encountered Salgado in the parking lot, according to trial testimony. Minutes later, Salgado called Elizondo, who allegedly told him to get rid of any of the stolen cash.

“Just make sure whatever you have in your house isn’t there no more, you know what I mean?” Elizondo instructed in the wiretapped call played for jurors.

Agents executed the search warrant on Salgado’s residence on West 18th Place the next day but did not find the cash. That day, both officers “wiped” call records from their phones in an attempt to cover up the crime, the charges alleged.

Elizondo testified last week that his warning to Salgado was merely a reminder that Salgado should remove a small amount of recreational marijuana from his home that Elizondo had seen at a party there weeks earlier.

Elizondo also said he deleted his call data because he was “embarrassed” and didn’t want Internal Affairs to see which members of the department he’d reached out to after learning he was under investigation.

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with the transfer tax change.

Lightfoot plans to sunset five tax increment financing districts, which would bring in a big one-time cash infusion to the city, school district and other local taxing bodies, aldermen said.

One alderman cautioned they didn’t hear her definitively say no property tax increase if Springfield comes through, but the budget briefing was less dire than once feared.

And she expects to save hundreds of millions through efficiencies, according to aldermen. Those include \$200 million she previously announced via refinancing bond debt, and more thanks to closing vacant positions on the city payroll and other efficiencies.

Lightfoot pushed back Tuesday against the idea that she’s going to need to hedge in her speech because of the uncertainty over the transfer tax. “It’s unusual, but I wouldn’t characterize it as a hedge,” Lightfoot said. “It’s not a hedge when you’re really transparent about what the options are, but also what the consequences are if those options don’t come through. We’ve been very upfront about that.”

The mayor refused to scoop herself Tuesday by divulging any specifics ahead of the speech. She continued to say she would like to avoid a property tax hike, but she “can’t take that off the table.”

“I won’t preview what we’re doing tomorrow, but you’ll see there’s a plan in place, but a lot depends on what happens in Springfield,” she said.

The mayor did lay out a budget ideal of sorts.

“We have definitely taken the approach that we need to make sure that we continue investing in our people in the city,” Lightfoot said. “Budgets are a statement of values, and I believe that wholeheartedly. And we will be speaking our values (Wednesday).”

Adding to the theater of the event, the striking Chicago Teachers Union certainly will use Lightfoot’s address as a high-profile chance to flex its muscles by bringing a huge crowd of teachers to City Hall. Service Employees International Union Local 73, representing school support staff, also will likely be there in force.

So far, Lightfoot publicly has identified \$260 million in budget gap solutions. That leaves about \$578 million the mayor hasn’t yet said how it will be filled.

The biggest financial measure announced so far is a plan to refinance \$1.3 billion in city debt to save \$200 million in next year’s budget. All the existing bonds that are being refinanced are due in 2040, and the new bond deal also would be due in 2040, the administration said.

Lightfoot would use all of the savings over the life of the refinancing deal up-

front, opening the door for criticism from observers and analysts who think the savings shouldn’t be spent as a one-time fix.

Last week, Lightfoot said she will seek to more than triple the tax charged on most solo ride-share patrons heading in and out of downtown Chicago as part of a plan to bring in \$40 million more a year. Under her plan, the city also would hike the tax on solo riders using services such as Uber and Lyft elsewhere in the city by 74%.

The mayor will propose a tax hike on all food and drinks sold in Chicago restaurants, which she hopes will raise an extra \$20 million in 2020.

But she also has spent weeks saying she doesn’t want a property tax increase, declining to give any estimate, and saying it won’t happen if Springfield gives the city help. That could help her redirect voters’ anger over any property tax hike toward state lawmakers. But it also would anger Pritzker, House Speaker Michael Madigan and other Democrats whose help she needs on many other issues, including changing the terms of a proposed Chicago casino to make it more inviting to potential investors.

By contrast, when Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced a record-breaking \$588 million property tax hike in 2015, he spent weeks working to soften the blow. On the same night protesters forced him from the stage at a budget hearing, City Hall leaked that the hike would be somewhere between \$450 million and \$550 million.

Lightfoot has a handful of other options. The mayor has said she will hike parking meter rates as part of the 2020 budget, in a move that she said will allow the city to keep additional revenue rather than make higher payments to the company that leased the parking meters in a much-maligned deal pushed through by Mayor Richard M. Daley. But Lightfoot hasn’t detailed her proposal or explained how it would work.

It’s unclear how much help the legislature will provide on the transfer tax as Pritzker prepares a push for his own signature graduated income tax plan. Lightfoot has said she favors giving a break to people who sell their homes for \$500,000 or less and gradually ramping up the tax on more expensive properties.

She also wants help restructuring the Chicago casino to lower taxes on operators, which could be a challenge to push through with lawmakers who are only set to meet for six days. Passing a budget could be challenging on numerous fronts. Progressives could balk if it doesn’t address enough social issues, fiscal hawks may decide it doesn’t do enough to address the city’s problems.

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Lawyers for Jussie Smollett argued that the actor couldn't have foreseen that Chicago police would investigate his claims of being the victim of a brutal attack so thoroughly.

Judge to Chicago: Go ahead with Smollett refund lawsuit

BY JASON MEISNER

A federal judge gave the go-ahead Tuesday to the city of Chicago's lawsuit against Jussie Smollett that seeks reimbursement from the former "Empire" actor for some \$130,000 in overtime incurred by police to investigate his alleged hoax attack in January.

In denying Smollett's motion to dismiss, U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall said that on its face, Smollett's claim that the police went overboard in investigating his report didn't hold up.

"The natural, ordinary and reasonable consequence of a police report like this one — a racist, homophobic physical assault in which masked attackers invoked the President of the United States' official campaign slogan — is an intensive, sprawling investigation like the one that took place," Kendall wrote in an 18-page opinion made public Tuesday.

She also pointed out that Chicago police took the allegations seriously in large part because of Smollett's high profile "and the extreme nature of the accusations."

"Most crime victims do not have the opportunity to discuss the crime on 'Good Morning America,'" Kendall wrote.

In moving to dismiss the suit, lawyers for Smollett had argued that the actor could never have foreseen that Chicago police would investigate his claims so thoroughly — and therefore he shouldn't be stuck with the \$130,000 overtime bill.

The attorneys said police investigations are a "discretionary function" of law enforcement and that there was no proof of the damages allegedly incurred by the city were directly related to Smollett's report — later determined by police to be a hoax.

"The filing of a police report, in and of itself, does not necessitate a sprawling investigation, nor does it, as a practical matter, usually result in an investigation as extensive as the one CPD chose to undertake in this case," Smollett attorney William Quinlan wrote.

Following the judge's decision, Smollett's attorney issued a statement saying the actor "is eager" to have the complete facts of the case come out.

"He looks forward to taking depositions and otherwise bringing to light many of the facts that have been overlooked in the court of public opinion to date," the statement read.

Kendall's ruling sets the case on a path toward trial.

The city's lawsuit is one of many legal fronts in Smollett's case, which has made international news ever since Smollett claimed he was the victim of a brutal attack near his home in Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood on Jan. 29. Smollett was eventually charged with disorderly conduct for allegedly lying to police. However, weeks later, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office abruptly dismissed the 16-count indictment with little public explanation.

Meanwhile, powerhouse attorney Dan Webb was appointed in August as a special prosecutor to look into the controversial handling of the case and whether any further criminal charges were warranted.

A separate investigation by the Cook County inspector general is also still underway.

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NATION & WORLD

Russia, Turkey seal power in Syria

The 2 nations will jointly patrol almost all of northeastern border after Kurds withdraw

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Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Russia and Turkey announced an agreement Tuesday to jointly patrol almost the entire northeastern Syrian border after the withdrawal of Kurdish fighters, cementing the two countries' power in Syria in the wake of President Donald Trump's abrupt withdrawal of U.S. forces.

The announcement came as Kurdish fighters completed their pullout from a section of the Syrian-Turkish border as required by a U.S.-brokered ceasefire that expired Tuesday night. Together the arrangements transform the map of northeast Syria, leaving Turkey in sole control over one section in the middle of the border, while Turkey, Russia and the Syrian government will have hands in the rest.

The deployments replace American soldiers who for five years battled alongside Kurdish-led fighters and succeeded in bringing down the rule of the Islamic State group across a third of Syria at the cost of thousands of Kurdish fighters' lives.

The American pullout has proved chaotic and stumbling. It ran into a new hitch when neighboring Iraq said Tuesday that the American forces did not have permission to stay on its territory. The Iraqi announcement seemed to contradict U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper, who a day earlier said the forces leaving Syria would deploy

in Iraq to fight the Islamic State group.

Presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia and Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey announced their agreement after six hours of talks and poring over maps of Syria at the Black Sea resort of Sochi. Under the 10-point deal, Kurdish fighters would have 150 hours starting at noon Wednesday — meaning, until next Tuesday at 6 p.m. — to withdraw from the border.

Russian and Syrian government forces would move into that area immediately to ensure the Kurdish fighters pull back 20 miles from the border. Then at the end of the 150 hours, Russian-Turkish patrols would begin along a 6-mile wide strip of the border.

The exception would be the region around the town of Qamishli at the far eastern end of the border, which has some of the densest Kurdish population. Russian and Turkish officials did not immediately say what the arrangement would be around Qamishli.

"I believe that this agreement will start a new era toward Syria's lasting stability and it being cleared of terrorism. I hope that this agreement is beneficial to our countries and to our brothers in Syria," Erdogan said.

Turkey will keep control of the section in the center of the border that it captured in its invasion that began Oct. 9. That is the territory that Kurdish fighters withdrew from under the U.S.-brokered ceasefire. It extends roughly 75



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan met Tuesday in Sochi, Russia, and agreed to conduct joint patrols along the border.

miles wide and 20 miles deep between the Syrian border towns of Tal Abyad and Ras al-Ayn.

A senior Kurdish official, Redur Khalil, confirmed his forces had left that area. But he said Turkish troops and their allies were continuing military operations in northeastern Syria outside that withdrawal zone.

The Kurdish-led forces notified the White House of the completed withdrawal in a letter, a senior Trump administration official said, speaking on condition of

anonymity to discuss the contents of the letter.

After the U.S. announced its pullout earlier this month, Turkey launched its invasion, saying it wanted to carve out a safe zone cleared of Kurdish fighters, whom it considers terrorists. Turkey also plans to settle many of the 3.6 million Syrian refugees on its soil in that zone, which is the heartland of Syria's Kurdish minority.

For the Kurds, a Turkish takeover would mean the crushing of the self-rule

they have carved out in the northeast amid Syria's civil war. They also fear massive demographic change, as Kurdish civilians flee Turkish control and mainly Arab Syrian refugees move in.

The new agreement aims to ease those fears by giving Russia and its ally, the Syrian government, control over much of the area, with the Turkish patrols limited to closer to the border. That may prevent a massive flight of civilians but would be a heavy blow to Kurdish autonomy dreams.

The Russia-Turkey deal goes a considerable way to restoring the control of Moscow's ally, the Syrian government, across much of the northeast.

Syrian President Bashar Assad has vowed to reunite all the territory under Damascus' rule. On Tuesday, Assad said he was ready to support any "popular resistance" against Turkey's invasion.

Erdogan is "a thief," Assad told troops during a visit to the northwestern province of Idlib. "He stole the factories and the wheat and the oil in cooperation with Daesh (the Islamic State group) and now is stealing the land."

"We are in the middle of a battle and the right thing to do is to rally efforts to lessen the damages from the invasion and to expel the invader," Assad said.

Assad's visit to Idlib underlined Damascus' goal of regaining the border. Idlib is adjacent to a border enclave that Turkey captured several years ago in another incursion. Turkey also has observation points inside Idlib, negotiated with Russia, to monitor a ceasefire there between the government and opposition fighters and jihadi groups.

He said his government had offered clemency to Kurdish fighters, whom it considers separatists, to "ensure that everyone is ready to resist the aggression" and fight the Turkish assault.

Syrian state media reported, meanwhile, that government forces entered new areas in Hassakeh province at the far eastern end of the border, under the arrangement with the Kurds.

ANALYSIS

Getting out of conflicts in Mideast isn't easy

BY ADAM TAYLOR
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has repeatedly said that his decision to pull U.S. troops out of Syria will mean more soldiers coming home. We "are slowly & carefully bringing our great soldiers & military home," he tweeted earlier this month. "It's time for us to come home," he told reporters last week. "Bringing soldiers home!" he tweeted Sunday.

It turns out it's not that simple. Trump's announcement that he would be pulling troops out of Syria was followed by another announcement that the United States would send 1,800 troops to Saudi Arabia. Over the weekend, U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper announced that the roughly 1,000 U.S. troops in Syria would be shifted to western Iraq.

On Monday, Esper said that not all U.S. troops may be leaving Syria anyway. During a visit to Afghanistan, the secretary said that a residual force of U.S. troops may stay to guard oil fields from the

Islamic State and others who could "seek that revenue to enable their own malign activities."

This chaotic reshuffling of troops in the region comes amid considerable debate about their presence there at all. The practice has put not only the lives of Americans at risk in wars that often have no obvious benefit to the United States but has done little to calm things. Polls of U.S. veterans have shown that a majority believe U.S. military engagements in Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria were not worth it.

However, as Trump has shown, withdrawing troops from these countries can set back other priorities. In Afghanistan, where Esper announced Monday that troop numbers had quietly been scaled back by 2,000, talks with the Taliban have broken down — with the extremist organization effectively discovering that one of its key demands in negotiations is effectively happening anyway.

In Syria, the removal of support for Kurdish forces led to the military intervention of Turkey, the spread of

influence from the Syrian government and Russia, and the potential for a group like the Islamic State to regroup. U.S. troops serving in Syria are "livid" about a cease-fire agreement touted by Trump, according to a senior official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Before Trump, President Barack Obama had his own ideas about bringing troops home. "The time has come for us to end this engagement in Iraq," he said on the campaign trail in Chicago in 2007. He said he was determined to bring troops home from Afghanistan before the end of his second term, and repeated the mantra that there was "no military solution" for disputes around the world.

While Obama did pull U.S. troops out of Iraq in 2011, he sent thousands back in 2014 as the Iraqi military crumbled under pressure from the Islamic State. Meanwhile, his plans to pull out of Afghanistan completely never came to pass. During his two terms, the United States conducted airstrikes or military raids on seven nations: Af-



Defense Secretary Mark Esper greets U.S. troops Tuesday at Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia. Esper made his first trip to Afghanistan as secretary over the weekend.

ghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Pakistan, Somalia, Syria and Yemen.

Obama may have succeeded in ending U.S. involvement in the worst of the fighting, but he left troops deeply embedded in regional conflicts that proved just as hard to decisively end. Trump's complaints about U.S. military presence overseas appear far broader — he has taken aim at relationships like the basing of U.S. troops in South Korea, Japan and Germany — but also more contradictory.

On Monday, the same day that U.S. troops pulled out of Syria as Kurds threw stones and rotten fruit at them, Trump warned that "we may have to get in wars too," and pointed toward on-going tensions with Iran. "If Iran does something, they'll be hit like they've never been hit before. I mean, we have things that we're looking at."

That muddled view only adds to the strains on America's military presence abroad. That presence has already sprawled farther than imagined — one 2015

estimate puts it at 800 bases in 70 countries, far more than all other nations combined — because of a combination of the legacies of World War II, the Cold War, the war on terrorism, security interests of the host nations and even plain old mission creep.

Obama tried to solve the puzzle of U.S. troops locked in foreign wars, while Trump is hoping to ignore it. But for now, it still seems to be that keeping U.S. troops in the Middle East is proving far easier than bringing them home.

US traffic fatalities continue to decline, but pedestrian deaths rise

BY TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — The U.S. government's road safety agency says traffic deaths fell by a small amount for the second straight year.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration attributed the 2.4% drop partially to technology in newer vehicles that can prevent crashes. A total of 36,560 people died on the nation's roads in 2018, the latest full-year statistics available.

The agency says the downward trend is continuing into 2019. First-half estimates show fatalities down 3.4%.

"This is encouraging news, but still far too many perished or were injured, and nearly all crashes are preventable, so much more work remains to be done to make America's roads safer for everyone," Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, whose department oversees NHTSA, said in a statement.

But pedestrian deaths

rose 3.4%, and the number of people killed on bicycles and other pedaled vehicles went up 6.3%. People killed in large-truck crashes rose just under 1%.

The overall declines in 2017 and 2018 came after two years of large increases blamed on people driving more as the economy improved.

NHTSA said alcohol-impaired fatalities dropped 3.6% in 2018, while fatalities attributed to speeding fell 5.7%. Motorcycle deaths declined 4.7%, the agency said.

Most of the pedestrian deaths, 76%, and half the bicyclist deaths occurred after dark, and some pedestrians and cyclists had some alcohol in their systems. Seventy-four percent of the pedestrian deaths occurred outside of intersections, the agency reported.

NHTSA also said it would look into the increase in SUVs as a factor in the increases. SUVs sit taller than cars, which can make it more difficult for drivers to see pedestrians and cyclists. NHTSA said in a state-

ment that it's also studying changes in its five-star crash assessment program and will consider including new technologies such as pedestrian detection systems. It's also working with the Federal Highway Administration to reduce bicycle and pedestrian deaths.

The agency said the number of deaths in crashes with distracted drivers hit 2,841 in 2018, or 7.8% of total traffic deaths. But the 2018 number is down 12.4% from 2017, according to the agency.

The Truck Safety Coalition, an advocacy group, said crashes involving at least one large truck killed 4,951 people last year.

In a statement, the group said fatalities involving large trucks have increased 46.5% in the past decade, yet the administration of President Donald Trump has pushed for proposals that would make it easier for truck drivers to work 17-hour days and to remove a 30-minute break requirement for truck drivers after eight hours of work.

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unsuccessfully to get a meeting with Trump to release the aid.

Taylor testified that Ukrainian officials were blindsided by the White House's decision to release a rough transcript of Trump's July 25 call with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy with "virtually no notice of the release and they were livid."

Upon arriving in Kyiv last spring Taylor became alarmed by secondary diplomatic channels involving U.S. officials that he called "weird," he said.

Taylor walked lawmakers through a series of conversations he had with other U.S. diplomats who were trying to obtain what one had called the "deliverable" of Ukrainian help investigating Trump's political rivals.

"In August and September of this year, I became increasingly concerned that our relationship with Ukraine was being fundamentally undermined by an irregular informal channel of U.S. policy-making and by the withholding of vital security assistance for domestic political reasons," Taylor said.

Taylor's testimony filled in some blanks about the activities of U.S. officials who appear to have sought Ukrainian help at the behest of Trump and his personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani.

At issue is whether the White House conditioned military aid and a meeting between the two presidents on Zelenskyy's cooperation, and whether that constitutes an abuse of Trump's office.

Taylor contradicted earlier testimony from Gordon Sondland, Trump's ambassador to the European Union, a key player in the effort to draw Ukraine into the election-related investigations.

Sondland told House investigators last week that he recalls "no discussions" with anyone at the State Department or White House about investigating former vice president and



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U.S. Capitol Police escort Acting Ambassador William Taylor upon his arrival Tuesday to testify before House committees.

"The testimony is very disturbing."

— Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y.

2020 presidential candidate Joe Biden or his son Hunter.

Taylor testified that Trump told Sondland in a Sept. 7 phone call that Zelenskyy must "go to a microphone and say he is opening investigations of Biden and 2016 election interference, and that President Zelenskyy should want to do this himself."

The contents of this conversation were given to Taylor by the White House official in charge of Europe, Tim Morrison, who after hearing that call notified Bolton and National Security Council lawyers, Taylor said.

House Democrats are expected to use Taylor's ac-

count of his conversations with Sondland to show that Trump had issued clear orders about what he wanted from Zelenskyy.

"During that phone call, Amb. Sondland told me that President Trump had told him that he wants President Zelenskyy to state publicly that Ukraine will investigate Burisma and alleged Ukrainian interference in the 2016 election," Taylor testified.

Hunter Biden had been a board member of Burisma, a large Ukrainian gas company.

"Amb. Sondland also told me that he now recognized that he had made a mistake by earlier telling the Ukrainian officials to whom he spoke that a White House meeting with President Zelenskyy was dependent on a public announcement of investigations — in fact, Amb. Sondland said, 'everything' was dependent on such an announcement, including security assist-

ance," Taylor told House investigators.

"He said that President Trump wanted President Zelenskyy 'in a public box' by making a public statement about ordering such investigations," Taylor said.

An official working on the impeachment inquiry said Tuesday that Taylor is testifying under subpoena after the State Department attempted to block his appearance.

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., said Taylor "drew a straight line" with documents, timelines and individual conversations in his records.

Taylor testified that he first learned about U.S. military aid being leveraged on a promise by Ukraine to investigate Trump's political foes in an early September phone call with Morrison.

The top National Security Council official described how Sondland had told a Ukrainian official that "the security assistance money

would not come until President Zelenskyy committed to pursue the Burisma investigation," Taylor testified.

Taylor told House lawmakers that he was "alarmed" by the news.

"This was the first time I had heard that security assistance — not just the White House meeting — was conditioned on the investigations," he told lawmakers.

The same day he texted Sondland to ask if this was correct, a message that is now already public: "We (are) now saying that security assistance and (a) WH meeting are conditioned on investigations?" he wrote.

Sondland responded by telling Taylor to call him instead of texting.

A few days later, on Sept. 7, Taylor testified that Morrison related to him another conversation that Trump had with Sondland that gave him a "sinking feeling." He told Taylor that

Trump "did insist that President Zelenskyy go to a microphone and say he is opening investigations of Biden and 2016 election interference, and that President Zelenskyy should want to do this himself," Taylor said, summarizing what he heard for lawmakers.

Taylor also told lawmakers that Sondland had explained that Trump is a "businessman" and that when a businessman is about to sign a check to someone he asks for what he is owed. Taylor scoffed at the notion that Ukraine "owed" anything to Trump.

After they hung up, Taylor sent Sondland text messages laying out his concerns about holding up the military aide.

That's when he wrote that "I think it's crazy to withhold security assistance for help with a political campaign."

The Associated Press contributed.

Putin, Orban fortified Trump's Ukraine view

State Department official told House panel of outside influence

BY GREG MILLER, GREG JAFFE, JOHN HUDSON AND ELLEN NAKASHIMA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's effort to pressure Ukraine for information he could use against political rivals came as he was being urged to adopt a hostile view of that country by its regional adversaries, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, current and former U.S. officials said.

Trump's conversations with Putin, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban and others reinforced his perception of Ukraine as a hopelessly corrupt country — one that Trump now also appears to believe sought to undermine him in the 2016 U.S. election, the officials said.

Neither of those foreign leaders specifically encouraged Trump to see Ukraine as a potential source of damaging information about Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, nor did they describe Kyiv as complicit in an unsubstantiated 2016 election conspiracy, officials

said. But their disparaging depictions of Ukraine reinforced Trump's perceptions of the country and fed a dysfunctional dynamic in which White House officials struggled to persuade Trump to support the fledgling government in Kyiv instead of exploiting it for political purposes, officials said.

The role played by Putin and Orban, a hard-right leader who has often allied himself with the Kremlin's positions, was described in closed-door testimony last week by George Kent, a deputy assistant secretary of state, before House impeachment investigators, U.S. officials said.

Kent cited the influence of those leaders as a factor that helped sour Trump on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in the months leading up to their July 25 phone call — a conversation that triggered a whistleblower complaint as well as a House impeachment inquiry.

U.S. officials emphasized that while Putin and Orban denigrated Ukraine, Trump's decision to seek

damaging material on Biden was driven by Trump's own impulses and Kyiv conspiracy theories promoted by his attorney Rudy Giuliani.

In their May phone call, Putin "did what he always does" in seeking to undercut the United States' relationship with Ukraine, said a former U.S. official familiar with details of the conversation. "He has always said Ukraine is just a den of corruption."

The efforts to poison Trump's views toward Zelenskyy were anticipated by national security officials at the White House, officials said. But the voices of Putin and Orban took on added significance because of the departure of those who had sought to blunt the influence of Putin and other authoritarian leaders over Trump.

In his testimony, Kent indicated that U.S. officials were encouraged by Trump's initial phone call with Zelenskyy after his April election and hoped the president would see the new leader as a potential partner in long-standing U.S. efforts to help Ukraine



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Prime Minister Viktor Orban, left, met with President Trump in May. One official said the meeting "had solidified" Trump's pessimistic view about Kyiv and Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

fend off Russian aggression and battle internal corruption.

Instead, Kent testified, Trump's view of Zelenskyy and Ukraine seemed to sour in the ensuing months, with Trump voicing disdain for Kyiv, ordering the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine removed, blocking Vice President Mike Pence from attending Zelenskyy's inauguration and suspending the flow of \$391 million in military and other aid to the country.

Trump spoke with Putin by phone and met with Orban at the White House in the weeks between Ze-

lenskyy's April 21 election and his May 20 inauguration. Trump also spoke with Putin on June 28, during a global summit in Japan, and by phone July 31, days after the call in which he solicited a "favor" from Zelenskyy.

The May visit from Orban began with an hourlong meeting between Trump and the Hungarian leader with no note-takers, officials said. Then-national security adviser John Bolton and the Hungarian foreign minister joined afterward.

Senior U.S. diplomats said they had limited insight into the private conversa-

tion between Trump and Orban. But one official said that it became "clear that the meeting with Orban had solidified" Trump's pessimistic view about Kyiv and Zelenskyy.

Orban's grievances toward Ukraine are grounded in a historic border dispute and the claimed mistreatment of a Hungarian-speaking minority that resides in Ukraine. But Orban's animosity toward Zelenskyy is also ideological, officials said, noting that Zelenskyy has positioned himself in opposition to Orban as a Western-leaning reformer.



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP
Rep. James Clyburn: "That is one word no president ought to apply to himself."

Trump likens Dem-led impeachment inquiry to 'lynching'

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump triggered outrage Tuesday by comparing the Democrat-led impeachment inquiry to a lynching, assigning the horrors of a deadly and racist chapter in U.S. history to a process laid out in the Constitution.

"That is one word no president ought to apply to himself," said Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., the high-

est-ranking African American in Congress. "That is a word that we ought to be very, very careful about using."

Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., who also is black, called on Trump to delete the tweet.

"Do you know how many people who look like me have been lynched, since the inception of this country, by people who look like you. Delete this tweet," Rush wrote.

Republican legislators largely tried to put the focus on what they said was the

unfair way in which Democrats are conducting the inquiry.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said Trump's description was "pretty well accurate." He called the impeachment effort a "sham" and a "joke" because the president does not know the identity of his accuser, and the process is playing out in private.

"This is a lynching in every sense," said Graham, who is close to Trump.

Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, the Senate's only

black Republican, agreed with Trump's sentiment but not his word choice.

"There's no question that the impeachment process is the closest thing (to) a political death row trial, so I get his absolute rejection of the process," Scott said, adding, "I wouldn't use the word lynching."

Trump tweeted Tuesday: "So some day, if a Democrat becomes President and the Republicans win the House, even by a tiny margin, they can impeach the President, without due process or fair-

ness or any legal rights."

"All Republicans must remember what they are witnessing here — a lynching. But we will WIN!"

A whistleblower's complaint that Trump was attempting to use his office for personal political gain during a July 25 phone conversation with Ukraine's president led House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to open the impeachment inquiry.

Impeachment and its process are in the Constitution.

Activists decry cop 'cooling off' period

Police who shoot are given time to face questioning

BY LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

After a police officer fatally shoots someone, it can take days or even weeks before the public or his supervisors hear the officer's version of what happened.

In many states, that so-called cooling off period is carved out in state law or in a police department's contract. That opportunity to take some time before undergoing questioning by investigators angers community activists and others seeking reforms of police departments around the country who believe it gives officers time to reshape their story to justify a shooting and avoid getting fired or charged. Law enforcement officials and experts say officers need to be able to collect their thoughts, so they don't provide details that are tainted by the trauma of the shooting.

Just the latest example arose in Fort Worth, Texas, where a police officer fatally shot a woman inside her home; before he could be compelled to undergo questioning, he resigned, making it even more difficult to find out what he was thinking, why he fired his gun — and some believe, to get justice.

"We laud police in this society as our protectors and purveyors of justice, and we hold them with such high regard, but when it comes to getting a statement when they have killed one of us, they are held to a lower standard than if we killed one of them," said Pamela Young, lead organizer for the Tarrant County Coalition for Community Oversight in Texas. "It's nonsensical."

More than a dozen states have what are called Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights carved into law. Other states, especially those with unions, have



DAVID KENT/AP

Flowers lie in front of the house Oct. 14 in Fort Worth, Texas, where a white Fort Worth police officer Aaron Dean shot and killed Atatiana Jefferson, a black woman, through a window of her home. Dean did not talk to investigators before resigning.

similar protections as part of negotiated contracts. The amount of time afforded officers before they are questioned varies — as short as 24 hours to up to two weeks.

The grace period dates back in most places to the 1970s and has periodically been questioned in police-use-of-force cases, with watchdogs and community activists considering it another example of the thin blue line rallying around one of its own. It's difficult to say if the lag time has allowed officers to avoid arrest or conviction, especially because the courts grant police more leeway in using deadly force than the general public.

In Maryland, the first state to enact an Officers' Bill of Rights, lawmakers in 2016 reduced the time from 10 days to five, and extended the period in which residents can file a com-

plaint against police from 90 days to a year-plus-a-day. The changes came as part of a bill after the death of Freddie Gray, who was injured in a Baltimore Police Department van and later died, sparking riots.

The issue of when officers involved in shootings must be questioned has arisen periodically. But amid all the reforms sought of police departments in recent years, it hasn't been one that has garnered as much attention, until recently.

It follows several high-profile police shootings, including one in Dallas, 30 miles from Fort Worth. That's where a white police officer was recently convicted of fatally shooting an unarmed black neighbor after she said she mistook his apartment for hers; the department there gives officers 72 hours before they're questioned.

It's unclear when Amber

Guyger first talked to investigators about the September 2018 shooting, but she was eventually charged and is serving 10 years in prison after being convicted of murder this month.

In Minnesota, where an officer in July 2017 fatally shot an unarmed woman who had called 911 about a possible assault, the officer refused to talk to investigators and did not publicly discuss what happened until his trial. Mohamed Noor was convicted of third-degree murder and manslaughter and was sentenced to more than 12 years in prison.

Aaron Dean, the Fort Worth officer who shot 28-year-old Atatiana Jefferson inside her home last Saturday, did not talk to investigators before he resigned two days later and was charged with murder. His attorney, Jim Lane, declined to comment on

Dean's state of mind or his response to the allegations against him.

Bob Bennett, an attorney in Minnesota who represented the family of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, who was fatally shot by Noor, decried what he called special treatment being given officers. Not only are they given extra time before undergoing questioning, but often they are allowed to consult with a union representative or an attorney beforehand.

"A lot can be learned in five or six days and a lot can be polished and sanded," Bennett said.

Law enforcement officials contend the grace period is critical after such traumatic events — and that officers are being given the same rights as any citizen to refuse to talk with investigators. Many point to research detailing the physiological and psychological

toll that traumatic events have on the human body, and suggest the gap is important to ensure the officers are clearheaded and able to process what happened so they can more accurately describe what occurred.

"Of course the critics and the people who don't trust the police say, 'Yeah, they need time to get their story together,'" said Tom Manger, a retired police chief in Virginia and Maryland. "Having some time to calm down and get your thoughts together oftentimes, you get clearer answers and better information."

Bennett doesn't buy it, saying if it's good enough for an officer, it should be fair to treat civilians the same way.

"Why are police, who are professionally trained to observe, to record material, to accurately and completely record all the material and facts of an incident, why are they excused from rendering their report and statement in the same time frame as untrained, unprofessional witnesses are?"

Jim Pasco, executive director of the Fraternal Order of Police, which represents about 330,000 officers nationally, called the gap in time something available to the general public as well as officers.

"There are an awful lot of misconceptions. First of all, anyone who's being interviewed by the police with the potential for being charged has a right to decline to say anything. The difference is that police officers at every level decline to testify at the peril of losing their jobs whether they're guilty or innocent," he said. "Police officers don't give up their civil and constitutional rights at the police station door."

"It isn't like 'Law & Order' where they get into a shootout and then go out for a beer. It isn't like that at all. These officers suffer sometimes for the rest of their lives just by virtue of being involved."



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Flags belonging to anti-Brexit and pro-Brexit activists fly Tuesday outside Parliament.

Brexit still in limbo as PM scores 1 vote, loses another

BY JILL LAWLESS
AND DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON — For a brief moment Tuesday, Brexit was within a British prime minister's grasp.

Boris Johnson won Parliament's backing for the substance of his Brexit deal but lost a key vote on its timing, a result that inches him closer to his goal of leading his country out of the European Union — but effectively guarantees it won't happen on the scheduled date of Oct. 31.

The good news for the prime minister was that lawmakers — for the first time since Britons chose in 2016 to leave the EU — voted in principle for a Brexit plan, backing 329-299 a bill to implement the agreement Johnson struck with the EU last week.

But minutes later, legislators rejected his fast-track timetable to pass the bill, saying they needed more time to scrutinize it. The vote went 322-308 against the government.

Tuesday's votes plunge the tortuous Brexit process back into grimly familiar territory: acrimonious un-

certainty.

Without speedy passage of the bill, Britain won't be able to make an orderly exit from the bloc Oct. 31, the central vow of Johnson's three-month-old administration.

Johnson hailed the fact that "for the first time in this long saga this House has actually accepted its responsibilities together, come together, and embraced a deal."

Johnson had hoped to push the legislation through the House of Commons by Thursday. But he said after the defeat that he would "pause" the bill until the EU had decided whether to agree to delay Britain's departure.

Earlier, Johnson had said he might call a vote on holding a snap general election if Parliament blocked his plans — in the hopes of breaking the political deadlock over Brexit that has dragged on as lawmakers have squabbled over the country's departure terms. But he's likely to wait to hear from the EU on the delay before deciding whether to push for an election.



Johnson

On Tuesday night, European Council President Donald Tusk said in a tweet that he would recommend that the bloc grant Britain's request for an extension of the Oct. 31 deadline. He did not say how long a delay he would recommend.

With the Brexit deadline looming, Johnson last week grudgingly asked the bloc for three more months to comply with a law passed by Parliament ordering the government to postpone Brexit rather than risk the economic damage that could come from a no-deal exit.

Any delay will still require the agreement of all of the other 27 EU member states, and they are weary of the long-running Brexit saga. French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian told French lawmakers that he sees "no justification" at this stage for a further delay.

But they also want to avoid the economic pain on both sides of the Channel that would come from a chaotic British exit.

Johnson said he would "speak to EU member states about their intentions."

Before Tuesday's vote, he said: "I will in no way allow months more of this."

Canada's Trudeau wins 2nd term, but nation is more split

BY ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO — Prime Minister Justin Trudeau begins his second term facing an increasingly divided Parliament and country, with his rock-star appeal from four years ago diminished by scandal and unmet expectations.

Trudeau was reelected in a stronger-than-expected showing in Monday's national elections. But while his Liberal Party took the most seats in Parliament, it lost its majority and will have to rely on an opposition party to get anything passed.

The prime minister struck a conciliatory note in an early morning address that forced the TV networks to break away from covering his Conservative rival, Andrew Scheer, who had just begun speaking to his own supporters.

"To those who did not vote for us, know that we will work every single day for you, we will govern for everyone," Trudeau said.

With results still trickling in, the Liberals had 157 seats — 13 short of the 170 needed for a majority in the 338-seat House of Commons — while the Conservatives had 121.

While Trudeau claimed a "clear mandate," his party won fewer raw votes nationally than the Conservatives did, and failed to win a single seat in the western provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, where the Conservatives dominated.

There is growing outrage in Alberta, home to the third-largest oil reserves in the world, over Trudeau's inability to get a pipeline built to the Pacific Coast.

"To Canadians in Alberta and Saskatchewan," he said after his victory, "know that you are an essential part of our great country. I have heard your frustration, and I want to be there to support you. Let us all work hard to bring our country



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Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau celebrates with supporters Monday night at the Palais in Montreal.

together."

At the same time, Trudeau said Canadians elected a government that will fight climate change. That means he will keep a national carbon tax in place that has also angered western Canada.

In what was supposed to be a concession speech, Scheer said the results showed Trudeau was much weakened since his 2015 election, when pundits had predicted the beginning of another Trudeau dynasty. Trudeau's father, Pierre, was prime minister from 1968 to 1984, apart from a brief interruption in 1979-80.

"Conservatives have put Justin Trudeau on notice," Scheer said. "And Mr. Trudeau, when your government falls, Conservatives will be ready."

Later, at a news conference, Scheer blamed Trudeau for division in the country, accusing him of pitting region against region.

"We have a divided country. It is essential for Justin Trudeau to take this seriously, to try to find common ground and stop

attacking the energy sector," Scheer said.

Canada was also further divided by the electoral success of the separatist Bloc Quebecois in the French-speaking province of Quebec. The Bloc won 32 of the province's 78 districts, up from 10.

Trudeau, 47, prevailed after a series of scandals that tarnished his image as a liberal icon. Old photos of him in blackface and brownface surfaced last month, and Trudeau was also accused of bullying his female attorney general into dropping the prosecution of a Canadian engineering company.

Also, environmentalists have accused him of betrayal for spending billions to buy the pipeline in a so-far unsuccessful bid to get the stalled project moving again. It has been held up by environmental opposition and court challenges.

Trudeau's Liberals are likely to rely on the New Democrats to form a new government. That will further alienate western Canada because New Democrat leader Jagmeet Singh is against the pipeline project.



ARIANA CUBILLOS/AP

Orlando Godoy takes a package of corn flour as payment at a gas station near Caracas.

Inflation-weary Venezuelans buy gas with cigarettes, food

By SCOTT SMITH
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Motorists in socialist Venezuela have long enjoyed the world's cheapest gasoline, with fuel so heavily subsidized that a full tank these days costs a tiny fraction of a U.S. penny. But the economy is in such shambles that drivers are now paying for fill-ups with a little food, a candy bar or just a cigarette.

Bartering at the pump has taken off as hyperinflation makes Venezuela's paper currency, the bolívar, hard to find and renders some denominations all but worthless, so that nobody will accept them.

Without cash in their wallets, drivers often hand gas station attendants a bag of rice, cooking oil or whatever is within reach.

"You can pay with a cigarette," said Orlando Molina, filling up his subcompact Ford Ka in Caracas. "Heck, it's no secret to anyone that it goes for nothing."

Gas is so dirt-cheap that station attendants don't even know the price. Empty-handed drivers get waved through, paying nothing at all.

This barter system, while perhaps the envy of cash-strapped drivers outside the country, is just another symptom of bedlam in Venezuela.

The South American nation of roughly 30 million people is gripped by a deepening political and economic crisis. People live with a nagging feeling that anything from violent street protests to a massive power failure could throw their lives into chaos at any moment.

More than 4 million Venezuelans have fled the country in recent years, escaping low wages, broken hospitals, failing basic services and lack of security.

The International Monetary Fund says inflation is expected to hit a staggering 200,000% this year.

Venezuela dropped five zeros from its currency last year in a futile attempt to keep up with inflation. Soaring prices quickly devoured the new denominations.

The smallest bill in circulation, 50 bolivares, is worth about quarter of a U.S. penny.

City buses and even banks don't accept it, arguing it would take such a

thick wad of bills to pay for even the most modest items that it wouldn't be worth the trouble. The largest bill, 50,000 bolivares, equals \$2.50.

Venezuela, which sits atop the world's largest oil reserves, was once rich. But the economy has fallen into ruin because of what critics say has been two decades of corruption and mismanagement under socialist rule.

President Nicolas Maduro's hold on power is under challenge from opposition politician Juan Guaidó, who has the backing of the United States and more than 50 other countries that contend Maduro's reelection in 2018 was crooked.

Gasoline prices are a deadly serious matter in Venezuela. Roughly 300 people died in 1989 during riots that erupted after the country's president at the time ordered a modest rise in fuel prices.

Amid the economic crash, Maduro has not substantially raised gas prices, a strategy that was probably reinforced after violent protests recently forced the president of Ecuador to back off plans to end fuel subsidies there.

Jane Fonda returning to civil disobedience for climate change

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Inspired by the climate activism of a Swedish teenager, Jane Fonda said she is returning to civil disobedience nearly a half-century after she was last arrested at a protest.

Fonda, known for her opposition to the Vietnam War, was one of 17 climate protesters arrested Friday at the U.S. Capitol on charges of unlawful demonstration by what she called "extremely nice and professional" police. Fellow actor Sam Waterston was also in the group, which included many older demonstrators.

Now 81, Fonda said she plans to get arrested every Friday to advocate for urgent reduction in the use of fossil fuels. She hopes to encourage other older people to protest as well.

Getting arrested in 2019, poses some entirely new challenges, Fonda told The Associated Press in an interview.

These days, "they use white plastic things on your wrists instead of metal handcuffs, and that hurts more," she said.

"The only problem for me is I'm old," Fonda said. After her first arrest two weeks ago, she had trouble getting into the police vehicle because she was handcuffed behind her back and "had nothing to hang on to."

On Friday, Fonda emerged from a cluster of officers and stepped smartly into the police wagon, her hands cuffed in front of her.

"Thanks, Jane!" some of the protesters called out.

"What would you tell President Trump?" someone in the crowd yelled to her earlier, as she and other protesters stood on their platform in front of the Capitol.

"I wouldn't waste my breath," she shouted back,



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Actress and activist Jane Fonda is arrested Friday outside the U.S. Capitol during a climate change protest.

drawing laughter.

The rally drew at least a couple of hundred people, young and old.

While Fonda has taken part in many climate demonstrations, she said Greta Thunberg's mobilization of international student strikes and other activism, along with the climate writing of author Naomi Klein, prompted her to return to courting arrests for a cause.

Fonda cannot remember precisely which cause led to her last arrest in the 1970s.

She said her target audience now is people like her who try to cut their plastic use and drive fuel-efficient cars, for instance, but otherwise "don't know what to do and they feel helpless," she said. "We're trying to encourage people to become more active, across the age spectrum."

Especially in the U.S., young people appear to be driving many of the protests and rallies demanding government action on climate change, University of Maryland sociologist Dana Fisher said.

Nearly half of the people who turned out for a September climate protest in Washington were college

age or younger, and a quarter were 17 or younger, for instance, Fisher said. Most were female.

On the other hand, it was older, white females who turned out for earlier protests during the Trump administration, like the women's marches, Fisher noted.

"There's a whole group of very activated, middle-age white women. They woke up after the election, and they haven't gone back to bed," Fisher said.

So far, those people have not been involved in the youth climate movement. Fonda's efforts could "get them out there," Fisher said.

Asked how she would answer any young climate activist who complained of being co-opted, Fonda said, "I would hug them."

And she did just that with some of the teenagers and other young activists she invited up to the stage to speak.

"It's a good thing that Jane is doing, to try to shift the paradigm so it's not just falling on young people" to rally the public on fossil fuel emissions, said Joe Markus, a 19-year-old Washington-area student attending Friday's protest.



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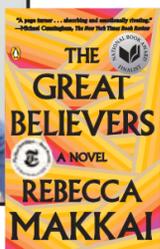


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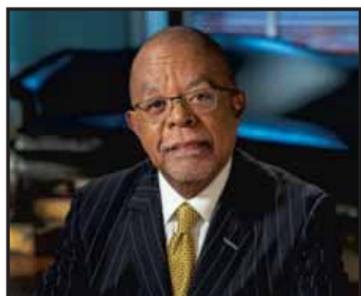
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Schumer: Democrats will try to overturn tax deduction cap

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats are attempting to repeal an IRS regulation that is designed to keep people from exceeding the \$10,000 limit on state and local tax deductions.

Democrats will force a vote, scheduled for Wednesday, to overturn the regulation through the Congressional Review Act, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The vote takes aim at an IRS rule from June that prohibits states from creating charitable funds that taxpayers can contribute to in exchange for a state tax credit.

Schumer, D-N.Y., said suburban Americans living in high-tax states, like New York and Illinois, are already paying some of the highest property and school taxes in the nation and “for the federal government to then penalize them is so unfair.”

126th Japanese emperor takes Chrysanthemum Throne

TOKYO — Three booming cheers of “Banzai!” rang out Tuesday at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo as Naruhito formally declared his ascension to the Chrysanthemum Throne as the nation’s 126th emperor.

Naruhito pledged at an elaborate, ritual-laden ceremony to serve as a symbol of the state for his people.

The enthronement ceremony is the high point of

several succession rituals that began in May. Naruhito leads the world’s oldest hereditary monarchy, which historians say goes back 1,500 years.

Recent changes to the enthronement ceremony included a slightly smaller structure for the empress — called “Michodai,” or “The August Seat of the Empress” — where Naruhito’s wife, Masako, stood, dressed in traditional costume.

More blackouts possible as fire danger looms in California

Less than two weeks after blacking out much of Northern California, the state’s largest utility, Pacific Gas & Electric, warned that dangerous fire weather could prompt another power shut-off to about a half-million people.

It notified customers of precautionary shut-offs to parts of 16 counties as soon as Wednesday, mostly in the Sierra foothills and north of the San

Francisco Bay Area.

Blackouts would last at least 48 hours, the utility said.

The utility is concerned that winds forecast to hit 60 mph could throw debris into power lines, sparking wildfires.

PG&E equipment has been blamed for igniting several of California’s fires in recent years. The utility, facing billions of dollars in potential claims, was forced into bankruptcy.



RODRIGO ABD/AP

A demonstrator screams in front of a burning barricade Tuesday in Santiago, Chile. Even after President Sebastian Pinera canceled a subway fare hike that sparked the protests, riots entered day five as the government raised the death toll to 15.

Loughlin, 10 other parents face new charges in college scandal

BOSTON — “Full House” actress Lori Loughlin, her fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli, and nine other parents were indicted Tuesday on new federal charges as prosecutors pressure them to admit guilt in a college admissions bribery scheme.

A grand jury in Boston indicted the parents on charges of conspiracy to commit federal program bribery. The count accuses the parents of attempting to bribe officials at an organization that receives at least \$10,000 in federal funding.

They are accused of paying to get their children admitted to the University of Southern California. All 11 defendants have previously pleaded not guilty to other charges in the scheme.

It’s the second time prosecutors have added new charges for parents pleading not guilty in the case. In April, they added money laundering to the initial charges of fraud and conspiracy.

U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling in Boston said the charges will further his goal of holding the defendants “fully accountable for

corrupting the college admissions process through cheating, bribery and fraud.”

Loughlin and Giannulli are accused of paying \$500,000 to get their two daughters admitted to USC as recruits on the crew team, even though neither participated in the sport. The couple have pleaded not guilty.

Others indicted on the new charge include William McGlashan, who co-founded an investment fund with U2’s Bono in 2017, and Robert Zangrillo, a prominent Miami real estate developer.

Jimmy Carter hospitalized after fall at Ga. home

ATLANTA — Former President Jimmy Carter had another fall at his home in Plains, Georgia, fracturing his pelvis and going to the hospital for treatment and observation, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Carter Center spokeswoman Deanna Congileo described the fracture as

minor.

This is the third time Carter has fallen in recent months. He first fell in the spring and required hip replacement surgery. Carter fell again Oct. 6 and despite receiving 14 stitches traveled the same day to Nashville, Tennessee, to rally volunteers and

later, to help build a Habitat for Humanity home.

Carter is the oldest living former president in U.S. history. He and Rosalynn Carter, 92, recently became the longest married first couple, surpassing George and Barbara Bush, with more than 73 years of marriage.

UK police will come to US for interview in fatal crash

LONDON — British police investigating the death of Harry Dunn, 19, are to travel to the United States to interview the 42-year-old American woman believed to have been involved in the fatal crash.

Northamptonshire police Chief Nick Adderley said during a news conference Tuesday that Anne Sacoolas had requested to be “personally interviewed” by British police officers in the United States “in order for them to see her and the devastation this has caused her and her family.”

Sacoolas will be questioned under the British equivalent of Miranda rights, allowing her the right to refuse to answer any questions and the warning that anything she does say could be used at trial.

Dunn was killed Aug. 27, when his motorcycle was struck by a car.

In Norway: An armed Norwegian man stole an ambulance and drove it along a sidewalk Tuesday in Oslo, injuring two toddlers as police tried to stop him by shooting at the tires and ramming the vehicle.

Inside police found an Uzi submachine gun, a shotgun and what they said were “large amounts” of narcotics.

The 32-year-old man was injured and arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, authorities said.

“It is too early to say whether this is terror-related, but we are investigating broadly and fully,” police said in a statement.

Investigator Grete Lier Mettid said the suspect was known to have had ties to far-right groups.

Police did not identify the man by name.

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EDITORIALS

Medical debt relief is a gift and an investment in Chicago families

Everyone knows the wallop that medical bills pack. For Chicago families who struggle to pay for rent, utilities and groceries, a medical bill can wreck a family's finances.

This Thanksgiving, nearly 6,000 Cook County families who are saddled with a collective \$5.3 million in medical debt will be saved from that fate. They'll get notices in the mail that read: "May you have a beautiful, wonderful holiday. Your debt has been forgiven. Enjoy Thanksgiving."

Where is this magnanimous gesture coming from? A network of area churches and, yes, former debt collectors.

This summer, a network of Chicago-area churches got together with RIP Medical Debt, a nonprofit formed by two former debt collection agency executives. The goal: to raise enough money to clear medical debt owed by families in neighborhoods such as Englewood, Roseland, Auburn Gresham, Washington Heights and West Pullman, the Tribune's Katherine Rosenberg-Douglas reports.

How did they do it? Hospitals, doctors and ambulance services routinely sell hard-to-collect debts to collection agencies for pennies on the dollar, primarily to get the debt off their books. RIP Medical Debt buys the debt using donations, often from churches. Instead of trying to collect the debt, RIP Medical Debt forgives what's owed. People deemed eligible must be earning less than twice the federal poverty level, which is about \$25,000 annually, have debts that exceed assets and owe an amount that's more than 5% of their annual income.

In the case of the Cook County families, a group of Chicago-area churches raised



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Minister Carol Taylor, center, reacts to news that a network of churches is paying off medical debt for about 6,000 in Cook County.

\$38,000 and turned it over to RIP Medical Debt. Just like that, medical debt owed by 5,888 families vanished.

The gesture creates peace of mind, but it yields much more.

Medical expenses play a role in two-thirds of U.S. bankruptcies, according to the American Journal of Public Health. For families saddled with medical debt, non-payment causes their credit ratings to plummet. That makes it much harder to

take out a mortgage, or to even rent an apartment or get employment. USA Today recently reported on a 2018 Kaiser Family Foundation/New York Times poll that found of the 26% of people who had problems keeping up with medical bills, nearly 3 out of 5 said they had to take an extra job, use up their savings or pare down household spending.

Medical debt relief can put families on pathways out of poverty and give children

better lives.

RIP Medical Debt says on its website that, so far, it has wiped out \$919 million in medical debt across the U.S. There's no reason why the 5,888 families helped in the Chicago area can't be a number that's doubled, or even tripled.

Look at it this way: \$38,000 to wipe out \$5.3 million in medical debt is a great investment to help get impoverished Chicagoans and their children live better lives.

Meghan Markle seems miserable as a British duchess

She should come back to Chicago (Prince Harry also welcome)

The last time we heard Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, was in Chicago was just before her May 2018 wedding to Prince Harry. The former Meghan Markle, a Northwestern grad, was spotted at O'Hare International Airport in a White Sox baseball cap, apparently in town to complete her UK visa application.

Then, as the world knows, Meghan became royalty. She had a baby, Archie, who is seventh in the line of succession to the throne, right behind his dad. But we can't say the couple lived happily ever after. They are struggling to cope with attacks by the aggressive British tabloid press and sound as if their castle — actually, Frogmore Cottage in Windsor — is a prison.

Harry is fed up with life in Britain. He fantasizes about moving his family to Africa. Meghan seems despondent. "I have said for a long time to H., it's not enough to just survive something, that's not the point of life. You've got to thrive, you've got to feel happy," she said in a new British television documentary, according to the Times of London.

Maybe it is time for a change of scenery.

Since Meghan knows Chicago, and this city has been short on royalty since Michael Jordan and Oprah Winfrey left town, we thought we'd put it out there. Duke and Duchess, come experience some Midwestern hospitality.

To catch you up on the drama: Meghan is an American-born former actress from Los Angeles who studied theater and international relations in Evanston, graduating from NU in 2003. She spent years in Hollywood and might have thought she was as prepared as any outsider to enter the glamorous, gilded world of the British monarchy. After all, celebrity culture is big business on both sides of the pond.

Turns out there's a reason people left Britain for the colonies centuries ago. The social and political atmosphere in London can be unbearable. Harry complained from the start of his relationship with Meghan that she was being harassed by social media trolls and abused in commentary pieces that smacked of sexism and racism. He sued two tabloids for alleged phone hacking. She sued another for allegedly publishing a private letter to her father. They've been attacked for going on vacation by

private jet and spending \$3 million to refurbish their home. Harry sued and won after a paparazzi agency flew a helicopter over their previous Cotswolds home, taking photos of their living quarters.

The paparazzi incident is a sad clue to the couple's troubles. Harry acknowledges being haunted by the death of his mother, Diana, Princess of Wales, who was killed in a 1997 car accident in Paris as her speeding vehicle was chased by photographers. In a recent statement, Harry said: "I lost my mother and now I watch my wife falling victim to the same powerful forces."

The British public seems split on the plight of Harry and Meghan. There's a lot of clucking that members of the monarchy should recognize that extreme wealth and privilege come at the cost of being objects of fascination. But there's sympathy, too, for a newly married couple who are hurting. She's an outsider adjusting to life as a symbol in a foreign culture; he's traumatized by the death of his mom.

The pair plan to take six weeks off from royal duties for "family time" and may head to Los Angeles for Thanksgiving. That



MICHELE SPATARI/GETTY-AFP

Britain's Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, and Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, arrive at the British High Commissioner residence in Johannesburg on Oct. 2.

sounds like a good idea. They should come to Chicago too. Maybe shop for a condo. Sure, Chicago has a vigorous media, but we're too focused on the city budget crisis and the collapse of the Bears to obsess over one more young family moving to Logan Square or the West Loop.

Meghan and Harry, you are royally invited.

A MINISERIES EPISODE 6

Why a teachers strike is bad for Chicago

Every academic year is important, but for Chicago Public Schools students, seventh grade really matters.

That's because student performance that year plays a major role in applications to the district's selective enrollment high schools.

The Chicago Teachers Union strike is a detrimental detour for seventh graders pursuing selective enrollment.

Acceptance into one of CPS' 11 selective enrollment schools hinges on students' seventh grade final grades, their performance on standardized tests taken in seventh grade and on a one-day entrance exam that's given in eighth grade. That makes this fall crucial for seventh graders.

Some seventh graders may be able to weather the storm and not get sidetracked by the walkout. Others will struggle with the disruption.

Every day that the strike endures is missed instruction time and a missed opportunity for all students to learn and grow.

It's an especially perilous time for seventh graders.

For the sake of these students and their hopes of one day walking the hallways of the high school of their choice, end this strike, CTU.

SCOTT STANTIS



Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

Tiny shampoo bottles won't be on hotel sinks much longer. It's time to toss these symbols of wasteful plastic convenience.

Earlier this month, California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed into law a ban on those small plastic bottles for hotel guests that contain shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, moisturizer and other personal care items.

They're convenient, sure, particularly for airline passengers who, since 2006, haven't been allowed to carry on containers of liquids any larger than 3.4 ounces and so often leave their own products at home. And they're fun to collect.

But they're also a waste. They're too difficult to clean to make them easily recyclable, so they end up in landfills in enormous quantities — half a billion miniature containers a year in California alone, according to estimates of legislators behind the new law.

Replacing them with large, tamper-resistant pump dispensers mounted on shower walls is a move toward "safeguarding our environment and mitigating plastic waste and waterway pollution," in the words of the legislative sponsor of a nearly identical prohibition introduced last month in the state of New York.

The California ban won't go into effect until 2023 for hotels with more than 50 rooms and 2024 for smaller facilities, and it calls for fines of up to \$2,000 for repeat violators. The hospitality industry hasn't



ERIC ZORN

mounted any organized objection to the idea and in fact may end voluntarily beating the deadline not just in California but also around the world.

Last year, the Walt Disney Co. got rid of tiny toiletries at its resort hotels and on its cruise ships. In July, InterContinental Hotels Group — which includes Crowne Plazas and Holiday Inns — announced a similar phase out. Marriott International, which started swapping big bottles for little bottles in some of its more than 7,000 international hotels in early 2018, committed in August to a full conversion by the end of 2020.

It looks as though we're going to see an end to the ever-escalating hotel bathroom amenities wars whether or not Illinois or other states decide to follow California's lead. That war began in earnest in the early 1950s, according to a 2013 Slate investigation into why guests seldom get toothpaste unless they ask for it.

The change will demand a small emotional adjustment from us. I encountered pump bottles mounted on the wall at one of Marriott's SpringHill Suites properties earlier this year, and they didn't feel nearly as luxurious to me as the array of single-use products by the sink to which I'm accustomed when traveling. I was re-



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Some hotel chains are voluntarily phasing out the use of small plastic bottles of shampoo, conditioner and body lotion.

mindful of showers at a health club.

But a sensation of virtue more than made up for the disappointment. Using the pumps provided one of those "no plastic straw for me, thanks, I'm saving the planet" moments, leaving me feeling cleansed both within and without.

And yeah, I know, it's a green gesture even smaller than the rapidly vanishing micro bottles. The pump dispensers have a carbon footprint of their own and are often not reused or recycled.

In his online essay "Removing mini-shampoos from hotel rooms won't save the environment," Massachusetts Institute of Technology engineering professor Yossi Sheffi argued that "even if replacing miniature toiletries does reduce waste somewhat

.... the move to bulk products will barely put a dent in the plastic waste that now clogs the planet's rivers and oceans."

Sheffi, author of the 2018 book "Balancing Green: When to Embrace Sustainability in a Business (And When Not To)," called the switchover "more of a PR exercise" and "another feel-good initiative which helps avoid the move to more serious actions that can actually make a difference."

The PR is good, though. Yes, tiny toiletries make up just a fraction of 1% of the some 250 million tons of plastic waste generated each year according to the World Bank, and eliminating them won't do much if anything to reverse the effects of global climate change.

But awareness prompted by their gradual disappearance will "help change the way people think about single-use plastics in general," said Julie Tighe president of the New York League of Conservation Voters, an organization backing the proposed ban in that state. "We need to be doing everything we can, big and small, to put people in a different mindset about our disposable culture."

Collect the little shampoo bottles while you can, in other words. Someday you can show them to your grandchildren, who will never believe we were once so wasteful.

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Most teachers in CPS strike never benefit from pensions that strangle the system — and taxpayers

THERE'S A BETTER WAY

BY DANIEL DISALVO

Chicagoans know the immediate cause of the city's teachers strike: Teachers are dissatisfied with their pay, class sizes and support staff. Meanwhile, taxpayers recognize that Chicago's teacher salaries, the median of which is more than \$78,000, are high compared with other big cities, and the school district is on shaky fiscal ground. So it seems a little rich for the Chicago Teachers Union to demand bigger raises than the district has already promised, along with the hiring of more teachers and staff.

Nonetheless, Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson have bent over backward trying to satisfy the teachers' demands, while failing to address the fray's root cause. The problem — one that few in the standoff seem to realize, but which is causing problems for both sides — is the structure of teacher retirement benefits. As the structure currently operates, it exacerbates the astronomical pension debt burden Chicago taxpayers face while benefiting only a small number of teachers. High costs for a few teachers constrain what the district can do to meet all

teachers' (and students') needs.

On average, to earn a full pension, a teacher must remain in the same state or district for 25 years — a condition that less than half of teachers nationally will meet. In Illinois, where the vesting period for the pension system is 10 years of employment, only half of new teachers will ever vest in the system. And only 1 out of 5 teachers in Illinois will ever break even from their pension plan.

Everyone else either quits teaching or changes school districts before earning a full pension, often walking away with less than they contributed to the system.

This makes sense if you think about how a lot of talented educators approach the profession. There is a great deal of churn in the first five to seven years of teaching employment. Many bright, driven 20-somethings try their hand at teaching. But they are also at the beginning of their careers and likely to move to form families, pursue further education and so on. However, by moving or changing districts, they are subsidizing those who stay in the system without saving for retirement themselves. In addition, their pay is lower because a portion of it is de-

ducted to pay for pensions that they will never receive.

The current benefit structure not only robs the majority of Chicago teachers, it squeezes taxpayers too. The pension problems in CPS cannot be overstated. To date, its pensions are only 48 percent funded and \$11 billion in the red. That means employer and employee contributions aren't saving for future retirees but going to pay off debt for those promised decades ago. Suffice it to say, it is irresponsible for Chicago to inflate already high salaries — and taxpayers know it. That's why many of them are so rubbed the wrong way by CTU's demands, which would push the average teacher salary to nearly \$100,000 within five years (and raise the pension payout too).

As Chicago digs itself deeper into a hole, with "no long-term financial plan" to address these challenges (as the Chicago Civic Federation points out), it's clear that something needs to change, not just superficially but structurally. A makeover to the teacher pension system would allow teachers to increase their take-home pay, relieve the pension burden on taxpayers and maybe even leave some extra cash to fund the workplace-quality im-

provements CTU is requesting. Sound too good to be true? Consider the idea of a portable contribution system. Such a plan would not only prevent the city from making promises it can't deliver, but would also translate into an effective raise for the 4 out of 5 Illinois teachers who never profit from their current defined-benefit plan.

Karl Marx's famous line that history repeats itself "first as tragedy, then as farce" applies well to this scenario. The tragedy occurred when the city and the school district promised more money in retirement benefits than they could afford to provide. The farce is occurring now, with Lightfoot and Jackson offering overly generous pay increases to paper over a root problem they refuse to acknowledge.

Perhaps the next scene in the melodrama could feature a marriage between the unlikeliest of couples — taxpayers and teachers — brought about by a fundamental restructuring of the pension system that benefits the majority.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Democratic presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard listens to a question during a campaign stop in New Hampshire.

What's behind Clinton's attack on Gabbard over Russia? Experience.



CLARENCE PAGE

Considering how she has been polling 2% or below in the crowded Democratic presidential field, you might think Rep. Tulsi Gabbard would appreciate the old show business saying that any publicity is good publicity.

Yet, gratitude was not to be found in her response to Hillary Clinton's strong hint, without mentioning her by name, that the congresswoman from Hawaii might be in some way (Gasp!) compromised or controlled by the Kremlin.

"I'm not making any predictions," Clinton said on former Barack Obama campaign manager David Plouffe's podcast last week. "She's a favorite of the Russians. They have a bunch of sites and bots and other ways of supporting her so far. That's assuming (2016 Green Party candidate) Jill Stein will give it up, which she might not because she is also a Russian asset."

Stein responded in a condescending tweet: "It's a shame HRC is peddling conspiracy theories to justify her failure instead of reflecting on the real reason Democrats lost in 2016."

Indeed, in the two key states of Michigan and Wisconsin, President Donald Trump won by less than the total number of votes for Stein, according to Cook Political Report. But that's all the more reason for Democrats like Clinton to remind their voters to get out and vote.

Gabbard, by comparison, an Iraq War veteran and major in the Hawaii Army National Guard, came back Friday with a volley of response tweets: "Great! Thank you, @HillaryClinton. You, the queen of warmongers, embodiment of corruption, and personification of the rot that has sickened the Democratic Party for so long, have finally come out from behind the curtain."

Alleging a "concerted campaign" has been trying to destroy her reputation since she announced her presidential run in January, Gabbard took the fight to the former secretary of state. "We wondered who was behind it and why. Now we know — it was always you, through your proxies and powerful allies in the corporate media and war machine, afraid of the threat I pose."

"It's now clear that this primary is between you and me," she tweeted. "Don't cowardly hide behind your proxies. Join the race directly."

Ah, there's a lot of bad blood dripping from those tweets. Clinton supporters still fume over their candidate's loss in the key

News in 2017 about Putin's alleged links to the murders of journalists and dissidents in Russia: "You think our country is so innocent?"

Still, until there's more concrete evidence that she's Putin's puppet or a naive pawn, she deserves the benefit of the doubt. She became known as a fiercely independent fighter and irritation to her party's establishment since she served as vice chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee.

I expect her middle-ground positions — opposing "regime-change wars," downplaying other countries' human rights issues and winning fans among conservative activists and Russian news media —

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swing states of Michigan and Wisconsin. Her critics note that Stein sat at a table with Russian President Vladimir Putin and retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, who later became Trump's national security adviser, at a 2015 dinner celebrating the 10th anniversary of RT, formerly Russia Today, which critics call Putin's news network.

Gabbard also has been criticized for meeting with Syria's butcher President Bashar Assad and defending him upon her return, saying, "Assad is not the enemy of the United States because Syria does a not pose a direct threat to the United States." Never mind his repeated atrocities, including his use of chemical weapons against his own people.

Confronted about this by panelist Meghan McCain on "The View," she didn't dispute Assad's use of banned weapons except to point out that "other terrorist groups in Syria" have used such weapons, too. Which reminds me of Trump's response when asked on Fox

will keep her support in the low single digits of Democratic primary polls. But, as Clinton suggests, she could lay the groundwork for a third-party campaign — and potential spoiler status that still haunts Jill Stein.

And let us not forget, it was the possibility that Gabbard is being groomed to disrupt the presidential race in Trump's favor that drove Hillary Clinton to single out Gabbard in the first place. Special counsel Robert Mueller's report, among other investigations, found that Russia did interfere in the 2016 election and is already at work to do again in 2020.

Clinton may sound paranoid, but as she — of all people — knows, the paranoid have enemies, too.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Kiss-off to city skews facts

Dennis Byrne's recent commentary ("He saw the genesis of the Exodus," Oct. 20) is, at best, superlative malarkey, and, at worst, pure sophistry. By his telling, Chicago is akin to either an overgrown vassal state ruled by esurient "feudal lords" or a corrupt Gotham beholden to reprobate "boodlers, gonifs and crooks." Illinoisans are "fleeing the carnage" and leaving the state. In support, Mr. Byrne cites the Tribune's census data analysis on the topic ("Who stays? Who goes? We examine the 'exodus,'" Sept. 25).

However, the Tribune's analysis does not support Mr. Byrne's claim of an exodus and, in fact, proves his claim delusive. The analysis found that Illinois, in 2017, was the 21st ranked state for the rate of domestic out-migration — the rate of people leaving one state for another. Illinois' rate of in-migration — the rate of people moving to the state — was third-to-last nationally. Due to the low in-migration rate, Illinois had a net migration loss, putting its net migration rate second-to-last nationally.

These facts show that Illinoisans are not leaving the state at a noticeably greater rate than residents of other states are leaving their own. Rather, people are moving to Illinois at a particularly low rate. So, instead of furthering a false narrative of an "exodus," we should investigate and discuss solutions to Illinois' low in-migration rate.

— Joe Camper, Chicago

This city is not a lost cause

Regarding commentary writer Dennis Byrne's emotional farewell: My response? Goodbye. Chicago has significant but solvable problems that take people of courage, stamina and goodwill to resolve. There is far too much work to be done to carry people who don't want to be here. I wish Mr. Byrne the restorative retirement he deserves and am happy that he will find many conditions in his new adoptive state to gripe about on his blog.

— Susan Kelly, Evanston

Why did it take him this long?

Dennis Byrne is retiring. But instead of just retiring and quietly going to Florida, he publicly announces it's because he is fed up with the awfulness of Chicago.

Byrne has been whining the same whine for 30 years, but he never left until it was time to retire. Kind of takes the drama out of his declaration of contempt for Chicago, wouldn't you say?

Enjoy the corruption-free state of Florida.

— Dennis Fisher, Belleville

Students deserve school choice

The Chicago Teachers Union is to be commended for developing a great strategy to achieve its goals. It has expressed great concerns for the community, especially in the form of affordable housing and other essential needs that any good citizen and human being would support.

It is strategically beneficial to divert discussion from other key elements of education. Among these is holding teachers accountable to high standards. There are excellent teachers and those who don't belong in the classroom. There are multiple root causes for the poor standards of education in many Chicago Public Schools that can be addressed by the union.

If the union and the city truly care about our young and want to address the social ills they profess concern for, provide quality education. History has proved that quality education is the only path to economic freedom. Quality education requires an accountable system enabled through competition. Without competitive alternatives, parents are forced to accept whatever is available.

Until the economic failure of faith-based schools staffed by religious men and women, parents had affordable alternatives to public education. Affordable, alternative school choices are rarely available to middle-, let alone, low-income parents. School vouchers have been strongly opposed by the union, which also espouses the virtues of freedom and equality.

Why are parents not afforded the right to apply tax dollars to the school of their choice? Current union demands include stopping further proliferation of charter schools. Why is the union so intimidated by and opposed to this and other alternatives? Especially since these allow those for whom the union expressed concern — the underserved — a potentially better educational alternative.

The current monopoly provides little incentive to improve quality, efficiency and cost effectiveness. This model relies upon continually funding substandard performance and increasingly greater inefficiencies, hurting most those who are deprived of critical services. If the teachers union, the city of Chicago, parents and the citizenry truly want to alleviate the sustained economic and social woes especially plaguing the South and West sides of the city, enable a competitive model of education. It is a moral and ethical responsibility.

— Rich Panico, chairman emeritus, DePaul University, Institute for Business and Professional Ethics, Chicago

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Jews increasingly see discrimination and danger in U.S. culture. The rest of America must listen.

BY DANIEL ELBAUM

There is an old expression to describe the Jewish love for debate that goes something like this: Where you have two Jews, you have three opinions.

Yet when my organization, the American Jewish Committee, undertook the largest and most comprehensive survey of American Jews ever on the topic of anti-Semitism in the United States, we discovered amazing agreement across Jews of different ages, political affiliations and religious orientations. What we found should alarm not only Jews, but also all people of conscience.

Some 88% of American Jews believe anti-Semitism is a problem in America today, and 84% say it has gotten worse over the past five years. A plurality — 43% — think it has increased a lot.

More than 1 in 3 American Jews (35%) say they have personally been the targets of anti-Semitism over the past five years. A similar number, 31%, avoid publicly wearing, carrying or displaying things that might identify them as Jews, and 25% at least sometimes avoid certain places or events out of concern for their safety as Jews.

American Jews do not believe that anti-Semitism comes from a single source.

Eight-nine percent believe the extreme political right wing represents a threat to Jews in the U.S., 85% say the same of extremism in the name of Islam and 64% say so about the extreme political left wing.

Finally, American Jews see a connection between undue criticism of Israel and anti-Semitism, with 84% of respondents saying the statement "Israel has no right to exist" is anti-Semitic. The belief that rejecting Israel's existence is anti-Semitic cuts across differences of party affiliation, age and religious identity. Eighty percent of respondents said the statement "The U.S. government only supports Israel because of Jewish money" is anti-Semitic, and 73% said so about the statement "American Jews are more loyal to Israel than America."

Of course, the opinions of American Jews are not the only barometer of anti-Semitism, but they are an important one. Government officials, opinion shapers and civil society leaders who wish to be allies in the fight against anti-Semitism should listen closely to these views.

Aside from the state of Israel, there is no nation that has proven to be a better home for Jews than America. By any possible objective metric, few communities in any country can match the success

of the American Jewish community. Nevertheless, the fact that such a significant percentage of American Jews believe that hatred against them is on the rise must not pass without notice.

There are many ways to address this, including adopting a concrete definition of anti-Semitism, increasing education on the issue, protecting Jewish institutions and publicly condemning anti-Semitism, even when politically inconvenient.

Yet, the first step may be as simple as listening. When a swastika is spray-painted on a building, don't dismiss it as mere vandalism. When Jews object to the language of a politician or leader you admire or support, do not dismiss these charges of anti-Semitism out of hand. When Israel is demonized or singled out for criticism, ask yourself if the same thing could be said about any other country.

The overwhelming majority of American Jews believe that anti-Semitism is a real problem in the United States, and that it's getting worse. The question now should be: What is the rest of America going to do about it?

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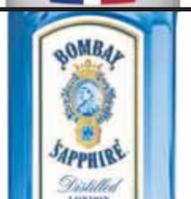
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Obamacare exchange to offer more choices

Trump team trying to take credit for health law's stability

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumers will have more health insurance choices next year under the much-debated Obama health care law and premiums will dip slightly for many, the Trump administration announced Tuesday.

President Donald Trump was elected on a promise to repeal Obamacare. But despite his repeated efforts the program has stabilized three years into his administration. That may be short-lived.

The administration is asking a federal appeals court in New



Open enrollment for Obamacare health insurance for 2020 begins Nov. 1. Applicants can sign up at HealthCare.gov.

Orleans to overturn the entire Affordable Care Act as unconstitutional, an overhang of uncertainty clouding its future.

For now, the Department of Health and Human Services is touting a second consecutive year of positive-sounding numbers. An

“The president who was supposedly trying to sabotage this law has been better at running it than the guy who wrote it.”

— Alex Azar, HHS Secretary

additional 20 insurers will participate for 2020, expanding consumer choice in many states, officials said. Nearly 70% of customers will have three or more insurers from which to pick a plan.

About 10 million people are covered through the health law's insurance markets, which offer taxpayer-subsidized private plans for people who aren't covered on the job. Former President Barack Obama's namesake law will be 10 years old next year.

Premiums for a hypothetical 27-year-old choosing a standard

plan will decline 4% on average in 2020 for states served by the federal HealthCare.gov website, the Trump administration said. About a dozen states run their own sign-up websites, but most rely on HealthCare.gov.

A low-cost midrange plan for that hypothetical 27-year-old will charge monthly premiums of \$374 next year, officials said. The law's income-based subsidies can drop that to around \$50.

However, people who don't qualify for income-based assist-

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Calk sued for alleged mortgage fraud

North Shore couple sues banker for false refinance promise

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

A Winnetka couple filed a federal fraud lawsuit Monday against Federal Savings Bank and its founder, Stephen Calk, alleging he pushed through their high-interest \$1.4 million home mortgage refinancing, only to renege on a promise to refinance the loan at a lower interest rate.

Theresa and Joseph Boutross are seeking more than \$500,000 in damages and to have the 7.875% loan voided after being “induced” into the transaction by Calk, whom the couple considered a trusted friend, according to the lawsuit.

Calk was thrust into the national spotlight in May and faces federal bribery charges for allegedly issuing \$16 million in high-risk loans to former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort in the hopes of landing a senior position with the administration.

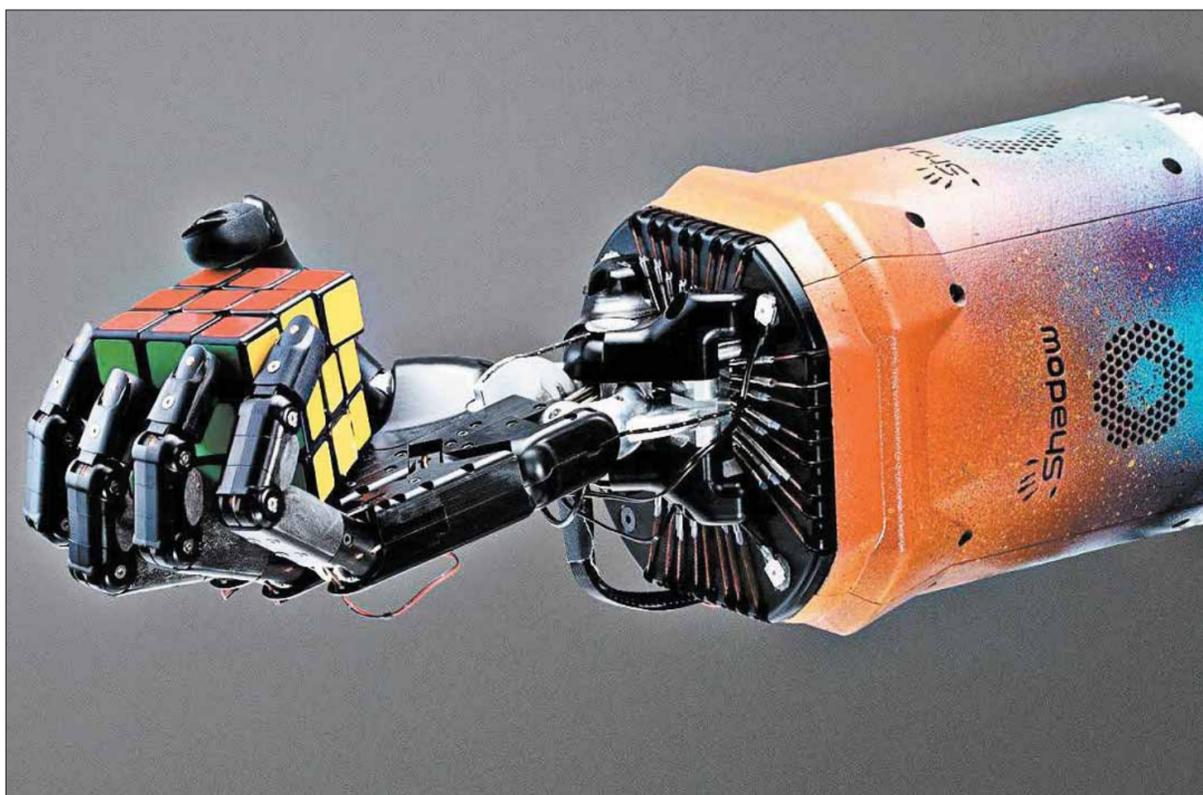
In 2016, Theresa and Joseph Boutross were looking to refinance the North Shore home they had purchased four years earlier, hoping to use the loan to fund some renovations and refinance existing debt. When Calk learned of their quest, he told the couple he could direct Federal Savings Bank to get the loan approved, saying “Hey, it's my bank. I can help,” the lawsuit alleges.

The plan was to finish the renovation within a year and then convert the high-interest loan to a lower, market-rate mortgage. Despite ongoing assurances from Calk, the bank did not refinance the loan when the renovations were completed in June 2017, the suit alleges.

The couple stopped making the roughly \$10,000 monthly mortgage payments in 2018, and are defending themselves in a foreclosure action brought by the Chicago-based bank, the suit states.

In 2006, Theresa Boutross was a contestant on the fifth season of

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Researchers say this robotic hand that can solve a Rubik's Cube on its own moves robots one step closer to “human-level dexterity.”

Human-level dexterity

Single robot hand capable of solving Rubik's Cube

BY PETER HOLLEY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Solving a Rubik's Cube is hard enough for most people.

Solving a Rubik's Cube with one hand is even harder.

Harder still: designing a lone robot hand capable of solving a Rubik's Cube by itself. Such a machine would require unprecedented dexterity and coordinated finger joint movements, as well as the ability to learn a new task over time and independently the way a human would.

Last week, researchers at OpenAI — a well-known San Francisco-based research lab focused on developing benevolent artificial intelligence — announced that they'd done just that, setting a new robotics benchmark in an era of increasingly sophisticated,

intelligent machines.

In a statement hailing their achievement, researchers said the robotic hand, which they've dubbed “Dactyl,” moves robots one step closer to “human-level dexterity.”

“Solving a Rubik's Cube requires unprecedented dexterity and the ability to execute flawlessly or recover from mistakes successfully for a long period of time,” the statement said. “Even for humans, solving a Rubik's Cube one-handed is no simple task,” noting that there are more than 43 quintillion ways to scramble a Rubik's Cube.

With this result, the statement added, researchers move closer to creating “general purpose robots with a technique that should allow for robustly solving any simulatable dexterous tasks.”

The multicolored, three-dimensional puzzles have befuddled game-playing humans since the 1970s, but Rubik's Cubes have more recently proved a useful tool for measuring the

capabilities of artificial intelligence.

One reason, researchers say: There are billions of potential moves available to a Rubik's Cube player, with the puzzle's six sides and nine sections, but only one goal: each of the cube's six sides displaying a solid color. Finding a solution to a puzzle with that degree of complexity, and among billions of potentialities, involves a degree of abstract thinking that, researchers say, begins to approximate human reasoning and decision-making.

For years now, researchers have been programming robots to solve Rubik's Cubes as quickly as possible. But more recently, they've begun prioritizing self-learning over speed. In July, the University of California, Irvine announced that an artificial intelligence system solved a Rubik's Cube in just over a second, besting the current human world record by more than two seconds.

The system, known as Deep-

CubeA — a reinforcement-learning algorithm programmed by UCI computer scientists and mathematicians — solved the puzzle without prior knowledge of the game or coaching from its human handlers, according to the university.

Highly skilled humans are able to tackle a Rubik's Cube in about 50 moves, but the AI system is able to solve the cube in about 20 moves, usually in the minimum number of steps possible, researchers said.

The UCI algorithm relies on a neural network — a set of algorithms designed to find underlying relationships by mimicking how the human brain processes information. The algorithm also relied on machine learning techniques, a system that allows AI to learn by identifying patterns and using inference with minimal human intervention.

To prepare Dactyl for Rubik's

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Kentucky puts up billboards in bid to lure Illinois companies

Bluegrass State launches marketing campaign along I-57

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Motorists heading down Interstate 57 might have noticed a billboard put up by Kentucky targeting Illinois companies who are tired of the state's high tax burden and regulations.

The Bluegrass State on Monday launched a six-month marketing campaign to lure Illinois businesses across the border with the promise of lower taxes and better weather.

The first billboard, which proclaims “Illinois isn't pro-business, Kentucky is,” went up on Monday near 147th Street. Eight more



This is a rendering of one of five messages to be displayed on billboard along Interstate 57.

billboards are expected to go up before Oct. 28, heading south to the Kentucky border. Kentucky is paying about \$87,000 for the billboards and creative costs, said Jack Mazurak, spokesman for the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin and the state agency designed the messages. Bevin, a former businessman, is up for reelection this November and has campaigned for the state's economic

development. “We have had a number of Illinois businesses inquire about doing business in the state,” said Vivek Sarin, Kentucky's economic development interim secretary. “It's enough to catch our attention

and justify this campaign that we are launching.”

“A lot of this is fueled by our right-to-work law,” Sarin said.

Last year, the Kentucky Supreme Court upheld a right-to-work law that makes it illegal to demand that workers join unions and prohibits the collection of fees from private-sector employees who choose not to become union members.

Since passing the so-called right-to-work law, Kentucky saw “pent-up demand and a lot of interest generated” from Illinois manufacturers that typically have unions, Mazurak said.

The billboards will refer to Illinois' taxes and regulations. One of the five messages will say

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Blue Island hospital to begin 'final wind down'

BY MIKE NOLAN

In what was ultimately a moot point, a state board Monday approved an application to close by the owner of MetroSouth Medical Center in Blue Island.

The hospital, a fixture in that city since 1905, already had suspended operations at the end of last month after the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board had delayed a vote on the application, filed in June by MetroSouth and its owner, Quorum Health.

What was termed by Quorum as a temporary suspension of services might get a further look by the state board, which will discuss at its December meeting whether Quorum bypassed the panel's authority. While the investigation could result in fines or sanctions against the company, it will not affect the closure of the hospital.

Following the vote, Quorum said it would begin "final wind down processes" at the hospital and would work with local officials "in

hopes of finding a health care-related use for the facility."

"This was not the outcome anyone wanted, but we know opportunities still exist to transform health care delivery in this community," according to the statement.

MetroSouth had more than 800 employees at the time of the June filing seeking permission to close the hospital. MetroSouth also operated clinics on Chicago's Southwest Side and in suburbs such as Alsip, Palos Heights and South Holland, which also have closed.

In seeking approval to close the hospital, Quorum and MetroSouth cited multi-million-dollar losses and underuse of hospital facilities.

Of the hospital's 314 beds, about 30%, on average, were in use on a daily basis, according to the health facilities board and Quorum.

In 2017, the hospital had about 80,400 outpatient visitors while the emergency department saw about 45,500 patients, according to Quorum.

MetroSouth emergency

room personnel and area first responders have expressed concern that longer patient transport times to other local hospitals could impact patient outcomes.

The closest nearby hospital is Ingalls Memorial in Harvey, which is 4 1/2 miles, or about 12 minutes from MetroSouth, followed by Little Company of Mary in Evergreen Park, which is a bit more than 5 miles away, or 17 minutes, according to the health facilities board.

Area fire chiefs and other first responders, however, have said those travel time estimates are based on ideal traffic conditions and don't take into account the many freight railroad tracks that crisscross the area.

Those hoping the board might deny the application made one last pitch at Monday's meeting in Bolingbrook.

Dr. Laurie Gordon, whose family has long operated a dental practice in Blue Island, said she feared for the city's economic future should the hospital close, which would also restrict



MIKE NOLAN/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

A state board Monday approved a request by the owner of MetroSouth Medical Center in Blue Island to close. The hospital had suspended operations as of the end of September.

access to healthcare for residents of Blue Island and surrounding suburbs.

"Lives and livelihoods are at stake," she told the board.

Gwen Stanley, a Blue Island resident who worked at the hospital, accused Quo-

rum of "choosing profits over patients," and lamented that "our community continues to suffer and the Southland loses another hospital."

Late last month, MetroSouth officials said the hospital had stopped accept-

ing new patients and closed the emergency department.

The actions came just days after the state board delayed a vote on the application to close and after the hospital's independent general surgery group submitted its resignation. The state health panel postponed action after learning of a lawsuit filed against Quorum and MetroSouth by a potential buyer of the hospital, People's Choice Hospital.

Also, Quorum said Monday it was still willing to abide by the terms of a tentative deal under which it would hand over the hospital to Blue Island. Quorum would make an initial payment to the city of \$2 million to keep utilities on and maintain the property while it tries to find a new owner.

The hospital, 12935 Gregory St., was founded in 1905 as St. Francis Hospital. It was rescued from closing in 2008 when a for-profit operator bought it, renaming it MetroSouth.

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ance must pay full price, and that's before any deductibles and co-pays. Unsubsidized customers may just decide to go uninsured, particularly if they're healthy.

A previous Republican Congress repealed the law's unpopular penalty to get more people signed up — fines for going without coverage.

Six states will see premiums decline by 10% or more, officials said. They are Delaware, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Utah.

Three states — Indiana, Louisiana and New Jersey — will see premiums increase 10% or more.

In Illinois, the state's largest insurer, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, plans to decrease rates by an average of 0.02% across its exchange plans. Celtic Insurance Co. plans to bring down its rates by an average of 0.07%. Cigna HealthCare of Illinois has also proposed an average decrease.

Even as it pursues "Obamacare's" demise in the courts, the Trump adminis-

tration is trying to take credit for the program's current stability.

"Until Congress gets around to replacing it, the president will do what he can to fix the problems created by this system for millions of Americans," HHS Secretary Alex Azar said. "The president who was supposedly trying to sabotage this law has been better at running it than the guy who wrote it."

Independent experts say it's more complicated than that.

They credit the Trump administration for working with a dozen states to approve waivers that can bring down premiums by setting up a backstop system to pay bills from the costliest patients.

However, experts say the original design of the law's subsidies is probably the major stabilizing force. People eligible for financial assistance are insulated from price spikes because they pay only a fixed percentage of their income. Because their own costs didn't change much, customers with subsidies kept coming back to the market through years of double-digit increases in list-price

premiums.

"As long as the subsidies are in place the changes that are happening ... are not going to push this market off a cliff," Standard & Poor's director and lead analyst Deep Banerjee said.

Experts say yet another factor is that insurers that have stuck with the program have learned over time how to operate profitably.

Although the program is stable, enrollment has been slowly eroding since Trump took office, from 12.2 million in 2017 to 11.4 million this year. The slippage has come mainly in the HealthCare.gov states, where the federal government runs sign-up season. Slashing the ad budget was one of the Trump administration's early actions.

The nonpartisan Government Accountability Office has recommended that the administration follow standard federal practices by setting sign-up goals and actively managing the program to meet enrollment targets. Seema Verma, head of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, said the administration doesn't believe such targets are needed and instead her

agency has focused on keeping the Healthcare.gov website running smoothly and improving the enrollment experience for customers.

Verma also disclosed that the administration has made some "minor" changes in how it reports data about the program. While those tweaks appear to be in the weeds, they're likely to get close attention from Democrats who accuse Trump of "sabotage" of the health law.

Sign-up season starts Nov. 1 in most states and runs through Dec. 15. States that run their own open enrollment may have different dates. Coverage starts Jan. 1.

The appeals court in New Orleans could issue its ruling during this time, but Azar said he's not concerned even if the judges say the whole program should be tossed.

"Our messaging would be to keep calm and carry on," he said, noting that the case is expected to go to the Supreme Court. "There will be no immediate disruption to anyone."

Chicago Tribune's Lisa Schencker contributed.

Robot

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Cube success, OpenAI's researchers say they didn't "explicitly program" the machine to solve the puzzle. Instead, the robot was trained using virtual simulations before it was presented with challenges in the physical world that tested its ability to learn.

The goal, researchers say, was to create a robot that learns the way humans do — through trial and error. Eventually, those robots could be used to complete tasks — in a warehouse or perhaps on the surface of a new planet — with more autonomy. Before it could solve the puzzle, Dactyl was forced to learn how to hold and move the cube on its own. As Dactyl improved at each stage of learning, it's algorithm growing more adept, the challenges intensified.

"For example," researchers said, "we put a rubber glove on the hand, we tied some of its fingers together, we used a blanket to occlude and perturb the hand, and we poked the Rubik's cube with different objects all while it continued to try to solve

the Rubik's Cube."

The system had never seen anything similar to these situations during training, researchers added.

OpenAI posted a video on YouTube showing Dactyl at various points in the robot's training arc. The video captures the machine learning from scratch as it awkwardly fumbles with a Rubik's Cube and later handling the puzzle with much more control and precision.

The video's narrator says Dactyl's accomplishment could also change how researchers view training general purpose robots. Instead of thinking about creating complex algorithms for different environments, the narrator says, roboticists can instead focus on designing complex scenarios in which the machines can learn.

"At some point," the narrator adds, "then it would be more down to the imagination what robots could actually accomplish." "The hope is to build robots that can do many different tasks to increase the standard of living and give everybody a better life," the narrator adds.

Lawsuit

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"The Apprentice," Donald Trump's television show, according to the couple's attorney, Rusty Payton, who declined additional comment. She was fired in week three.

A Calk spokesman and a spokeswoman for the bank did not respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

Last month, the couple sought to have the loan voided for violating the Truth in Lending Act. Borrowers have up to three years to rescind a refinance loan if not provided with correct Truth in Lending disclosures at the time of closing.

The lawsuit, filed in Chicago federal court, alleges the bank gave the couple "two contradictory disclosures" with different monthly principal and interest payments, which "effectively provided no disclosure" in violation of the Act.

The bank, which bills itself as one of the largest veteran-owned banks in America, has locations in Lake Forest and Chicago. Calk took a leave of absence from the bank in May, in the wake of the Manafort-related federal bribery charges. His brother, John Calk, has assumed the role of CEO and acting chairman.

Stephen Calk owned 67% of the bank's holding company from July 2016 to January 2017, according to

the bribery indictment. He has retained a nonvoting interest in the holding company.

In May, Calk was charged by federal prosecutors in New York with financial institution bribery for allegedly engaging in "a corrupt scheme to exploit his position" by pushing through questionable loans to Manafort while angling for a high-level appointment in the Trump administration, according to the indictment.

Calk, 54, pleaded not guilty in May to the federal bribery charges and was released on a \$5 million bond.

Manafort appointed Calk to an economic advisory position with the Trump campaign days after the

bank conditionally approved his \$9.5 million loan, according to the indictment. After Trump was elected president in November 2016, Manafort recommended Calk for an administration position — while a second \$6 million loan from the bank was pending approval.

In early January 2017, Calk was interviewed for the position of undersecretary of the Army, "due to (Manafort's) efforts," but did not land the job, federal prosecutors said.

Manafort was convicted last year on several counts of bank fraud and tax fraud, and is serving more than seven years in federal prison.

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"Illinois' red-tape is incapable."

Another sign attacks Illinois' regulations for being "insane." And one uses the first three letters in the word 'Illinois' to claim that the state's tax system is "ill."

Illinois companies pay a 7% corporate income tax rate and a personal property replacement tax rate of 1.5% to 2.5%.

Jordan Abudayyeh, a spokeswoman for Gov. J.B. Pritzker, said in a statement the governor has repealed

several taxes like the franchise tax, which is paid by every business, and created an apprenticeship tax credit.

"Governor Pritzker is a businessman who knows how important it is to create an environment where businesses thrive by investing in education and infrastructure while making it easier to create jobs," Abudayyeh said in the statement. "Chicago leads the nation in corporate relocation and the state's unemployment rate is the lowest in recorded history."

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'We were the sacrificial lamb'

Workers from closed GM plants urge UAW members to reject deal

BY TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — If they can close our plant, they can close yours, too.

That's the message from workers at three shuttered General Motors factories that didn't get new products under the tentative contract agreement reached last week between GM and the United Auto Workers, who have been on strike against the company across the U.S. for over six weeks now.

About 2,000 employees who once worked at GM transmission plants near Baltimore and Detroit and a small-car assembly plant in Lordstown, Ohio, will repeat that message this week as 49,000 union members vote on the new four-year deal.

Approval could end the walkout that has crippled GM's production and cost the company an estimated \$2 billion.

Most of the workers who lost their jobs at the three sites are scattered across the country after transferring to other GM factories, so they have a presence at just about all of the automaker's plants.

But few are holding out hope they can torpedo the contract, which comes with an \$11,000 signing bonus, pay raises and plenty of other economic goodies for the factories that are staying open.

John Sandquist Jr., who spent 25 years building cars at Lordstown near Cleveland, said he is not optimistic he will change other people's minds, but he will vote against the pact.

"Your plant can be shut down at any time," Sandquist said. "What the contract is lacking is the language to prevent this from happening again."

Like many of the 1,400 workers who built the com-

pact Chevrolet Cruze before GM stopped making the cars at Lordstown last March, Sandquist took a transfer. He wound up in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where after the strike ends he will make the new mid-engine Chevy Corvette.

He questioned why union leaders agreed to let GM close the factories, wondering if corruption inside the UAW influenced the decision to side with the company.

"We were the sacrificial lamb in this one for the whole of the UAW," Sandquist said.

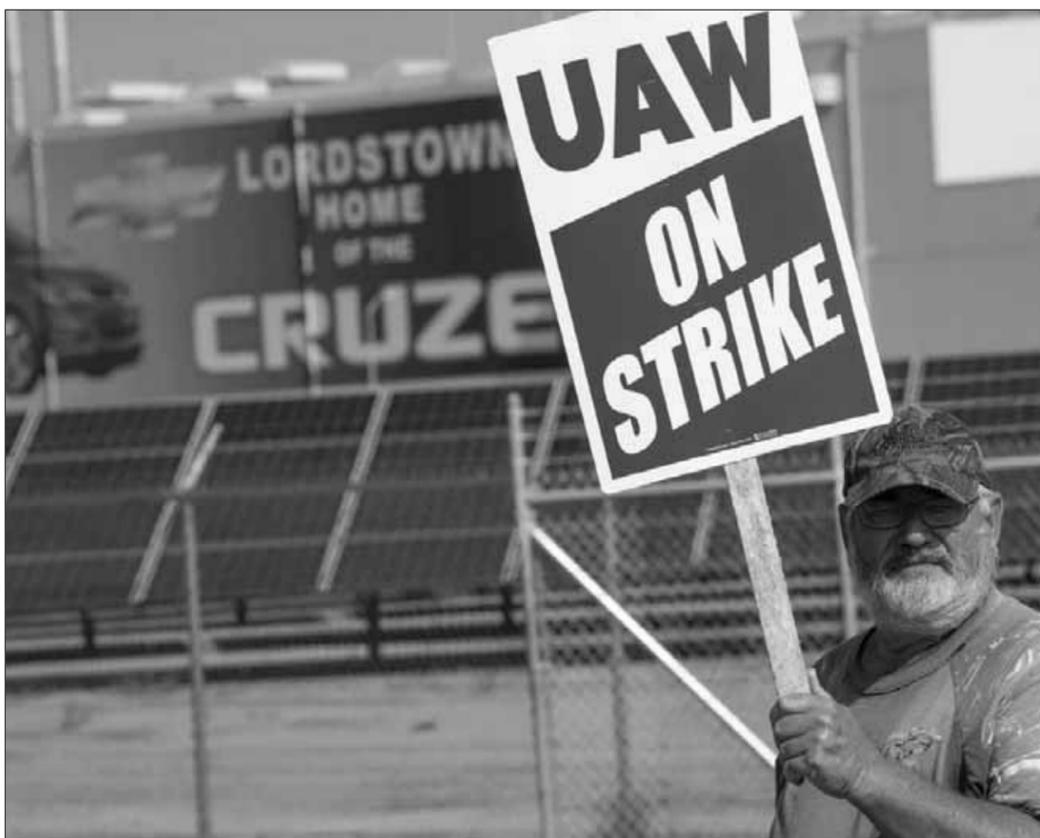
In August, the FBI raided the suburban Detroit home of UAW President Gary Jones as part of a corruption probe. He has not been charged and has not commented on the raid. Earlier this month, Jones' successor as union regional director in Missouri was charged in a \$600,000 embezzlement scheme.

Ten other people — including six current or former UAW officials — have pleaded guilty in the probe over the past two years. The latest guilty plea came Tuesday.

At a meeting of factory-level union leaders in Detroit last week, Dan Morgan, bargaining chairman for the local in Lordstown, made a plea to vote the contract down, saying workers should stay on strike until GM keeps the plants open.

Union spokesman Brian Rothenberg said bargainers did the best they could, getting the company to agree to early retirement and buyout offers for workers from the closed factories who didn't move to other GM plants.

Kristin Dzikczek, vice president of labor and manufacturing at the Center for Automotive Research, an industry think tank, said she



KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

A picketer carries sign Sept. 15 outside the closed General Motors automobile assembly plant in Lordstown, Ohio. Many from three shuttered factories — in Lordstown and near Baltimore and Detroit — are opposing a deal that could end a 37-day strike against GM. Voting wraps up Oct. 25.

doesn't think there are enough workers from the closed plants to influence the others and get the deal voted down.

"This is like gerrymandering," she said. "They're spread throughout the system."

Also, she said, it will be difficult to overcome the economic benefits of the contract, which brings workers hired after 2007 up to the same pay as older workers in four years or less, gives temporary workers a path to becoming full time, gives workers lump-sum payments and lifts the \$12,000 cap on profit-sharing checks.

So far, a large assembly plant in Spring Hill, Ten-

nessee, narrowly voted down the contract. But locals in Toledo, Ohio, at GM's technical center in Warren, Michigan, and at a metal stamping facility in Saginaw, Michigan, voted overwhelmingly in favor.

Voting wraps up on Friday, with the final tally to be released that evening. As of Tuesday, the deal was winning by more than 1,000 votes.

At Spring Hill, which has a large number of people who transferred from Lordstown, the plant closings were among many reasons that workers gave for voting down the contract 51% to 49%, said Mike Herron, union bargaining chairman at the plant.

They were also unhappy with the provisions that make temporary employees full time after three years of continuous service, and they objected to a cap of 2,000 workers who would get early retirement packages, Herron said.

The GM contract will serve as a template for negotiations with Ford and Fiat Chrysler. The union will probably pick the next company once the GM contract is ratified.

Under the deal, GM agreed to invest about \$7.7 billion in its factories, creating or keeping 9,000 jobs. It also extended a moratorium on outsourcing work, but it doesn't apply to GM joint ventures with other

companies.

Of the \$7.7 billion, \$3 billion will go to GM's Detroit Hamtramck plant, which will make several high-end battery-powered pickup trucks and SUVs. One under consideration is a Hummer.

A total of \$1.5 billion will go to a factory in Wentzville, Missouri, to make pickups. A factory near Lansing, Michigan, will split \$1 billion with the plant in Spring Hill, where the company will turn out SUVs. And \$2 billion will go to refurbish other plants.

Critics complain the contract doesn't bring back any products from Mexico, which the union had sought.

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Krispy Kreme Doughnuts employees take orders from customers Tuesday for the store in the Block 37 pedway in Chicago. This is Krispy Kreme's first store in downtown Chicago in 14 years.

Krispy Kreme opens in Chicago, more than a decade after leaving

Chicago Tribune staff

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts opened a shop in the Block 37 pedway Tuesday morning, its first store in downtown Chicago in 14 years.

The shop on the lower-level stretch of the mall that connects the CTA's Blue and Red lines is the fourth of eight planned Krispy Kreme shops in the Chicago area.

Doughnuts will not be made on site in the 1,000-square-foot space. Instead, they will be delivered twice daily from the suburban Krispy Kreme locations where they are made fresh.

"We found a great piece of real estate with great traffic but not enough space for a kitchen," franchisee Carlos Larcada, president of Chicagoland Restaurants, told the Tribune in August.

Larcada, who over the



Krispy Kreme doughnuts sit behind glass Tuesday on opening day of the chain's store in the Block 37 pedway in Chicago.

past three years has opened Krispy Kremes in suburban Evergreen Park, Hillside and Homewood, in August said he has four more shops planned. "We hope to get two or three more downtown and a couple more suburban," he said.

Krispy Kreme largely vanished from the Chicago area a decade ago as the company's finances foundered. Its first Loop store opened in 2002 and closed three years later.

Analysts said the company, founded in 1937 in

Winston-Salem, N.C., expanded too rapidly after going public in 2000, and low-carb diets and the Great Recession weakened growth. The Illinois franchisee at the time, Sweet Traditions, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2007.

McDonald's betting on tech to help it serve billions

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press

McDonald's says it's setting itself up for future growth by investing now in advances like voice recognition ordering technology. But for some investors, the short-term financial pain is hard to swallow.

McDonald's net income dropped 2% to \$1.6 billion in the third quarter as it rapidly remodeled stores and expanded delivery. Quarterly earnings at the Chicago company were flat at \$2.11 per share. Wall Street was looking for per-share earnings of \$2.21, according to analysts polled by FactSet.

Third-quarter revenue was \$5.4 billion, the company said Tuesday, just shy of Wall Street's forecast of \$5.49 billion.

The company's shares fell 5% to close at \$199.27 Tuesday.

Last month, McDonald's acquired a Silicon Valley voice recognition startup called Apprenite, with an eye toward using it to take orders at drive-thru windows. The company plans to build a Silicon Valley tech lab around that acquisition. Earlier this year it spent \$300 million to buy Dynamic Yield, an Israeli startup that helps it provide customized recommendations at drive-thru windows based on things like weather, restaurant traffic and customer order patterns.

McDonald's President and CEO Steve Easterbrook said 9,500 U.S. drive-thrus now have Dynamic Yield, as well as most drive-thrus in Australia. He said average check size grows when customers use it. McDonald's digital in-store kiosks also increase check size.

Still, analysts on a conference call noted that McDonald's U.S. restaurant traffic was down in

the third quarter, an issue that has plagued the company for more than a year. They noted that some competitors, like Chipotle Mexican Grill, are seeing traffic growth without big tech investments.

McDonald's insists it's on the right track.

"Our intent is to set ourselves up for sustainable long-term growth," Chief Financial Officer Kevin Ozan said. "Those who aren't at some point will be behind and will need to catch up."

McDonald's said global sales rose 5.9% at restaurants open at least 13 months. That was better than the 5.4% increase analysts were expecting, according to FactSet. In the U.S., comparable sales were up 4.8%, below investors' expectations.

Easterbrook said delivery — which is now available at 60% of McDonald's 38,308 restaurants globally — is a growing contributor to revenue, with customers spending twice what they would spend if they ate in the restaurant. McDonald's says delivery will be a \$4 billion business this year, up from \$1 billion three years ago. The company partnered with DoorDash in the quarter to make deliveries in the U.S. It also has a partnership with Uber Eats.

Easterbrook wouldn't say whether McDonald's plans to expand sales of its new plant-based burger beyond Canada. Last month, McDonald's said it was teaming up with California-based Beyond Meat to test a plant-based burger in 28 restaurants in Ontario.

Easterbrook said the company is trying to quickly learn what kinds of customers order the burger so it can market and stock it correctly.

"It's an area of interest, for sure," he said.

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5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-0.88	-0.54	+0.01	-0.07	+1.38	+0.99	+6.34	+8.96	+9.32

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	Dec 19	523	532.25	517.25	518	-5.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	Dec 19	387	392.50	385	388	+0.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	Nov 19	932.50	945.25	931	934	+0.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs-	Dec 19	30.42	30.97	30.35	30.85	+0.37
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons-	Dec 19	307.90	311.80	306.30	306.90	-0.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl-	Nov 19	53.39	54.62	53.10	54.21	+0.90
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's,	Nov 19	2.236	2.311	2.231	2.272	+0.034
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons-	Nov 19	1.6372	1.6386	1.5994	1.6089	+0.0017

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	80.54	-1.11	Equity Commonwealth	N	31.85	-0.05	McDonalds Corp	N	199.27	-10.58
AbbVie Inc	N	77.87	+0.57	Equity LifeStyle Prop	N	67.90	-0.99	Middleby Corp	O	119.92	+2.82
Allstate Corp	N	107.50	-1.63	Equity Residential	N	88.44	-0.28	Mondelez Intl	O	52.71	-0.86
Aptargroup Inc	N	116.66	-1.24	Exelon Corp	O	45.25	+0.54	Morningstar Inc	O	157.09	-2.52
Arch Dan Mid	N	40.56	+0.16	First Indl RT	N	40.40	-0.06	Motorola Solutions	N	169.08	-6.93
Baxter Intl	N	87.04	-1.41	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	58.47	+2.13	Nsource Inc	N	28.27	+0.22
Boeing Co	N	337.00	+5.94	Gallagher AJ	N	89.68	-0.65	Nthn Trust Cp	O	97.51	+0.66
Brunswick Corp	N	56.62	+1.89	Grainger WW	N	319.18	+2.40	Old Republic	N	23.78	-0.29
CBOE Global Markets	N	114.68	-0.59	GrubHub Inc	N	56.14	+0.38	Packaging Corp Am	N	108.58	+0.09
CDK Global Inc	O	49.05	...	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	99.48	-2.11	Paylocity Hldg	O	95.96	-1.90
CDW Corp	O	122.41	-1.65	IAA Inc	N	37.86	-1.39	RLI Corp	N	96.66	-1.95
CF Industries	N	46.41	-0.05	IDEX Corp	N	159.14	-0.20	Stericycle Inc	O	53.77	-0.19
CME Group	O	202.02	-4.05	ITW	N	161.58	+2.09	TransUnion	N	80.46	-2.16
CNA Financial	N	45.95	-1.67	Ingredion Inc	N	80.13	-1.01	US Foods Holding	N	39.55	-0.17
Cabot Microelect	O	147.15	-1.16	John Bean Technol	N	105.97	+1.86	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	236.91	+1.61
Caterpillar Inc	N	133.69	+1.46	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	143.99	-0.17	United Airlines Hldg	O	89.71	-1.07
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	27.37	-0.09	Kemper Corp	N	73.38	-2.02	Ventas Inc	N	71.99	-0.70
Deere Co	N	175.15	+1.12	Kraft Heinz Co	O	28.50	+0.69	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	55.32	+0.73
Discover Fin Svcs	N	81.15	+0.71	LKQ Corporation	O	31.89	+0.24	Wintrust Financial	O	65.41	+0.46
Dover Corp	N	104.12	+0.63	Littelfuse Inc	O	188.63	-0.49	Zebra Tech	O	203.29	-2.49

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Snap Inc A	14.00	-0.58
Gen Electric	9.06	+2.27
Bank of America	31.20	+1.28
Infosys Ltd	9.01	-0.28
Chesapeake Energy	1.35	-0.01
Ford Motor	9.07	+0.04
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	7.14	+0.15
McDermott Intl	1.77	-0.27
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.69	+0.33
Teva Pharm	8.03	-1.12
Brist Myr Sqb	54.42	+1.22
Petrobras	15.26	+0.62
Freeport McMoran	9.93	+0.11
Cision Ltd	10.07	+1.62
Callon Petrol	3.81	+0.10
AT&T Inc	38.17	-0.06
EnCana Corp	4.08	+0.04
Wells Fargo & Co	50.62	+0.16
Uber Technologies	32.53	+1.12
Regions FncI	16.22	+0.15
US Steel Corp	11.22	+0.58
Merck & Co	81.30	-0.22
Nokia Corp	5.18	-0.02
Ambev S.A.	4.59	+0.01

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Trovagene Inc	1.79	+0.74
Adv Micro Dev	31.51	-5.52
Microsoft Corp	136.37	-2.06
Apple Inc	239.96	-5.55
Biogen Inc	281.87	+58.36
Titan Pharmaceut	19	+0.00
Facebook Inc	182.34	-7.42
Lyft Inc	43.56	+2.68
Roku Inc	129.06	-3.97
Sirius XM Hldgs	6.40	-0.02
Zynga Inc	6.13	-0.16
Cisco Syst	47.55	+1.16
Micron Tech	44.66	-0.56
Intel Corp	52.01	-1.12
JetBlue Airways Cp	18.80	+1.28
Comcast Corp A	45.77	-0.31
Netflix Inc	266.69	-11.36
PayPal Holdings	97.36	-4.08
Tile Shop Hldgs	1.13	-2.22
Bionano Genomics Inc	1.16	+0.08
Stamps Group Inc	19.77	-0.03
Naked Brand Group	0.04	-0.00
JD.com Inc	30.27	-0.76
Exelon Corp	45.25	+0.54

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2954.38	+16.2/+0.6
Stoxx600	394.59	+4/+1.1
Nikkei	22548.90	+0/+0.0
MSCI-EAFE	1930.98	+10.9/+0.6
Bovespa	107381.10	+1358.8/+1.3
FTSE 100	7212.49	+48.9/+0.7
CAC-40	5657.69	+9.4/+0.2

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.17	-0.06
Alibaba Group Hldg	169.89	-3.63
Alphabet Inc C	1242.80	-3.08
Alphabet Inc A	1241.20	-3.35
Amazon.com Inc	1765.73	-19.93
Apple Inc	239.96	-5.55
Bank of America	31.20	+0.18
Berkshire Hath B	210.62	+0.87
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.09	+0.35
Facebook Inc	182.34	-7.42
HSBC Holdings prA	26.31	-0.01
JPMorgan Chase	124.79	+1.24
Morgan & Johnson	129.20	+1.18
MasterCard Inc	261.26	-13.04
Microsoft Corp	136.37	-2.06
Procter & Gamble	122.18	+3.10
Taiwan Semicon	50.64	+0.64
Visa Inc	170.86	-5.57
WalMart Strs	119.58	-1.16

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.62	1.63
6-month disc	1.59	1.60
2-year	1.58	1.60
10-year	1.76	1.79
30-year	2.25	2.28

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1481.70	\$1482.40
Silver	\$17.437	\$17.526
Platinum	\$892.30	\$888.50

INTEREST RATES

	CLOSE	PREV.
Prime Rate	5.00	5.00
Discount Rate Primary	2.50	2.50
Fed Funds Target	1.75-2.00	1.75-2.00
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.67	0.67

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...	
Argentina (Peso)	58.6700
Australia (Dollar)	1.4588
Brazil (Real)	4.0742
Britain (Pound)	0.7762
Canada (Dollar)	1.3097
China (Yuan)	7.0772
Euro	0.8989
India (Rupee)	70.811
Israel (Shekel)	3.5333
Japan (Yen)	108.46
Mexico (Peso)	19.1377
Poland (Zloty)	3.874
So. Korea (Won)	1172.07
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.60
Thailand (Baht)	30.30

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR	%RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.70	-0.19	+5.1	+9.5
American Funds AMCRNBAlA m	27.78	-0.01	+9.5	+9.5
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	49.05	-0.08	+9.4	+9.4
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	61.70	...	+9.4	+9.4
American Funds Fdmt				

OBITUARIES

ALEXEI LEONOV 1934-2019

Soviet cosmonaut and first person to walk in space

BY MATT SCHUDEL
The Washington Post

Alexei Leonov, a Soviet cosmonaut who in 1965 became the first person to walk in space and who was scheduled to walk on the moon before the Soviet Union abandoned its efforts for a manned lunar landing, died Oct. 11 in Moscow. He was 85.

The Russian space agency, Roscosmos, announced his death but did not cite a cause.

Leonov, a Soviet air force officer, was chosen in 1959 as part of his country's inaugural class of astronauts — known as cosmonauts in the old Soviet Union. At the time, the Soviets were leading the space race, a symbolic and strategic battle for technological superiority during the Cold War.

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first satellite to orbit the earth. In April 1961, cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin — a close friend of Leonov's — became the first person launched into space.

As the U.S. space program tried to catch up, with flights by Alan Shepard Jr. and John Glenn, the Soviets sought new ways to maintain their early edge. Leonov began training for his spacewalk in 1963.

As perilous as early space travel was, it seemed doubly dangerous for a human being to “walk” — or, more precisely, to float — outside the safety of the capsule. On March 18, 1965, Leonov took that step.

He left the capsule through a hatch, leaving a fellow cosmonaut, Pavel Belyayev, to pilot the ship. Leonov entered an airtight chamber called an air lock and inhaled pure oxygen for almost an hour to reduce the level of nitrogen in his blood, as a means of preventing decompression sickness, or the bends.

Finally, he opened the outer hatch and entered space, more than 100 miles above the earth's surface, connected to his capsule by a 16-foot-long tether. A skilled amateur painter, Leonov found the vista “incredibly beautiful.”

“I said to myself, ‘It's true, the earth is round,’” he later said.

His spacewalk was captured by two film cameras that produced remarkably clear images, including some in color.

When he attempted to reenter the air lock leading to the space capsule,

Leonov could not climb through the hatch. His spacesuit had expanded and become almost rigid.

“Near the end of my walk,” he told the New York Times magazine in 1994, “I realized that my feet had pulled out of my shoes and my hands had pulled away from my gloves. My entire suit stretched so much that my hands and feet appeared to shrink.”

He decided that his only option was to open a valve to release air from inside his spacesuit. It deflated enough to allow Leonov to enter the capsule's air lock headfirst, but the change in pressure left him at risk of decompression sickness. His spacewalk lasted only 12 minutes, but his body temperature had risen so much that sweat was sloshing in the leggings of his spacesuit.

“I didn't report this down to Earth,” Leonov said in 1999. “I knew the situation better than anyone else.”

It would be decades before the dangers he encountered were fully known. Leonov also revealed, years later, that he had a suicide pill in his helmet, in case he could not return to the spacecraft.

Once he was back inside the capsule, it began to roll uncontrollably. Oxygen levels in the cabin became dangerously high, but eventually the cosmonauts were able to stabilize the craft for its return to Earth.

When the automated reentry system failed, Leonov and Belyayev flew their craft manually, tumbling wildly until its parachutes opened. They came to rest in a dense forest in the Ural Mountains, about 1,000 miles from their intended landing spot.

Surrounded by several feet of snow, the two cosmonauts stayed in the capsule as temperatures fell below zero. It took more than two days before they were rescued by helicopter.

His feat made Leonov a national hero, and he was expected to be the first person from his country to walk on the moon. Before the United States could do so, Soviet spaceships circled the moon and sent back samples of lunar soil.

But other test flights failed, and the booster rocket designed to propel the Soviets' lunar mission exploded on the launchpad. The space race was won by the United States, culminating in the Apollo 11 mission, which touched down on July 20, 1969, accompanied

by astronaut Neil Armstrong's memorable words as he stepped onto the moon's Sea of Tranquility: “That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

Alexei Arkhipovich Leonov was born May 30, 1934, in the Siberian village of Listvyanka. He was from a large family, and his father, a onetime coal miner and farmer, spent time in a Soviet gulag for dissent.

Young Alexei was transfixed by aviation from an early age and also studied art. He entered the Soviet air force in 1953 and trained as a fighter pilot and parachutist.

In January 1969, Leonov was in a motorcade entering the Kremlin when a man wearing a police uniform opened fire with two automatic handguns. Leonov's limousine was struck by more than a dozen shots, apparently intended for Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev, who was in a different car. Leonov's driver was killed.

“I looked down and saw two bullet holes on each side of my coat where the bullets had passed through,” Leonov said in 1994. “A fifth bullet passed so close to my face I could feel it go by.”

In 1975, Leonov returned to space as part of the first joint U.S.-Soviet space effort. His capsule docked with an Apollo spacecraft under the command of NASA astronaut Thomas Stafford. They shook hands through a connecting portal and became close friends.

Survivors include his wife, Svetlana, two daughters and several grandchildren.

Leonov became director of the Soviet cosmonaut corps and retired in 1992. He later worked in banking and exhibited his paintings worldwide, including at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington.

Fluent in English and fond of jokes, he was a popular speaker at gatherings of space aficionados. Author Arthur C. Clarke named a spacecraft after Leonov in his 1982 novel, “2010,” a sequel to “2001: A Space Odyssey.”

Leonov came to regret the secrecy and suspicion surrounding the Cold War competition in space.

“If we could have gotten together earlier,” he said in 1990, “we would already have built an international observatory on the moon and we would be flying to Mars right now.”

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Death Notices

Brennan, Patrick J

Patrick J. Brennan, 74, passed away on October 6, 2019. A former Chicago native, he spent his golden years in Albuquerque, NM, his true home. He is survived by his loving son, Paul W., and former wife and friend, Jill Brennan (Ryan). Dear brother of William M. Brennan (Lucy), Lori Strawbridge (Rick), Mary Kay Macchione (Frank), fond uncle and cousin of many. Devoted friend of AA members he helped in his 47 years of sobriety. Pat was grateful for the love of his family and friends, he was a man of deep faith in God and humanity. Family and Friends will gather Saturday, October 26, at 11:00 a.m. followed by a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. St. Celestine Church, 3020 N. 76th Court, Elmwood Park, IL 60707
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Cannalte, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Cannalte, 80, formerly of Huntley, at rest Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 am Sat., Oct. 26 at St. Mary Church, 10307 Dundee Rd., Huntley. Vis. prior to Mass from 9-10 am. **James A. O'Connor Funeral Home** (847)669-5111 or online www.jamesaoconnorfuneralhome.com
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Collesi, Julie G.

Julie G. Collesi, age 66, of Elk Grove Village passed away on October 16, 2019. Loving daughter of the late Albert and Rosemary Collesi. Dear sister of Jill (David) King, and Jacqueline Collesi (Steven Ekeberg). Cherished Aunt of John King (Jenny Meyers), Maggie King (Beau Rubendunst), Katie Ekeberg (Rob Watson), Kelsey Ekeberg (Cam Azizi), and the late Kevin Ekeberg. Proud great aunt of Kara, Madeline, and Ellie. She was a kind and devoted Aunt to her nieces and nephews as well as to her “grand” nieces. A memorial visitation will be taking place on Saturday, October 26, 2019 beginning at 2:00 PM until time of the service at 4:00 PM at G.L. Hills Funeral Home, 745 Graceland Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016. Memorials in Julie's name may be made to Planned Parenthood www.plannedparenthood.org or Native American Rights Fund www.narf.org For information, please call funeral home at (847) 699-9003 or glhillsfuneralhome.com
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Daugherty, Edward L.

Edward L. Daugherty, age 85, of Chicago. Loving husband of Joan, nee Combitis. Beloved father of Daniel (Molly) Daugherty, Bridget (Michael) Sawchuk, and Colin (Rachel) Daugherty. Dear grandfather of Connor, Shannon, Caley, Emma, Liam, Fiona, and Siobhan. Devoted brother of Carol (the late Mathew) Boemmel and the late Robert (Diane) Daugherty. Brother-in-law of Wallace (Elizabeth) Combitis and the late Carole Mallers. Uncle, cousin, and friend to many. Ed was a proud graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep, John Carroll University, and DePaul University Law School. He was a corporate Council for Edward Hines Lumber Company for 37 years, and will be missed by all who knew him. Funeral services 9:30 AM, Saturday, October 26, 2019, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago, IL, to St. Margaret Mary for a Mass at 10 AM. Interment Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Edward's name may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601. Visitation Friday 3 PM to 8 PM at the funeral home. Info 773-736-3833

Smith-Corcoran
Funeral Homes*Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries***Dawson, David A.**

David A. Dawson, age 70; Beloved husband of the late Judy Ann Dawson (nee Chappell) and fiancée of Janet Campion (nee Tuscher); Loving father of Lindsay (Luis Rios) Dawson, Melissa (Adam) Kohn, Jeremiah Campion and Carolyn (Sean) Griffin; Cherished PaPa of Pierce, Daphne, Sadie and Morgan; Proud son of the late Arthur “Red” and Donna Dawson (nee Dobbertein).

A memorial visitation for David will be held Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, 10727 S PULASKI RD, CHICAGO, IL 60655.

In lieu of flowers donations to Olivet College Athletics, http://www.olivetcollege.edu/give-athletics/, please note “In Memory of David Dawson” in comment section would be appreciated.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.andrewmcgann.com for the Dawson family.
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Dizon, Sr., Romeo Alcantara

Romeo Alcantara Dizon, Sr., 84, passed away on October 19, 2019. He is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-four years, Olga nee Confesor; his cherished children Romeo (Geraldine) Dizon and Juliet (Joseph) Munoz and his grandchildren Maximilian, Abigail, Isabelle and Vincent Dizon; Ava and Reina Munoz. He was a loving brother to his six surviving siblings. He goes to join three of his late siblings and his late parents, Maximiliano and Helen. He loved playing mahjong, watching television and listening to music of the forties; particularly Frank Sinatra. He was an avid Tribune reader and a home-cook. He held a Masters in Accounting, a diploma in Computerized Business Systems Accounting and was a Certified Public Accountant for over forty years with AT&T in Chicago. A visitation will be held at **Drake and Son Funeral Home**, 5303 N Western Ave, Chicago IL 60625, on October 26, 2019 from 5-9pm. The funeral service will be held that evening at 7pm. Disposition private. For more information please call 773-561-6874.
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Ferguson, Bruce W.

Bruce W. Ferguson, 88, of Naperville, IL, Winter, WI, and St. Pete Beach, FL, died Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Luther Manor. Private family services will be held. Bruce was born June 20, 1931 in Chicago, IL, son of Joseph and Elspeth (Archer) Ferguson. He attended LeMoine Elementary and graduated from Lake View High School, in Chicago. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Dubuque, his master's degree from Northern Illinois University with doctoral work at The Ohio State University. On August 7, 1954 he married Carol Capp and together they raised five children. Bruce was a lifelong educator and mentor, teaching in the field of physical education for over 40 years. Bruce was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Naperville and also belonged to the Illinois Association of Health Physical Education and Recreation where he served as President of the Midwest Region. He enjoyed his association with the University of Dubuque where he served in various capacities. He thoroughly enjoyed his summers at Pinecrest Resort on Barker Lake in Winter, WI which he and Carol operated for more than 40 years. He greatly enjoyed fishing and spending time with family and guests. He was also an avid swimmer and a big Cubs fan.

Bruce is survived by his wife of 65 years, Carol Capp Ferguson; four children, Sheri Garner and her children, Sarah (Kevin) Malia and their children, Rory and Tess; and Abigail Urban and her children, Nora and Grant; Beth (Lusmila) Ferguson and their children, Luciel, Veronica and her child Isabela, Christina, and Julissa; Gary (April) Ferguson and their children, Magdalena, Mateo, Miarosa, Micaela, Casper, Chadwick and Careabella; and Andrew (John Hoefler) Ferguson and their children, Megan Ferguson and Devyn, Austin, Jenna and Ethan Hoefler. He is also survived by a brother, Ronald (Dorothy) Ferguson of Port Charlotte, FL and a special former daughter-in-law, Clare Ferguson of Dubuque, IA. In addition to his parents, Bruce was preceded in death by a son, Randy (in childhood). Special thanks go to the wonderful staff at Luther Manor; Dr. Jacobitz-Kizzier, and Dr. Meurer; and the staff at Hospice of Dubuque for their compassionate care. The family would also like to thank Bradley Rudi, good friend and helper in Winter, WI. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.egelhofsiegertcasper.com
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Fern, Jeanne Marie
Jeanne Marie Fern (nee Lange) of Oak Park passed away peacefully at home on October 20th, 2019 two days shy of her 98th birthday. Born October 22nd, 1921 to Albert and Mary Irene Lange, Jeanne was the loving wife of the late Joseph M. for 62 years. She was a proud graduate of Trinity High School and Marquette University and longtime member of St. Edmund's parish and Riverside Golf Club where she developed many cherished friendships over the years. Dear sister of the late Harold, William “Bud” (Mary), Catherine “Sis” (Francis) McNabb, Helen (Gerald) Hartranft, and Albert (Pat). Caring Mother to Julie M. (David) Brown and Joseph Michael. Grandmother to Ian and Kyle Roos. Also regarded as Mom to Jeanne, Rosemary, Jay David, Chip and others too numerous to mention. Anyone who has met you will miss you. A private Memorial service will be held at a later date.
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ON OCTOBER 23 ...

In 1864, Union forces led by Gen. Samuel Curtis defeated Gen. Stirling Price's army in Missouri.

In 1910, Blanche Scott became the first woman to fly solo when her airplane rose 12 feet over a park in Fort Wayne, Ind.

In 1915, 25,000 women marched in New York to demand the right to vote.

In 1942, the British 8th Army attacked Axis forces to begin the key Battle of El Alamein in Egypt during World War II.

In 1944, the Battle of Leyte Gulf began in the Philippines.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly convened in New York for the first time, in an auditorium in Flushing Meadows.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon reversed himself and agreed to turn over the Watergate tapes to U.S. District Judge John Sirica.

In 1984, “NBC Nightly News” aired BBC television footage of the drought in Ethiopia, resulting in an outpouring of charitable contributions.

In 1991, Cambodia's warring factions and representatives of 18 other nations signed a peace treaty in Paris.

In 1996, the civil trial of O.J. Simpson opened in Santa Monica, Calif.

In 1998, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signed a land-for-peace agreement at the White House, following nine days of talks in Wye River, Md.

In 2001, anthrax was found on the machinery at a military base that sorts mail for the White House.

In 2003, federal immigration agents arrested about 250 illegal workers at 60 Wal-Mart stores in 21 states.

In 2012, GOP U.S. Senate candidate Richard Mourdock of Indiana said during an election debate that pregnancy resulting from rape was “something God intended to happen.” (He lost the Nov. 6 race to Democratic Rep. Joe Donnelly.)

In 2014, Dr. Craig Spencer, who returned to the U.S. after treating Ebola patients in Guinea, tested positive for the deadly virus in New York City. (Spencer eventually recovered fully from the virus.)

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
Oct. 22
Mega Millions 05 11 14 23 25 / 10
Mega Millions jackpot: \$82M
Pick 3 midday 272 / 3
Pick 4 midday 2318 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto midday 09 15 23 39 40
Pick 3 evening 347 / 8
Pick 4 evening 2289 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto evening 08 18 28 32 35
Oct. 23 Powerball: \$120M
Oct. 24 Lotto: \$8.75M

WISCONSIN
Oct. 22
Pick 3 785
Pick 4 3535
Badger 5 10 11 12 13 22
SuperCash 05 18 20 21 37 39

INDIANA
Oct. 22
Daily 3 midday 774 / 3
Daily 4 midday 4239 / 3
Daily 3 evening 709 / 3
Daily 4 evening 4795 / 3
Cash 5 01 18 34 38 43

MICHIGAN
Oct. 22
Daily 3 midday 669
Daily 4 midday 0056
Daily 3 evening 087
Daily 4 evening 3565
Fantasy 5 07 09 15 33 35
Keno 01 05 07 11 14 17
20 29 31 34 36 39 40 42
57 64 65 67 72 74 75 76

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Ford, FaShon 'FO FO'

FaShon passed away October 8, 2019 at the age of 51. The daughter of Catherine Harris and Fred Ford. Funeral services at **Crown Hill Funeral Home** in Indianapolis, Indiana Saturday October 26th. Viewing 10am until 12pm. Funeral to begin at 12pm.



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Garratt, Gail M.

Gail M. Garratt, 75, of Hollywood, SC, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

Born on June 19, 1944 in La Grange, IL, Gail was the daughter of the late Richard Mansfield and the late Ruth Mansfield.

Besides her parents, Gail is preceded in death by her brother, Richard Mansfield.

Gail is survived by her husband of 30 years, Reginald G. Garratt; children: Mark Garratt (Cynthia); Jonathan Garratt (Carole Stedt); Sean Garratt (Sarah) and Louise Bradley; grandchildren: William, Matthew, Christopher, Angelina, Brandi, Caitlin, Jessica, and Ethan; and great-grandchild, Emberly.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, October 25, 2019 at 1:00 PM in Christ Church, 501 Oak Brook Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Burial will follow in Bronswood Cemetery, 3805 Madison Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted online at www.mcalister-smith.com.

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See Cara Chantal Parrillo notice.

JANNUSCH, LORRAINE E.

Lorraine E. Jannusch, nee Feidt, 88, of the Northwest Side of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth W Jannusch. Loving mother of Paul (Sherry), Patricia and Timothy Jannusch. Dear mother in law of Thersa Jannusch. Proud grandmother of Michael Thomas. Fond sister of the late Richard and the late Robert Feidt. Longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Guild. Retired designer for Brautigam's Florist. Visitation Wednesday, October 23, 2019, from 5 until 9 pm at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N Northwest Hwy., Chicago. Funeral Thursday, 11:00 am at the funeral home. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.



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Kanel, Christine

Christine Kanel. Born September 1923 in Chicago, Illinois to Nicholas and Angelina Theodoropoulos of Doriza, Greece. A life-long west-sider, Christine married James Kanel in 1957. They spent 62 amazing years together shared by their sons Andrew and Nick (Michelle) and grandchildren Tia and Jimmy. Growing up near Halsted Street in the 1920s and 1930s, Christine would spin tales of the LeGrande apartments, activities at Hull House and houses made of tin cans. She attended Socrates Elementary School, Skinner School, and McKinley High School where she was named class prophet. As a lunch lady at Edison Elementary Christine helped form the prestigious Edison Lites Social Club whose members have remained close knit for five decades. Yet, her deepest passion was for the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in the Austin neighborhood where she served as a Sunday School teacher and proudly organized the church's Philoptochos Society chapter. Her generosity (usually represented by a pound cake or Greek kourombredes cookies) was legendary and reminds us that every relationship can be cherished when handled with warmth and beauty. Visitation Thursday, October 24, 2019 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ahlgrim Funeral Home, 567 Spring Rd., Elmhurst. All are asked to meet Friday at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 601 S. Central, Chicago, IL 60644 from 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 10:30 a.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Restoration Fund: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. For info 630-834-3515

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Kocanda, Susan M.

Susan M. Kocanda; Dear Mama of Jack, Nate, and the late Abby; Beloved sister of Joe (Carol) and Barbie (Kenny) Piekarski; Cherished aunt of Jessica, Nicole, Sammy, and Logan; Sue was loved and will be missed by many friends that were more like family; Visitation Thursday October 24, 2019 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Friday October 25, 2019 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Terrence Church, 4300 W. 119th Place, Alsip, IL. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Private; For funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Lingel, Renate "Omi"

Renate "Omi" Lingel, nee Bosch, age 93, of Skokie. Beloved wife of the late Henry; dear mother of Lillian (Ronald) Simmons and Cynthia (Walter) Penkala; loving grandmother of Todd (Lindsey) Simmons, Jen (Alonso Noguera) Simmons, Joe (Sophia) Penkala, and Christine (Brian) Marikos; cherished great-grandmother of Ronni Renate Simmons, Braid Young Simmons, Henry James Penkala, Eleanor Renate Marikos, Ty Robert Henry Simmons, William John Marikos, Milo Werner Penkala, and Emmalu Wren Noguera Simmons. Visitation, Thursday, October 24, 2019, from 5 to 9 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral, Friday, October 25, at 9:30 a.m., from the funeral home, for Mass of Christian Burial, 10 a.m., at St. John Brebeuf Catholic Church, 8305 N. Harlem Av., Niles. Interment, Memory Gardens Cemetery, Arlington Heights. Memorial contributions may be made to Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care (www.rainbowhospice.org), 2601 Navistar Dr., Bldg. 4, Floor 1, Lisle, IL, 60532 or Norwood Crossing (www.norwoodcrossing.org), 6016 N. Nina Av., Chicago, IL, 60631. For funeral information: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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Naudzius, Ruth Mary

A resident of Park Ridge since 1960, died Wednesday October 16, 2019 at age 90. She is survived by her loving daughter Laura Miller (Brian) and son Lon Naudzius (Colleen Moriarty) and grand children Robert Miller, Luke and Eleanor Naudzius and sister Margaret Smith. Ruth graduated with High Honors from The University of Illinois earning a Masters Degree in Education. She was a Home Economics Teacher at Lincoln Jr. High for 25 years and was a Color Consultant for Color 1 for 10 years. She was a loving wife and mother, and a devoted teacher who believed in the advancement of all people through education. Services will be held at Park Ridge Community Church, November 2 at 10 AM.

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Niswonger, Dr. Dennis J.

Dr. Dennis J. Niswonger, Psy. D, age 78 of Homer Glen. Kind and loving husband of Maureen (nee Bohan). Loving father of Thomas (Shelly) and Denise (Delin) Johnson. Dear grandfather of Amanda (Robert) Tilden, Megan Niswonger, Ethan, Evan and Erin Johnson. Great-grandfather of Sadie, Aubrie and Tres Tilden, brother of William (Billie) Niswonger and Janna (Charles) Gardner and many nieces and nephews. Survived by his precious service dog "Annie". Dr. Denny touched lives during his life's journey as a cowboy, tool and die maker, teacher, ComEd manager and his utmost contribution was his work as a clinical psychologist. He loved working with teens and the elderly. He enjoyed travelling, skiing, golfing and spending time with family and friends. Funeral Friday 9:15am from **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen to St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mass 10am. Visitation Thursday 3pm to 8pm. Interment private. Former board member of The Center of Palos Park and various professional organizations. In lieu of flowers donations to The Center of Palos Park or Crisis Center for South Suburbia. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Nytko, Olga C.

Olga Nytko, nee Milani, 102, passed away Oct. 18, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Mitchell, loving sister of late Julia Orsi Kunstadt and the late Norma D'Acquistio. Devoted Aunt, Great Aunt and Great-Great Aunt to many. Olga was a gifted hat designer for Carson Pirie Scott, and worked at Crest Specialties as a supervisor for over forty years. She was also a pioneer resident of Victory Center of Riverwoods in Melrose Park. She led the Rosary prayers for many years, and was an avid Bingo player. Services will be private.

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O'Keefe, Daniel J.

Daniel J. O'Keefe, 59, beloved husband of Eliana O'Keefe; Proud father of Raymond Marcello O'Keefe; Loving son of Raymond V. O'Keefe and the late Dolores O'Keefe; Dear brother to Robert, Terry, Susan, Tim, Dennis, Joanne, Diane, John, Kelly and Ken; Beloved and cherished "Uncle Dan" to many nieces and nephews; Visitation Wednesday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Thursday 10:00 a.m. until time of Chapel Prayers 11:00 a.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; Interment; St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the diabetes foundation; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Owen, Charles L.

Charles L. Owen, age 86, of Chicago. Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy. Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the Institute of Design, Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), Chicago, where he conducted research and taught until 2010 in the MDES, MDM, and PhD Design graduate programs. Avid shell collector and longtime member of the Chicago Shell Club. Beloved husband of Mary, nee Wrenn; dear brother of Donald B. (Carol J.); loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation, Thursday, October 24, 2019, from 4 to 9 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Family and friends to meet for Graveside Service and Interment, Friday, October 25, at 11 a.m., at Woodland Cemetery, 1700 N. Richmond Rd., McHenry, IL, 60050. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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Parrillo, Cara Chantal

Cara Chantal Parrillo-Hincks, age 53; beloved wife of Kevin J. Hincks; loving mother of Carolina Brennan; stepmother of O'Connor, Alexandra, Griffin, and Brennan Hincks; cherished daughter of William J. and Carol Giles Parrillo; dear sister of William G. Parrillo and Jon R. Parrillo; cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, October 26, 2019 9:00 AM until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 AM at Ascension of Our Lord Church, 15.314 Summit Ave. Oakbrook Terrace, IL. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to American Cancer Society (donate3.cancer.org), Mercy Home (www.mercyhome.org/giving), Spring Hill College (badgernet.shc.edu/give), or Trinity High School (www.trinityhhs.org), are appreciated. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale**. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com



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Pittrak, Dr. James 'Jim'

Dr. James "Jim" Pittrak, age 59, of Western Springs. Beloved husband of Laura Pittrak for a wonderful 34 years. Loving father of Jeffrey (Samantha) Pittrak and Nick Pittrak. Devoted grandfather of Easton and Addison Pittrak. Dear son of James Edward and the late Lorraine Pittrak. Cherished brother of David (Susan Taylor) Pittrak. Fond



uncle and friend of many. Jim was a longtime physician at DuPage Medical Group and retired to pursue his passion for bird photography. He was a lover of dogs. A celebration of life will be held by Jim's family on Saturday, October 26th from 2 to 5pm at their home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Audubon Society. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside at 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com.



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Radtke, Elsie P.

Elsie P. Radtke, nee Prendergast, 70, October 21, 2019, dearly beloved wife of John A. Radtke; devoted mother of Kate (Jon) Hall, Thomas (Beth) Mannix and Elizabeth (Brian) Gajos; dear stepmother of Rebecca, Jeremy, Jessica, and the late Jeffrey Radtke; adoring grandmother of Maya, Quinn, Lucas, J.J. and Jimmy; loving sister of Kathleen (Dennis Ginosi) Prendergast, Joan (Michael) Restko, Joseph (Mitz) Prendergast, Rev. Richard Prendergast, Thomas (Margaret) Prendergast, Anne (Roberto Obregon) Prendergast, Edward (Juliet) Prendergast, Melon (Michael) Prischman, and James (Rachel) Prendergast; dear aunt of many, countless friends and lives touched. Memorial Visitation Friday, Oct. 25, 2019, from 2 to 9 p.m., at **RUSSO'S HILLSIDE CHAPELS**, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, IL 60162 (Between Mannheim and Wolf Roads). Family and friends will meet on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019, at Mater Christi Church, 2431 S. 10th Ave., North Riverside, IL, for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Rd., Chicago, IL 60660, www.misericordia.org, or Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos, www.nph.org. NPH International is an orphanage in Mexico, near and dear to Elsie's heart as it is where she and John were married. For additional information call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Elsie's personal tribute website at www.russoshillsidechapel.com and sign her guestbook.

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Rochford, David J. 'Dave'

David Rochford, age 83, of Elmhurst Illinois, passed away peacefully at home on October 18. Beloved husband of Nina (nee: Cortesi); Loving father of Denise (Bert) Cattoni, David Rochford, Deborah (Mark) Stedman, John Feeney and Tricia Scherrman; Proud grandfather of Adam, Christopher, Candice, Alyssa, Alex, Matthew, Molly, Luke and his late granddaughter, precious Nicole. He was "over the moon" proud of his great granddaughter, Lola. There will be a visitation on Friday, October 25, from 9:30-11am at **Visitation Catholic Church** in Elmhurst. Mass will follow at 11am. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the National Association of Downs Syndrome (NADS).

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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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Ruane, James Donald

James Donald Ruane, 84, of Streamwood IL. Passed away peacefully at home on October 21, 2019. He was born February 2, 1935 in Chicago. He worked and retired from the Burlington Northern Railroad. Survived by his beloved wife of 53 years

Frances Marie nee Schlager. A wonderful father to Debra Houston, Fran (Raymond) Buttrum, Mary Patten, Sue (Robert) Marcotte, Sharon Ruane, Jim (Tina) Ruane, Kathy (Walter) Parks. A loving and proud grandfather, great grandfather, and uncle. He was loved and cherished by all. Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 9:00p.m. at the **Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory** 1640 Greenmeadows Blvd. (at Barrington Rd.) Streamwood/Schaumburg. Funeral Friday 9:15a.m. to St. John the Evangelist Church. Mass 10:00a.m. Following Mass, cremation will be private at the Countryside Crematory. (630) 289-8054 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com.



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Sarli, Vincenza

Vincenza Sarli (nee Cafagna) age 93 passed away on Saturday, October 19, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Valentino Sarli; loving mother of Valentino, Jr., Guy (Susan), Nunzia (Steve) Czech and Rosemarie (Stan) Pavilonis; cherished grandmother of Joe, Adam, Danielle, Tracy, Melinda (Jared) Arendsdorf, Rosemarie (Corey) Noel, Steven (Tari) Czech, Michael and Patrick Pavilonis; great grandmother of Rylie and Mikayla Arendsdorf; dear sister of Subina Busch, the late Michael (Jean) Cafagna, Marge Newsome and Frank (Jean) Cafagna. Member of Scottsdale Sr. Citizens and long time volunteer at Christ Hospital. Visitation Friday, October 25th 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home** 4727 W. 103rd St. Oak Lawn. Funeral Saturday, October 26th prayers at Blake-Lamb at 8:30 a.m. to St. Bede the Venerable Church. Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer's Association 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60631 or www.act.alz.org. For more information 708-636-1193 or visit www.blakelamb-lawn.com

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Skoniecke, Irene

Irene Skoniecke nee Brotan, age 79, late of Orland Park. Beloved wife of the late Leonard James Skoniecke Sr. Devoted mother of Leonard Jr. (Susan), James (Heidi), Robert, Ronald and the late Kathy Skoniecke. Proud grandmother of Emily, Julia, Jacen, Kaden, Jadin and Noah. Loving sister of Mary Jane (Rich) Juds and Helen (late Jake) Keenan. Dear sister-in-law of the late Thomas (late Beverly) Skoniecke. Kind aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday, directly at St. Michael Church, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, Mass 9:30 a.m. Entombment Good Shepherd Mausoleum. Arrangements entrusted to **Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service)** Orland Park. 708-460-2300 or thornridgefuneralhomes.com

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Szczepanik, James E.

James E. Szczepanik, age 67, of Sturgeon Bay, WI, formerly of Wilmette, IL and Highland Park, IL. Loving husband, friend, and partner of 46 years to Lynda Szczepanik nee Cialabrin; dear father of Jamie Szczepanik and Scott (Karina) Stepanik; dear grandfather to Olivia and Emile; brother of Michael (Janette) Szczepanik and Mary (Gerald) Kuna; brother in law of Richard (Diane) Cialabrin; uncle to Anthony, Richard, Christopher, Jacqueline and Ellen; son of the late John and the late Lucille (LaPlant) Szczepanik. Jim enjoyed the simple things in life. He took pleasure in nature, driving his vintage Rolls Royce, time in Door County, and travel with his wife, but most of all he enjoyed his family and friends. Jim received a Bachelor's of Physics and an MBA from the University of Chicago. He was a partner for almost 40 years as a managing and restructuring consultant. Visitation Sunday, October 27, 2019 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a celebration of Jim's life at 5:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution to Juvenile Diabetes Illinois Chapter, 1 N LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60602. Info: 847-675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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Zazula, Louise

Louise Zazula (nee Onesto), beloved wife of the late John Zazula; loving sister of Harold (Paola) Onesto, and preceded in death by siblings Rose Onesto, Joseph (Serene) Onesto, Arthur (Jean) Onesto, Fred (Gloria) Onesto, Ted (Erminia) Onesto, and Clarendia (George) Gaudio; dear aunt and great aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 9:30 a.m. from **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels, Sciaraffa Funeral Directors**, 450 W. Lake Street (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Road) Roselle, 60172 to St. Theresa Church, 455 N. Benton Street, Palatine, 60067 for Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 3:00-9:00 p.m. For information call (630) 889-1700.

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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 Arielle Long MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Antoinette Williams (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01064

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Antoinette Williams (Mother), John Long (Father), and Any And All Unknown Fathers, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 25, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Peter Vilkelis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, On 11/13/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS September 26, 2019 6469592

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Jaiden Wilbanks MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Tricia Wilbanks (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01065

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 25, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, On 11/14/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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 4, 2019 6485713

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Janarius Murray MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Bria Herring (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00625

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Bria Herring (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on June 13, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX 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 11/13/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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 8, 2019 6485708

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 Joseph Maroon Garcia-Hughes AKA Joseph Garcia MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Shanell Hughes (Mother) AKA Shanell Hughes

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00499

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Efrén Garcia (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 20, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, On 11/13/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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 10, 2019 6485696

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Lamar Kirk Philpot MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Lashana Philpot (Mother) AKA Lashana Washington

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00510

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, William Murphy (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any , respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on June 5, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Peter Vilkelis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, On 11/15/2019, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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 23, 2019

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Board of Education of Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144 soliciting Statements of Interest and Qualifications from qualified firms to provide comprehensive Architectural Services. All documents required to be submitted with it shall be enclosed in a sealed, opaque envelope. Specifications are available from the Business Office located in the Administration Office. The outside of the envelope containing the interest and qualifications must also clearly show the name and address of the interested firm, date and time of the qualifications opening and the statement "Do Not Open - Qualifications for Architectural Services". RFQ opening is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2019, all bids must be received by 10:00 a.m. on this date to be considered. There will be no public opening and reading of responses received by the school district pursuant to this request. All interest and qualifications will be opened at the aforementioned date and time at the Administration Building of Prairie-Hills School District 144, 3015 West 163rd Street, Markham, Illinois in the Professional Center. For additional information, call Deborah Clayton, Chief School Business Official, at 708-210-2888. 10/23, 10/25, 10/28, 10/29/2019 6485652

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO MINORITY, WOMEN, SMALL, AND VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES Jay Dee Contractors, Inc., 38777 Schoolcraft Rd, Livonia, Michigan. Tel: 734-591-3400; FAX: 734-464- 6668; Email: estimating@jaydee.us, is seeking qualified Minority, Women, Small, and Veteran Business Enterprises for subcontracting opportunities for the following Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) Project: Odor Control Systems at Two TARP Shafts and Decommissioning of the Thornton Transitional Reservoir, etc., 38777 Schoolcraft Rd, Livonia, Michigan. Tel: 734-591-3400; FAX: 734-464- 6668; Email: estimating@jaydee.us, is seeking qualified Minority, Women, Small, and Veteran Business Enterprises should contact Phillip Backers, Estimator, to discuss potential subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid submission date. JAY DEE CONTRACTORS, INC. IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. Thornton - Chicago Tribune 10/23/2019 6483944

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF NAPERVILLE Bid and Requests for Proposals Available Online All City of Naperville solicitations will be advertised on our web site: http://www.naperville.il.us/bidrfps.aspx

You are invited to review all bid or proposal requests for any upcoming projects. All projects are available for download or pick-up. Please contact the Procurement Services Team office at 630.420.6064 if you have any questions.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TO METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO Sealed proposals, endorsed as below, will be deposited in the sealed bid depository located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Administration Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or her designee at 11:00 A.M. on the stated bid opening date below for:

CONTRACT 19-089-11 FURNISH AND DELIVER STRUCTURAL CANTILEVER RACKING TO THE STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT Estimated Cost: \$75,000.00 Bid Deposit: None Bid Opening: November 5, 2019

CONTRACT 20-105-11 INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF LYSIMETERS AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS Estimated Cost: \$30,000.00 Bid Deposit: None Bid Opening: November 12, 2019

The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice- Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, www.mwrdd.org; the path is as follows: Doing Business -> Procurement and Materials Management -> Contract Announcements.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement & Materials Management, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday - Friday, between 8:45 A.M. and 4:15 P.M. Documents, unless stated above to the contrary, will be mailed in response to a fax request (312/751-3042). The vendor may also download specifications, proposal forms and/or plans online from the District's website, www.mwrdd.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business -> Procurement and Materials Management -> Contract Announcements. No fee is required for the contract documents unless stated above.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-et seq.), where it is stated in the Invitation to Bid Page.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best interest.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago By Darlene A. LoCascio Director of Procurement and Materials Management Chicago, Illinois October 23, 2019

TAKE NOTICES

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Trustee of Trust Agreement dated May 7, 1976 known as Trust Number 38769; Mary Banks and Emzly Wolfe; JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Occupant, 9629 S. Indiana Ave., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002754. FILED: September 4, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0001855. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 1252 N. Linden Ave., Palatine, IL. Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002726. FILED: September 3, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/5/2017. Certificate No. 15-0005828. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 9629 S. Indiana Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-10-08-043-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on February 6, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before February 6, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: October 14, 2019. 10/22, 23, 24/2019 6478384

TO: Nirole Chakenene; Vitautas Chakianis; Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.; Occupant, 14747 Lawndale Ave., Midlothian, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002716. FILED: September 3, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/3/2017. Certificate No. 15-0000212. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 14747 Lawndale Ave., Midlothian, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-11-307-003-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on February 6, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before February 6, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: October 14, 2019. 10/22, 23, 24/2019 6478355

TO: Glenn Brown; Michael Johnson; Christopher Huberty; Hidden Pond Condominium Association, Inc., and Gayle Huberty; Occupant, 921 Casey Ct, Unit 1, Schaumburg, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002754. FILED: September 3, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0001908. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 921 Casey Ct, Unit 1, Schaumburg, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 02-34-102-064-1121. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on February 6, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before February 6, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: October 14, 2019. 10/22, 23, 24/2019 6478274

TO: Eric Brooks; Deante Thomas, Calvin Ross, Gregory Brooks, and Bridge Brooks; 6410 N HOYNE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Occupant, 6410 N. Hoyne Ave., Unit 4W, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002750. FILED: September 4, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0009305. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 6410 N. Hoyne Ave., Unit 4W, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 11-31-317-036-1008. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on February 6, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before February 6, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: October 14, 2019. 10/22, 23, 24/2019 6477944

TO: Marquette Bank, as Trustee of Trust Number 17427; Milton Jennings, Donald Mazur, and Edmund Grzeszkiewicz; CENTRAL AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Occupant, 10618 S. Central Ave., Unit 3N, Chicago Ridge, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002722. FILED: September 3, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0004411. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 10618 S. Central Ave., Unit 3N, Chicago Ridge, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-17-209-037-1009. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on February 6, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before February 6, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: October 14, 2019. 10/22, 23, 24/2019 6478390

TO: Jeffrey van Dyke; Amanda Degner, Arlene Scott, and Richard van Dyke; Occupant, 1252 N. Linden Ave., Palatine, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown

TAKE NOTICES

TO: Del Rey Tortilleria, Inc. c/o Robert Orman, Occupant, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Chicago, TCF National Bank, 5110 to The Lawyers Trustee Savings Bank, and Illinois Department of Revenue; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners, Occupants or persons in actual possession of said real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003837 FILED October 15, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 15-0006692 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 5211 W GRAND AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60639 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-33-117-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois at 9:30 AM on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: October 15, 2019 10/23, 24, 25/2019 6483653

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TO: Paul B. Flowers, Jr., Occupant, Cynthia Flowers, City of Chicago - City Clerk, EAS Sensesense, Inc. c/o Home Servicing, LLC, Conesco Finance Services Corp., City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, Green Tree Servicing, LLC FKA Conesco Finance Servicing Corporation c/o secretary of state, EAS Sensesense, Inc. c/o Robert Lewandowski, Direct Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing, LLC c/o Corporation System, and LVNV Funding LLC c/o Illinois Corporation Service C; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003832 FILED October 15, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: May 8, 2019 Certificate No. 17-0010770 Sold for General Taxes of 2017 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 4322 W CRYSTAL ST, Chicago, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-03-228-031-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois at 9:30 AM on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: October 15, 2019 10/23, 24, 25/2019 6483669

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TO: Dunn Realty Group, LLC, Dunn Realty Group, LLC c/o Mitchell Elliot Jones, and Occupant; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003831 FILED October 15, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010171 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 4611-27 W WEST END AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60644 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-10-325-010-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois at 9:30 AM on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: October 15, 2019 10/23, 24, 25/2019 6483640

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TO: Ugwu Uche; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; City of Chicago Water Department; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, if Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003641 FILED: October 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: MAY 08, 2019 Certificate No. 17-0011219 Sold for General Taxes of 2017 (including prior years 2011 second installment, 2012, 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010613, Sold for General Taxes of 2015, Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable, And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable, Warrant No. Not Applicable, Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2902 W. ROOSEVELT RD., CHICAGO, IL 60608 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-329-039-000 Vol. 558 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on FEBRUARY 26, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before FEBRUARY 26, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on MARCH 13, 2020 at 9:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before FEBRUARY 26, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 LAQUITA WEST, purchaser or assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: October 21, 2019 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 10/23, 24, 25/2019 6484945

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TO: Alma Velasquez; Dolores Martinez, and Jose Cruz Martinez Varo; BMO Harris Bank, N.A., Occupant, 1320 S. 61st Ct., Cicero, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002773. FILED: September 5, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/3/2017. Certificate No. 15-0000613. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 1320 S. 61st Ct., Cicero, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-20-111-027-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on February 6, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before February 6, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois on March 13, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before FEBRUARY 26, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: October 14, 2019. 10/22, 23, 24/2019 6478072

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TO: Rosendo Carrazo d/b/a 1608 S. Kedzie, LLC; Occupant of 1608 S. Kedzie Ave.; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Illinois Department of Revenue; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD 003602 FILED: October 4, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: MAY 08, 2019 Certificate No. 17-0011567 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 (including prior years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable, And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable, Warrant No. Not Applicable, Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1408 S. KEDZIE AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-23-407-012-0000 Vol. 571 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on FEBRUARY 26, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before FEBRUARY 26, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on March 13, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before FEBRUARY 26, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 LAQUITA WEST, purchaser or assignee Dated: October 21, 2019 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 10/23, 24, 25/2019 6484925

TO: KEJ PROPERTIES, LLC, Marina Aeron, Puffery Aaron, and Rose Robinson; Issner's Cash, LLC, Guardian Law LLC, Occupant, 2107 S. 23rd Ave., Broadview, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002753. FILED: September 4, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0002239. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 2107 S. 23rd Ave., Broadview, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-15-326-004-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on February 6, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois at 9:30 AM on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: October 15, 2019 10/23, 24, 25/2019 6483669

TO: Jordan Paper Box Company, Jordan Paper Box Company c/o Raymond F. Polach, Occupant, and from Jordan County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003835 FILED October 15, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 4/6/2017. Certificate No. 15-0010208. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 5039 W LAKE ST, Chicago, IL 60644 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-09-403-077-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: October 15, 2019 10/23, 24, 25/2019 6483650

TO: CHILDSEV; Jayarrah Mackey, Justin Cook, Otis Wright, Katrina Young, and Frederick Merkerson; JFF, NHS REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; Occupant, 550 N. Central Park Ave., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002778. FILED: September 5, 2019. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook. Date Premises Sold: 4/6/2017. Certificate No. 15-0010208. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 550 N. Central Park Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-11-125-013-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on February 6, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before February 6, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: October 14, 2019. 10/22, 23, 24/2019 6478065

TO: Ollie Brewer, as Trustee of The Brewer Trust dated December 14, 2011; The Brewer Trust dated December 14, 2011; Crester Lister, Yarla Lister, and Toronda Stewart; Occupant, 4706 W Monroe St., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002807. FILED: September 9, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0010451. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 4706 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-15-100-037-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on February 6, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before February 6, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: October 14, 2019. 10/22, 23, 24/2019 6478065

TO: Diane Gottlieb, Diane Gottlieb, City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago - City Clerk, Occupant 1st floor, Occupant 2nd floor, Occupant 3rd floor, and Occupant Basement; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003834 FILED: September 9, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0010618. Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1243 S. LAQUITA AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60623 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-23-104-029-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on April 1, 2020, at 9:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before March 3, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: October 15, 2019 10/23, 24, 25/2019 6483647

TO: Property Asset Arbey Martinz Tarcisio Soto Alyssa Davidson Nicholas Diaz City of Chicago, City Clerk Candelario Duran Illinois Healthcare and Family Services Juan Enriquez Norma Fernandez ROC Investments, LLC RA: Samuel A. Garnelo Raul Garcia Ron Oh, president of ROC Investments, LLC Josefinia Garcia Flores Martha Alicia Leonas Leticia Jacobo Flores Yarbrough, County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003046 FILED September 16, 2019 AMENDED PETITION FILED October 10, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 17-0010664 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2010-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3243 West 23rd Street, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-26-214-007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on Feb 28, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before February 28, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on March 6, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 28, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Tuxiuxa, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: October 10, 2019. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 30 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1710 Chicago, IL 60606 10/22, 23, 24/2019 6479002

TO: Aquebar Harris and Richard Harris; Ruth Puccini; PNC Bank, N.A.; Occupant, 701 Bristol Ave, Westchester, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002751. FILED: September 10, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0002264. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 701 Bristol Ave, Westchester, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-16-403-091-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on February 6, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before February 6, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: October 14, 2019. 10/22, 23, 24/2019 6478042

TO: Luitzen Roomska, Kela Moore and Patrick Vantreas; R Y Properties, and GLENWOOD EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Occupant, 830 E 191st Pl., Unit 701, Glenwood, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002839. FILED: September 10, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 5/22/2017. Certificate No. 15-0011086. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 830 E 191st Pl., Unit 701, Glenwood, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-11-102-024-1037. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: October 15, 2019 10/23, 24, 25/2019 6483650

TO: Latto Inc. c/o secretary of state. Latto, Inc., Thomas Lazzarotto, City of Chicago - Department of Water, Occupant, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Chicago, and Helen Lazzarotto; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003795 FILED October 15, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: October 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010237, 15-0010236, 15-0010232, 15-0010234, 15-0010233, 15-0010235 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 320 N HARDING AVE & 334 N HARDING AVE, 3942-48 W LAKE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-11-300-039-0000, 16-11-300-038-0000, 16-11-300-035-0000, 16-11-300-034-0000, 16-11-300-023-0000 and 16-11-300-022-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois at 9:30 AM on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: October 15, 2019 10/23, 24, 25/2019 6483631

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TO: James H Himmel; Illinois Dept. of Revenue, Illinois Attorney General, Rent Collector of 1932 Hickory Rd, Homewood; Occupant, 1932 Hickory Rd, Homewood, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003052. FILED: September 16, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0003782. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1932 Hickory Rd, Homewood, Illinois. Legal Description of Property Index No. 29-31-408-026-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on February 6, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before February 6, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 2/12/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before February 6, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: October 14, 2019. 10/22, 23, 24/2019 6478288

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The Luvaboyls

Bulls have a coach and a roster giving them a chance to be good again



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

Learn to love Jim Boylen, the Bulls coach Chicago has found hard to hug but easy to mock, a tireless throwback toiling in America's most modern sports league. ■ Find a way to phase Boylen into your lives over the next six months, gradually getting used to his gravelly voice describing the spirit of a Bulls team that stirs his passion. ■ That way, when the Bulls are good, you can say you were ahead of the curve in believing in the beleaguered coach. ■ And the Bulls are going to be good again. If they can stay healthy, their fans will be happy. ■ The Bulls open their season Wednesday night in Charlotte, N.C., against the Hornets and, for the first time in a while, that doesn't sound like a threat.

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Zach LaVine, from left, Lauri Markkanen, Wendell Carter Jr. and Coby White are part of Jim Boylen's core for the Bulls.

MLB's accountability goes down on strikes



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the World Series

As the World Series opened Tuesday night in Houston, the Astros were busy trying to spin their way out of another self-created PR nightmare.

The team that got away with banning an accredited reporter from its clubhouse in August because pitcher Justin Verlander didn't like him was engulfed in another controversy after a team executive reportedly displayed a dismissive

attitude toward domestic violence to a group of female reporters in the clubhouse after Saturday's American League Championship Series clincher against the Yankees.

The Astros originally denied that assistant general manager Brandon Taubman was purposely taunting the reporters by yelling a half-dozen times, "Thank God we got (Roberto) Osuna! I'm so (bleeping) glad we got Osuna!" — a reference to the closer who served a 75-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy. The team's statement Monday claimed Taubman was "supporting the player during a difficult time" after Osuna gave up a game-tying home run in the ninth inning.

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BEARS



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

After review, the fooling on the field stands

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GOLDEN KNIGHTS 2, BLACKHAWKS 1 (SO)

Strome's rocky '16 start can be a lesson for Dach

Rookie must be sure not to press too hard

By **JIMMY GREENFIELD**

Now that Kirby Dach has played in his first NHL game, the Blackhawks' top draft pick in June is finally on the clock.

The Hawks can have him in the lineup for up to nine games — he remained in the lineup for Tuesday's game against the Golden Knights at the United Center — before having to decide if they're willing to burn a year on his entry-level contract.

If Dach plays at least 10 games, he would remain eligible to be returned to his junior team in

HE SCORES! Kirby Dach notches his first NHL goal, but the Hawks lose in a shootout Tuesday night. Recap on **Page 6**. Story at chicagotribune.com/sports

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, but the first year on his contract would be used up.

The games don't need to be counted, so even though Dach could play in his 10th game as early as Nov. 5 against the Sharks, he could stay with the Hawks much deeper into the season if they use him as a healthy scratch.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Brady to Bears? Dream on it

Tom Brady as quarterback of the Bears? Now there's a fantasy to brighten the day of every Bears fan increasingly frustrated with Mitch Trubisky and a go-nowhere offense that's wearing out the Bears' vaunted defense as well as everyone's patience.

The possibility of Brady bringing his six Super Bowl rings to Chicago next year stems from an observation by ESPN's Adam Schefter on the "Monday Night Football" pregame show before the aging QB wonder and his Patriots extended their record to 7-0 by rolling over the Jets.

"Let's boil this down to the basic facts once again," Schefter said. "When we talk about Tom and his future, let's look at some simple things: Has he put his home for sale? ... Yes. Has his trainer put his home for sale? Yes. Has he set up his contract to void after this season to become a free agent? Yes.

"So, if he's selling his home and his trainer is selling his home and he's voiding his contract, what does that tell you?"

That the NFL's most successful quarterback ever might be looking to "move on" from the Patriots after this season? Yes? No? Maybe?

To be clear, "move on" is a vague term, and Schefter, who's well-sourced but shrewd, left wiggle room on purpose.

"I don't know whether he's going to play, not play or move on," Schefter said. "I'm sure there would be a half-dozen franchises or a dozen franchises that would be interested in his services."

Twelve is a big number, though. So let's narrow it down.

If Brady is going to leave the Patriots, he is possibly motivated by wanting to show he can win without coach Bill Belichick (and, as noted Tuesday morning on ESPN Radio's "Golic and Wingo," Belichick likely would relish the chance to show he can without Brady).

That, the radio guys said, would require going to a team that could reach the Super Bowl with him. Problem is, most Super Bowl contenders already have able quarterbacks.

But not the Bears.

The Bears' chief asset — their defense — is being squandered by an offense that needs at least an average quarterback.

So, what better place for a future Hall of Famer who will be 43 next season? Bring the old warrior to Soldier Field.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Could Tom Brady, right, replace Mitch Trubisky for the Bears? If you believe speculation ...

Is this the answer to what ails the Bears? Who knows? A 43-year-old quarterback isn't exactly building for the future. He's going to run out of magic at some point, and it would be sad if that point were on Chicago's lakefront in a Bears jersey.

But if a Bears fan can't cling to a slender thread of conjectured hope, what else is there after successive losses to the Raiders and Saints deflated hopes of vying for a Super Bowl this season?

Imagine a quarterback whose ability to pass allowed the Bears to run a little, move the ball and use up the clock so Khalil Mack and company aren't hamstrung. Pretty good, huh?

Brady, in an ESPN interview, told former teammate Randy Moss, also 42 and out of the NFL since 2012, that it's his love of the game that keeps him playing ball.

"I enjoy it," Brady said. "Football is my first love. I sit here and think, well, if I wasn't playing football, what would I be doing? And I can't find an answer to that, so it's like, why not just keep doing what I love doing?"

Brady said he's not quite ready to retire. "We're close to the end," he said. "It's not going to go on forever, but I'm enjoying it and ... at this point, it's really just about the relationships. You know, it's about the people that I play for, the people that I play with. That's what I'm enjoying."

But maybe he would like to make new relationships and play for and with different people? Maybe?

Fact: Brady is in his 20th season with the Patriots but still looks solid and strong at 42.

Fact: Brady signed a contract extension in August that includes options enabling him to become a free agent in 2020 and 2021.

Fact: Brady's home and that of his trainer, Alex Guerrero, are up for sale.

Fact: Everything else is speculation.

"He's setting it up," Schefter said of Brady. "He's setting up — and we'll see — to move on. Now, listen, there are many times people set up things in their lives to move on and they walk to the abyss, look down and say, 'Whoa, I'm not jumping now.'"

But if Bears fans don't have "what if" in their arsenal, what do they have?

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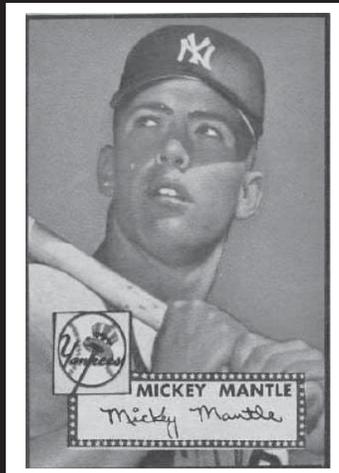
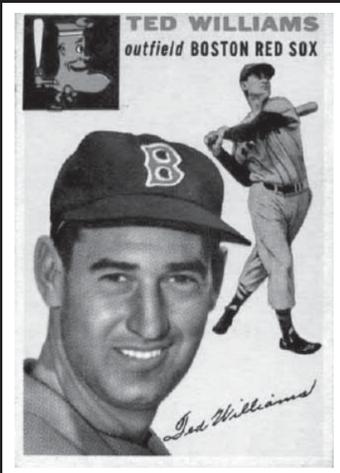
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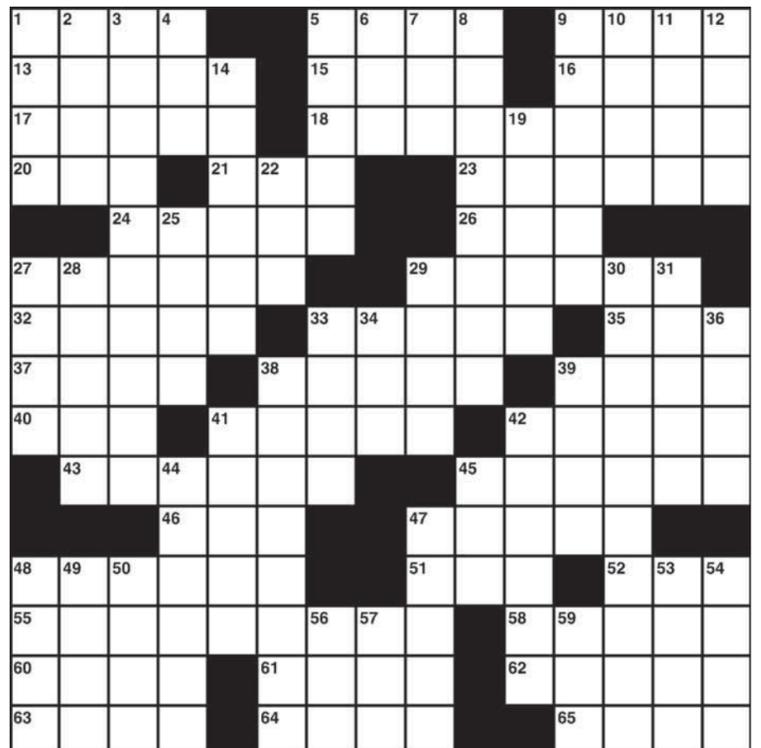
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- 33 ___ in; inundated by
- 35 Capture
- 37 Not bananas
- 38 Damages irreparably
- 39 Farm building
- 40 Moral transgression
- 41 After-dinner candies
- 42 ___ about; praised highly
- 43 Oppressive ruler
- 45 Place to buy bread & pie
- 46 Two months ago; abbr.
- 47 Be indecisive
- 48 Like a piercing scream
- 51 Small bill
- 52 Knight's title
- 55 Mentor
- 58 Innocent
- 60 Suffix for suit or wash
- 61 Huge amount, slangily
- 62 Hell's ruler
- 63 Three-___ sloth
- 64 Argument
- 65 "Auld Lang ___"

DOWN

- 1 In ___; jokingly
- 2 Mr. Preminger
- 3 Folk singers' gathering
- 4 180 degrees from SSE
- 5 Rattled
- 6 Skater Babilonia
- 7 Connecting word
- 8 ___ of; paying no attention to
- 9 Hits hard
- 10 Scalp problem
- 11 Printer supplies
- 12 Haze
- 14 Harsh
- 19 Actor Brian
- 22 Like slick winter roads

Solutions



- 25 Uncommon
- 27 Late singer
- 28 Look for with expectation
- 29 Without
- 30 Brown or Rice
- 31 Not as vivid in color
- 33 Family tree member
- 34 To ___; namely
- 36 "Over my dead ___!"
- 38 Curls
- 39 "Oh, for Pete's ___!"
- 41 Manhandles
- 42 Black glossy birds
- 44 ___ cats and dogs; poured
- 45 Embargo
- 47 Most terrible
- 48 "Beat it!"
- 49 Tramp
- 50 Reign
- 53 Lendl of tennis
- 54 Actress Russo
- 56 ___ off; sever
- 57 ___ mission; driven
- 59 Community coll. degrees

BEARS

Absent: Trubisky's poise, Hicks' run-stopping skill

BY RICH CAMPBELL

The Bears' 36-25 loss to the Saints at home Sunday highlighted the chasm between a true NFC contender and a team whose preseason championship aspirations appear to be unfounded hype.

Here are two observations from rewatching the Fox telecast and the coaches' film via the NFL GamePass subscription service:

1. Mitch Trubisky's instincts escaped him in spectacular, discouraging fashion.

Last Jan. 14, at the annual end-of-season news conference hosted by Ryan Pace, the general manager gushed about his franchise quarterback. In fact, he had talked to Mitch Trubisky that morning. The two central Bears figures shared their excitement about Trubisky continuing to develop in coach Matt Nagy's scheme during an offseason that would be marked by continuity.

Pace said that would only add to Trubisky's growing comfort in the system, which was evident to him late in 2018 when "you saw him playing more with his instincts."

Nine months and five starts later, Trubisky hardly played like an instinctive quarterback against the Saints in his return from a dislocated left shoulder. The improvised completions were missing. His footwork was erratic. His pocket presence was jittery at crucial moments. And his accuracy suffered.

At best, it was a bad game. At worst, it was the latest, most revealing data point in a downward trend that suggests a regression capable of challenging the organization's collective faith in the player around which the team and coaching staff are built.

In fairness to Trubisky, the Saints are an improved defense with ample talent in spots at all three levels. More importantly, he barely got any help from the Bears running game. Basically zero. Nagy, as the play-caller, and the Bears run blockers simply must do better for their embattled quarterback.

But Trubisky made some basic mistakes that shouldn't be in the realm of possibility at this stage of his development. Errors that, to me, suggest he is losing a mental battle on game day.

Overall, he was not consistently calm and smooth in the pocket with his feet or eyes. As that has been a recurring problem throughout his 31 NFL starts, it leads to the damning question about whether the NFL game is too big for him.

"The biggest, the No. 1 thing that I came away (with) was footwork," Nagy said Monday after rewatching the game. "I thought footwork was just OK. (Good) footwork leads to a little bit of better decisions/accuracy with throws. There were some times where there were some backpedals or movement in the pocket that could have been a little better or different."

Nagy's critique encompasses Trubisky's feel for the pass rush and his calmness and clarity going through his progressions. Once again, those elements of command eluded him.

To that point, four plays stood out. The most egregious was the sack he took on first-and-10 from the Saints 24 in the second quarter. It killed the most promising drive of the competitive portion of the game.

It was a run-pass option, which generally includes a relatively straightforward read of one or two defenders or a count of defenders in an area of the field. Trubisky opted to keep the ball and throw instead of handing it off. But instead of passing to Taylor Gabriel or Anthony Miller, who were open on short routes, he inexplicably held the ball.

Saints Pro Bowl defensive end Cameron Jordan chased him down for the sack. It put the Bears in an insurmountable second-and-18 after they had strung together completions of 17 and 12 yards and a run of 9 on the drive.

It was a mental short-circuit by Trubisky that is difficult to comprehend because he has executed RPOs in the past.

"That's a learning tool for him," Nagy said. "We were just a little bit off in our progression on that play."

Earlier, Trubisky badly missed a third-and-5 pass to Gabriel on a corner route. Gabriel separated from coverage, but Trubisky's errant throw didn't give him a chance. His feet were bouncy and out of alignment, and that caused an inaccurate throw.

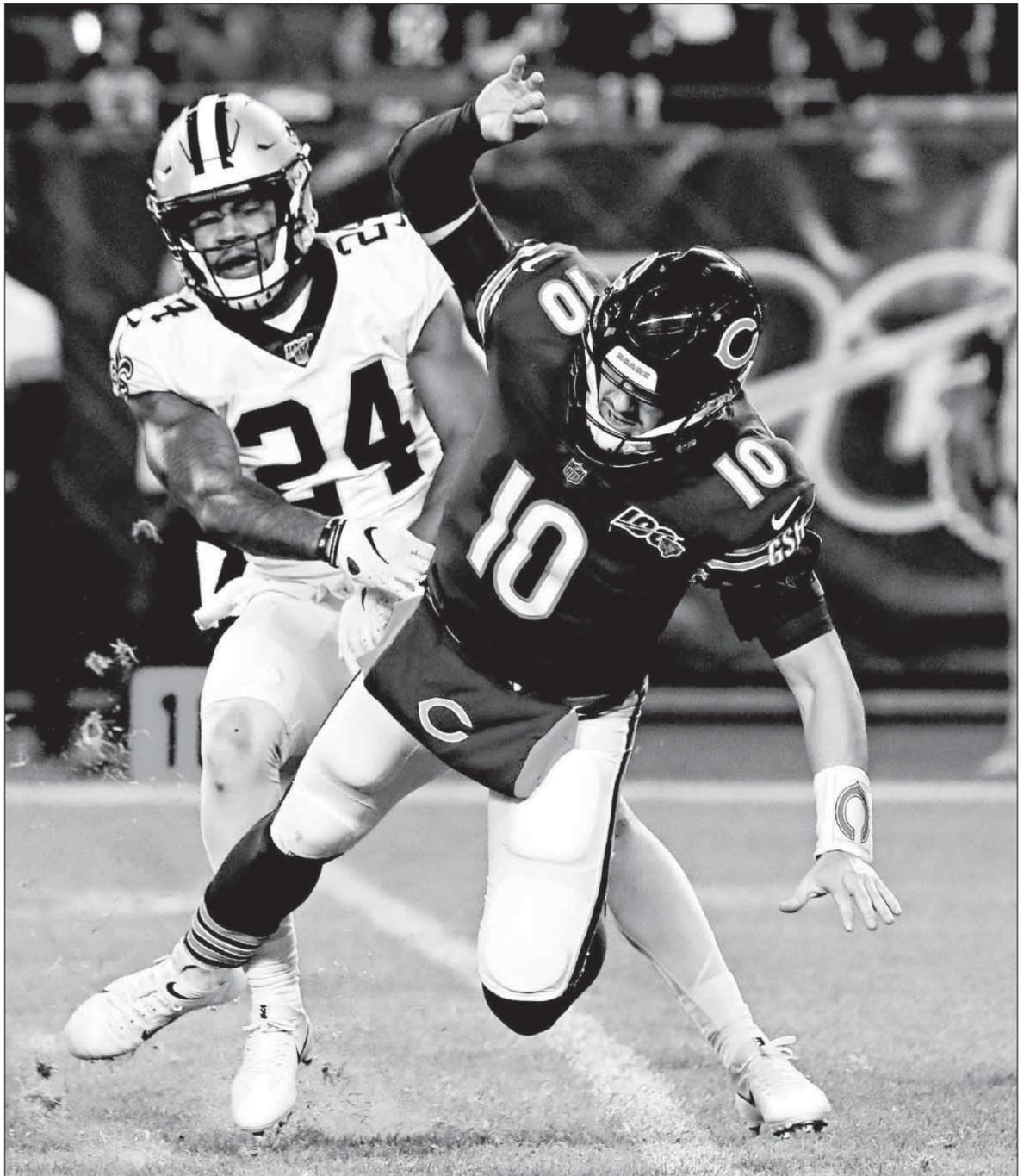
"I hit that every single time this week in practice," Trubisky said Sunday night. "Why it didn't translate to the game is really frustrating for me."

That disconnect between practice and the game is extremely troubling. Because if Nagy can't trust the plays Trubisky excels at in practice, how can they function? If game conditions, including a live pass rush, cause Trubisky's feet and accuracy to break down, then that's a fatal flaw for an NFL quarterback.

"We need to evaluate how often does that go on," Nagy said Monday. "If you have games like this that continue ... for a long period of time — that's not where we're at right now with him."

Moving on, Trubisky overthrew Miller on third-and-2 down the right seam.

Miller beat man-to-man coverage with an inside release on a route that called for an outside release. (The defender played Miller to the inside, Nagy said.) Trubisky threw to where Miller would have been if he had released outside of the cornerback.



Above, Mitch Trubisky is stopped by Saints safety Vonn Bell; right, Saints running back Latavius Murray gashes the Bears defense.

JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (TRUBISKY)
BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (MURRAY)

It's also worth noting that the free safety in the middle of the field was more of a threat to any throw inside. Trubisky also was hit after he threw.

In other words, Miller's route required Trubisky to make an adjustment within a split-second while he was being pressured. When the Bears drafted Trubisky, they praised his instincts as a catalyst for off-script plays — throws that require a distance recalibration midplay or a contorted arm slot, for example.

Nagy was asked Monday what the realistic expectation is for Trubisky in that situation.

"To hit some of (those throws) throughout the year," Nagy said.

Trubisky has done that occasionally. The 36-yard touchdown to Gabriel against the Redskins is the best example. But Nagy was disappointed he didn't hit Miller and spark the offense Sunday against the Saints.

Lastly, Trubisky made a confounding decision to throw the ball away on fourth-and-3 in the fourth quarter while trailing 29-10.

He needed to feel the pass rush, slide up and to the left in the pocket and dump the ball off to Miller, the No. 1 receiver on the play. Miller was open on a drag at the line to gain.

But Trubisky was not poised. He escaped the pocket to the right and killed the play — and the possession — by throwing the ball away.

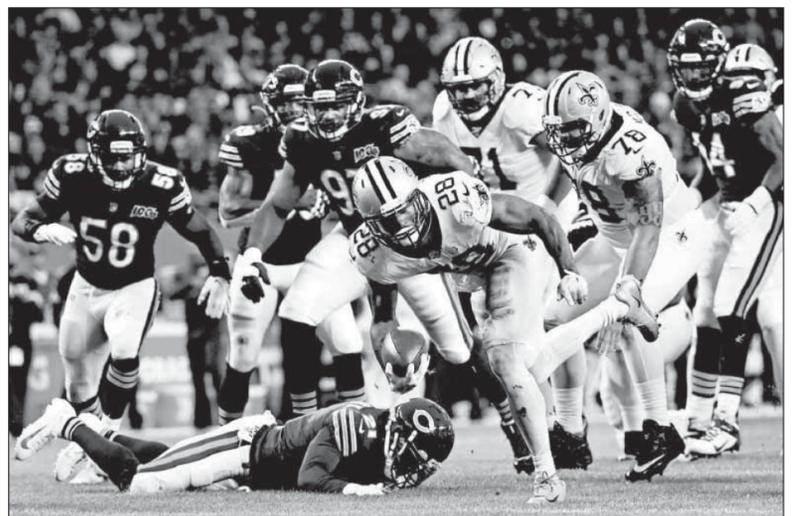
The outcome resulted from a lack of mental clarity and comfort that casts doubt on his confidence and presence as a pocket passer, which are fundamental requirements for successful quarterback play.

Nagy was asked whether he identified instances in which Trubisky's eyes dropped to the pass rush instead of remaining downfield on his receivers.

"There were a few times where you see it," he said. "We don't want any of that. We want the eyes to be up. And then progression-wise, we want it to be 100% every time we call a play (the coaches' eyes ... are going to where his eyes are going. That's where I think we can keep getting that a little bit better."

But how much more significant progress can be made in Trubisky's third season? Can his confidence be repaired to the point he plays freely? And can that be accomplished quickly enough to save this season?

Sunday's performance only intensified the doubt. This is a scary place for the Bears to be, considering their investment in Trubisky and their belief that they had entered a championship window.



2. Akiem Hicks' absence softened the defensive line's ability to beat run blocks.

If there were holdouts who hoped there would be no drop-off with Akiem Hicks on injured reserve, Sunday's performance ended that fantasy. For the second straight game without their Pro Bowl defensive lineman, the Bears front seven wasn't its consistently rugged self.

Not that this was surprising. A drop-off is inevitable without Hicks' rare combination of power and will anchoring the front.

Consider this: Last season, the Bears allowed running backs only 10 carries of at least 15 yards. In the last two games, they've allowed five — and those are the only five they've surrendered in 2019.

With backup running back Latavius Murray featured in place of Alvin Kamara, the Saints rushed for more than 100 yards for the fourth consecutive game. Their mix of zone, power and option runs kept their offense in manageable down-and-distances. Fifteen of his 27 carries gained at least 4 yards.

And that's just it. The Bears front held up OK in spurts, but the usual consistency wasn't there with reserves Roy Robertson-Harris and Nick Williams playing expanded roles to help replace Hicks. Williams, for example, played 58% of the snaps, the third straight game in which he has had to. In the first three games, he maxed out at 47%.

Bilal Nichols' return from a broken hand helped. He gets extension against blocks, moves laterally and can shed in a way that covers the gap-and-a-half that defensive line coach Jay Rodgers asks of his players.

But eventually the Bears defense wore down. Murray's two longest runs — 17 and 15 yards — were between the tackles, which is an unusual sight against the Bears. Both were in the second half.

"We started doing uncharacteristic things," Nichols said Sunday. "We didn't play our techniques right. We just played bad. That's all I can tell you."

On the 17-yarder, the Saints matched excellent play design with quality timing and execution of blocks, which unlocked Murray's vision as he got to the third level of the defense.

It was a draw play. From under center, quarterback Teddy Bridgewater faked a quick throw to the right. That got inside linebackers Roquan Smith and Danny Trevathan to backpedal, while the interior defensive linemen stood more upright than they would normally keep their pad level to win a run block.

As a result, the Saints line clobbered the interior of the Bears front seven. Center Erik McCoy drove Williams, the nose tackle, 5 yards backward. When Robertson-Harris, the left end, began his pass rush, that opened a lane for fullback Zach Line to get to Smith.

Trevathan had a shot at tackling Murray, but Murray set up his cutback behind McCoy so that Trevathan was sucked forward and left without an angle to tackle him.

The 15-yard run was an inside handoff out of shotgun against the Bears nickel grouping. Right guard Larry Warford and right tackle Ryan Ramczyk executed the type of combination block that the Bears offensive line just can't seem to master this season. They doubled Nichols, who was playing tackle, before Ramczyk went and got Trevathan. Meanwhile, left guard Andrus Peat pulled and blocked Smith.

The running lanes became clear for Murray, which was not the norm when Hicks was healthy. The Bears are optimistic he'll return from his left elbow injury this season. In the meantime, they're going to have to piece together their front on a weekly basis.

BEARS



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Bears linebacker Khalil Mack (52) and the defense react after a Saints touchdown. Mack has become more vocal.

WHAT WE LEARNED

Players-only meeting may be fuel Bears need

BY COLLEEN KANE AND RICH CAMPBELL

Bears players returned to Halas Hall on Tuesday to review film of their 36-25 loss to the Saints and begin looking ahead to the Chargers.

Here are three things we learned when they spoke to the media.

1. The Bears expect to have a players-only meeting this week.

Wide receiver Taylor Gabriel said there hasn't been a lot of finger-pointing or arguing despite a frustrating 3-3 start to the season. It helped, cornerback Prince Amukamara said, to have Monday off after the Saints game to let their emotions cool down "because things that would've been said would've just been off of emotions because it's right after the game."

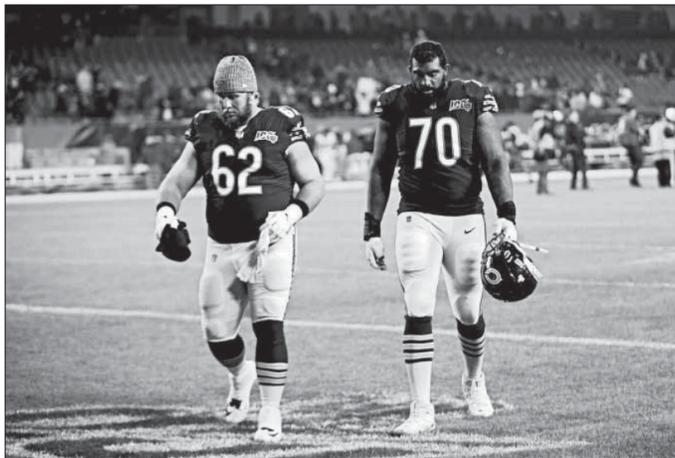
"Once you start to point fingers and try to throw the blame on people, it taints the locker room," Gabriel said. "So as long as we stay together, I feel like we'll be OK."

Gabriel and Amukamara agreed a players meeting would be beneficial so they can talk out their frustrations before turning toward making improvements on the field.

"I think that's huge," Amukamara said. "That's when guys can really be transparent and genuine, and it's a safe place. Guys can say what they really feel, and other guys can hear it. I don't think anyone's going to take it personal. I think guys are going to really listen and take it to heart."

Amukamara called the mood around the building "encouraged" after Matt Nagy addressed the team Tuesday, saying the coach was both positive and realistic about what they needed to do to get better. Gabriel was asked if it's hard to stay positive through the team's struggles.

"I was in a situation where I was up 28-3 and then lost in the Super Bowl," Gabriel said of the Falcons' loss to the Patriots in Super Bowl LI. "No, it's not hard to stay positive."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears guard Ted Larsen (62) and tackle Bobby Massie leave the field Sunday.

2. Khalil Mack has taken on a more vocal leadership role.

Outside linebacker Khalil Mack is known as a lead-by-example player, who prefers to let his hard work in practice and dominant play in games do the talking. But Prince Amukamara said Mack has "been vocal lately, which is rightfully so."

And when Mack speaks, it resonates. "One thing I will say about Mack as a leader is that he's not just a rah-rah guy and doesn't waste his words," Amukamara said. "So his words mean a lot when he speaks. He does it by action all the time, so when he speaks, guys' ears are open and guys are more attentive."

Coach Matt Nagy said Monday he was interested to see who emerged as leaders of his team during this rough patch. The Bears have several veterans beyond Mack, especially on the defensive side, who can provide such guidance. Amukamara said inside linebacker Danny Trevathan and defensive lineman Akiem Hicks, even though he is on injured reserve, are among the players who can pick their teammates up.

3. Bobby Massie is on board with Matt Nagy's line of thinking about the running game.

Less than 24 hours after the Bears set a franchise record with only seven rushing attempts against the Saints, Nagy bluntly stated: "I know we need to run the ball more. I'm not an idiot." Massie, ahem, agrees.

"He speaks the truth," the veteran right guard said Tuesday. "We have to run the ball. We can't be one-dimensional. We just need to get back to the drawing board. We'll get it done."

Massie is not blind to the blocking problems that have undermined the Bears running game in multiple games this season. He specified the need "to get on our guys and open holes for the running backs and get to the second level. Give the backs more time so they can hit the hole."

But while Nagy has abandoned the run in the face of early struggles against the Packers and the Saints, Massie sees value in patience.

"When it's not there early, I understand where he's coming from," he said. "But it's just something you've got to stick with and keep chopping at it."

NFL NOTES

Receiver Sanders traded to 49ers

News services

Emmanuel Sanders arrived in what he called "wide receiver heaven" in 2014 and with Peyton Manning throwing him passes, he certainly found bliss in Denver, where he became a champion and a bona fide NFL star.

On Tuesday, he escaped what had become wide receiver purgatory when the Broncos (2-5) traded him to the unbeaten 49ers (6-0), where he'll catch passes from rising star Jimmy Garoppolo and play at Levi's Stadium, site of the Broncos' Super Bowl triumph over the Panthers.

"It's hard. Anytime you break or you leave a place, it's tough," Sanders said as he left Broncos headquarters while his ex-teammates practiced behind him. "We definitely had a great run out here."

Along with Sanders, the Broncos sent a fifth-round pick in next year's draft to the 49ers in exchange for third- and fourth-round picks in

2020, a person with knowledge of the deal told AP, speaking on condition of anonymity because the teams hadn't announced the trade.

Sanders, 32, caught 30 passes for 367 yards and two touchdowns this season as he made a successful return from surgery on both ankles.

Pats acquire Sanu: The Falcons traded receiver Mohamed Sanu to the Patriots for a second-round draft pick in 2020. The move signaled the Falcons (1-6) are already looking to the future just seven weeks into the season. The team is mired in a five-game losing streak and off to its worst start since 2007.

Sanu, 30, has 33 receptions for 313 yards and one touchdown this season, his fourth with the Falcons after spending his first four years with the Bengals.

Extra points: The Jets are disappointed and angry QB Sam Darnold's comment about him "seeing ghosts"

made it on air during the "Monday Night Football" game. Darnold was wearing a microphone for ESPN's broadcast of the Jets' 33-0 loss to the Patriots. Coach Adam Gase said the Jets will be "looking hard into our cooperation" with the networks going forward. ... Hall of Fame cornerback Willie Brown, who provided the iconic play of the Raiders' first Super Bowl title, died at 78. ... The Seahawks acquired S Quandre Diggs from the Lions for a 2020 fifth-round pick. The Seahawks had major depth worries after Bradley McDougald and Lano Hill missed Sunday's loss to the Ravens with injuries. ... The Jaguars signed former Super Bowl MVP Malcolm Smith to help fill holes at linebacker. Smith is best known for his MVP performance in the 2014 Super Bowl, when he had 10 tackles and returned an interception 69 yards for a touchdown in the Seahawks' 43-8 win over the Broncos. ... The Giants signed veteran LB Deone Bucannon and waived LB Tuzar Skipper.

NFL POWER RANKINGS

No. 1 Pats are relentless

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune



1. Patriots 7-0 (Last week: 1): Bill Belichick always seems intent on adding pieces that can help for the stretch run, and they traded for Falcons receiver Mohamed Sanu on Tuesday.



2. Saints 6-1 (2): Sean Payton has done a masterful job dealing with the loss of Drew Brees, and Teddy Bridgewater has put money in the bank in free agency this March.



3. 49ers 6-0 (3): The 49ers are on a roll and blanked the Redskins 9-0 on Sunday. Consider, however, that five of the team's wins have come against teams with a losing record.



4. Packers 6-1 (5): The offense is clicking without Davante Adams, who is far and away the best target on the roster for quarterback Aaron Rodgers.



5. Chiefs 5-2 (7): How long Patrick Mahomes will be out remains to be seen, but has there been a coach better in the NFL at working with backup quarterbacks than Andy Reid?



6. Colts 4-2 (9): The emergence of Jacoby Brissett continues to be a great story. He has 14 touchdown passes through six games, putting him on pace to lead the league with 37.



7. Texans 4-3 (6): Coming off a spirited upset in Kansas City, the Texans were unable to carry the momentum forward in Indianapolis. Deshaun Watson was intercepted twice Sunday.



8. Ravens 5-2 (10): It was the Lamar Jackson show once again as the 22-year-old was electric in Seattle, running for 116 yards and a touchdown to go with 143 passing yards.



9. Bills 5-1 (8): Give them their due for the franchise's best start in 11 years. But things will become more challenging for the Bills, who have taken advantage of a soft schedule.



10. Vikings 5-2 (11): Kirk Cousins is the first quarterback in NFL history to pass for at least 300 yards with a passer rating of 135 or higher in three consecutive games.



11. Seahawks 5-2 (4): The Seahawks have a knack for winning close games as four of their five victories came by a total of eight points. But the defense had no answers for the Ravens.



12. Rams 4-3 (17): Cornerback Jalen Ramsey will help, but coach Sean McVay has to find a way to get more consistency overall. He'll have that chance with the Bengals up next.



13. Cowboys 4-3 (18): All is well for embattled coach Jason Garrett after the Cowboys took control of the NFC East on Sunday night by pounding the Eagles.



14. Panthers 4-2 (13): Kyle Allen will start again Sunday in San Francisco. Allen is 4-0 in and has yet to throw an interception, but he'll be facing a strong opponent.



15. Lions 2-3-1 (12): All of a sudden a promising stretch, including a narrow loss to the Chiefs, leaves Matt Patricia's team in a spot where it has to get on a roll.



16. Eagles 3-4 (16): It's gut-check time after they were bombed by the Cowboys on Sunday. They can't afford to fall much further behind in the NFC playoff race.



17. Raiders 3-3 (14): The Raiders traded away cornerback Gareon Conley, a first-round draft pick of the former regime, as GM Mike Mayock stockpiles more selections.



18. Bears 3-3 (15): Classes in Offense 202 need to be canceled. Nearly all the students are failing miserably. That's reality when the Bears have yet to total 300 yards in a game.



19. Browns 2-4 (19): They travel to New England on Sunday and another loss will put their playoff hopes — something many thought were real — in a major hole.



20. Jaguars 3-4 (22): Minshew Mania has swept through Jacksonville, but he has completed only 47.5% of his passes the last two games.



21. Steelers 2-4 (21): They are expected to return to quarterback Mason Rudolph, who had been sidelined with a concussion, against the Dolphins on Monday night.



22. Cardinals 3-3-1 (23): Be careful thinking the Cardinals have arrived with rookie Kyler Murray as their three straight wins have come over Bengals, Falcons and Giants.



23. Titans 3-4 (25): Don't overlook a solid first start by Ryan Tannehill, who completed 23 of 29 passes for 312 yards and two touchdowns in a win over the Chargers.



24. Chargers 2-5 (24): Melvin Gordon's lost fumble at the 1-yard line in the final minute was their fifth turnover in goal-to-go situations this season. That's mind-boggling.



25. Broncos 2-5 (20): The Broncos offense is a mess, and the protection for quarterback Joe Flacco needs to be much better. The Flacco experiment is not working.



26. Buccaneers 2-4 (27): The Bucs exit their open date and have to be considering trading some parts for draft capital, even if they don't want to part ways with tight end O.J. Howard.



27. Giants 2-5 (26): Pat Shurmur is being blamed for poor play-calling in Sunday's home loss to the Cardinals. The offensive line is making it difficult for him to look good.



28. Jets 1-5 (28): Sam Darnold was terrible in a 33-0 loss to the Patriots. "They're going to keep bringing it," said Darnold, who was mic'd up by ESPN, "I'm seeing ghosts."



29. Falcons 1-6 (29): Dan Quinn rejected the idea that he has lost his team. What can't be disputed is he has lost a handle on what it takes to find success for the Falcons.



30. Redskins 1-6 (30): The Dwayne Haskins era cannot be far off if the Redskins post more zeros. Case Keenum completed 9 of 12 passes for 77 yards in the rain Sunday.

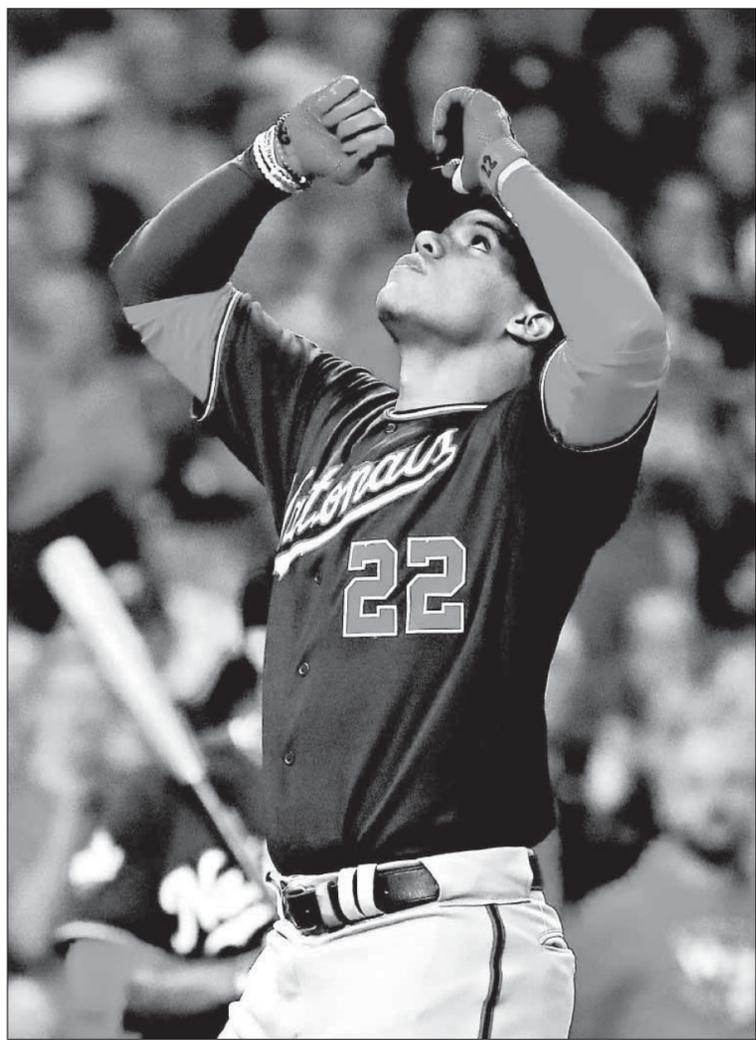


31. Bengals 0-7 (31): Zac Taylor is the sixth coach in franchise history to begin a season 0-7. The Bengals are a threat to the Dolphins in the hunt for the No. 1 pick in 2020.



32. Dolphins 0-6 (32): Perhaps rookie Christian Wilkins figured out the best way to ride out a Dolphins game. Wilkins got the ol' heave-ho after the second play in Buffalo.

WORLD SERIES



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WORLD SERIES

Soto helps Nats defeat Cole

The Nationals' Juan Soto celebrates his solo home run during the fourth inning of a 5-4 victory over the Astros in Game 1 of the World Series on Tuesday night at Minute Maid Park in Houston. Soto added a two-run double in a three-run fifth as the Nationals beat Gerrit Cole, who was 19-0 in his previous 25 starts, including the postseason. Yuri Gurriel had a two-run double in the first for the Astros, who jumped out to an early lead against Max Scherzer, who struck out seven in five innings to earn the victory. George Springer homered in the seventh and added an RBI double in the eighth to pull the Astros close before Sean Doolittle retired all four batters he faced to earn the save. The Astros will start Justin Verlander against the Nationals' Stephen Strasburg in Wednesday night's Game 2.

Sullivan

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But the Astros switched to a different spin cycle Tuesday afternoon after three other witnesses confirmed the report from Sports Illustrated's Stephanie Apstein, which described Taubman's outburst as "offensive and frightening," and the story picked up steam.

Taubman issued a statement Tuesday saying he was "deeply sorry and embarrassed" over his "inappropriate language" but denied any ill intent.

"My overexuberance in support of a player has been misinterpreted as a demonstration of a regressive attitude about an important social issue," he said. "Those that know me know that I am a progressive and charitable member of the community and a loving and committed husband and father. I hope that those who do not know me understand that the Sports Illustrated article does not reflect who I am or my values. I am sorry if anyone was offended by my actions."

The Baseball Writers' Association of America on Tuesday termed the Astros' initial denial "an unethical and intentional

fabrication, designed to discredit our members and all journalists" and called for disciplinary measures and a public apology to Apstein, SI and the BBWAA.

MLB released a statement saying domestic violence is a serious issue and it will investigate the matter.

Of course it will investigate. MLB also "investigated" the incident in which the Astros barred Detroit Free Press reporter Anthony Fenech from entering the clubhouse with the rest of the media after an August Tigers-Astros game at Minute Maid Park.

The Astros defended that decision, claiming there was a beef between Verlander and Fenech and it was in "the best interests of other media members working the game."

The Baseball Writers' Association of America protested, calling the Astros' decision a violation of the collective bargaining agreement. MLB agreed that the Astros were in the wrong.

"Per our club-media regulations, the reporter should have been allowed to enter the clubhouse postgame at the same time as the other members of the media," MLB vice president of communications Mike Teevan said in a statement. "We have communicated this to the Astros."

Riding solid foundation

Astros have set themselves up to be perennial contenders

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

HOUSTON — After losing 100 games in three straight seasons, the Astros are in position to become the first team to win 100 in four consecutive years.

A core of Jose Altuve, Carlos Correa, Alex Bregman and George Springer has been supplemented with stud starting pitchers Justin Verlander, Gerrit Cole and Zack Greinke, the combination leading the Astros to their second World Series appearance in three seasons.

"The ability to recognize when you have a chance to win — and realistically when you have a chance to win and not — I think is one of our most important responsibilities," former Red Sox president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski said ahead of Tuesday's Series opener against the Nationals. "You can fool yourself one way or the other. Making the wise decisions is extremely important for you to try to win a championship."

The Astros went 56-106 in 2011 after dealing Lance Berkman, Michael Bourn, Roy Oswalt and Hunter Pence. The team was sold from Drayton McLane to Jim Crane that November, and the new owner fired general manager Ed Wade and replaced him with Jeff Luhnow, who had spent eight seasons in the Cardinals' front office.

Luhnow, a University of Pennsylvania graduate with a Master of Business Administration degree from Northwestern, hoped to build a model of sustained success with a franchise that often acted as a mid-market team but does have the resources from the No. 7 television area in the U.S.

"Now we have two pennants under our belt, but what we really want is two-plus championships," Luhnow said. "The goal was always to put ourselves in a position to win multiple championships."

Luhnow inherited Altuve and Springer. Altuve signed as a 16-year-old in 2006 and had made his debut in July 2011, and Springer was selected 11th overall in the 2011 amateur draft.

The Astros remained at the bottom of the majors in Luhnow's first two years, going 55-107 and a team-worst 51-111, earning more high draft choices. With three straight No. 1 picks, the Astros selected Correa in 2012 and squandered 2013 on pitcher Mark Appel. They used the third for pitcher Brady Aiken, failed to sign him because of concern over his elbow, then used the compensatory second overall pick in 2015 for Bregman.

Slowly, the turnaround started. The Astros went 70-92 in 2014 and 86-76 in 2015, their first winning record since 2008. They



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Astros manager AJ Hinch, left, and general manager Jeff Luhnow have helped to build a winning foundation.

WORLD SERIES
Nationals lead series 1-0

- Game 1: Nationals 5, Astros 4
 - Game 2: Wednesday at Astros
 - Game 3: Friday at Nationals
 - Game 4: Saturday at Nationals
 - Game 5: Sunday at Nationals
 - Game 6: Tuesday at Astros
 - Game 7: Oct. 30 at Astros
- All at 7 p.m. on FOX-32
Games 5-7 if necessary

beat the Yankees in the AL wild-card game before losing to the Royals in a five-game Division Series.

After missing the playoffs in 2016, they won 101 games in 2017, sparked by the Aug. 31 acquisition of Verlander from the Tigers for three prospects. Luhnow recognized the Astros' window to win had arrived.

The Astros beat the Dodgers in a seven-game World Series for its first title in 2017, with Springer chosen as the World Series MVP. Just 2 1/2 months later, Luhnow obtained Cole from the Pirates.

A 103-win season in 2018 was followed by a loss to the Red Sox in the ALCS as Altuve struggled with a knee injury that led to surgery. The Astros then set a team record by winning 107 games this year after getting Greinke from the Diamondbacks on July 31.

The Astros' roster includes drafted players (reliever Josh James and outfielder Kyle Tucker), moderately priced free agent signings (outfielders Michael Brantley and Josh Reddick, relievers Hector Rondon and Joe Smith, and catcher Robinson Chirinos), international free agents (first baseman Yuli Gurriel and pitcher Jose Urquidy) and a waiver-wire pickup (reliever Will Harris) along with the trade acquisitions.

AP Sports Writer Kristie Rieken contributed.

It's hard to believe female reporters still have to deal with this kind of idiocy in 2019, especially from a clueless Ivy League drone such as Taubman.

But MLB needs to address this issue now instead of waiting for the World Series to end, when it can release some corporate statement admonishing the Astros during a dead period in the offseason.

It's hard to believe female reporters still have to deal with this kind of idiocy in 2019, especially from a clueless Ivy League drone such as Taubman, who probably believes his number-crunching was as vital to the Astros' success as the presence of three studs in the rotation.

My guess is MLB eventually will issue a hand slap or small fine and hope the incident fades away like the Verlander incident. And the Astros will go on to win the World Series and feel vindicated.

Accountability is for suckers. That's the Astros Way.

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BLACKHAWKS

Dach

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General manager Stan Bowman and coach Jeremy Colliton have said all along a decision about whether to keep Dach for the season will be based on how he looks on the ice and not on his contract.

If Dach becomes a top-six center as the Hawks expect, it would cost them millions against the salary cap a year earlier than if his contract doesn't begin until 2020-21.

"His performance is going to dictate what happens with him," Colliton said before Tuesday's game. "There's a lot of talk about timeline and nine games and even before that, what's the plan? Just like any player, his play will dictate where we use him. He knows that, and it's important that he just focuses on the next game (and doesn't) worry too much about the future."

Although Dach has said and done all the right things, that can be easier said than done.

Dylan Strome was the Coyotes' top pick in 2015 — like Dach, he was taken third overall — and he made their opening-day roster in 2016-17. The looming deadline to remain with the Coyotes or return to his junior team in Erie, Pa., gnawed at Strome.

"I was too concerned about if I'm going to play the 10th game," Strome said. "I got caught up in that."

The Coyotes didn't help matters by making Strome a healthy scratch for the opener, then playing him intermittently over the first 16 games. After playing in three games following the opener, Strome sat for four games, then played three more before heading back to the bench.

After Strome played in his seventh game on Nov. 17, the Coyotes returned him to Erie.

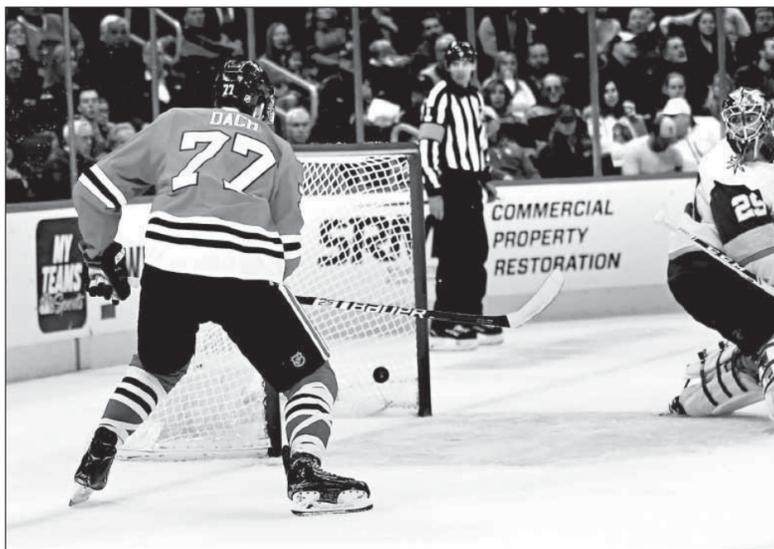
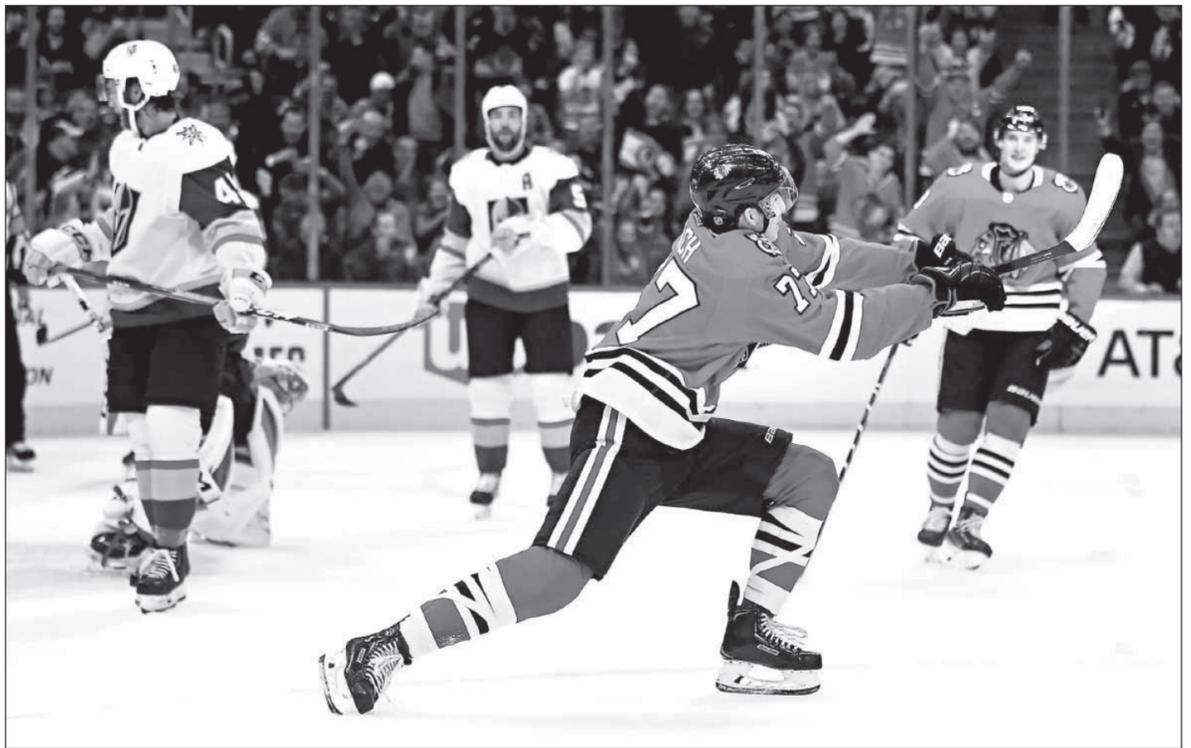
A lack of production — Strome had no goals and one assist in the seven games — was ultimately the reason for his demotion. But he believes, in retrospect, that his mental approach had a big impact on why his first NHL stint didn't last.

"I was always worried about who was playing where, what position, what line I was on, how many minutes I was playing," Strome said. "I didn't just play. You block out everything else and whatever happens, happens. You play good enough, they're going to keep you here. I overthought it too much and I didn't really enjoy the NHL."

The honesty of then-Coyotes coach Dave Tippett — who now coaches the Oilers — helped Strome to see the writing on the wall during his first month with the team.

Tippett told Strome he was good enough to be in the NHL. Just not yet.

"He thought I needed to work harder and I wasn't good enough to play every night yet," Strome said. "That's something that stuck with me. You've got to work hard to be in the lineup every night and take nothing for granted."



Strome doesn't have a special message for Dach as he tries to prove he should stay with the Hawks the entire season.

"He's part of the team and we're looking at it like that," Strome said. "Hopefully he's not focusing on it too much. Just go out there and play and have fun. You see him

out there, he's a good player. Good confidence and makes some plays with the puck. Just got to keep doing that and the rest will take care of itself."

Which is exactly how Dach seems to be approaching life in the NHL.

"I'm not really focused on nine or 10

BLACKHAWKS RECAP

Kirby Dach's first NHL goal in the first period nearly held up, but Nick Holden tied the game with 1:44 left in regulation before Jonathan Marchessault and Shea Theodore scored in a shootout to lift the Golden Knights to a 2-1 win at the United Center. The Hawks dropped to 2-3-2 with one game left on their seven-game homestand. Robin Lehner had 33 saves in a brilliant effort but wasn't able to carry the Hawks to their first victory over the Golden Knights, dropping to 0-5-2 against them. Dach's goal had the home crowd buzzing. The No. 3 pick in the draft parked to the left of goalie Marc-Andre Fleury and was able to get just enough on Olli Maatta's cross-ice pass to redirect the puck into an open net. At 18 years, 274 days, Dach became the sixth-youngest Hawk to score a goal behind Grant Mulvey, Eddie Olczyk, Don Campbell, Harold Jackson and Steve McCarthy. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

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GAME 2	TEAM	PITCHER	2019			2019 VS. OPP.			LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Was	Strasburg (R)	Wed	18-6	3.32	24-12	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	19.0	1.89
Hou	Verlander (R)	7:07p	21-6	2.58	26-12	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	17.1	5.19

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

NATIONALS 5, ASTROS 4

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Turner ss	4	0	1	0	1	.283
Eaton rf	4	0	2	1	0	.225
Rendon 3b	4	1	0	0	1	.333
Soto lf	4	1	3	2	1	.286
Kendrick dh	4	0	0	0	2	.622
Cabrera 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.154
Zimmerman 1b	4	1	1	1	1	.286
Suzuki c	3	1	0	0	1	.043
Robles cf	4	1	1	0	1	.300
TOTALS	35	5	9	5	8	

HOUSTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer cf	3	2	2	2	1	.184
Altuve 2b	5	1	1	0	1	.333
Brantley lf-rf	4	0	1	0	1	.261
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.231
Gurriel 1b	5	0	0	0	3	.229
Correa ss	5	0	1	0	3	.174
Alvarez dh	3	2	2	0	1	.205
Maldonado c	3	0	0	0	1	.250
b-Tucker ph	1	1	0	0	0	.222
Chirinos c	0	0	0	0	2	.091
Reddick rf	2	0	0	0	0	.125
a-Diaz ph-ff	2	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	37	4	10	4	12	

Washington	010	130	000	-5	9	0
Houston	200	000	110	-4	10	0

a-GO, Reddick in the 6th. b-1B, Maldonado, 8th. LOB: Was 4, Hou 11. 2B: Soto (2), Gurriel (2), Springer (1). HR: Zimmerman (2), off Cole; Soto (3), off Cole; Springer (3), off Ray (5). Zimmerman (6), Soto (3), Eaton (5), Gurriel (2), Springer (2), Soto (2), Turner (1), Altuve (2), Soto (1). Runners left in scoring position: Was 3 (Soto, Kendrick, Cabrera); Hou 7 (Correa, 2, Altuve, Alvarez, Brantley). RISP: Was 2 for 9; Hou 3 for 12. Runners moved up: Turner, Diaz, GIDP: Zimmerman. DP: Hou 1 (Altuve, Correa, Gurriel).

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scherzer, W, 3-0	5	2	2	2	3	7	2.16
Corbin, H, 2	1	1	0	0	2	6	6.91
Rainey, H, 2	1	1	1	1	2	6	6.23
Hudson, H, 1	1 1/3	3	1	1	0	1	1.29
Doolittle, S, 2-2	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	1	2.08

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cole, L, 3-1	7	8	5	5	1	6	1.82
Harris	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Smith	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.42

Inherited runners scored: Hudson 2-0, Doolittle 1-0. WP: Scherzer. Umpires: H, Alan Porter; 1B, Doug Eddings; 2B, Gary Cederstrom; 3B, James Hoye; Right, Sam Holbrook; Left, Lance Barksdale. Time: 3:43. A: 43,339 (41,168).

NFL

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
New England	7	0	0	1.000	223	48	3-0-0	4-0-0	5-0-0	2-0-0	4-0-0
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	5	0	.167	63	156	1-3-0	0-2-0	0-4-0	1-1-0	0-3-0
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	123	161	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

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

WEEK 8 THURSDAY'S GAME

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Arizona at New Orleans, noon
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, noon
N.Y. Giants at Detroit, noon
Cincinnati vs. L.A. Rams at London, 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.
MONDAY'S GAME
Miami at Pittsburgh, 7:15 p.m.
Off: Dallas, Baltimore

PATRIOTS 33, JETS 0

New England	17	7	2	7-33
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	0-0

First quarter A: 78,523.
NE: Michel 3 run (Nugent kick), 6:13.
NE: FG Nugent 34, 3:49.
NE: Dorsett 26 pass from Brady (Nugent kick), :09.

Second quarter
NE: Michel 1 run (Nugent kick), 9:18.

Third quarter
NE: safety, 7:41.

Fourth quarter
NE: Michel 1 run (Nugent kick), 12:32.

TEAM STATS	NE	NYJ
First downs	22	12
Total net yards	323	154
Rushes-yards	34-74	20-81
Passing	249	73
Punt returns	2-24	3-14
Kickoff returns	2-45	3-67
Int. returns	4-14	1-3
Comp-att-int	31-45-1	11-32-4
Sacked-yds lost	0-0	1-13
Punts	7-37.3	5-46.2
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-yards	9-92	8-60
Possession time	38:27	21:33

Rushing: NE, Michel 19-42, Edelman 3-20, Harris 4-12, Bolden 1-2, White 5-0, Stidham 2 (-2). NYJ, Bell 15-70, Montgomery 2-9, Powell 1-3, Darnold 2 (-1).
Passing: NE, Brady 31-45-1-249. NYJ, Darnold 11-32-4-86.
Receiving: NE, White 7-59, Edelman 7-47, Meyers 5-47, Bolden 4-39, Dorsett 3-46, Watson 3-18, Tomlinson 1-1, Michel 1 (minus 8). NYJ, Crowder 4-26, Thomas 3-42, R-Anderson 1-10, Bell 1-6, Griffin 1-1, Berrios 1-1.

TENNIS

ATP ERSTE BANK OPEN 500

#1 in Vienna, Austria; indoors-hard
#1 Dominic Thiem d. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, 6-4, 7-6 (2).
Aljaz Bedene d. #7 Guido Pella, 6-4, 6-4.
Gilles Simon d. F. Lopez, 6-4, 6-3.
Chung Hyeon d. Milos Raonic, 6-4, 7-5.
Fernando Verdasco d.
Nikoloz Basilashvili, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Janik Sinner d.
Philipp Kohlschreiber, 6-3, 6-4.

ATP SWISS INDOORS

#1 in Basel, Switzerland; indoors-hard
Taylor Fritz d. #2 Alexander Zverev, 7-6 (7), 6-4.
#3 Stefanos Tsitsipas d.
Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 6-3, 7-6 (6).
#4 Roberto Bautista-Agut d.
Marius Copil, 6-4, 7-5.
#5 Fabio Fognini d. Alexei Popyrin, 6-2, 6-4.
Radu Albot d. Dusan Lajovic, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Reilly Opelka d. Cristian Garin, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (10).
Richard Gasquet d.
Juan Ignacio Londero, 6-1, 7-6 (4).

WTA ELITE TROPHY ZHUANG

#1 in Zhuhai, China; indoors-hard
Aryna Sabalenka d. M. Sakkari, 6-3, 6-4
Kiwi Bertens d. Donna Vekic, 7-6 (5), 6-2
Saisai Zheng d. Madison Keys, 6-4, 6-2

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	1	0	1.000	—
Boston	0	0	.000	1/2
Brooklyn	0	0	.000	1/2
New York	0	0	.000	1/2
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	1/2

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	0	0	.000	—
Charlotte	0	0	.000	—
Miami	0	0	.000	—
Orlando	0	0	.000	—
Washington	0	0	.000	—

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	—
Detroit	0	0	.000	—
Indiana	0	0	.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	—

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	0	0	.000	—
Houston	0	0	.000	—
Memphis	0	0	.000	—
San Antonio	0	0	.000	—
New Orleans	0	1	.000	

BULLS



Revisiting the rebuild: What's up in Year 3?

BY PHIL THOMPSON

The Bulls haven't made the playoffs since Fred Hoiberg and Jimmy Butler guided a 41-41 team to a first-round loss in 2016-17.

Flash forward and the Bulls are in the third year of a rebuild. Jim Boylen, who assumed coaching duties last season after Hoiberg's firing following a 5-19 start, begins a new season for the first time as the man in charge.

As the Bulls open against the Hornets on Wednesday night in Charlotte, N.C., good luck getting Boylen to say whether the revamped roster is playoff-worthy.

"I love this spirit we have, the work ethic we have, and now we're going to go out and do it," he said. "I expect there to be moments when we struggle. I expect there to be moments when we play well. What I want us to do is get better every game."

"What I don't do is I don't always evaluate whether we won or lost. I evaluate how we played. And then the next day we'll work on the things we didn't do well and hopefully we can grow as a group."

Here are five major storylines for the season.

1. Are the Bulls going to make the playoffs?

"No promises, but that's the goal for sure," forward Lauri Markkanen said.

The Bulls are banking on Markkanen, Zach LaVine and Wendell Carter Jr. taking a leap in their development while getting an infusion of depth, leadership and scoring from offseason acquisitions Tomas Satoransky, Thaddeus Young and Luke Kornet and rookies Coby White and Daniel Gafford.

They're greatly encouraged by the commitment every player made in attending September workouts as well as the intensity they showed in camp and during preseason games.

But it's a lot to ask a team that went 22-60 in 2018-19, has an average age of 24 and significantly changed the roster to make the leap into playoff contention.

Three Eastern Conference teams made the playoffs last season with 41 or 42 wins, so that would require an increase of about 20 wins. A high bar but not insurmountable.

FiveThirtyEight gives the Bulls a 43% chance of qualifying for the playoffs. The Westgate SuperBook gives them about a 36% probability of making it.

For what it's worth, the Bulls tied for fourth at 7% in a vote of NBA general managers as the team that will be most improved.

"I feel we have done a good job with the basics," coach Jim Boylen said. "Our team is together, respectful and worked very hard."

2. The Bulls will go only as far as their health ...

Last season it was Zach LaVine's right thigh bruise and knee tendinitis. Lauri Markkanen's right elbow. Otto Porter Jr.'s right rotator cuff. Wendell Carter Jr.'s left thumb. Chandler Hutchison's right toe. In all, 290 games missed to injury.

And Jim Boylen wants to take this group and play with more pace?

He told his players right after the season that "conditioning was going to be the No. 1 thing because we were going to play faster."

Carter, who missed 38 games, said Boylen "wanted to focus in on being the best-conditioned team in the league."

Best-laid plans.

Carter tweaked his left ankle and Daniel Gafford hyperextended his right elbow on the first day of camp. Carter also had a bruised tailbone and was a game-time call in the preseason finale because of a left thumb sprain. Troubling signs.

A lot is riding on Carter's presence in the middle. He gained 15 pounds to body up to big men, but he acknowledged he hasn't been at his best because of missed practice and game time.

Carter is probable for the opener, while the Bulls listed Shaquille Harrison (left hamstring strain) as questionable and ruled out Hutchison (left hamstring strain).



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS
The Bulls needs Zach LaVine (top), Lauri Markkanen (middle) and Wendell Carter Jr. (above) to develop quickly.

3. ... And their scoring ... and their defense ... and their depth

Make or miss, the Bulls had the green light from the 3-point arc this preseason, as long as they were good looks. Only four teams took more 3-point attempts than the Bulls' 197 in five games (they made 32.5%).

The Bulls were last in 3-pointers made last season, and that's no way to live in the modern NBA. They also don't want see players taking contested, long 2-pointers that metrics show are low-percentage shots.

In that vein, Jim Boylen also wants more plays at the rim to draw more free throws.

"It is nice when your team does some of the things you emphasize: Getting downhill, getting to the free-throw line has been an emphasis," he said earlier this month. "Taking more 3s, getting good 3s, I think we chart it."

Boylen has preached a multi-ballhandler system in which anyone can initiate the offense through pacing, ball movement and shooting early in the clock. Zach LaVine, Lauri Markkanen and Otto Porter Jr. are expected to do the heavy lifting in terms of scoring, but their jobs don't stop there.

LaVine wants to be regarded as an elite two-way player, so he invites the NBA world to judge him as much by his defense as his offense. Markkanen said coaches have been on him to be a better rebounder and defender. And the team as a whole is on the spot to improve its No. 25 defensive rating (112.8).

If they can stay healthy, the Bulls have depth, particularly on defense, with Kris Dunn, Thaddeus Young and Shaquille Harrison.

"I feel like pretty much all of our bench players can be starters somewhere else, and they're accepting their roles," Wendell Carter Jr. said. "No one's given any backlash for it, talking back to the coach and saying, 'Yo, I need to be starting.' None of that. Everybody's coming in playing their minutes and playing them hard."

4. The guard situation will be interesting to watch

Tomas Satoransky got the starting nod at point guard in camp. Kris Dunn will lead the second unit — he showed no lack of intensity guarding opponents and fighting for loose balls in the preseason — and Coby White is a fun wild card. Who knows what the Bulls will get out of the dynamic but sometimes erratic No. 7 pick?

Zach LaVine called Satoransky "an extremely high-IQ player."

"He's gotten me some real easy shots, and the floor's spaced," LaVine said after a preseason win against the Hawks. "We have nothing but shooters out there. He shot 40% from 3 last year, so they're scared of that. I'm looking forward to playing more with him."

After White scored 29 points in the same game, LaVine hailed his speed and versatility.

"He can shoot the ball, space the ball and score like that, it's going to help us so much," LaVine said. "He's going to be special. ... You can put him in anywhere, he's going to get the job done. He's fearless. He's not scared of anything, not scared of the moment."

If all goes well, Satoransky, Dunn and White could complement each other. If any of them falters in his role, particularly Satoransky, it could lead to second-guessing.

5. The schedule is forgiving early and brutal late

The Bulls' first five games are against four teams that were below .500 last season — the Hornets, Grizzlies, Knicks and Cavaliers — and the defending champion Raptors, who lost Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green in the offseason.

A good start might be imperative because the next five opponents include three 2018-19 playoff teams — the Pistons, Pacers and Rockets — plus the Lakers, who added Anthony Davis, and a Hawks team that sees itself as a young contender on the rise, much like the Bulls do.

January contains some challenging matchups, including the Jazz, Bucks, Nets and two against the Celtics. And the end-of-the-season stretch looks daunting.

Starting with March 12 and ending April 15 in Boston, 14 of the Bulls' final 17 games are against teams that FiveThirtyEight gives a better than 50% chance of making the playoffs. That stretch also includes a West Coast swing against the Jazz, Nuggets, Lakers and Clippers, who now have Leonard.

Jim Boylen was asked whether the schedule creates pressure to start strong.

"We don't talk about playoff team, non-playoff team," he said. "We're talking about Charlotte. We're going to play as hard as we can against Charlotte."

Haugh

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The promise of the NBA's second-youngest team offers excitement, especially after a fun preseason that saw the Bulls pick up the pace offensively and shoot 3-pointers like a bunch of guys playing H-O-R-S-E.

The difference goes beyond electric rookie scorer Coby White, a revelation who averaged 19.3 points and shot 45% from beyond the arc in five preseason games.

Credit the new look to Boylen, who has evolved. His bull-in-a-china-shop arrival last December replacing Fred Hoiberg created skepticism over the career NBA assistant's ability to adapt to today's player.

Boylen was like a double shot of espresso served to a team comfortable sipping chamomile tea, roasting everyone in a sleepy locker room to play harder and get tougher. Boylen invested everything he had in getting to know his players, adapted his approach over time and, by the end of last season, star guard Zach LaVine was offering to pay Boylen's fine after an ejection. The gesture was priceless.

In the offseason, Boylen strengthened those bonds by spanning the globe to visit Lauri Markkanen in his native Finland and LaVine in the Bahamas, to name just a couple. If Boylen couldn't control the injuries that have interfered with the Bulls rebuild, he was committed to doing everything possible to ensure the health of his relationships with players.

You wonder what role Boylen's listening tour around the world played in the Bulls appearing to catch up with the league's offensive trends during the small sample size of the preseason, but it can't be just coincidence. You see growth in Boylen based on his willingness to adjust to what his players — as well as analytics — told him over the summer.

It's corny for a coach to talk as openly about caring and trusting as Boylen does, but he's not a guy concerned with being cool.

Nothing is cooler in the NBA than winning, which the Bulls plan to do enough to make the playoffs, barring injuries.

Good for the Bulls that Boylen embraced the challenge by announcing the goal on the first day of training camp, regardless of the math everyone will use to kill his buzz.

Last season, the Pistons squeaked into the Eastern Conference playoffs as the No. 8 seed with a 41-41 record. The Bulls won 22 games in 2018-19. They might need to improve by as many as 19 games to qualify for the postseason, a daunting task but not impossible in the mediocre East.

Optimism starts with LaVine and Markkanen, two highly skilled players with legitimate chances to represent the Bulls at the All-Star Game on Feb. 16 at the United Center.

LaVine can score in bunches and returned driven to be better defensively. Markkanen can do it all, too, and he can ascend to the next level if he can stay on the floor more than 52 games like last season. Same goes for Wendell Carter Jr., the second-year forward trying to avoid the injury-prone label after a 44-game rookie season.

LaVine and Markkanen also have reached the stage in their careers where they must prove they can affect winning the way the NBA's best players do.

If LaVine-Markkanen-Carter represent the Bulls' Big Three, Otto Porter Jr. gives the offense a perimeter threat who spaces the floor and a willing defender.

In another example of the growing importance of the player-coach relationship on the Bulls, old-school Boylen welcomed the conversation over Porter's "load management," a new-era concept used to pace players with chronic issues for an 82-game season. There will be nights Porter watches in a suit and nights he leads the Bulls in scoring, and both will affect this team getting where it wants to go.

Free-agent additions forward Thaddeus Young and starting point guard Tomas Satoransky supply a veteran toughness the Bulls lacked last season.

Kris Dunn has accepted a different role running the second unit, a significant sign of the buy-in on Boylen.

Then there's White, a combination guard so dynamic that his fast-paced game stands out more than his floppy hair.

The Bulls drafted White at No. 7 to score, position be damned. So much talent suddenly abounds on the Bulls that Denzel Valentine, a former first-round draft pick who specializes shooting the 3, will start the season outside the 10-man rotation.

There is hope. There is opportunity. And, understandably, there is caution.

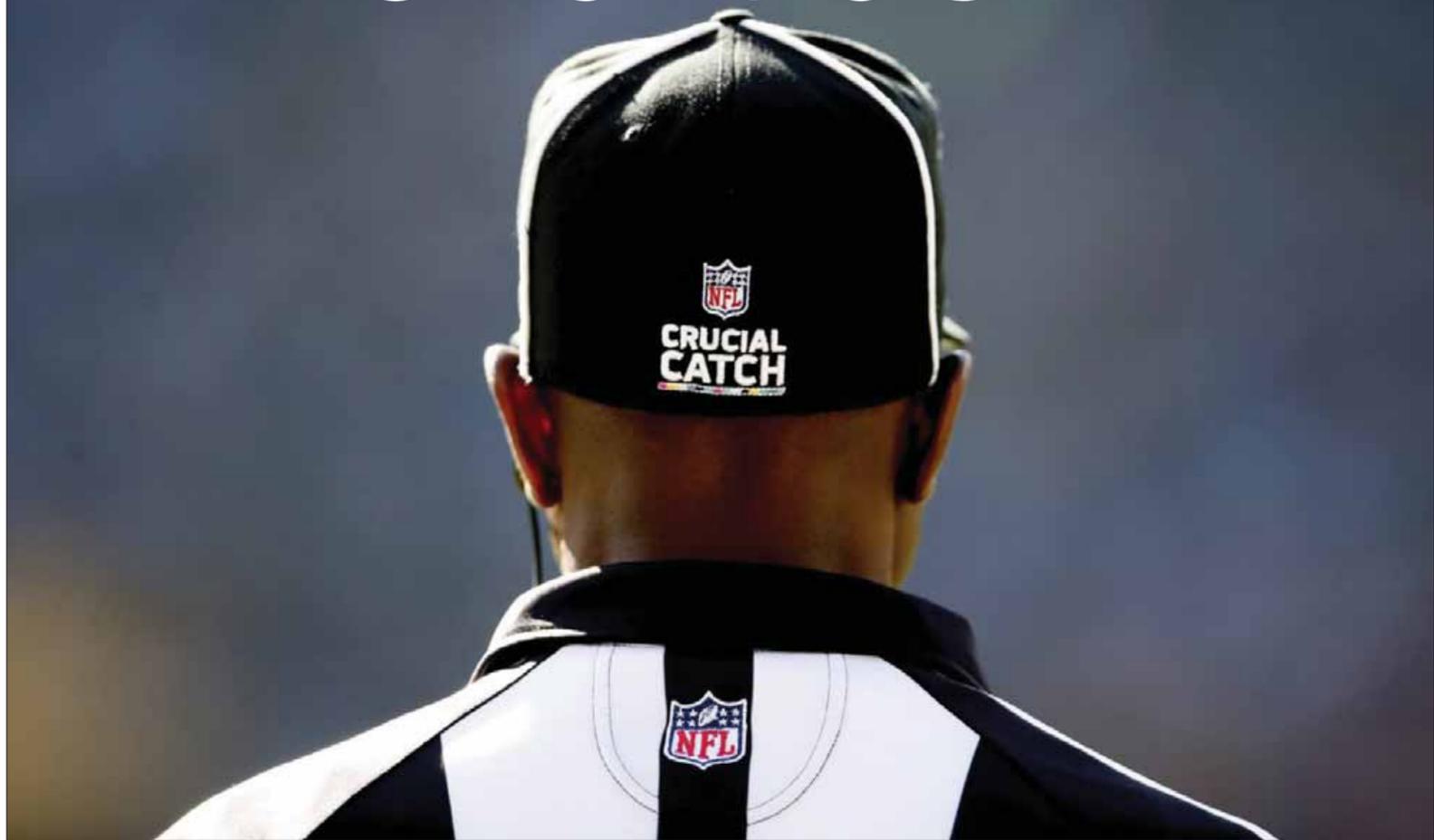
"Let's stay healthy and see what we have," Bulls John Paxson said Tuesday on WSCR-AM 670.

What the Bulls have is a coach and a roster that give them a chance to be good again — and not a moment too soon in a city running out of patience.

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FLAGGED for criticism



JEFF HAYNES/AP

NFL side judge Dale Shaw works during Sunday's Raiders-Packers game in Green Bay. Officials have been the target of massive criticism over recent seasons.

NFL cracks down on internal dissent over officiating

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
Associated Press

The NFL threw yellow flags on Rams linebacker Clay Matthews, Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield and Lions safety Tracy Walker, fining each \$12,500 for criticizing officials.

Matthews was disciplined for a tweet he posted after the Lions lost to his former team, the Packers, whom the NFL acknowledged benefited from an erroneous call that helped Green Bay in Week 6.

Walker was punished for comments he made after that same game in which he disputed as "an awful call" a personal foul penalty after diving for the football and making inadvertent helmet-to-helmet contact with Packers receiver Geronimo Allison.

Mayfield was fined for critical comments he made about the officiating after Cleveland's 32-28 loss to Seattle in Week 6 when he said, "I'll probably get fined for saying this, but it was pretty bad today."

Matthews had the harshest comments of the three, tweeting about what he considers the officials' "inability to make the accurate and correct calls" and how the NFL's head of officiating, Al Riveron, "continues to blindly side with his refs and the current status quo."

The denouncements came not long after the NFL sent a memo to all 32 teams reminding them that the league prohibits criticism of officiating, including posting "negative or derogatory/demeaning content pertaining to officiating on social media."

While the league tamped down on its internal dissent, NBC analyst Tony Dungy said players and coaches actually share in the blame for the flurry of flags because there's an insufficient focus on fundamentals as teams instead spotlight X's and O's and their schemes.

As a coach, Dungy emphasized eliminating pre-snap penalties and post-whistle fouls, which he called "half the battle. Now we work on the fundamentals and doing things the right way so we can cut down as much as we can the penalties that are called during the action."

As Dungy recently tweeted, "You don't see Patriots with huge penalty numbers. Coaching matters."

Longtime NFL writer Rick Gosselin noted recently that NFL games so far are averaging about 15 penalties for 125 yards a game, up from about a dozen flags for 97 yards a decade ago, and he added, "The more the flags, the worse the game."

And the louder the criticism.

There's another dynamic at work with the league's officiating crews also facing scrutiny from their former colleagues as TV networks hire away the most seasoned officials to serve as rules analysts and help



JOHN CORDES/AP

Rams linebacker Clay Matthews has taken to Twitter to rip on officials.



RICK OSENTOSKI/AP

The Browns' Baker Mayfield was fined for critical comments after a loss to the Seahawks.



RICK OSENTOSKI/AP

Lions safety Tracy Walker was fined for comments about a call that went against him.

make sense of all the yellow flags flying around.

It's a double whammy.

Losing the likes of Mike Pereira, Dean Blandino, John Parry, Terry McAulay and Gene Steratore to the broadcast booth had produced a brain drain from the ranks of NFL officials.

"There is no question about that, none whatsoever," said Hall of Fame executive Bill Polian. "I mean, you're talking about this year alone, Terry McAulay, John Parry, Gene Steratore, I mean, they'd be in the top five in any given year that they worked. And they're referees on top of that, so they know all the rules, they know all the interpretations; they understand what goes on at virtually every position. And then Ed Hochuli's retirement, you lose him and the three others, that's four of your top five referees by anybody's standard."

Their departures also leave a pool of officials lighter on experience to face what amounts to constant performance evaluations from their ex-cohorts as they enforce an ever-changing rule book.

The league's loss, however, is the game's gain, suggested Polian.

"I think they're a great addition to the broadcast and a great reference point for fans, who are no longer captive to people on the internet that masquerade as officiating supervisors," Polian said. "And I think they're very objective, but they're also cognizant of what a tough job it is that the officials have."

"The short answer from my point of view is that we do not have an officiating problem. Do we miss the guys that are not on the field? You bet. Do they do a good job on TV? In my view, they do a tremendous job and they do a great service to officiating by explaining it."

Polian said he'll withhold judgment on the league's emphasis on backside offensive holding this season until there's a year's worth of data, but he said there's really no disputing another common infraction: illegal blocks in the back on kick returns such as the one that negated the Cowboys' 80-yard punt return for a TD Sunday night.

"That penalty is avoidable, and the official should not be lax and loosen up with it. That's not the answer," Polian said. "Players need to play within the rules."

Dungy agrees.

But he's already made up his mind about one change he doesn't like: coaches' challenges for calls and non-calls on pass interference that were approved for this season after the Saints were victimized by a non-call on a blatant interference in the NFC championship game, helping the Rams advance to the Super Bowl.

"There are going to be things that are missed. That's part of the game," Dungy said. "The NFC championship game, there was a missed call — too bad. I feel bad for New Orleans. But it happens. It's happened every year since football began playing. So, to have this rule now and to say we're going to suddenly eliminate or help out this one particular call that everybody saw, now we've got all the unintended consequences (like wildly inconsistent rulings). I think this whole thing has been a disaster."

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LPGA Commissioner Mike Whan is pleased with the growth of women's prize money even if the gap between men and women hasn't closed that much.

Whan sees strength in growth of LPGA money

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

Every week brings a sobering reminder of how much more money the men play for on the PGA Tour than the women do on the LPGA Tour.

With four tournaments left in the LPGA Tour season, Danielle Kang became the 11th player to break the \$1 million mark. The PGA Tour had 112 players earn at least \$1 million last season. Already nine players have made at least \$1 million through six PGA Tour events this season.

Mike Whan brought a different perspective Tuesday at the LPGA Tour's new BMW Ladies Championship in South Korea.

Prize money for the women is growing at a rate Whan didn't think possible when he took over as commissioner in 2010. It's also growing for the men.

"Not sure if we have closed the gap, even though we are playing for dramatically more money," Whan said. "When I started, we were playing for just over \$40 million and now we're playing for over \$70 million. But the fact is, the men's (prize money) has grown as well. As a result, I don't want to be depressed by that. I think when golf and golf purses are growing for men and women, that's a good opportunity."

The LPGA Tour had 24 events and official prize money of \$41.4 million in 2010. Whan said it had only one tournament with a purse of \$3 million or more. This season, it had 32 official events and \$70.2 million in prize money, an increase of 70%. Five tournaments had prize money of \$3 million or more.

The PGA Tour had 46 official events in 2010 and 2019, and prize money grew from \$310.1 million (including \$35 million in FedEx Cup bonuses) to \$413.6 million (including \$60 million from the FedEx Cup and \$10 million from the Wyndham Rewards). That's an increase of 33%.

Whan still has his eye on the gap, and he knows that closing it will take time.

"I have not had to be too loud about closing the gap because society has taken that banner for me," he said. "Almost all of my sponsors, almost all of my tournaments, almost all of the people



CHUNG SUNG-JUN/GETTY-AP

Phil Mickelson interacts with a young fan after playing the ninth hole during the third round of last weekend's CJ Cup in Jeju, South Korea. He has ranked within the top 50 in the world for the last 26 years.

that help lift the LPGA are interested in lifting those purses and equalizing that difference, as well.

"But the reality of it is we have grown significantly, and the gap is about the same."

The King and his stamp: Arnold Palmer is getting his own stamp.

Three years after Palmer died, the U.S. Postal Service said Tuesday it would recognize the King as part of its 2020 stamp program. The Postal Service says Palmer's drive and charisma "helped transform a game once seen as a pastime for the elite into a sport enjoyed by the masses."

The stamp features James Drake's photo of Palmer in the 1964 U.S. Open at Congressional. It will be a Forever stamp, meaning it will always have equal value to the current first-class mail price. The Postal Service will announce later when the Palmer stamp will be issued.

"To have my father celebrated in this way is a true honor," said Amy Saunders, Palmer's daughter and chairwoman of the Arnold & Winnie Palmer Foundation. "It's something I think he would be proud of as both an individual and

as an American, and it's a wonderful way to preserve his legacy."

Palmer's career took off at about the time television arrived, a combination that popularized golf and made him one of the sport's most beloved figures. He died on Sept. 25, 2016, in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Mickelson at 50: Phil Mickelson did just enough at the CJ Cup in South Korea — a 68 in the final round to tie for 31st — to fall only to No. 50 and keep alive for another week his remarkable streak of 26 years among the top 50 in the world ranking. How long will it last? That depends.

According to a world ranking analyst who goes by "Nosferatu" on Twitter, Mickelson still has a chance to stay at No. 50 even though he is not playing the ZoZo Championship in Japan.

One simplified outlook: The top 12 at the end of the tournament must all be currently in the top 50. And that assumes Lucas Bjerregaard, Tom Lewis or Lee Westwood does not win the Portugal Masters on the European Tour.

If he survives, the ball is back in Lefty's hands. He is to play the

following week at the HSBC Champions in Shanghai, where he has won twice.

Advice from the Shark: Lanto Griffin couldn't find a place to eat during the Korn Ferry Tour opener in the Bahamas, so he and Will Wilcox dropped in on a pro-am dinner at Sandal Emerald Bay on Great Exuma, where the golf course designer was speaking. Greg Norman's words went a long way.

"He said when he looks at players on this tour, he looks at guys finishing consistently in the top 20," Griffin said. "He doesn't look at guys who finish solo second and MC (missed cut) 10 times in a row, finish third and get their card. He was telling me I'm not who he looks at."

Griffin thought back to the first time he earned a PGA Tour card through the Korn Ferry. In his first 11 tournaments, he missed seven cuts and finished out of the top 50 in three others. And then he won. After that, he finished out of the top 10 in seven of his eight tournaments.

Most peculiar about that regular season? He didn't have any

finishes in the 20s or 30s.

He tied for 62nd that week. Griffin says finishing 60th is like "taking a week off without taking a week off."

"I started thinking and playing smarter," he said. "When you're 45th going into the weekend, you're being so aggressive to win a tournament and that's not always the best mindset. Let's see how many top 20s you can rack up. You need luck to win. The weeks you don't get lucky, turn 50th into 20th."

"That's the difference between having a good year and a bad year."

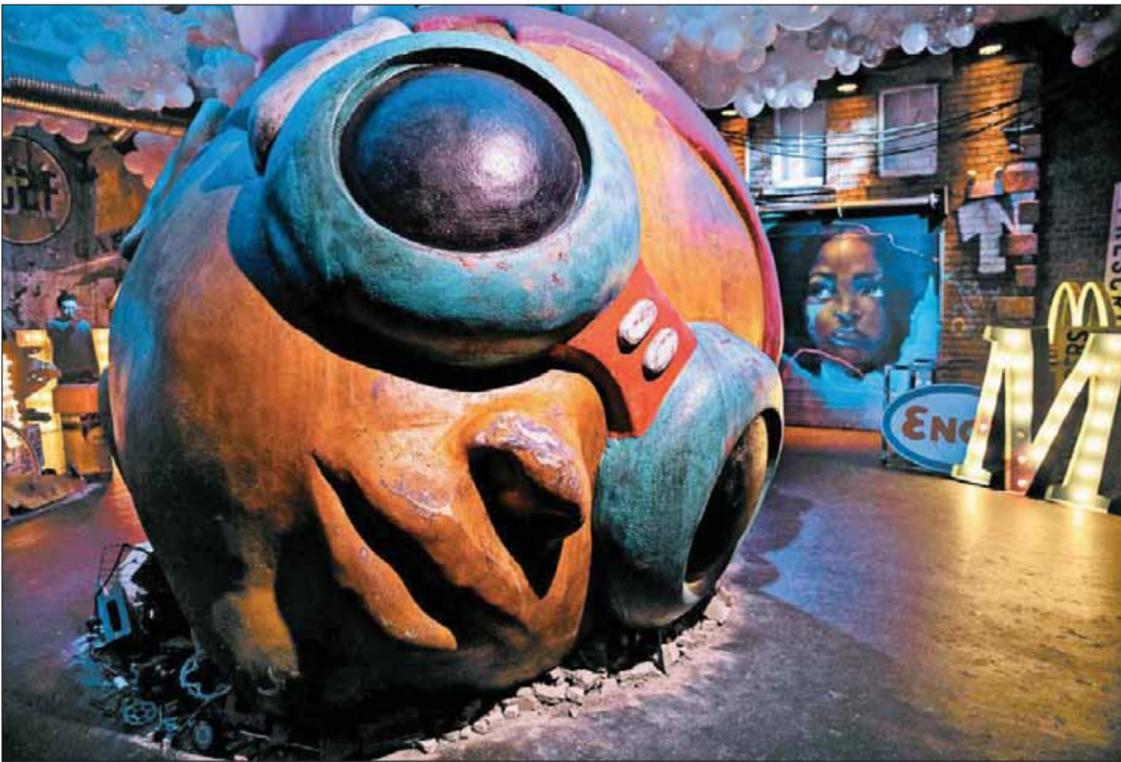
It will be hard to top winning the Houston Open, his first PGA Tour victory. But he thought about the Safeway Open, where he made the cut on the number. He made one bogey on the weekend, shot 67-70 and tied for 17th.

"The year before if I made the cut on the number, I would have shot even on the weekend and finished 66th," he said. "I was happy to make the cut, but I never got anything out of it."

Divots: Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and Tom Watson will be among those playing the PNC Father-Son Challenge on Dec. 5-8 in Orlando, Fla. They have 35 majors among them. ... Justin Thomas has 11 victories on the PGA Tour, five of them on the U.S. mainland. He has won twice in Malaysia, twice in South Korea and twice in Hawaii. ... With her victory in Shanghai, Danielle Kang became the 11th player to earn more than \$1 million on the LPGA Tour this year. ... The French Open had a strength-of-field value of 288 points last summer ahead of the Ryder Cup at Le Golf National. It was moved to October this year and had a points value of 51.

Stat of the week: Cheyenne Knight and Danielle Kang are the first Americans to win back to back on the LPGA Tour since Kang and Nelly Korda won consecutive events last October.

Final word: "There's a lot of countries trying to emulate what Korea has built. It's great, and it's creating opportunities for young girls in countries that didn't even play golf 10 or 15 years ago." — LPGA Tour Commissioner Mike Whan.



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Scenes from Hebru Brantley's "Nevermore Park" interactive exhibit Sunday in the Pilsen neighborhood. The exhibit opens Thursday.

'Flyboy' gets his own park in Pilsen

Colorful new exhibit morphs from a gallery into a whimsical world

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Remember how colorful the world was leading to Emerald City, what with the yellow brick road and the poppies? Heading to Nevermore Park on Chicago's Lower West Side is our contemporary equivalent. The graffiti on the city walls is a blast of color, right before you see the beautiful blue building that is Hebru Brantley's vision of Flyboy and Lil Mama's universe inspired by the Tuskegee Airmen and moments in black culture.

Once inside, what starts as a gallery space with paintings that beg you to touch, morphs into a whimsical world through Brantley's canvases — a world that is both tactile, nostalgic and interactive in a way that most interactive gallery experiences aren't. Fantastic colors dot the interior landscape at every turn of Nevermore Park, including an area where sounds and vibrations can surprise, and participants can step into a crashed rocket playing JFK's moon speech with take off/landing sounds. (For Gen X-ers and Baby Boomers, check out the old-school newsstand, complete with old Jet magazines from Brantley's grandfather and comic books that Brant-



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Participants can step into a crashed rocket playing JFK's moon speech with take off/landing sounds at "Nevermore Park."

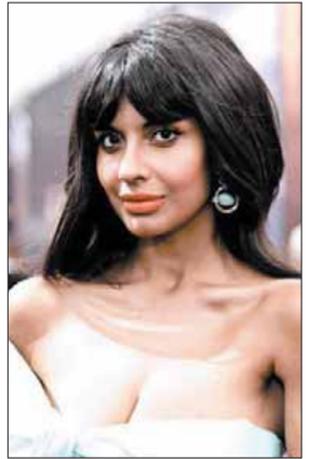
ley favored).

There's even a playhouse where green and beige plastic Army men line the perimeter of the walls, and old-school toys hang from above, next to handmade pictures of KISS and Flyboy — creations from "early spawn of Hebru" — Brantley's son from back in the day.

"Those are my son's. I'm a proud father, so I had saved a bunch of his

sketches," Brantley said. "It was rare when he did Flyboy stuff, but that's the main character's namesake (my son's middle name is Skylar and Flyboy's first name is Skylar), and a lot of the creation came around the time of me having a son — my son was about 4 or 5 when I came up with the idea of Flyboy. He's very

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RICH POLK/GETTY

Jameela Jamil of NBC's "The Good Place" hosts a new comedy game show, "The Misery Index."

MY WORST MOMENT

Jameela Jamil goes running with bees

After leading swarm into crowd, she's 'going straight to Bad Place'

BY NINA METZ

Best known to American audiences as Tahani on the NBC series "The Good Place," Jameela Jamil's career began in her native England, not as an actor but as a TV presenter. Now she's returning to those roots as the host of the TBS comedy game show "The Misery Index."

"The show is based on a card game called 'S--- Happens' and there's a scale of 1 to 100, with 100 being the absolute worst," said Jamil, "and we give you real-life miserable events and you have to figure out where they would land on that scale."

How are those numbers determined? "We had esteemed psychologists from around the world devise which number those things would land on based on the three pillars of misery — physical pain, emotional trauma and long-term psychological impact — and whoever gets closest to the therapists' number wins. Some things seem worse than others to different people because we all have different fears and different feelings about things. So it's a very divisive show in that way, which is great because you have audience members literally screaming because they're arguing with each other."

"The Good Place" is her first job as an actor, and when asked to share a worst moment from her career, Jamil told a story that transpired during her off-hours working on the sitcom.

My worst moment ...

"I got hit by a car during Season 1. It was a month in and I was

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IN PERFORMANCE 'The Effect'

Is sexual attraction simply chemistry?

That's the question in Strawdog Theatre's moving new production

BY CHRIS JONES

Planning a date? Let's say it's a Tinder date, or a Bumble date. If you want a really interesting evening, take 'em to director Elly Green's sexy production of "The Effect" at the Strawdog Theatre and just tell them you are going out to eat.

Who wants to date someone who does not like the theater? So you'll get that out of the way for a start.

More interestingly, though, at Lucy Prebble's interesting and sensual little play, you'll find an exploration of a series of compelling questions: like, is sexual attraction fundamentally chemical and sadly devoid of the heart?

To put that another way, are

our emotions merely reactions to the world or are they, well, real? Is love what you actually feel or merely something your body has made you feel? Does that invalidate it?

Does depression aid or hinder love?

Could there be such a thing as Viagra for the heart?

Speaking of drugs, "The Effect" actually follows a comely young couple, played by Sam Hubbard and Daniella Pereira, who are both on a lengthy drug trial that requires them (for ample compensation) to be sequestered away for weeks and to take psychiatric drugs. They fall for each other, but there is a wrinkle. They both are participating in a trial for a drug that is thought to lower inhibitions and increase the libido. One of them is taking a high dosage of a drug that mostly likely

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JESUS J. MONTERO

Daniella Pereira, left, and Sam Hubbard in Strawdog Theatre Company's Chicago premiere of "The Effect."

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Lupita Nyong'o and her mother, Dorothy, in 2014.

Nyong'o honors mother for fueling her passion

NEW YORK — As Lupita Nyong'o accepted an award from the Harlem School of Arts — and entered the stage to Beyonce's anthemic hit "Brown Skin Girl" — the actress mainly had two people to thank for fueling her passion for the arts as a child: her parents.

"I was thinking about (the Harlem School of Arts) and what it does for children and its students (and) I didn't have an institution where I'm from in Nairobi, Kenya. And so the only way my interest in the arts thrived was because I had parents who valued those interests," she said Monday night at the school's annual Mask Ball in New York City. "And my mother in particular, she really nurtured my artistic spirit."

The Oscar winner's mother, Dorothy, also received the Visionary Lineage Award alongside her daughter.

"I really didn't do much," Dorothy Nyong'o said to laughs from the audience. Dorothy Nyong'o said she noticed her daughter's interest in the arts as a child and so she looked "for opportunities to nurture that."

"My job was really to facilitate it, and I'd like to encourage parents to do it. Sometimes we make the mistake of trying to make our children what we think we want," she said.

Dorothy Nyong'o won over the audience with more sweet words for her daughter, who has appeared in films such as "Black Panther," "Star Wars," "Us" and "12 Years a Slave," for which she won an Oscar.

"I'm proud of her. She makes me shine."

Lupita Nyong'o, 36, thanked her mom for all of her support, explaining that when she was a teenager, her mother "drove to rehearsals after a long day at work" and sat "in the car for five or so hours and she never complained."

— Associated Press



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

Married Minaj: Ms. Nicki Minaj wants you to know she's now officially Mrs. Petty. Minaj — who has dated Kenneth Petty for about a year — seems to confirm her marriage with a video on Instagram that shows off Mr. and Mrs. coffee mugs and bride and groom hats. She also changed her Twitter name to Mrs. Petty. The couple first dated as teenagers and reunited last year.

Book him: Former acting solicitor general of the U.S. and MSNBC commentator Neal Katyal has written "Impeach: The Case Against Donald Trump." The book, co-written with Sam Koppelman, comes out Nov. 26. Last month, Katyal wrote a New York Times op-ed piece in which he condemned Trump's "brazen conduct" and said impeachment was warranted even if he didn't commit an actual crime.

Snoop Dogg-endorsed: An Israeli start-up that promotes home-grown marijuana says it has signed on rapper Snoop Dogg as a brand ambassador. Snoop, an outspoken advocate of marijuana use, will promote Seedo's small refrigeratorlike machine that grows plants with the help of artificial intelligence. Snoop said that promoting a product that enables people to grow plants in unused urban spaces "is something I'm all the way down with." Snoop started his own line of marijuana products, Leafs by Snoop, in 2015.

Oct. 23 birthdays: Director Ang Lee is 65. Country singer Dwight Yoakam is 63. Director Sam Raimi is 60. Singer "Weird Al" Yankovic is 60. Actor Ryan Reynolds is 43. TV host Meghan McCain is 35. Actress Emilia Clarke is 33.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Worried about social media, sexting

Dear Amy: My husband and I are a same-sex couple. We have been together for six years (married for the past year). During this time, I have battled with an embarrassing addiction — to social media and sexting.

Over the course of our time together I was caught on three occasions — two prior to being married and the third time just three weeks ago. In the past when this happened, we were able to take some time apart and work things out. This time is different.

He found out about my online contact but didn't tell me until I received a text message from him a week later. He asked me to move out (which I did), but he wants no contact, unless it's to talk about the dogs or me moving the rest of my stuff out of the home. He refuses to talk about our relationship.

I understand that this is my fault, but he also carries some blame. He would be in bed by 9 p.m. most nights and due to medication had very little sex drive. This made me feel lonely and sad and I would turn to online chats to fill the emptiness.

I am getting counseling and have made a number of changes to deal with my addiction, but I still love him and want to work on the relationship. I am willing to do whatever it takes to finally deal with my issues (which I should have done years ago), but it's hard without my husband behind me, or at least acknowledging that I'm trying. How can I get through to him?

— Hurt

Dear Hurt: You choose to

label your behavior as an addiction. I see it more as a choice. Your relationship wasn't as fulfilling as you wanted, and so you went looking elsewhere. Labeling this choice as an addiction, versus a compulsion triggered by a lack of attention, suspends your personal responsibility. The sooner you take responsibility, the sooner you will gain insight, control, and the motivation and ability to make real and lasting change.

You seem to be trying to manipulate your ex back into a relationship. He is not ready or willing to deal with you right now. He deserves the time and space to make his own choices, just as you have done. Don't crowd him. The most loving thing you can do for him is to respect his need for space.

I hope you understand that you have violated his trust, repeatedly. The only way to gain it back is for you to change, and then to prove that you've changed. Even then, it might be too late for your relationship, but it won't be too late for you.

Dear Amy: Over the past six months, I have been struggling with a dilemma. After getting my DNA results, I have found a younger relative who was put up for adoption. He is a lovely young man, and we have corresponded.

After some detective work, I have narrowed down which of my cousins fathered this child. I am not close to this cousin (in his late 60s) or his mother (90s), who is still alive.

My question is, do I give this information to the biological father? He mar-

ried late in life and his wife passed away a few years ago. He does not have (other) children. He is estranged from many family members and I think he struggles with depression.

The son has had a very good life, says he is happy and lucky, and that he does not want to start any drama. Quite honestly, he is delightful. I am not close with my cousin, since I moved away 50 years ago.

If I contact him, how do I do it? Phone call, email, letter?

— Torn

Dear Torn: If your younger relative is interested in contacting his biological father, you could start the process by contacting your cousin and sharing the younger man's contact information. Write a short email and be transparent, neutral and nonjudgmental about the entire transaction. Ask your cousin to reply so you know he received the email, and then leave the rest to him.

Dear Amy: The letter from "Crystalized" made me crazy. Here is a person who set a table using crystal that cost \$200 per glass! How extravagant and wasteful is that? I was glad you called her out on her own rudeness.

— Disgusted

Dear Disgusted: People have the right to be extravagant. Their extravagance should be accompanied by magnanimity, however.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Masur starts a new chapter with Civic Orchestra

By HOWARD REICH

Conductor Ken-David Masur is having a rather big year.

This season he takes his place as Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra music director and Civic Orchestra of Chicago principal conductor. The latter role brought him to Orchestra Hall on Monday evening to launch the Civic's 101st downtown season with a program exploring music "From the British Isles."

These scores dealt mostly in subtle color and atmospheric tone painting, which suited the innate poetry of Masur's approach. Although some minor technical issues surfaced, the orchestra's young musicians generally reminded everyone of both their prowess and sensitivity.

The most lushly beautiful playing emerged, not surprisingly, in Britten's Four Sea Interludes from "Peter Grimes." These tone poems evoke the sea's majesty, pictorial beauty and terror, each interlude a portrait in ever-shifting



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Ken-David Masur leads the Civic Orchestra of Chicago in Helen Grime's "Near Midnight" at Orchestra Hall on Monday evening.

texture and tone.

Conductor Masur drew a dark, dusky timbre from the opening pages of "Dawn," the orchestral sound soon blossoming in intensity and tonal heft. Crisply defined layers of orchestral color and graceful lyricism from the lower

strings animated the joyous "Sunday Morning" interlude. And there was no resisting the orchestra's warmth of the "Moonlight" portrait.

All of which amounted to an expansive preamble for the "Storm," which began tempestuously and

gathered sonic and rhythmic momentum from there. The performance's ferocity was matched by its technical elan.

Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 3, "Scottish," holds an eminent place among his orchestral works for its expressive depth and

coloristic effects.

Listeners can decide for themselves how much (or how little) Scottish influence courses through this music, though streaks of melancholy surface often.

Masur, son of the late conductor Kurt Masur, brought forth the solemn character of the opening pages and the yearning quality of those that follow in the first movement. There was no doubting the scherzo's rhythmic buoyancy, Masur and friends conjuring its high spirits with vigor and clarity.

But the adagio third movement, the symphony's centerpiece, proved somewhat disappointing on this night.

Beyond some smudged sectional entrances, the orchestra sounded a bit hasty and lacking in contemplation, the work's profundities largely lost. However, the ensemble regained its footing in the finale, which offered a rhetorically dramatic opening, gorgeous playing from the Civic winds and a quicksilver character that represents the essence of

Mendelssohn.

The evening opened with the U.S. premiere of Scottish composer Helen Grime's "Near Midnight," its sometimes soft-spoken, sometimes clangorous orchestral effects rendering it an immensely effective work.

Rich in musical incident and constantly evolving in texture and direction, "Near Midnight" tapped a vast range of instrumental sonority, from glistening percussion to grinding ensemble dissonance. Masur and the orchestra captured the muscularity of the piece, as well as its more pensive moments, no small feat in a new work as complex as this.

The final pages, however, felt anti-climactic after all the activity that preceded them. Then again, the infant in the audience who cried repeatedly during the work's delicate close could not have helped.

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Chemistry

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is creating this intense sexual attraction, a feeling that would not otherwise be there. The other is ingesting a placebo.

In other words, one of them is feeling stuff that is genuine. The other is merely under the influence of an invasive drug.

That raises two salient questions. Who is taking the drug and who is taking the placebo? And how much does that matter?

Fine fodder, to my mind, for a couple of hours at a venerable, neighborhood Chicago theater, especially since Green stages the play

When: Through Nov. 23**Where:** Strawdog Theatre, 1802 W. Berenice Ave.**Running time:** 1 hour, 45 minutes**Tickets:** \$35 at 773-644-1380 or www.strawdog.org

very crisply and honestly. Hubbard and Pereira are fine young talents and they both forge empathetic characters (they have to navigate their illicit affair around two mostly annoying doctors, broadly played by Cary Shoda and Justine Turner) and, by the end of the show, you truly feel for both of these earnest guinea pigs, unable to trust either their lover's feelings

or their own. In the end, this actually is quite a moving show. Green keeps her eye on what matters.

I wouldn't say that "The Effect" wholly stands up to realistic scrutiny (there sure are some very loose protocols at work at this trial), but then that's not the intent. Plays that truly are thoughtful about depression and feeling, and that genuinely want to look at things outside the usual binaries, are as rare as a good date. This is one.

And it could reveal a lot of useful information. Fast.

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Daniella Pereira and Sam Hubbard are a young couple in Strawdog Theatre Company's Chicago premiere of "The Effect."

GAME REVIEW

Here's what I liked about Apple's Arcade

There's plenty to enjoy, only a few to ignore

BY HAROLD GOLDBERG

The buzz was infectious. The bloggers were ecstatic. Apple Arcade appeared out almost of nowhere to change lives for the good, or so they said, a mobile heaven on Earth for gamers of all stripes for \$5 a month — with scores of offerings to play. Was it really that compelling?

After downloading the necessary iOS software (an hour for me), I downloaded each game (about five minutes each). I budgeted 10 minutes to spend on each game and rank them in the order of which titles I most wanted to return to after the time expired. The truth is though, I often went over my 10 minutes for some titles because, well, they were enjoyable. For those in the top 10, I returned to play an hour or more.

Here are my impressions after 300 (plus) minutes in the Apple Arcade.

1. Sayonara Wild Hearts (Annapurna/Simogo)

When you find something extraordinary, you just want to tell everyone. "Sayonara Wild Hearts" hooked me immediately. The pure Japanese pop, the vivid, carefully-created art style, the fast-paced, panicked speeding on a motorcycle, the touching story — all these combine for a game you never want to put down. That's because it takes place in lands you wish were real.

2. Grindstone (CapyGames)

There's a heavy touch of "Candy Crush" here, but Grindstone lacks the despicable micropayments. As a Conan-like brute, you chain monsters together for kills. While directions come and go too quickly on the field of play, Grindstone could really hook me.

3. Rayman Mini (Ubisoft Montpellier/Pastagames)

This Ubisoft jewel seems to scream the word "delightful!" "Rayman Mini" begins in a lush setting with streams and waterfalls. The adorable, eponymous character is about the size of a puffy dandelion seed head. The variety of peppy music with on-helium vocals makes almost every part of Rayman a joy to play. One thing that's hard to do: turn the character and go back. Other than that, bravo.

4. Neo Cab (Fellow Traveller/Chance Agency)

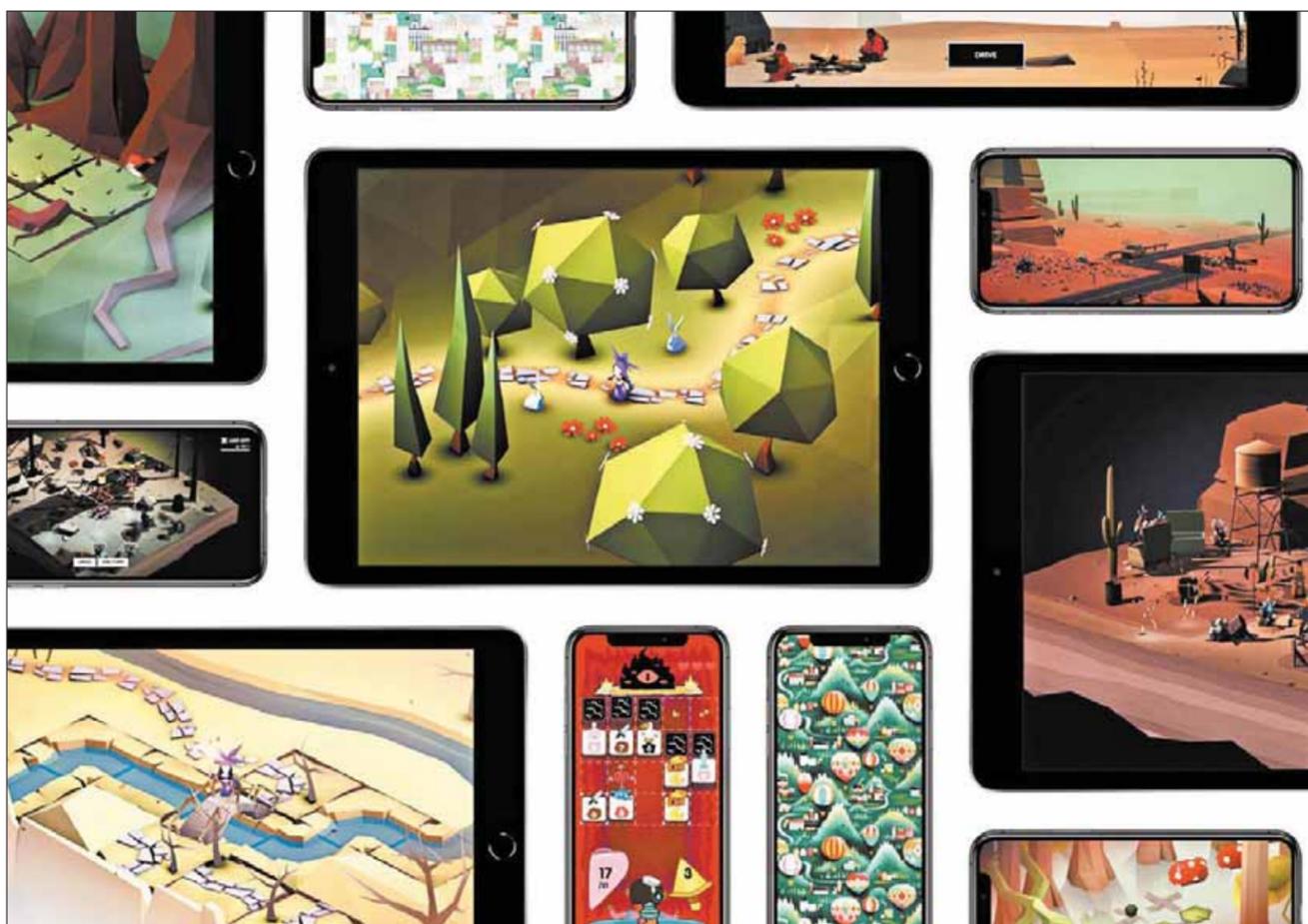
It's dialog-heavy science fiction of the person-versus-technology variety. You play Lina, a driver who picks up her fares and begins to unravel the evils of a mega corporation. There's an earnest depth in the relationships here from the get-go, partially due to the facial expressions that remind me of the interviewing portions in Rockstar Games' L.A. Noire, but on a less detailed level.

5. The Pinball Wizard (Frosty Pop)

In "The Pinball Wizard" you whack around a child-like wizard/ball. He spews babyish non-words as he hits targets and banks around a playfield to progress to more challenging tables. The flipper controls can sometimes get stuck in the up position in this dungeon crawler/pinball mash-up. Nastily, it doesn't save your games early on. Power up-filled, it's a newish riff on the old game, and I'll play a lot more (already have).

6. Assemble With Care (ustwo Games)

Bolstered by a sincere-sounding voice actor, "Assemble With Care" is a small, prose-heavy game featuring a young woman traveling in Italy. She fixes phones and cameras, and observes the vagaries of human nature. While the humans she encounters are not unique enough, the story of her empowerment



Designed as a subscription service for Apple users who want to sample the best in mobile gaming, Apple Arcade provides a curated selection of new and exclusive games that can be played across a range of iOS, MacOS and tvOS devices.



"ChuChu Rocket! Universe" from Sega showcases mice blasted into space via rockets.

is one I want to hear more of. Is there a twist or something deeper here?

7. ChuChu Rocket! Universe (Sega Hardlight)

An update for a beloved Sega Dreamcast game, this showcases mice blasted into space via rockets. You get them back to their rockets via devious grids the rodents must navigate. "ChuChu Rocket" can be brain-busting and synapse splitting. But it's a must play as well.

8. Jenny LeClue — Detektivu (Mografi)

It's a murder story within a writer's process story within a visual novel. You first meet Jenny LeClue in the Twins Peaks-like town of Artherton. The glasses-wearing redhead is flossing her teeth and missing one, and that immediately endeared me. The pace here is quick enough and the dialogue often winning. This game is made for young adults, but I'll be back to solve any crime that includes Jenny, "the world's greatest detective."

9. Cricket Through The Ages (Devolver Digital)

This wacky look at cricket history includes characters who are hard to control, almost as if they have no muscles. You start in the age of cave man and move through world war, all with cricket themes. "Cricket Through The Ages" is a Monty Pythonesque sendup that includes the queen as a guest star. I came back and played for over an hour. I thought it would get old, but it hasn't yet.

10. Spek (RAC7 Games)

A simple, relaxing game of geometry, Spek is about moving a black dot over a movable line to find a square, sometimes in an Escher-like space. I can see playing this slow offering on a plane or before bed. When I return, I hope the ambient music will be more varied.

11. Sonic Racing (Sega/Hardlight)

It's a boisterous caco-

phony! Moments in, someone yells "Sonic Racing!!!" Percussion slams through the speakers. Playing online as Sonic or one of his pals against opponents (who thankfully can't talk to me) makes my iPhone 10 heat up and occasionally freeze. But I continued to race. Hot hands or not, I'm ready for crazed speed.

12. Aton: Heart of the Elder Tree (Wildboy Studios)

It's the art style that hooked me. In this tale of Norse mythologies which sees the people and animals die around you while you're asleep, you gaze in absolute wonder at the woodcut-inspired art that's both magical and abstract. As you piece together clues to what happened, you'll find yourself at dead ends. Navigating these haunted forests is not easy!

13. The Get Out Kids (Frosty Pop)

Somewhat creepy, this narrative-rich game is about kids dealing with a house that has seen mysterious deaths over the years. The kids have setbacks, too, as one packs an epi before leaving her room. And then, animals begin to disappear. I admire the design of an interactive adventure novel broken up into chapters, and I'll be back for more.

14. Cat Quest II (GentleBros Games)

It's a game of medieval might and power, and winter is coming — with cats. I could live without cat puns like "purrsecution." But since it features some of the tightest controls of all the Arcade games, I'll be back to this semi-Purrfect game.

15. Projection: First Light (Blowfish Studios Games)

The use of shadow puppets for the characters in "Projection" is savvy, but the story of a girl who runs away from home after stealing and being chided by her parents is thin. Here, you control light and create shadows as platforms to

move forward to move around. It was fine until I got stuck in a crevasse and the shadow mechanic didn't work.

16. Frogger in Toy Town (Konami)

"Frogger in Toy Town," the latest in a series of classics from 50-year-old Konami, has more unique challenges, power-ups and obstacles than I remember in the old games. But the controls aren't as tight as they could be. As you rescue baby frogs in a suburban home, you feel a bit like you're in a "Toy Story" film. And (shivers) some toys are out to get you.

17. Cardapocalypse (Gambrinical)

This won me over immediately due to its '90s metal theme song. Combine that with the rebellious, Peppermint Patty-like Jess character and this card game rocks even before you complete its tutorial. To be honest, I don't even like card games. But I like this one. In story mode, the acting's not perfect, but the dashes of humor make up for it.

18. Hot Lava (Klei Entertainment)

How brilliantly this begins! You're treated to an old school Saturday morning cartoon about your protagonist heroes, the Global Action Team, complete with video commercials for action toys. The game features a floor made of fear-inspiring lava. You have to run and hop on staircases and chairs to avoid the burning. I feel good here, like I'm in a new style of game. But I'll use a controller when I return for more accurate movement.

19. Shinsekai Into The Depths (Capcom)

Shinsekai, which means "new world" in Japanese, takes you deep into the green ocean depths. In this platformer, I worry about oxygen running out and ice crushing my bones. In the varied underwater environment, there's an ambient loneliness to your workmanlike character

who seems tired but ardent. There were control issues as I moved by character up seabottom berms, but I'd come back for more. I like to be alone.

20. Dead End Job (Ant Workshop)

In a nod to "Ghostbusters," you shoot, then vacuum ghosts room by room until they can't take it anymore. There are also nods to "The Ren and Stimpy Show" in the art style. There are a lot of inspirations here. Even if you realize that, Dead End Job is still a hoot to play.

21. Oceanhorn 2 Knights of the Lost Realm (Cornfox & Brothers)

During the introduction, phrases like "The sands of time have run many times" and "It was a dark and stormy night" struck me as awfully cliché writing and not intended to be ironic. But the graphics here are richly detailed in a likable "Breath of the Wild" way. Here's another game that makes the mistake of not offering a complete tutorial early on. I'll be back to learn more to see if the challenges aren't as tired as the early narrative writing.

22. Where Cards Fall (Snowman/The Game Band)

This platformer with ambient music has one cool new thing: a deck of faceless cards you spread out to move forward over water features and canyons. I got no hint of story in the first 10 minutes. But spreading the deck of cards is satisfying, so I'll return.

23. Lego Brawls (The Lego Group/RED Games)

The problem with this riff on "Super Smash Bros." lies in the controls and in the lack of parity online. You're thrown in with top-notch players from moment one. That doesn't inspire me to want to level up to compete. It makes me feel like a failure. Still, the variety of humorous power-ups like pie guns is more than OK.

24. The Enchanted World (AI Interactive/Noodlecake Studios)

As you begin, you're introduced to a wandering witchlike fairy, engaging ambient music and sliding block puzzles that allow her to continue her forest path toward a variety of worlds. Her best friend has turned into a red bird, and there's some brown nefarious monstrous thing underground. It's kind of cute and sweet, but the sliding block puzzles are the appeal here.

25. EarthNight (Cleaversoft)

Want to be the mother of dragons? "EarthNight" is a

unique runner on the backs of the high-flying beasts. Yet it's not as compelling as I originally thought at E3. That's because you don't immediately see much personality in the old man and young girl characters. I'll return to run on these scaly backs, but with lower expectations.

26. Bleak Sword (Devolver Digital/More8Bit)

"Bleak Sword" does with bit art and a black, white and red palette is enviable. But the game can be unforgiving from early on. The laughing skull you see each time you die can feel hauntingly mocking. I lost the sense of joy but will come back around Halloween for some scares.

27. Sneaky Sasquatch (RAC7 Games)

The idea of a famished sasquatch who uses stealth to survive and make mayhem at a camping site is a good one. So is the simple, cartoony art and early "Legend of Zelda"-inspired design. Yet even with the addition of a sly fox who sends me on short missions, I'm not that compelled to return.

28. Murder Mystery Machine (Blazing Griffin)

If you like TV procedurals like "SVU" you might like this. But as someone who needs tight, witty dialogue to move forward, this falls flat from the get-go. If you've seen any TV procedural, you know what's going on here. I don't have the patience to collect clues and solve mysteries if there are no new twists to the story.

29. What the Golf (Triband)

This idea of using anything nearby — including houses — as a something to hit to the green and into the hole is, at first, hilarious. But the visual puns wore on me and the joke dissipated quickly. I might come back when I'm in a mood for something mildly absurd.

30. Overland (Finji)

This game looks like another post-apocalyptic misery in which you flee town due to the infected zombies. It's a road trip to hell, and I like that idea. But I don't know what to do in this turn-based strategy game. Where's the tutorial? The controls seem clunky. I can't even leave the first screen. I feel like Clark Griswold stuck in a London roundabout.

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Tabloids always troublesome for royals

'The Crown' shows emotional toll press took on Elizabeth

BY MARY MCNAMARA
Los Angeles Times

Here's what I want to know: What does Olivia Colman think of Meghan Markle? Everyone else on the planet has certainly weighed in. When British network ITV last week released a clip from "Harry & Meghan: An African Journey" in which Markle admitted, in terms as vague as "challenging" and "a lot," that life as a royal has been a bit more than she bargained for, it knew that would be international news.

Everything the royal family does is news, especially the bits that expose how hard it is to be part of a family in which everything you do is news. And especially when you are Meghan Markle, the first biracial, previously divorced American addition.

So when, during one of the clips, she thanked her interviewer, ITV News anchor Tom Bradby, for asking because "not many people have asked if I'm OK," the crowd, not surprisingly, went wild.

Every media outlet reported on the interview in which Markle seemed very emotional (or at least as emotional as a person can get while being interviewed, weirdly, in the middle of a lawn). Ever since her engagement to Prince Harry was announced, Markle has been the subject of often intensely unfriendly and more than occasionally racist British-tabloid scrutiny approaching the levels that caused so much international breast-beating after Harry's mother, Princess Diana, was literally hounded to death by paparazzi in 1997.

With Diana in mind, the royal family has, in fact, made efforts. Buckingham Palace and Prince Harry have publicly condemned portions of the British press for relentless and racist coverage of Markle, and the couple recently sued the tabloids after a letter from Markle to her father was published. (Harry is also suing the owners of the Sun and Mirror over phone hacking.)

Still, after seeing the pain in Markle's eyes as she



Claire Foy as Queen Elizabeth II and Jared Harris as King George VI appear in "The Crown."

spoke of her "vulnerability," American women began hatching Twitter plots to bring her home.

After the full interview aired Sunday night on ITV (it will air on ABC on Wednesday night), the anti-Meghan contingent weighed in, chastising both the Duchess and Duke of Sussex for making poor-little-rich-kids complaints and, perhaps the even deadlier sin, airing royal dirty laundry. (Harry appears to admit in one interview that he and Prince William are not as close as they once were — scandalous!)

On Monday, there were reports that Prince William and residents of the palace were very worried about, depending on the source, the state of the couple's mental health or the impact of their behavior on the monarchy. Either way, as is traditional the wife received much of the blame (see also Diana Spencer, Sarah Ferguson and all spouses of Henry VIII).

In one interview, Prince Harry biographer Angela Levin accused Markle of backstabbing and said that by sharing the fact that all was not bliss, Markle was making her husband feel "emasculated."

So when Hugh Grant speaks out about the tabloids, he is encouraged to run for Parliament; when Markle mentions it, she is stabbing her husband, who



Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, attend the WellChild awards pre-ceremony reception at Royal Lancaster Hotel on Oct. 15 in London.

by the way is suing the tabloids in question, in the back.

It will be interesting to see how Netflix will work all this into its promotion for the third season of "The Crown," in which Colman replaces Claire Foy as Elizabeth II.

Like most cinematic stories about British royalty (especially those designed to delight American audiences), "The Crown" is an attempt to humanize the royal family, which is depicted as continually walking a tightrope of national necessity and obsolescence.

The streamer used Harry and Meghan's wedding to full advantage, taking out

innumerable ads around the event (including in this paper) during its Season 2 Emmys campaign. The current conversation about Markle, and to a lesser extent Prince Harry, is absolutely in keeping with a series that has often in exquisite detail examined how the pressures of royal life turned Elizabeth Windsor into the Queen, and all the personal stultification and emotional calcification that process required.

Indeed, much of Season 3, which drops on Nov. 17 and chronicles 1964 through 1976, deals with the toll that years of emotional suppression have taken on Elizabeth and the family's

perpetual and often disastrous dance with the press and an early attempt at a documentary about royal life. Although the series does not shy away from its characters' shortcomings, its overall tone is one of sympathy — these people have experienced birth or marriage in a difficult, if richly appointed, situation.

The queen is, as people in "The Crown" repeatedly tell her, more edifice than human, a bridge between the ancient world of crowns, castles and rigidly enforced class systems and the modern one, with its celebrity, 24-hour news cycle and fractious propulsion toward equality. To turn a woman

and her family into a bridge requires near-geologic pressure, and even if the whole thing doesn't come tumbling down, fractures will occur.

The troubled royal life and tragic death of Princess Diana — which begins to hover at the edge of "The Crown" as Prince Charles becomes an adult — was, or so it seemed at the time, a seismic fracture, replacing gilt with guilt.

But now it's hard to tell. Although "The Crown" tells the story of the family that still occupies Buckingham Palace, royal humanity appears to be more audience-friendly when it is scripted and historical.

Pro and con, the reaction to the personal "revelations" in "Harry & Meghan" seem more than a little hysterical. The only real news out of the "bombshell" admissions is that they are considered bombshells. By the standards of modern television, both Meghan and Harry's intimations that life is not a bed of roses for British royalty, even with the splendid new house and private air travel, are very mild, and they are only saying what everyone already knows.

Yes, the members of the royal family are by one definition highly paid public servants and celebrities, which makes them subject to media attention and criticism. But Markle has, inarguably, been subjected to personal and racial persecution by the tabloids and to deny or remain silent about this would make the couple, and the royal family, complicit.

Far from whining or backstabbing or airing dirty laundry, the two are using the platform they have to speak out against racism and vitriol, which are very different things from legitimate criticism of public figures.

The question of whether the monarchy survives beyond Elizabeth II is open to debate and up to the British citizenry. But while it remains in place, and the continued subject of fascination for millions, certainly anything any member of the royal family can do to remind people of the difference between criticism and hate is for the good of the country and the world.

Meanwhile, we can all take a moment and wonder who should eventually play Markle in "The Crown."

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responsible, so I had to have him in here represented somewhat. That's my dude, that's my ace. He's a great creative in his own right."

Without too many spoilers, this space takes the audience through major milestones in black history from the 1950s to the present, retro throwbacks of advertisements and childhood fun, and what looks like the first workshop where Flyboy got his start. We get spaces where we can ponder the infinitum of space and the possibilities beyond, a place to walk among clouds with an edit of Chance the Rapper's "Angels" and a peek inside Lil' Mama's head with Aaliyah's "One in a Million" playing in the background.

"It was years in the making," Brantley said. "About a two-year process of putting it all on paper and creating the world, with the process of creating the actual environment, it was about a year — starting in a two-dimensional space with my terrible renderings to some decent renderings to the official renderings to what we have now. We've had a nice amount of time to sort of cultivate this thing and try to bring it altogether."

Visitors to Nevermore will receive 3D glasses upon entering, and as they walk through the nearly 6,000 square foot space, can find hidden messages and clues (Easter eggs) on the walls.

"You'll get old-school 3-D glasses that are goggles and it depends on what kind of experience you want to have where if you're really going through



Chicago artist Hebru Brantley is constructing "Nevermore Park," an interactive art installation in Pilsen.



Scenes from artist Hebru Brantley's "Nevermore Park" interactive exhibit Oct. 20 in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago.

looking for these things, I'm sure you can find them, hidden messages," Brantley said. "The easter eggs are more in-world. Past this point, going into next year when the book comes out and all of these other things happen, you'll really be able

to draw back to this event (in a sort of way) of: 'Oh, I remember that.' So we tried to make this all very in-world and meta and make it really feel like this is a place that could exist (obviously it is very truncated)." Hundreds of white balloons

cover the ceiling as you look up to give this ethereal feeling that you're not on this plane of existence. The whole creation took about 40 crew members to create from June 24-Oct. 13. Activations took place

throughout the city last week — pop-up newsstands were erected to hand out tabloid newspapers with Flyboy on the cover, under the question: Who is the new Flyboy? Newsies passed out the eight-page paper filled with articles

about Flyboy, details about a few of Nevermore Park's 19 gallery experiences, including a look back at Pullman rail cars and community gardens that are filling voids in food deserts in disinvested parts of the city. Advertisements throughout the publication all point to pop culture phenomena, from movies, comics, word jumbles, 3D glasses and fly boots.

"This is escapism in its entire and purist form — adults, we want you to engage, just as kids would but just in bigger bodies," Brantley said.

When asked if this is the start of a Flyboy Museum where Nevermore Park can last forever, Brantley said the idea is a good one. "There's a lot of high hopes for everyone, but I think we'll play it safe and say we'll wait to see. But aspirationally, yes, we would love to move around and be everywhere at once. I think for me personally, I am really looking at this idea going on and continuing and as the universe evolves so does this place and being more of an institution in Chicago because this outlet and level of creative expression is something that I feel is always needed here, I would love that. I've presented it and it's up to the folks out there to help support and champion and keep this thing going."

Nevermore Park, 949 W. 16th St., opens Thursday and runs through Dec. 1. \$28 for admission. Children ages 7 and under must be accompanied by a guardian over age 18 throughout the gallery (tickets not required for children ages 2 and under).

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Jay Harrington

“S.W.A.T.” (9 p.m., CBS): Deacon's (Jay Harrington) terrified family finds themselves trapped in the crosshairs of a deadly drug cartel after Deacon and the SWAT team try to take down the kingpin, a former foreign rebel leader who now is using a local flower market as a front to run drugs in plain sight in the new episode “Immunity.” Elsewhere, Hondo (Shemar Moore) gets some unsettling news about his father (guest star Obba Babatundé).

“Riverdale” (7 p.m., CW): Events take a dangerous turn as Betty and Charles (Lili Reinhart, guest star Wyatt Nash) manage to track down Edgar Evernever (guest star Chad Michael Murray) and his Farmies in the new episode “Chapter Sixty: Dog Day Afternoon.” Meanwhile, Veronica and Archie (Camila Mendes, K.J. Apa) hold a car wash at Pop's to raise money for the community center. Jughead's (Cole Sprouse) first day at Stonewall Prep doesn't go as he had expected.

“Chicago Fire” (8 p.m., NBC): Kidd's (Miranda Mayo) mettle is severely tested at the National Firefighter Leadership Challenge while the rest of her crew back at Firehouse 51 responds to two different yet freakishly similar car wrecks in the new episode “Buckle Up.” Elsewhere, Mouch (Christian Stolte) starts a newsletter, determined to keep the firehouse team informed, but that project quickly spirals out of control. Meanwhile, Cruz (Joe Minoso) wrestles with a heartbreak.

“Tyler Perry's The Oval” (8 p.m., VH1): Tyler Perry's new political soap opera, on which he is creator, writer, director and executive producer, follows a volatile family who have been installed in the White House by some major power players, as well as the everyday lives of the staff trying to keep this iconic residence running smoothly.

“Tyler Perry's Sistas” (9 p.m., 12 a.m., BET): The second of two Tyler Perry-created series premiering tonight, this new character-driven dramedy revolves around four women juggling complicated lives, each of them wondering why she is still single. KJ Smith (“The Fix”) stars as successful divorce lawyer Andrea “Andi” Barnett, the practical-minded truth-teller of the group.

“American Horror Story: 1984” (9 p.m., 10 p.m., 12 a.m., FX): For the counselors and staff, this seemingly endless night at Camp Redwood has felt like something out of their worst nightmare, especially since some of their friends have wound up either dead or mortally wounded. As the survivors blearily watch the sunrise in the new “Episode 100,” they take a deep breath and reflect on the inevitable outcome of some of their choices. Emma Roberts, Billie Lourd and Cody Fern star.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Tim Robbins.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Michael Douglas; actress Kathryn Hahn; Jenny Lewis performs.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Journalist Ronan Farrow; actress Andrea Savage.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.); actor Bill Murray; actress Ellie Kemper; The National performs.*

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already feeling like I was behind everyone else and at a disadvantage because I don't know how to act. And I had mentioned during the first couple of weeks of filming that Ted Danson, even in his late 60s at the time, was running rings around me. So he suggested that I try a little bit of cardio so I would have more energy, because I was dead at the end of the workday and he was fine — and he's 40 years older than me!

“So I went for my first ever jog. I went in the evening and I was dressed as a ninja, so I was all in black, my hoodie was up — I looked like Kenny from ‘South Park’ — and I was listening to my headphones. I'm on my run down La Cienega (Boulevard) in Los Angeles. This is a giant road, there are six lanes of traffic, and I stopped at one of the little traffic stops in the middle — like, a little traffic island — I stopped there and I'm waiting for the light. And there's a little tree on the island and I ran past it, so I'm just standing there waiting for the light to change.

“And suddenly this cloud of black just descends all around me. Like, it's complete darkness. And I realized that when I whipped my earphone out that it startled a swarm of bees. I must have touched the branch slightly when I ran past it because I'm so tall and disturbed the beehive. I was so clearly not a threat to them, but they were just furious.

“And so I lost my (cool) and started running into moving traffic. I was terrified. I was fighting for my life and I just ran out into the road. I thought: This is going to be it. I wasn't going to stand there and get stung, so I started running at speed, as fast as I could, into the street and someone started slowing down as they saw me — they saw a woman running into the street with what looked



COLLEEN HAYES/NBC

D'Arcy Carden, left, and Jameela Jamil on “The Good Place,” which is Jamil's first job as an actor.

liked a perm of bees — but they still knocked me over. I went down and the bees came down all over me, so I got back up and ran again. They were trying to sting me, but at least I was covered in clothes.

“So I start running and I had to run for five minutes and they're still on me, just slightly behind me. And then I see a group of people all standing outside a restaurant smoking.

“This isn't a flattering story for me, but I'll just tell you the truth: I thought to myself, ‘Well, those people are smoking, they already don't care about their lives,’ and I ran at them with the bees.

“So I brought the bees to all these people and then I got down on the ground and army-crawled into the juice bar next door and just watched as chaos ensued. Thankfully because bees don't like cigarette smoke, they didn't hurt too many of the people.

“But it shows you that I'm going straight to The Bad Place, doesn't it?”

Where would she rate this on the Misery Index?

“60 for me, 100 for the people who were just standing in front of the restaurant.

“Once I got inside the juice bar, the bees left very quickly because they hate smoke, which is partly why I ran to those people. I'm also allergic to bee stings,

but I was right by Cedar-Sinai (Medical Center) so I probably would have made it. But still.

“I never went for a run ever again. I learned my lesson. And that's why I don't exercise. Every time I try to exercise, something like this happens.”

Her bio on Wikipedia notes that a strikingly similar thing happened to her when she was 17 — that she was running from a bee and got hit by a car. That is just an incredible coincidence.

“I couldn't believe this was happening to me again because as a teenager this very same thing occurred.

“You learn a lot about yourself in those moments. And (this time) I learned, I'm a selfish (jerk) and that's a painful lesson. But, you know, it wasn't physically painful because I was fine.

“I did tell Ted about it... and he loved it — he loves my disaster stories.”

The takeaway ...

“That I'm a bad person. I could have just kept running until they lost interest, instead of bringing them to other people. But this was a problem shared. And sharing is caring.

“And that juice bar I hid in, that became my favorite smoothie place. So it turned out great.”

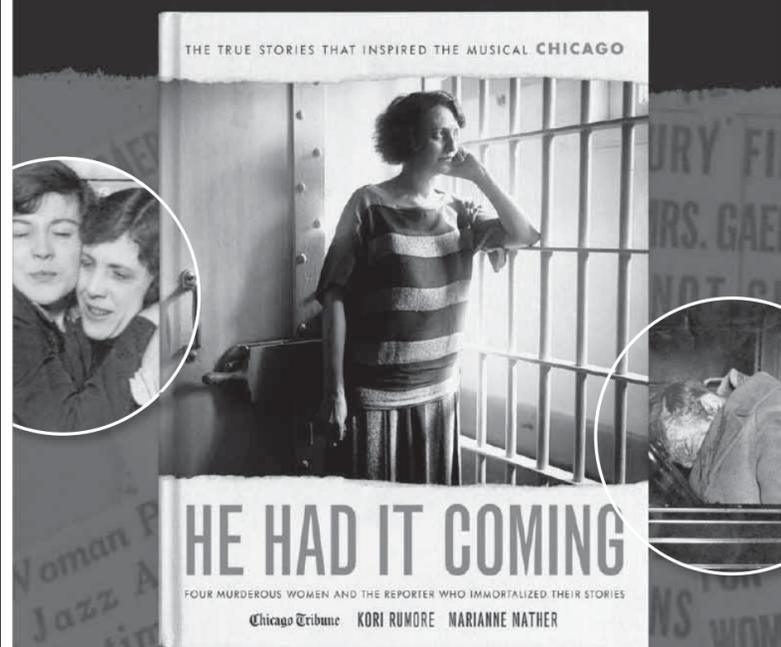
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WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 23

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS	2	Survivor: “Don't Bite the Hand That Feeds You.” (N)	SEAL Team: “The Strength of the Wolf.” (N) ©	S.W.A.T.: “Immunity.” (N) ©	News (N) ▶			
	NBC	5	Chicago Med: “Got a Friend in Me.” (N) ©	Chicago Fire: “Buckle Up.” (N) ©	Chicago P.D.: “Brother's Keeper.” (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ▶			
	ABC	7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) ©	Modern Family	Single Parents (N)	Stumptown: “Forget It Dex, It's Stumptown.” ©	News at 10pm (N) ▶	
	WGN	9	black-ish ©	black-ish: “Dr. Hell No.” ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	The Tonight Show ©	3's Comp.	
	This TV	9.3	The Mighty Quinn (R,'89) **	Denzel Washington. ©			Ronin (R,'98) **	Robert De Niro. ©	
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: “Okavango: River of Dreams -- Paradise.” (N)		NOVA: “Look Who's Driving.” (N) ©	Life From Above (Series Premiere) (N) ▶	
	CW	26.1	Riverdale (N) ©		Nancy Drew (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	
	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	
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ▶	
	Bounce	26.5	The Game	The Game	Family Time	Last Call	Barbershop (PG-13,'02) **	Ice Cube. ▶	
	FOX	32	2019 World Series: Washington Nationals at TBA. MLB Game 2 of the 2019 World Series. (N) (Live) ©				postseason action from	Fox 32 News ▶	
	Ion	38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: “Disrupted.”		Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood ▶	
Telem	44	Exatión EE. UU. (N)		El final del paraíso (N) ©		El señor de los cielos (N)	Chicago (N)		
MNT	50	Chicago P.D.: “You Wish.”		Dateline ©		Dateline ©	Chicago ▶		
UniMas	60	+(6) Enamorándonos		Resistiré		Noticiero Uni	Apocalipsis		
WJYS	62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach's Cor.	Paid Prog.		
Univ	66	La Rosa de Guadalupe		Cuna de lobos		El dragón (N)	Noticias (N)		
CABLE	AE		Ghost Hunters (N)	Ghost Hunters (N) ©		(9:01) Ghost Hunters (N)	Ghost ▶		
	AMC		Thirteen Ghosts (R,'01) *	Tony Shalhoub. © (SAP)		Final Destination 2 (R,'03) **	©		
	ANIM		Extinct Or Alive (N)	Extinct Or Alive ©		Little (N)	Little (N)		
	BBCA		X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13,'09) **	Hugh Jackman. ©		X-Men Origins ▶			
	BET		+(6) The Family That Preys **	Tyler Perry's The Oval (Series Premiere) (N)		Tyler Perry's Sistas (Series Premiere) (N)	Copwatch		
	BIGTEN		Women's College Volleyball: Illinois at Penn State. (N)			Volleyball (N)	The BIG Show ©		
	BRAVO		Housewives-Atlanta (N)	Real House. (N)		Housewives/OC	Watch (N)		
	CLTV		Larry Potash News (N)	News at 8	News (N)		SportsFeed ©		
	CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ▶		
	COM		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Yankers	Daily Show	
	DISC		Expedition Unknown ©	Building Off the Grid (N)			Building Off the Grid (N)	Off Grid ▶	
	DISN		+(6) Roll With It	Villains	Jessie ©	Jessie ©	Coop	Sydney-Max	
	E!		Enough (PG-13,'02) **	Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell. ©			Obsessed (PG-13,'09) **	▶	
	ESPN		+(6) NBA Basketball: Celtics at 76ers (N)				NBA Basketball (N) ▶		
	ESPN2		+(6:30) NFL Live ©		Saturdays In the South: Football (N)		CFB 150	SportCtr (N)	
	FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©			The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	FOOD		Halloween Wars ©		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games	Grocery ▶	
	FREE		Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	
	FX		+(6:30) Thor (PG-13,'11) ***	Chris Hemsworth. ©			American Horror Story (N)	1984 ▶	
	HALL		Love Struck Café (NR,'17)	Sarah Jane Morris. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	
	HGTV		Property Brothers ©	Property Brothers (N) ©			Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	
	HISTV		Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire (N) ©			Forged ▶	
	HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	IFC		+(5:30) Halloween ('07) *	Carrie (R,'13) **	Chloë Grace Moretz. ©			Possession	
LIFE		Christmas in the City (NR,'13)	Ashley Williams. ©			(9:03) Wish Upon a Christmas ('15) ▶			
MSNBC		All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)		
MTV		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	The Challenge: “War Of The Worlds 2.”		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.		
NBCSCH		+(6) NBA Basketball: Bulls at Hornets (N)	Postgame	Bulls (N)		North	Boxing ▶		
NICK		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Ice Age (PG,'02) ***	©		Friends ©		
OVATION		+(6) Hook (PG,'91) ***	Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams. ©			Officer-Gentle ▶			
OWN		Greenleaf: “Unwanted.”	Greenleaf: “The Stranger.”			Greenleaf: “Reunited.” ©	Greenleaf ▶		
OXY		Snapped: “Opal Williams.”	Snapped ©			Snapped ©	Snapped ▶		
PARMT		+(6) The Expendables 2 (R,'12) **	©			The Expendables 3 (PG-13,'14) **	©		
SYFY		Texas Chainsaw 3D (R,'13) *	Alexandra Daddario.			Leatherface (R,'17)	Sam Strike. ©		
TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N)		
TCM		Duck Soup (NR,'33) ****	©			The Bank Dick (NR,'40) ****	©		
TLC		My 600-Lb. Life: “Maja's Story.” ©				Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding ▶		
TLN		Baptist	King	Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted		
TNT		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©				Misery Index	Misery Index		
TOON		We Bare	We Bare	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers		
TRAV		Beyond the Unknown ©		Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) ©			Mystery (N)		
TVL		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men		
USA		WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©				Chrisley	Chrisley		
VH1		Black Ink Crew (N) ©		VH1 Special ©		VH1 Special ©	Black Ink ▶		
WE		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds: “L.D.S.K.”		Criminal Minds ©	Criminal ▶		
WGN America		Dog's Most Wanted ©		Dog's Most Wanted (N)		Dog's Most Wanted ©	Dog ▶		
PREMIUM	HBO		+(6:35) Bad Times at the El Royale (R,'18) **			24/7 College Football (N)	Watchmen ▶		
	HBO2		REAL Sports Gumbel	Room 104	Isn't It Romantic (PG-13,'19) **		Football ▶		
	MAX		Due Date (R,'10) **	Robert Downey Jr.	(8:40) Ocean's 8 (PG-13,'18) **	Sandra Bullock. ▶			
	SHO		+(6) A League of Their Own	On Becoming a God		When Harry Met Sally... (R,'89) ****	▶		
	STARZ		Superfly (R,'18) **	Trevor Jackson. ©			(8:59) Green Zone (R,'10) **		
STZNC		The Da Vinci Code (PG-13,'06) **	Tom Hanks. ©			Angels & Demons **			

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Oct. 23): Your income rises this year. Profit from discipline with creative projects. A lucky break propels your communications this winter before a kink in travel plans creates delays. A change next summer could get expensive, sparking an educational journey. Keep your balances and your outlook positive.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. You can take ground on long-term family financial goals this month with the sun in Scorpio. Guard health and wellness. Go for it together.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Love shines anew. Develop partnership this month with the sun in Scorpio. Take your relationship to another level. Romance and friendship flower and deepen.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Prioritize health and well-being over the next month with the sun in Scorpio. Balance work with play. Nurture your body, mind and spirit.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Share gratitude and appreciation. Enjoy a fun, games and romance phase this month under the Scorpio sun. Take action on what you love. Get playful.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Get into a sweet domestic phase. This month, with the sun in Scorpio, domestic renovation projects are favored. Invest in home, family and real estate.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Do research and write down your discoveries. This month under the Scorpio sun favors communications. Get the word out for a cause close to your heart.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Research investments carefully. It's easier to make money with the sun in Scorpio for a month. Track income and outflow closely to maximize profit.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Provide leadership with the sun in your sign this month. Shine your light. Energize a personal dream. Use your power and confidence for good.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. Turn your thoughts inward this month with the Scorpio sun. Peaceful settings inspire retrospection and imagination. Complete old projects and invent new possibilities.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Study and learn. Social events provide valuable connections. With the sun in Scorpio for a month, teamwork generates powerful results. You can move mountains together.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Career matters have your attention. This month favors advancing your professional agenda with the sun in Scorpio. Incorporate your current passion. Business booms.

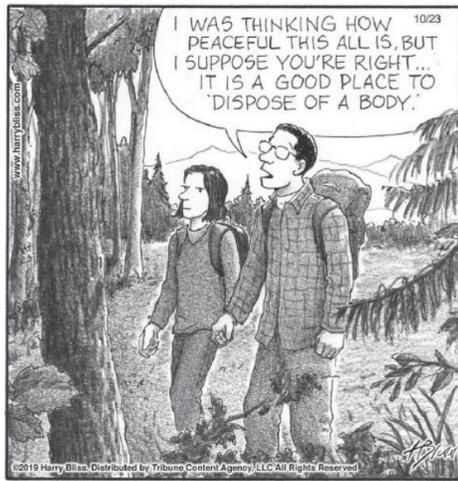
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Expand territory this month under the Scorpio sun. Exploration and adventure call you out. Study a subject of your fascination. Enjoy trips and classes.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, North deals

North		East
♠ AKQ97		♠ 52
♥ A832		♥ K
♦ K4		♦ Q652
♣ K6		♣ A Q9742
West		South
♠ J106		♠ 843
♥ 1065		♥ QJ974
♦ AJ97		♦ 1083
♣ J53		♣ 108

The Idiot's Coup is a rude expression in bridge referring to a play that seems to be an error but gives your opponent a losing option that he didn't have before your "mistake". Inexperienced players frequently make such errors and it is perfectly acceptable to take advantage of them. However, when good players make "mistakes" like this, it is best to be wary. It might not be a mistake at all — just an effort to make you look like an idiot.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	2♣	Pass	3♣
Dbl	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All pass		

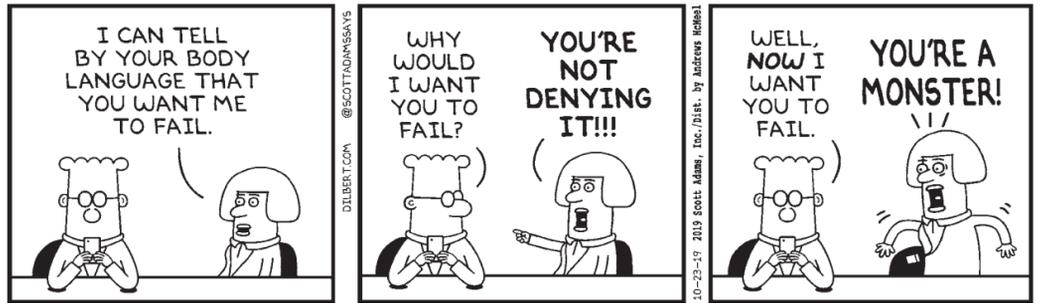
Opening lead: Three of ♣

quickly regaining the lead for a diamond play through the king. All was well in diamonds, however, as declarer found out when East took his two club tricks and led a diamond to West's ace.

At one table West simply led another diamond to dummy's king. South, with no possible entry to his hand for a heart finesse, had to lay down the ace of hearts. Great was the fall thereon and South quickly claimed his contract. At the other table, West exited with a third round of clubs, giving South a surprise ruff-sluff. Declarer happily discarded a spade from dummy and ruffed in his hand. He was now in position to take the heart finesse — the percentage play in the suit — and was soon conceding down one. Let's not call anyone an idiot, just hats off to West for creating this losing option!

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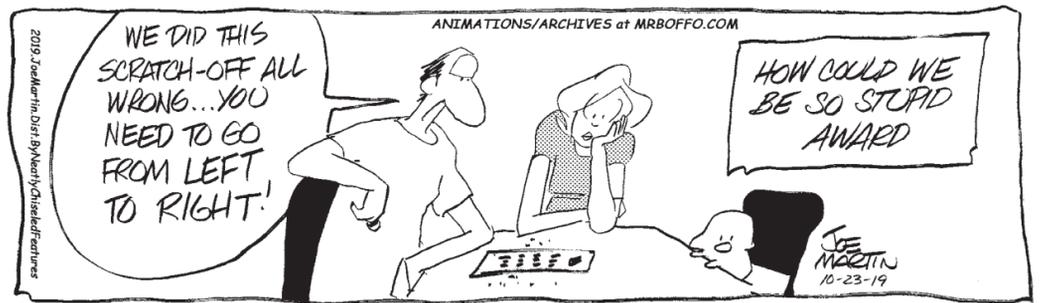
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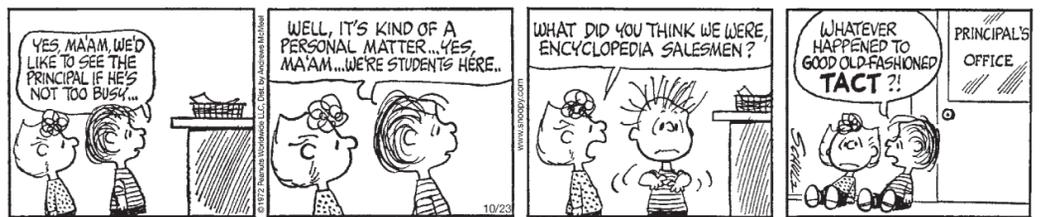
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Frazz



Classic Peanuts



Pickles



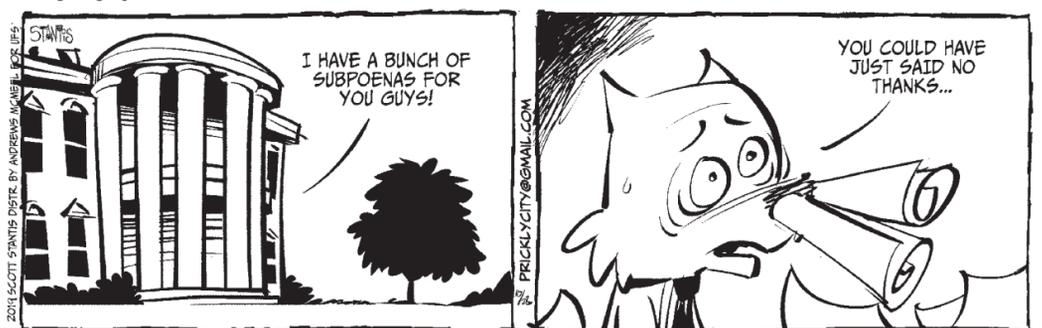
Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



Prickly City



Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



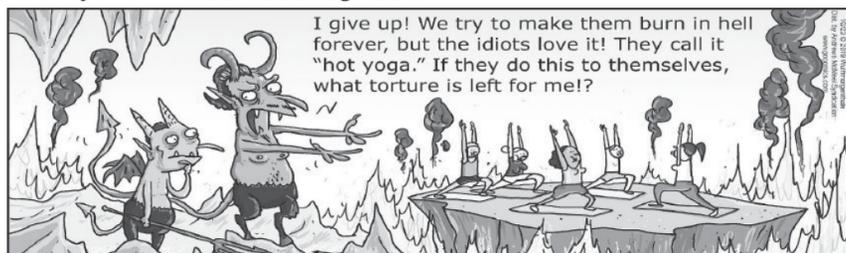
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Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



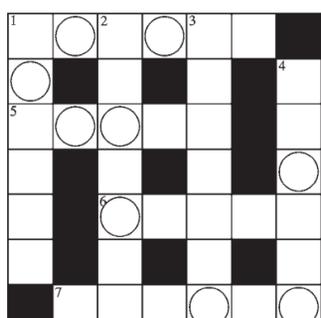
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

What type of animal is Ranger Rick, the National Wildlife Federation mascot?
 A) Bear
 B) Dog
 C) Raccoon
 D) Skunk
 Tuesday's answer: Cary Elwes, John Cleese, Sean Connery and Russell Crowe all have played Robin Hood on screen.

Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
1. Skilled
 5. Authorize, legislate
 6. Horse-drawn vehicle
 7. Mourn
- CLUE DOWN**
1. Modifies
 2. Nuclear
 3. Acute
 4. Outburst, diatribe

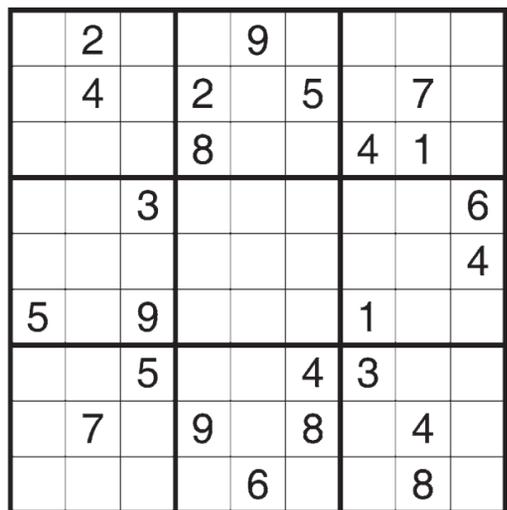
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

10-23-19 **CLUE:** The University of _____ was established in 1842.

BONUS ○○○○○○ ○○○○○○

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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8	5	1	7	2	3	9	4	6
4	9	2	8	6	1	7	3	5
3	7	6	4	9	5	1	2	8
2	3	4	5	1	8	6	9	7
9	8	5	6	7	2	3	1	4
1	6	7	3	4	9	8	5	2
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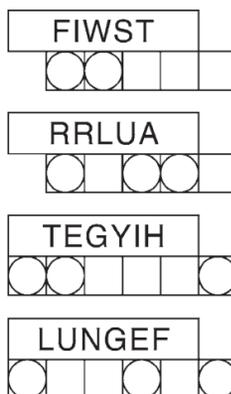
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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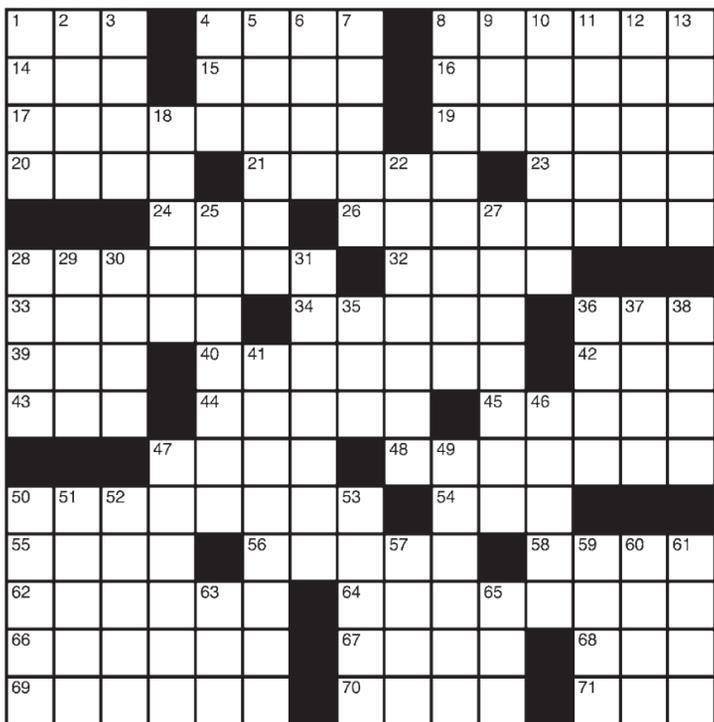
Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: AGENT SOUPY WRITER ENGAGE
 Answer: The window company was struggling and experiencing — GROWING "PANES"

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Victoria's Secret purchase
- 4 US Open stadium named for a US Open winner
- 8 Calm
- 14 Couple's word
- 15 Ostrich relative
- 16 Swaps
- 17 Treats for a comedian?
- 19 Scold harshly
- 20 Blacken on the outside
- 21 Name in the makeup aisle
- 23 Mars rover org.
- 24 Young newt
- 26 Treats for a teacher?
- 28 Headboard pole
- 32 "I'm down with that"
- 33 More likely to cause skidding
- 34 Santa's reindeer, e.g.
- 36 Family game room

- 39 Semicircle, e.g.
- 40 Treats for an oil tycoon?
- 42 Wild way to go
- 43 Lawyer's advice
- 44 Prefix with personal
- 45 Blender maker
- 47 "True Detective" rating
- 48 Brownd in butter
- 50 Treats for a submarine pilot?
- 54 Pontiac muscle car
- 55 Way out there
- 56 Bel -: creamy cheese
- 58 Miranda _ of "Homeland"
- 62 Destroyed, as documents
- 64 Treats for a fisher?
- 66 Clothes line
- 67 Snake-like fish
- 68 Feel crummy
- 69 Drove on the trail
- 70 Some stay at home
- 71 Pooh pal

- 13 "¿Cómo ___?"
- 18 _ de chine: light fabric
- 22 Actors, often
- 25 Let bygones be bygones
- 27 Informs on
- 28 Media critic's concern
- 29 Linen hue
- 30 They're spotted in casinos
- 31 Taqueria order
- 35 Michael of "SNL"
- 36 "It's a ___"
- 37 Weapon with two accents
- 38 Unlikely candidate for prom king
- 41 Not charted
- 46 Brownstone porch
- 47 Fine line
- 49 Antediluvian
- 50 Item on a wrist
- 51 Earlier than, to poets
- 52 Not as common
- 53 Put in stitches
- 57 Miracle Mets' stadium
- 59 Drop from an eye
- 60 Jazz _
- 61 Sonja Henie's birthplace
- 63 Play for a sap
- 65 Message afterthoughts: Abbr.

Tuesday's solution



Down

- 1 Supervisor
- 2 Old character
- 3 Bizet's "Habanera," e.g.
- 4 Genesis vessel
- 5 Units in a ream
- 6 "His," to Bierce
- 7 Bridge seats
- 8 Runner in the raw
- 9 Victorian _
- 10 Like porcelain teacups
- 11 Estes' ticket-mate
- 12 Give body to, as hair

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23 NORMAL HIGH: 60° NORMAL LOW: 41° RECORD HIGH: 85° (1963) RECORD LOW: 20° (1981)

Cool weather continues as light rain possible

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 57 **LOW** 40

- Early morning sunshine gives way to increasing clouds and a few spotty sprinkles in the afternoon and evening.
- Warmer but still below normal with a high in the mid to upper 50s.
- Breezy WSW winds 10-24 mph.
- Mostly cloudy and not as cool overnight with spotty light rain or drizzle possible.
- Low near 40. SSW winds turn NW and diminish to 7-16 mph.

NATIONAL FORECAST



After three consecutive days with a high temperature in the 60s, the temperature struggled to reach the low 50s on Tuesday, with the normal being 60. Temperatures today will be warmer but still below normal. Sunny skies this morning will be replaced by clouds and a chance for light rain this afternoon, and into the overnight hours.

Tuesday was another windy day with gusts reaching more than 50 mph in some locations. The average wind speed at O'Hare through 4 p.m. Tuesday afternoon was 19.2 mph, nearly 10 mph above the daily average wind speed. Winds will still be breezy today but significantly lighter than Tuesday.

A warmup is in store for the weekend but overall, temperatures for late October and early November will be below normal as a cool pattern settles in.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

HIGH 51 **LOW** 36

Mostly cloudy and cooler with a below normal high in the low 50s. Chance for some light rain in far south areas. Northwest winds 4-8 mph. Mostly cloudy overnight with a low in the mid 30s with light north winds.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

HIGH 50 **LOW** 34

Clouds diminish as the day progresses, becoming mostly sunny by afternoon. Cool with a high near 50. Northwest winds 5-10 mph turn west by evening. A few scattered clouds overnight with a low in the mid 30s.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

HIGH 56 **LOW** 42

Mostly sunny and warmer with a high in the mid 50s. Winds turn S 6-10 mph. Clouds increase by evening with a chance for scattered light rain overnight. Low in the low 40s with S winds 5-10 mph gusts to 16 mph.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

HIGH 57 **LOW** 41

Mostly cloudy, breezy with morning rain showers, diminishing in the afternoon. High in the mid 50s. S winds increasing and turn W 8-12 mph, gusting to 25 mph. Mostly cloudy overnight with diminishing winds.

MONDAY, OCT. 28

HIGH 53 **LOW** 39

Partly sunny and a little cooler with a high in the low 50s. Northwest winds 5-10 mph with gusts to 16 mph. Partly cloudy and breezy overnight. West winds 10-20 mph with gusts to 30 mph. Low near 40.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

HIGH 50 **LOW** 34

Cloudy, breezy, cool. Chance for rain showers. High near 50, more than 5° below normal. West winds 10-20 mph with gusts to 30 mph. Cloudy overnight with scattered showers. Low in the mid 30s.



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,
It seems that Aurora can be 4-5° colder than everywhere else in the area. Why is this?

Byron Moenter
Algonquin

Dear Byron,
Aurora's chilly nighttime temperatures, often colder by several degrees than other suburban locations, are a source of puzzlement to many, especially to Aurora residents whose thermometers do not register those low readings reported at the Aurora Airport in Sugar Grove. Those low temperatures are due to the location of the thermometers. They're in a low setting at the far west end of the rural airport, about 10 miles west of downtown Aurora. On still nights, cold, dense air "drains" into that low spot. The equipment, which is regularly checked for accuracy, is there to support aviation operations, and the readings are not intended for other purposes.

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Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



Winds sweep Chicago area; tracking the next rain system

MONDAY OCT. 21

Location	Wind	Speed
Gary	SE	55
O'Hare	SW	54
Kankakee	SE	52
Midway	S	50
Rockford	SW	49
West Chicago	SW	49
Waukegan	SW	48
Lansing	SE	46
Monee (Bult Field)	SE	46
Aurora	S	45
Wheeling	S	43
Romeoville	S	41
Joliet	SW	35

HIGHEST CHICAGO WIND GUSTS IN OCTOBER

Peak gusts on record for October (since 1920)

Date	Wind	Speed
1921 Oct. 17	S	62
1938 Oct. 26	NW	62
2018 Oct. 20	NW	60
1996 Oct. 30	W	57
1971 Oct. 27	S	55
2019 Oct. 21	SW	54

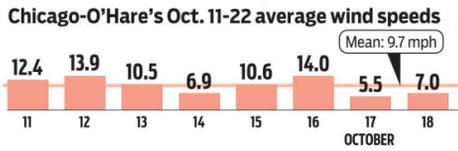
TUESDAY OCT. 22

Location	Wind	Speed
Harrison-Dever Crib	WSW	52
Rockford	SW	51
Waukegan	SW	50
Midway	SW	47
O'Hare	W	45
Gary	W	44
Wheeling	SW	44
Romeoville	SW	43
Aurora	SW	42
West Chicago	SW	41
Monee	WSW	39
Kankakee	SW	37
Joliet	SW	30

A WINDY TUESDAY IN CHICAGO!

O'HARE AIRPORT **45** MIDWAY AIRPORT **47**

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT RAINFALL



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES

Location	HI	LO	Location	HI	LO
Aurora	51	46	Midway	53	47
Gary	54	50	O'Hare	51	46
Kankakee	55	47	Romeoville	52	47
Lakefront	53	47	Valparaiso	54	48
Lansing	52	46	Waukegan	51	46

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

Period	2019	Normal
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.01"	0.11"
Season to date	2.44"	2.21"
Year to date	42.80"	30.55"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

Period	O'Hare	Midway
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	0.0"	0.0"
Normal to date	0.1"	0.0"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

Condition	Wednesday	Thursday
Wind	SW 10-20 kts.	N 5-10 kts.
Waves	1-3 feet	1-3 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps	57°/55°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

Area	2018	2019
Area covered by snow	5.9%	1.3%
Average snow depth	0.3"	0.0"

TRACKING THE COLD

Sub-32° highs	O'Hare	Midway
Sub-32° highs	0 days	0 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Category	Reading
Tuesday's reading	Good
Wednesday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:12 a.m.	5:57 p.m.
Moon	1:24 a.m.	3:54 p.m.

WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH

Planet	Rise	Set
Mercury	9:27 a.m.	6:46 p.m.
Venus	8:49 a.m.	6:46 p.m.
Mars	5:43 a.m.	5:18 p.m.
Jupiter	11:33 a.m.	8:41 p.m.
Saturn	1:11 p.m.	10:23 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME

Planet	Direction
Mercury	Not visible
Venus	Not visible
Mars	Not visible
Jupiter	7:00 p.m. 14° SW
Saturn	7:00 p.m. 23.5° SSW

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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HEALTH & FAMILY



ANNA HERBST/CURE

Miguel Cervantes with wife Kelly, their daughter Adelaide and son Jackson. On Sunday, the family announced that Adelaide had died after a fight against epilepsy and infantile spasms.

Understanding infantile spasms

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON

After 'Hamilton' actor Miguel Cervantes' daughter died, here's what parents need to know

When Miguel Cervantes and his wife, Kelly, first found out something was wrong with their daughter, they "started Googling around about infantile spasms, and it was just terrifying," Miguel Cervantes told People magazine.

That's likely how most parents would react when hearing the phrase "infantile spasms," since it's not a common infant illness, like colic or jaundice. Many parents' natural response is to search and scour the internet for answers, solutions and clarity.

Adelaide, who would have turned 4 this week, suffered from epilepsy most of her life, experiencing her first seizure around 7 months old. Two months later, around the same time Cervantes landed the role of Alexander Hamilton in the Chicago production of the Broadway hit, his daughter was diagnosed with infantile spasms.

Kelly Cervantes announced Sunday night on Twitter that their 3-year-old daughter, Adelaide Cervantes, had died after suffering from the neurodegenerative disorder. She was under hospice care for the last several days.

Dr. Douglas Nordli, chief of pediatric neurology and epilepsy at UChicago Medicine, said there are many types of infantile seizures, but infantile spasms are the most important to recognize.

"Infancy, in general, is a special time of life where it carries the greatest risks for cognitive impairment, and even mortality," he said. "So I think there's a special emphasis upon evaluations for infants with suspicions of seizures."

Below are a few answers to questions parents might have about infantile spasms.

What are infantile spasms?

In short, infantile spasms, also called "West syndrome," are a rare epilepsy syndrome that typically occurs during the first year of life, specifically around 3 to 8 months. The diagnosis is clinically characterized by sudden involuntary jerks of the body and developmental regression; it sometimes is accompanied by a specific, abnormal brain wave pattern.

What does it look like?

Sometimes the spasms of the seizure can be subtle, like head nods or wide eye opening with eye deviation. Often, the seizures look like a sudden bending forward at the waist as the arms and legs stiffen, usually lasting for one to two seconds, according to NORD, the National Organization for Rare Disorders. This can often

be mistaken for a baby being sleepy, since the spasms can occur in transition time periods, like going to sleep or waking up. Some children arch their backs as they extend their arms and legs. Spasms often happen back to back or in multiple clusters, and can occur many times in one day. "It's typical of a baby (who has IS) to have two to three clusters a day, lasting between 15 to 20 minutes," Nordli said.

How common is it?

For every 10,000 births, two to three children will be affected by infantile spasms, based on information from NORD. Males are affected a little more, making up approximately 60% of known cases. Family history plays a small role in a child acquiring the syndrome, with 3% to 6% of cases having a background

with infantile spasms.

Child neurologists may see IS cases every couple of weeks, Nordli said. "It's not uncommon for us," he said. But pediatricians, he said, might see one happen once or twice in their whole career. "For a pediatrician, it's very rare," said Nordli, "so that's where I think (increasing) public awareness is good."

Is there a cure?

There are a variety of effective treatments for many forms of IS, Nordli explained. "Over the years, we've learned which medications work best and how to use them. At the same time, many times we're just addressing symptoms and not the root cause. We definitely need more research on identifying root causes and not just dealing with symptoms."

Is there usually an underlying cause?

When research first started,

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Is online dating contributing to increase of STDs?

BY ALISON BOWEN

More people are being diagnosed with sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis, and more daters are finding partners online. Is there a connection?

That's what one Hawaiian health official suggested last week. The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported Oct. 13 that STDs are at their highest rates in the state in decades.

Gerald Hasty, program coordinator for the Hawaii Health

Department's Harm Reduction Services Branch, told the newspaper that more anonymous personal encounters through online dating might contribute to the increased cases. "More partners, more chances to get infections," he said.

STDs are on the rise across the U.S. In an Oct. 8 report, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that combined cases of syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia reached an all-time high, according to 2018 statistics. The CDC listed multiple factors

driving the increase, from drug use and poverty, which reduce access to treatment, to decreased condom use and cuts to programs that provide screenings and follow-up care.

Officials in Illinois are working to reduce record numbers. In August, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the city's Department of Public Health launched a task force to help reduce syphilis cases. Future task forces will focus on reducing chlamydia and gonorrhea, especially among young adults and black youths.

According to city stats, young adults were most likely to be diagnosed with HIV; people ages 20-29 represented 38% of new diagnoses. Non-Hispanic black residents were the most frequently diagnosed population among all reportable sexually transmitted infections.

"While we don't know if dating apps are responsible for the rise in STD diagnoses, we do know that many people use dating apps to find and meet potential sexual partners," a CDC representative said in an email. "Regardless of

how sexual partners are connecting, the STD prevention strategies are the same. It's imperative that anyone who is sexually active — including people who use dating apps — talk openly about STDs, get regularly tested and treated if needed and reduce risk by using condoms."

In 2018, Chicago had 30,608 cases of chlamydia, which was the highest on record, and 12,679 cases of gonorrhea, the highest in a decade. The 877 syphilis cases

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Naltrexone moonlighting as a pain treatment

Promising generic medicine lacks industry's support

BY ALEX SMITH
Kaiser Health, KCUR and NPR

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Lori Pinkley, a 50-year-old from Kansas City, Missouri, has struggled with puzzling chronic pain since she was 15.

She has had countless disappointing visits with doctors. Some said they couldn't help her; others diagnosed her with everything from fibromyalgia to lipedema to the rare Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.

Pinkley has taken opioids a few times after surgeries, but they never helped her underlying pain, she said.

"I hate opioids with a passion," Pinkley said. "An absolute passion."

Recently she joined a growing group of patients using an outside-the-box remedy: naltrexone. It is typically used to treat addiction to opioids or alcohol, in pill form or as a monthly shot.

As the medical establishment attempts a huge U-turn after two disastrous decades of pushing long-term opioid use for chronic pain, scientists have been struggling to develop safe, effective alternatives.

When naltrexone is used to treat addiction in pill form, it's prescribed at 50 milligrams. But chronic pain patients say it helps their pain at doses of less than a tenth of that.

Naltrexone, which can be produced generically, is not even manufactured at the low doses that seem best for pain patients. Instead, patients go to compounding pharmacies or resort to do-it-yourself methods — YouTube videos and online support groups show people how to turn 50 mg pills into a low-dose liquid.

Some doctors prescribe it off label even though it's not FDA-approved for pain.



ALEX SMITH/KCUR

Lori Pinkley has struggled with chronic pain since she was a teenager, but she's finally gotten some relief from ultra-low doses of naltrexone.

University of Kansas pain specialist Dr. Andrea Nicol recently started prescribing it to her patients, including Pinkley. Nicol explained that for addiction patients it works by blocking opioid receptors. It prevents patients from feeling high and can help them resist cravings.

At low doses of about 4.5 mg, however, naltrexone seems to work differently.

"What it's felt to do is not shut down the system but restore some balance to the opioid system," Nicol said.

In the past two years, studies strengthened claims of low-dose naltrexone's effectiveness as a treatment for chronic pain.

Dr. Bruce Vrooman, an

associate professor at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine, authored a recent review of low-dose naltrexone research. He said that, when it comes to treating some patients with complex chronic pain, low-dose naltrexone appears to be more effective and well-tolerated than the big-name opioids that dominated pain management for decades.

Scientists think that for many chronic pain patients the central nervous system gets overworked and agitated. Pain signals fire in an out-of-control feedback loop that drowns out the body's natural pain-relieving systems.

The scientists suspect

that low doses of naltrexone dampen that inflammation and kick-start the body's production of pain-killing endorphins — all with relatively minor side effects.

Despite the promise of low-dose naltrexone, its advocates say, few doctors know about it. The low-dose version is generally not covered by insurance.

Advocates worry that the treatment is doomed to be stuck on the periphery of medicine because, as a 50-year-old drug, naltrexone can be made generically.

Patricia Danzon, a professor of health care management at the Wharton School at the University of

Pennsylvania, explains that drug companies don't have much interest in producing a new drug unless they can be the only maker of it. And without a drug company's backing, a treatment such as low-dose naltrexone is unlikely to get the promotional push out to doctors and television advertisements.

The drugmaker Alkermes has had huge success with its exclusive rights to the extended-release version of naltrexone, called "Vivitrol." The company said it hasn't seen enough evidence to support the use of low-dose naltrexone to treat chronic pain and therefore is remaining focused on opioid addiction

treatment.

Lori Pinkley said it's frustrating that there are so many missing pieces in the puzzle of understanding and treating chronic pain, but she too has become a believer in naltrexone.

She's been taking it for about a year now, at first paying \$50 a month out-of-pocket cost to have the prescription filled at a compounding pharmacy. In July, her insurance started covering it.

"I can go from having days that I really don't want to get out of bed because I hurt so bad," she said, "to within a half-hour of taking it I'm up and running, moving around, on the computer, able to do stuff."

Spasms

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specialists had a hard time figuring out what was causing IS. Now, Nordli said, they can figure it out. "Sometimes, it's something that occurred beforehand, sometimes it's an abnormality and, increasingly, it's a new genetic mutation that's causing it," he said. Many babies who have IS already have had neurological impairment before the onset of spasms, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. While infantile spasms usually cease by mid-childhood, more than half of the children who had IS as infants grow up

to experience other types of seizures.

Any early signs or symptoms?

Children who have IS may: stiffen their legs or tuck them into the belly as if having stomach pain; suddenly bend at the waist; drop or bob their heads briefly; roll their eyes back suddenly with subtle head nodding; or lose their balance while sitting up with their arms in the air.

What should parents do when they notice something?

"Take a video of (the seizures)," suggested Nordli, since the spasms recur and last many minutes in a cluster. "A video is helpful for us as physicians

to say, 'Are we concerned or not?'"

Nordli also emphasizes bringing the child and the concern to the attention of a physician quickly. "Time is important," he said, "so if there's a concern, we'd rather err on the side of evaluation. At minimum, it can be the doctor taking a look at the video and examining the baby. If it's suspicious, we like to get (a brainwave) test very quickly."

Even though pediatricians see fewer infantile spasms cases, Nordli said to go to your pediatrician first. "If the concern is raised, then that becomes a very urgent referral to a child neurologist."

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Midwest meanderings in a Hallmark hometown



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

CHICAGO — If you can't go home again, why do they hold homecomings? In my suburban hometown, the prairie is just starting to pop — a maple here, a birch there. Damn these wide lush lawns, soft as quilts. You know you'll always be a Midwesterner when you still have grass envy.

In a couple of weeks, "the caps are off the paints," as Illinois poet June Luvisi once wrote. Till then, the sky puts on a fine fall show: big clouds, puffy clouds. You could sprinkle some flour and bake these clouds. Might be the initial feathered edges of the Milky Way.

Always been a sucker for stuff that glows: sunsets, fire pits, rising moons. Pumpkins on the porch. Children's cheeks after autumn recess.

And now homecomings. Our most American month, October is.

I'm spending some of it here, amid what my wife used to call "the square-faced Midwesterners," wearing flannel shirts and big welcome-back grins.

As you know, I am a collector of inconsequential moments. I like the way small groups laugh together in bars or the way they hug good night after too much dinner. I like the waitress in the diner who is almost too eager to help.

"Everything still OK over here?" she asks for the 27th time.

Yeah. Thanks. Go away.

There is lots of overt niceness here, for it is homecoming and the cool air has everyone a little extra pumped.

The class of '79 is working late on an elaborate float, in a big empty barn that smells like Carl Sandburg. Conversely, my classmates (class of '74) will ride in the parade in a pickup truck with a flask and a single bale of hay.

Who's happier? We're all happier.

This is my 45-year reunion, and the first one I've managed to make. Probably not my last, as with lots of things you avoid and then end up enjoying. Now I'm hooked.

One programming note: After 45 years, I'm still awkward around Sue Kelly, one of the class beauties who seemed out of everyone's league. Still is.

You know, it's all a little wistful, a little Hallmark, as homecomings should be. There's a parade, and a tailgate party, then a football game on the edge of town, in the kind of high school stadium where a million memories are made. After all, that's what hometowns are: Memory factories. Benchmarks. Comfort zones. I want to put this place in a pipe and smoke it.

Of course, at a 45-year high school reunion, there is more life behind us than in front. The tendency is to look back, perhaps too much. A nice development: "We've finally quit talking about our kids," as one friend noted. Remember those endless dialogues, when we were all just passengers in our children's lives? We had nothing to chat about but soccer and travel ball and tutors.

Now we do. For many, there are grandchildren. But there are also retirements and next chapters. Good, long marriages. Vacation homes. Hip surgeries. A new novel "you just have to read."

The banter is brisk and easy. I've known some of these "kids" since kinder-

garten. Is there anything better than a slap on the back from a boyhood pal?

In some of the faces you see forever (mine looks like a catcher's mitt). I guess 45 years is a long way from Algebra II.

My classmates' eyes are good though, twinkling and filled with fall. Amazing eyes. And smiles you can land a plane on.

But I have to go now. I am overflowing with Bloody Mary mix, and my fingers are turning into brats. My hands are sore from all the hearty handshakes. If I stay much longer, I'll readopt that broad Midwestern patois, as flat as the farmland.

"You're an LA guy now," my sister says.

Not sure what "LA guy" means. I prefer dark blazers over crisp white shirts, so there's that. I wear flip-flops till Christmas. I once tried yoga. I am always just a little tan.

An LA guy? Not such a bad thing, though I fear old college buddies would mock that. "Hey, Wink Martindale, your turn to buy," they'd say at the saloon. But I'm not Wink. And I'm certainly not Mike Ditka, the beloved Bears coach and broad-shouldered mascot for this marvelous city.

I'm probably some sort of hybrid, part prairie kid who can still saddle a horse, part LA guy who has to ponder the ocean once a month.

In any case, I'll always have a soft spot for this old village, with its vintage movie theater and country roads. Its ponds and marshes. Its deer and geese.

Inconsequential stuff? No way.

So yeah, it's been kind of a Hallmark homecoming.

As Ditka would say: "You got a problem with dat?"

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were the highest since the mid-1990s and an increase of 11% from the year before.

"There is an urgent need to scale up prevention and treatment efforts," Lightfoot said when she announced the task force.

As far as the rise in cases and a rise in people meeting online, Brian Mustanski is skeptical the two are connected. He's the director of Northwestern's Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Well-being.

Whether the internet has an impact on sexually transmitted diseases is not a new question, he said. Years ago, for example, people discussed whether the ability to meet through chatrooms meant more infections. "This is something that people have been talking about since 2000."

He is, he added, concerned by the "historic rate" of rising diagnoses. But he does not blame the ability to more easily find more partners.

"We find that in general, people tend to be safer with people they've met through an app, particularly because they feel like they don't know that per-



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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that combined cases of syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia reached an all-time high, according to 2018 statistics.

son as well as if they met them through a friend," he said.

And he does not think daters engage in riskier behavior simply because they just met someone online. "Perhaps people are more likely to meet partners, but they're not doing more risky things with their partners," he said.

Mustanski noted that young people are less likely to use condoms, although he has not figured out exactly why. "We really don't, I would say, have a great explanation," he said. "These major societal shifts are hard to pin down exactly what the causes are."

As co-director of the Third Coast Center for

AIDS Research, Mustanski works to end HIV, and he wants to educate young people about the importance of testing and treatment.

"People need to be tested for STIs in all the parts of their bodies that they're having sexual contact," he said. A urine test might not catch everything that testing the throat or rectum could.

In Illinois, anyone 12 years and older can get tested for STDs, he noted. Teenagers, he said, "have a right to get those tests under the law, and they should feel empowered to do so."

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For a growing number of cancer patients, chemotherapy is a part of an ever more sophisticated mix of treatments. For others, it is still the only hope.

Chemo packs new punch outside cancer fight's spotlight

BY TIM LOH
Bloomberg

Newfangled drugs that target flaws in tumor cells grabbed headlines at a recent cancer conference in Barcelona. But Mark Velleca was just as eager to discuss a type of therapy that was cutting-edge in the 1950s.

"Chemotherapy has been declared dead many times," said Velleca, chief executive officer of G1 Therapeutics. But "it will continue to be used, even as these new regimens come on."

Velleca's views reflect a stubborn reality in the world of cancer. Targeted and immune-oncology drugs have grabbed the spotlight, but chemotherapy — despite its shortcomings and harsh side effects — remains a pillar of care for millions of patients. For a growing number, chemo is a part of an ever-more sophisticated mix of treatments. For others, it's still the only hope.

"Chemotherapy is still the backbone for some patients," said Jennifer Litton, a breast cancer specialist at the MD Anderson Cancer Center, at the University of Texas in Houston. "I don't know that we'll ever go all the way away from that until

we get a specific biomarker that leads to a targeted therapy for everything."

Doctors are hunting for such targets, along with better ways of boosting the immune system's fight. The enthusiasm was hard to miss at the European Society for Medical Oncology's meeting, where Amgen had a splashy interactive display about the quest to defeat "undruggable" targets. Bayer had a wall-sized promotion for its "first-in-class" treatment of tumors caused by rare abnormal genes. And Novartis set up a light show for its therapy Kisqali.

For all the progress in those new approaches, though, companies including Merck and Roche are looking to pair up their new blockbuster immune therapies with chemotherapy. One promise in that, according to G1's Velleca, is that when chemo kills tumor cells, they sometimes release things that the immune system can learn to attack.

The small drug developer's most advanced experimental product, trilaciclib, aims to preserve stem cells that often suffer from chemo. That may reduce side effects like anemia and fatigue, and allow patients to get more effective treatment.

By the end of this year,

1.8 million new cancer cases will have been diagnosed in the U.S., according to the American Cancer Society. More than half of them will receive chemotherapy, according to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Chemo is based on a strategy of attacking rapidly growing cells, which also means it often harms normal, healthy tissue.

A rapidly growing understanding of cancer and what sets it apart from normal tissue led to a boom in so-called targeted therapies in the late 1990s and 2000s. Then came this decade's wave of immune therapies that unleash the body's defenses on tumors.

One of these is Roche's Tecentriq, approved for lung cancer in combination with chemotherapy. The Swiss company recently reported data from a study that showed some bladder cancer patients, when given Tecentriq with chemotherapy, saw better results. French drugmaker Sanofi, meanwhile, published results that could potentially boost doctors' reliance on chemo. A clinical trial showed prostate cancer patients given the aging chemotherapy drug Jevtana did better than those who instead received a second targeted hormonal treatment.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Cinnamon can reduce your blood sugar, but use caution

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: My blood sugar was 101. I did some reading on the internet and found out that I might be able to reduce it by taking cinnamon.

Every morning, I put less than a teaspoon in my coffee. After a month, my blood sugar, cholesterol and triglycerides all went into the normal range. My blood sugar is now 81.

A: Cinnamon can help lower blood sugar, according to a recent meta-analysis (Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice, online, Aug. 16, 2019).

There could be negative effects from regular cinnamon consumption, however. Cassia cinnamon contains coumarin, which can damage the liver. The amounts of this compound are variable, and Ceylon cinnamon (Cinnamomum zeylonicum) does not have any coumarin.

This compound is not water-soluble, however. Consequently, if you put ground cinnamon in your coffee filter rather than directly in your coffee, you get the benefits from cinnamon without the danger of coumarin.

Q: I developed diabetes after taking atorvastatin and am now learning about the connection between the two. I have been told that the diabetes is due to my weight, my diet or my genes. No doctor has ever suggested that statins might be involved in causing diabetes.

What's the best diet? I am confused about the high level of carbs in the recommendations I have been given.

A: Although statins can be helpful in controlling



SOMMAI LARKJIT/EYEEM

A meta-analysis has shown that cinnamon can lower your blood sugar, but regular consumption could harm you.

cholesterol, they increase the risk of developing diabetes (Diabetes/Metabolism Research and Reviews, online, May 24, 2019).

As for diet, recent recommendations to avoid sugary beverages are uncontroversial (Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology, October 2019). According to a meta-analysis of 18 studies, following a low-carbohydrate diet can be helpful.

Q: I became interested in vitamin K2 about a year ago when my nurse practitioner told me to take it for my joints. Curious, I started researching it to see what it could do. And boy, what it can do! I take it every day now for general overall health and my joints.

I found two clinical trials on vitamin K2 with very encouraging results. Vitamin K2 supplementation increased bone density in older women in one trial (Osteoporosis International, July 2007).

In another trial it reduced stiffness in women's arteries (Thrombosis and Haemostasis, May 2015). Granted, it took three

years of daily supplements to achieve these effects, but they are impressive results nonetheless.

A: Thank you for highlighting research on this compound. A review of the medical literature on vitamin K2 (menaquinone) suggests that it may play an important role in getting calcium into bones and keeping it out of arteries (Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine, Feb. 5, 2019). That could help explain both benefits you describe.

Danish investigators are currently conducting a trial of menaquinone-7 supplements to see if they can alleviate aortic valve calcification (BMJ Open, Aug. 23, 2018). However, another recent study found that such supplements might actually increase calcification of blood vessels (American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, online, Aug. 6, 2019). The researchers didn't report any adverse effects, but it seems we still need more clinical trials to understand what this compound can and cannot do.

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Genes may offer a key to fight prostate cancer

Drug would target cells with damaged DNA

By AMY NORTON
HealthDay

A drug that targets faulty gene repair may buy more time for some men with advanced prostate cancer, a recent clinical trial found.

Experts called the study a "landmark," because it zeroed in on men with particular gene mutations that can be targeted with newer drug therapies. It's an approach that is already used in treating breast, ovarian and lung cancers.

The trial tested a drug called Lynparza (olaparib), which is currently approved to treat certain patients with breast or ovarian cancers linked to mutations in the BRCA genes. When BRCA is working properly, it helps repair damaged DNA in body cells that can lead to cancer; when the gene is altered, those repair mechanisms go awry.

BRCA mutations do not only lead to breast and ovarian cancers, though: They also help drive some cases of prostate cancer. In the new trial, researchers recruited men with advanced prostate cancer who had alterations in BRCA or certain other genes involved in DNA repair.

The investigators found that, compared with standard hormonal therapy, Lynparza delayed patients' cancer progression for a median of about three months. Along with that delay, the drug slowed down patients' pain progression.

"Delaying the cancer from growing is meaningful," said Dr. Maha Hussain, who led the trial, which was funded by drug makers Astra Zeneca and Merck. "At the end of the day, patients want to live longer, and also better," added Hussain, a professor at



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A drug that targets faulty gene repair may buy more time for some men with advanced prostate cancer, but it's expected to come with a hefty price tag.

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, in Chicago.

She recently presented the findings at the annual meeting of the European Society for Medical Oncology. Studies reported at meetings are generally considered preliminary.

Lynparza is one of a newer class of drugs called PARP inhibitors, which block a protein that cancer cells need to keep their DNA healthy. Without it, those cells may die; cancer cells with defects in DNA-repair genes are especially vulnerable.

The drug class is part of a wider trend in cancer treatment, toward "tar-

geted therapies" — where medications are tailored to target certain molecules in cancer cells that help them grow and spread.

"Overall, these data show that, like breast and lung cancers, prostate cancer is not one but many different diseases," said Dr. Eleni Efstathiou, of MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. "We need to start identifying different groups of patients and treating them with targeted therapy."

She noted that only a fairly small percentage of prostate cancer patients would have alterations in DNA-repair genes.

And doctors do not routinely screen cancers for all

those gene flaws. Screening for inherited mutations is "becoming part of guidelines," Efstathiou noted, but screening for noninherited alterations is not yet done.

For the latest trial, the researchers screened 4,425 men with advanced prostate cancer that had spread to distant sites in the body and was not responding to standard hormonal therapy. The investigators ended up with 245 patients with alterations in either BRCA or another gene called ATM; a second group of 142 patients had alterations in any of 12 other genes tied to flawed DNA repair.

Patients in both groups

were randomly assigned to either take Lynparza tablets or start one of two newer hormonal therapies. Overall, Lynparza patients saw their cancer advance more slowly, with the difference being clearer in the group with BRCA or ATM defects.

For those men, cancer progression was delayed by a median of 7.4 months, versus 3.5 months among patients on hormonal therapy. A preliminary analysis suggested their overall survival was also better — a median of 18.5 months, versus 15 months.

Lynparza does have side effects, including anemia and nausea, Efstathiou

pointed out, which can make it difficult to stick with the drug. Just over 16% of Lynparza patients in the trial stopped treatment due to side effects.

The drug is not yet approved for prostate cancer. At this point, Efstathiou said, doctors may want to screen for DNA-repair mutations in the tumors of men with advanced prostate cancer, since "we now have evidence it can be successfully targeted."

Like other targeted drugs, Lynparza carries a hefty price tag; Researchers have estimated that it costs more than \$234,000 to extend a patient's life by one year.

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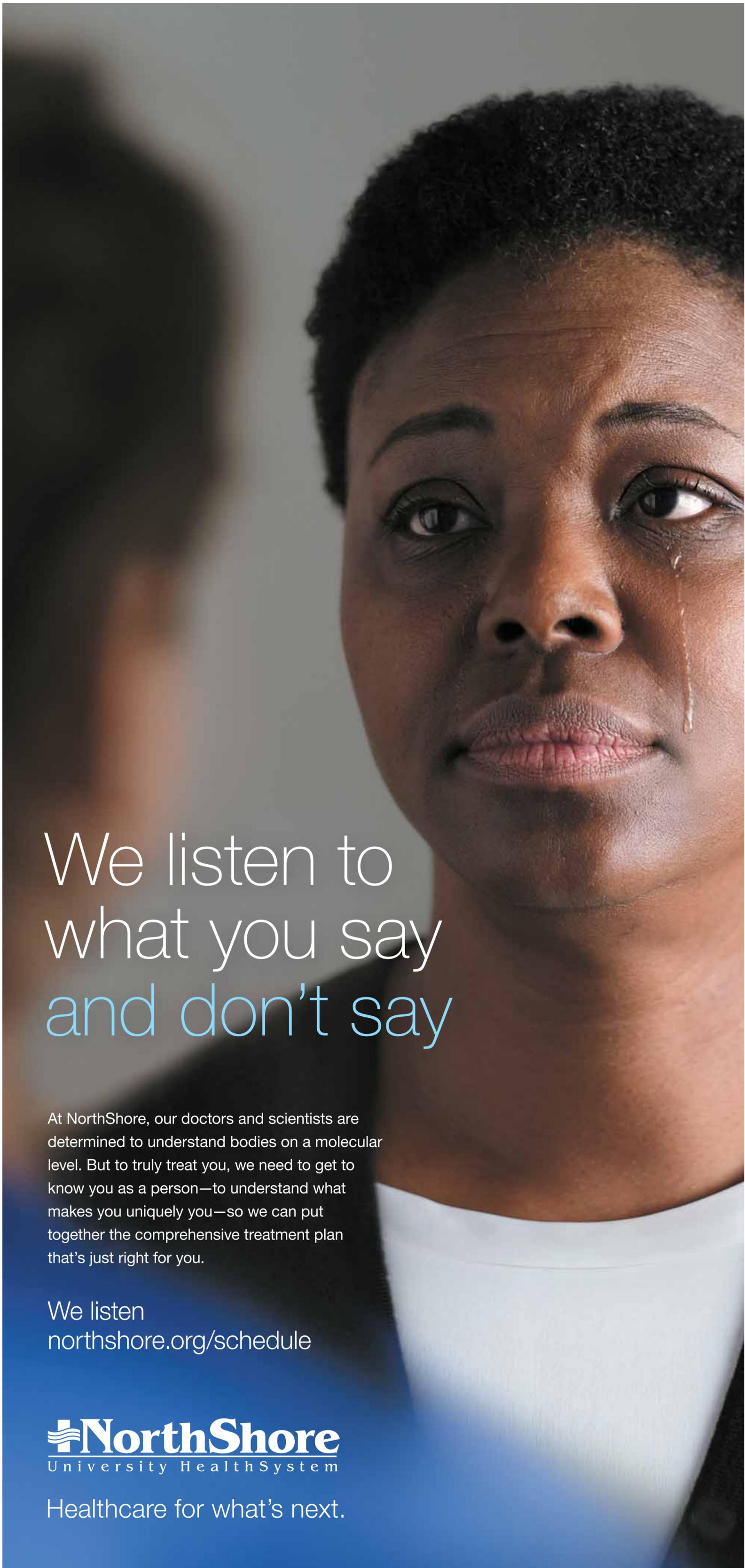
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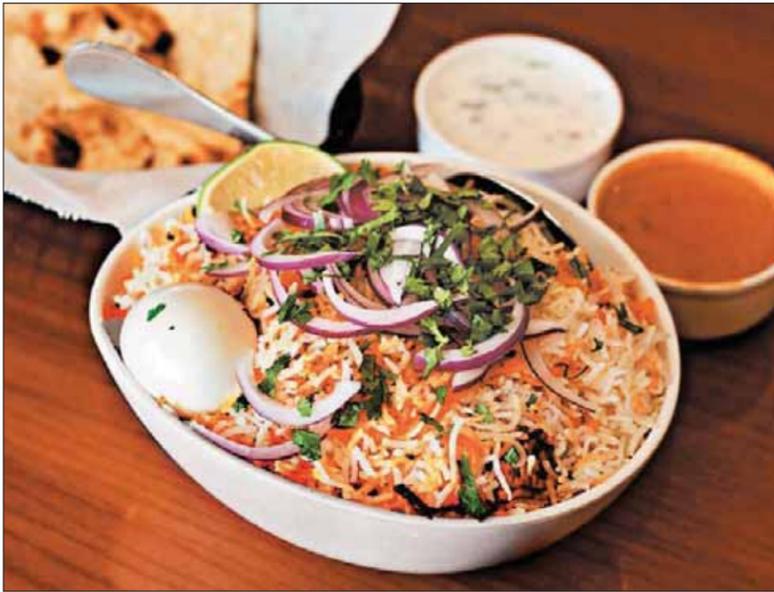
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CRAVING Indian food

Suburbs' Indian hot spots

10 great South Asian restaurants far beyond Devon Avenue

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER

For many years, Chicago's Indian restaurant scene has been nearly synonymous with the name of one street. Instead of saying you'd like to go out for Indian food, you could simply say, "Let's go to Devon."

And for good reason. The neighborhood of West Ridge (sometimes re-

ferred to as West Rogers Park) on Chicago's Far North Side has been a major hub for Indian immigrants and entrepreneurs. To this day, the stretch of Devon Avenue between Damen and California avenues is lined with Indian and Pakistani restaurants, grocery stores and clothing shops. In fact, Patel Brothers, the largest Indian grocery store chain in North America, opened

its first store on Devon in 1974.

But as we hope you've noticed from our coverage this month, Devon couldn't hope to contain all of the great Indian restaurants in the Chicago area in 2019. Some of the city's trendiest new restaurants in the West Loop and Logan Square just happen to

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REVIEW Wherewithall ★★★

Michelin-starred chefs' sequel restaurant sensational

BY PHIL VETTEL

Chefs and spouses Johnny Clark and Beverly Kim opened Parachute five years ago on such a minimal budget that "shoestring" would be a generous description. They located in Avondale, a neighborhood with a family vibe and friendly rent, but not a neighborhood exactly on the foodie radar.

Four straight Michelin-star recognitions, a slew of critical praise and a James Beard Foundation Award later (Best Chef: Great Lakes for 2019, awarded to both chefs), nobody is questioning the couple's decision, or their talent. And all that support and praise gave Clark and Kim the where-

withal to open a sequel.

What else to name it but Wherewithall?

Wherewithall opened in mid-July, just a few doors south of Parachute, making it easy for Kim and Clark to shuttle between both restaurants. "Right now we're mostly at Wherewithall, because we're still establishing systems and culture," Kim said. "But we're at Parachute every day."

At the moment, Clark is doing most of the heavy kitchen lifting. You'll spot Kim in the dining room, running the front of the house while cradling Bowie, now five months old, in her arms.

First Beard award, second restaurant and third child, all in the space of two months. Appar-

ently, stress management is one of the couple's strengths.

Wherewithall, like Parachute, offers Kim and Clark's intensely personal cuisine. But Parachute features an a la carte menu; Wherewithall is prix-fixe, serving a single, four-course menu (plus a couple of complimentary bites) for \$65. And while Parachute conforms more or less to the chefs' Korean-American leanings, Wherewithall is more free wheeling, and utterly unpredictable.

My first meal there started with spring-onion beignets dusted with matcha powder, followed by a composition of summer squash, anchovies and

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Spanish octopus with potatoes and herbs.

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A pastry shell of ground almond meal, butter and sugar holds a pastry cream and poached pears. Sliced almonds finish off the dessert.

Perfect pears for fall recipes

BY ROBIN MATHER
Chicago Tribune

Apples may get all of autumn's accolades, but it's time for pears to muscle in on the action.

Understanding which pear varieties are best for which uses will help you choose wisely from the fruit you'll see at farmers markets, farm stands and grocery stores.

You can eat any pear raw, from juicy Bartletts to crisp Asian pears. But in cooking, you may want the pear to retain its shape, or you may want it to melt into a concentrated sauce. I remember pear varieties that hold their shape — for poached pears, and for the pear tart we offer here — with a simple mnemonic of ABC: Anjou, Bosc and Comice.

Some varieties are more grainy or gritty than others, but peeling any pear will help reduce that graininess. As pears ripen on the tree, they develop stone cells, and most of these lie just under the skin. Most pears are harvested before they're fully ripe for this reason. While the skin is full of nutrients, sometimes you just want that grittiness to go away.

Like apples, cut pears will brown when exposed to air. For salads and other raw uses where appearance is important, place the pears in water acidulated with lemon juice for a quick bath to prevent browning.

These are the varieties you're likely to see this season, with a bit of information about them and their best uses.

Anjou: Firm and mild-flavored, Anjous are good for cooking where you want the pear to pick up the flavors of its cooking companions. Red and green Anjous have the same flavor.

Asian: As crisp as a ripe apple, Asian pears are very mild in flavor. They're the outlier in the pear family, more apple than pear.

Bartlett: The juiciest of all the pears, a ripe Bartlett will leave your chin dripping when you eat it out of hand. Choose red or green Bartletts when you want the fruit to cook into a sauce, as we do in the va-



For pear butter, you'll want a variety that breaks down in cooking, like the Bartlett.

Vanilla-cardamom pear butter

Prep: 35 minutes **Cook:** 8-10 hours **Makes:** about 7 half-pints

You'll definitely want to use ripe Bartlett pears for this fruit butter because they cook into a silky puree. Making this pear butter in the slow cooker means you don't have to stand over it while it cooks. We've given directions to both can and freeze this sumptuous delight.

6 ½ pounds Bartlett pears, peeled, cored and cut into ½-inch cubes
Juice of 1 large lemon
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon coarse salt

2 teaspoons vanilla

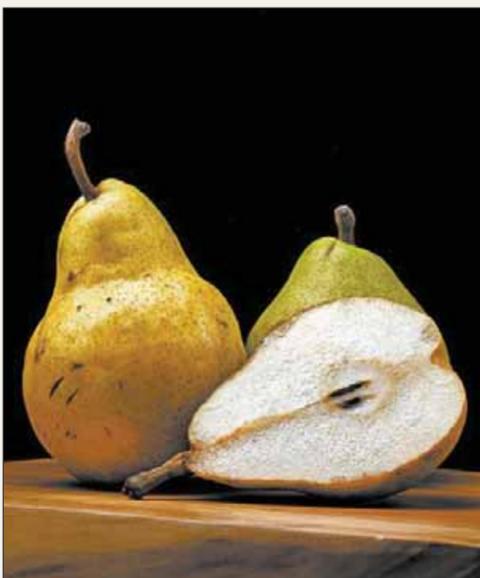
1 teaspoon ground cardamom

4 tablespoons unsalted butter

1. Tumble all ingredients except butter into a slow cooker. Stir to blend, then cover and cook on low until the pear butter is very thick and mounds on a spoon, 8 to 10 hours. Test its readiness by placing a spoonful on a plate; if no liquid escapes around the edges, the pear butter is ready. If it weeps, continue to cook with the lid crosswise to allow excess liquid to evaporate.

2. Stir in the butter until it is fully melted. Ladle the hot pear butter into sterile half-pint jars, leaving ¼-inch headspace. To can, apply lids and rings just until finger tight; process in a boiling water bath for 10 minutes. To freeze, allow the pear butter to cool to room temperature, then freeze without lids. Once pear butter is frozen, add lids and freeze for up to six months.

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 21 calories, 0 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 5 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 0 g protein, 5 mg sodium, 1 g fiber



A ripe Bartlett, the juiciest of all the pears, will leave your chin dripping when you eat it out of hand.

nilla-cardamom pear butter recipe here.

Bosc: Crisp and mildly sweet, Boscs are the classic choice for poached pears. They're easy to recognize because of their cinnamon-

colored russeted skin. They tend to be a nice size as well.

Comice: Brightly flavored with the quintessential pear taste, Comice pears are less grainy than many

other varieties.

Concorde: A favorite in Europe, the Concorde has a long neck that makes it immediately identifiable. Its distinctively vanilla flavor makes it a favorite for

Pear-almond tart

This simple tart will look — and taste — more impressive than its simple ingredients might suggest. Remember that you want pears that will hold their shape for this tart. If you can't find creme fraiche, substitute lightly sweetened sour cream as a garnish at serving time.

Prep: 30 minutes

Cook: 40 minutes

Makes: about 12 servings

Crust:

2 ¼ cups ground almond meal

4 ½ tablespoons sugar

8 tablespoons melted salted butter

Filling:

2 cups sugar, divided use (plus more for browning)

3 Anjou, Bosc or Comice pears, peeled, sliced in half

1 ½ cups milk

2 teaspoons vanilla

3 eggs, lightly beaten

¼ cup flour

¼ cup sliced toasted almonds

Creme fraiche, sweetened sour cream or whipped cream

1. For the crust: Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Combine almond meal, sugar and melted butter in a medium bowl. Stir to combine. Pat the crust mixture into the bottom and up the sides of a 12-inch tart pan and press into place with the bottom of a drinking glass. Bake the crust until just colored, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove and allow to cool completely before filling.

2. For the filling: Heat 4 cups water and 1 ½ cups sugar to a boil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low. Add the pears; poach until tender, 20–25 minutes. Remove pears from the syrup. Allow to cool, then cut out cores. Cut the pears into fans by slicing into ¼-inch slices that remain attached by about ½ inch at the stem end. Set aside.

3. Combine milk and vanilla in a small saucepan and bring it to just a simmer over medium heat. (Don't let it boil over.) Combine eggs, remaining ½ cup sugar and the flour in a large saucepan. Temper the mixture by slowly whisking in a little of the hot milk. Then gradually whisk in the rest. Cook, whisking continuously, over medium heat. At the first sign of a boil, 3 to 6 minutes, remove pan from the heat while continuing to whisk until mixture begins to thicken. Allow the custard to cool.

4. Spoon cooled custard into the tart shell. Lay the fanned-out pears, stem end inward, in the custard. Scatter the sliced almonds over top. Sprinkle with 1 to 2 tablespoons sugar. Heat the broiler in the oven. Place the tart on the middle rack, 4 to 5 inches from the broil. Allow to broil until pears and custard are golden, about 5 minutes, watching carefully.

5. Serve warm with creme fraiche, sweetened sour cream or whipped cream.

Nutrition information per serving: 428 calories, 22 g fat, 7 g saturated fat, 69 mg cholesterol, 54 g carbohydrates, 45 g sugar, 8 g protein, 101 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

roasting and grilling, but it's also great out of hand.

Forelle: A pretty speckled pear that's popular in Europe, this small pear is best for snacking. Its name comes from the German word for "trout" because its colors echo the flashing brilliance of the fish. Grown in small quantities in the Pacific Northwest, Forelle tells you it's ripe when the skin under its red speckles turns from green to yellow.

French butter: Small with concentrated flavors, make sure French butter pears

are fully ripe before use. Underripe fruit has a sharp, tannic flavor. Good for snacking, or in salads.

Seckel: Just as with French butter pears, make sure the little Seckel pears are fully ripe before eating to avoid a tannic hit. Best out of hand, or in salads.

Robin Mather is a longtime food journalist and the author of "The Feast Nearby," a collection of essays and recipes from a year of eating locally on a budget. Follow her as she writes her third book at thefeastofthedove.com.

When and why to decant wine

BY DAVE MCINTYRE
The Washington Post

Part of wine's mythology is that it needs to "breathe." Breathing goes along with the idea that wine is alive — it evolves in the bottle and the glass, it has moods, it gets better with age, like the best of us, at least to a point. The idea behind letting a wine breathe, in the bottle, a glass or a decanter, is that time and air will allow its flavors to express themselves.

And, of course, there's an entire industry of wine accessories to help us add air to our wines. Decanters are traditional, elegant and sometimes incredibly expensive. The ritual of decanting is so ingrained in wine tradition that it is included in the service examination for the Court of Master Sommeliers certification program.

More recently, devices called aerators became popular. You pour a wine through this gizmo into your glass or decanter, and a swirling, gurgling effect adds air violently, instantly aging the wine, supposedly. I've never been convinced aerators had more than a momentary effect on a wine's flavor.

The conventional wisdom about allowing a wine to breathe is controversial. Simply pulling a cork or twisting off a screw cap and letting a bottle stand for a while will not add much air to wine — only a little bit of liquid is exposed in the neck of the bottle.

Even decanting has its detractors. Exposing a wine to air allows its aromas to dissipate, not develop, according to this argument. And why would you want to lose flavor?

Keith Goldston, a master sommelier who is beverage director for Landry's, a national restaurant group based in Houston, is a decanting skeptic.

"In wine, we are always looking for a fail-safe solution," Goldston says. "I find decanting unpredictable — sometimes it works, sometimes it hurts, sometimes it does nothing at all. It always leaves you more of a mess, and decanters rarely fit in the dishwasher."

They work for restaurants,

though. "I guarantee you, if a restaurant is decanting a lot of wine, they are selling more. But it's mostly for show."

But wait — what about those tannic baby reds we are too impatient to age properly?

"The conventional wisdom says big, young reds benefit from decanting, but I've found they tend to shut down even more," Goldston says. A wine "shuts down" when it tastes tight and unyielding, as if it is safeguarding its flavors rather than sharing them.

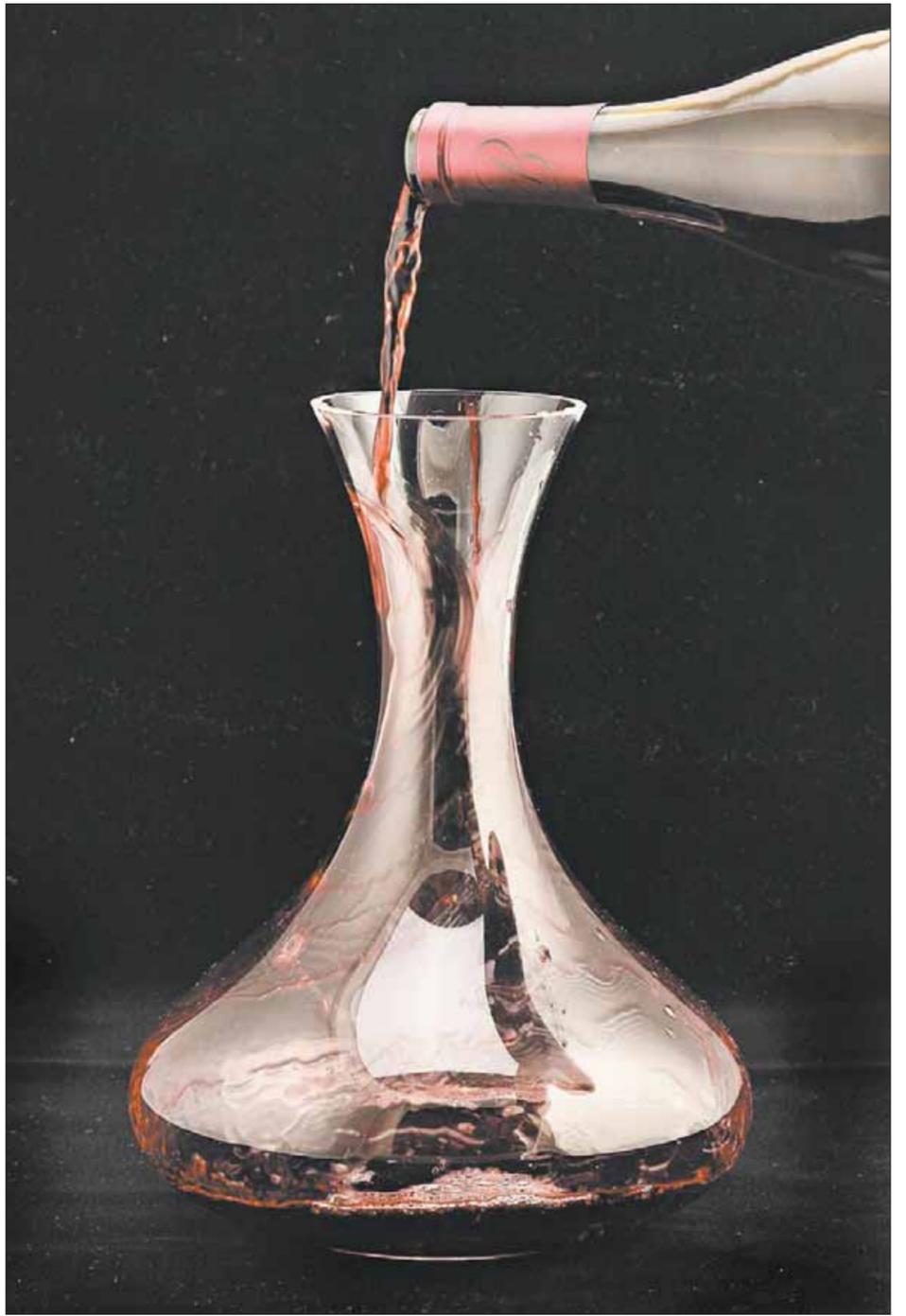
To be honest, I was skeptical about Goldston's skepticism. Time after time, I've enjoyed wines that clearly blossomed in the hours or even days after I opened them, revealing nuances with each sip. Not every wine, of course, but this has become one way I identify quality in a wine. Sure, the wine could be having a positive effect on me, as could the occasion or conversation, but is this idea of a wine improving simply a mirage?

"A lot of wines have an elegance that, as you pour them out of the bottle and swirl them in your glass, they do get better and more expressive," Goldston says. "Maybe it's the time, not just the amount of air." No fancy toys like decanters or aerators needed.

Goldston concedes that decanting is worthwhile in certain situations. Older red wines, more than a decade past their vintage, are probably throwing some sediment. Decanting allows you to take the wine off that detritus that can make every sip unpleasant. Decant right before drinking though, as these wines have spent enough time in bottle already.

Full-bodied white wines, such as Burgundies or skin-fermented orange wines, may also benefit from spending time in a decanter, he says. And if, in the middle of a dinner party, you decide to bring a special wine out of your really cold cellar to share with your guests, run warm water over the outside of a decanter and then pour the wine in.

And that last bit of advice may actually be the most important key to getting the most enjoyment from your wine. It's not the air,



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The idea behind letting a wine breathe is that time and air will allow its flavors to express themselves. Yet detractors say exposing a wine to air allows its aromas to dissipate, not develop.

but the temperature. We tend to drink our red wines too warm and our whites too cold.

"If you want your red wines to taste their best for a dinner party, put them in the fridge a few hours

before, and when your first guest arrives, take them out and let them warm at room temperature for 30 minutes or so," Goldston advises. "Take your whites out of the fridge 30 minutes before your

guests are due. If they get too warm, you can always put them back to chill a little more."

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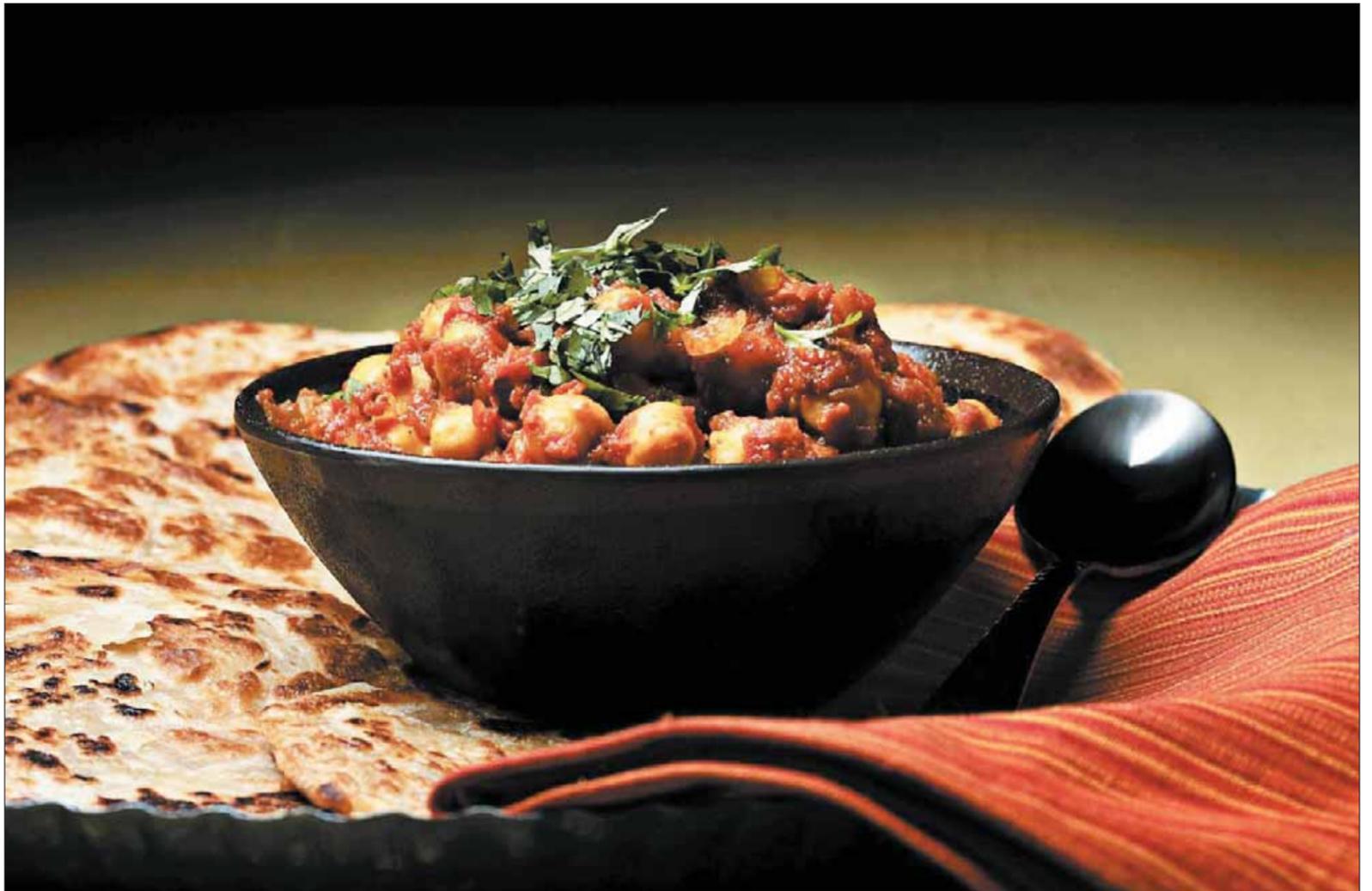
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TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Chana masala involves cooking chickpeas in a tomato-based sauce fragrant with spices. This one includes cumin, coriander, cayenne, turmeric and the spice blend garam masala.

CRAVING Indian food

Spice up mealtime

Let fragrant chana masala be your entry to Indian cuisine



JAMES P. DEWAN
Prep School

So, Madge and I got totally into it the other day over my chimpanzee butler. Something about the way he dresses, Madge found it, I don't know — “unseemly.”

“What, the bow tie?” I asked. “Too much?”

“Not just the bow tie,” she said, shaking her head. “It's the whole ‘chimps as butlers’ thing.”

“What are you talking about? Mandrake likes being my butler, don't you, Mandrake,” I said, with an appreciative nod in the direction of the smartly attired primate.

“Oh, for the love of ...” said Madge, “What do chimps even know about buttlings?” Madge turned to face me directly: “It's like an Irish American rube like yourself writing about something like ... like ...”

“Chana masala?” said I. “Chana masala,” said she. Et, voila.

Why you need to learn this

There are more than 1.7 billion with a “b” people on the Indian subcontinent, all of whom eat food. Chana masala is a relatively simple dish that can crack the door to the cuisines of that region. Be nice to your tongue and give it a try.

The steps you take

Before we begin, Chumley, let's get something straight: We're not going into this thinking we can cook something here in the U.S. that tastes exactly like what we'd get in Mumbai or Sirpur-Kagaznagar. There are simply far too many factors over which we have little to no control.

For example, we think that chickpeas are chickpeas, right? Turns out, the chickpeas known as chana (from which this dish derives its name) are not that common here in the U.S. Chana is smaller and darker than the beige and chubby chickpeas we're used to, which Indians would call “chole” (CHO-lay).

Fear not, though, because, what we can do is reproduce some of the flavor profiles of Indian food, and chana masala is a great place to start.

The word “masala” and its variants appear in a number of languages — including, now, English — and generally means spice or spices or a mix of ingredients. Hence, your garam masala — “garam” translating as “warm” —

the heady spice mix found across India and probably attainable from your local grocer. Then there's your chicken tikka masala — “tikka” referring to meat roasted in a tandoor oven — a dish of roasted chunks of chicken served in a heavily spiced, tomato-based sauce that you've probably seen in exactly seven bajillion restaurants. Or, perhaps you're a fan of Penn Masala, the all-male, South Asian a capella group based out of the University of Pennsylvania.

Regardless, masala refers either to a blend of raw or toasted spices or, perhaps more frequently, a mix of ingredients like tomato, onion, garlic and ginger that are sauteed together along with various spices. It's to this mixture, then, that the main ingredient (in today's iteration, chickpeas) is added to simmer until it's done.

Now, because items like tomato, onion and garlic are as common in contemporary global cuisine as pigs were in the streets of 1830 Cincinnati, those three items alone will not give you an “Indian-tasting” masala. The ginger will certainly help; fresh ginger is a staple in the cuisines of South Asia. What really makes your masala Indian, though, are those spices. Let's talk about that.

First of all, we should address the elephant in the room: curry powder. Most of us have a small container of curry powder in our spice cabinet. When I was younger and even dumber than I am now, I made “Indian food” by stir-frying veggies with curry powder. What I didn't realize was that curry powder is not really from the Indian subcontinent. Sure, it contains spices common in Indian and Pakistani cuisine, but it's from England. Like fish and chips, Eton mess and Julie Andrews.

The British latched onto curry powder owing to (at least) two factors: First, the centuries-long British occupation of India that didn't end until 1947, and, second, the fact that the British, inhabiting a cold climate, had no built-in experience with the myriad spices native to the warmer corners of the planet. The Brits liked Indian food, but all those spices were far too complicated to master. Hence, curry powder became the shortcut, just like jarred red sauce for your pasta is a shortcut. And, like jarred red sauce, curry powder tastes fine — but it's just not quite right. Dig?

Now, far be it for me to tell you not to use curry powder. Who am I, Bossy McMoopants?

Still, if you want to start understanding the cuisines of the Indian subcontinent, I'd suggest peaking behind that curry powder curtain to behold those individual spices.

Admittedly, that task and those



The 13 items (plus salt and cooking oil) needed for the chana masala might seem daunting, but the dish comes together quickly.

Chana masala

Prep: 15 minutes **Cook:** 20 to 30 minutes **Makes:** 8 servings

Though there's a fair bit of prep and measuring, this recipe is pretty easy. It's based on a recipe given to me by my friend Ravi Balasubramanian, originally from Tamil Nadu, India, now of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Ingredients that add specific qualities, like heat, sweet, sour, etc., may be increased or decreased to suit individual tastes.

- 3 tablespoons neutral oil, such as expeller-pressed canola oil
- 1 tablespoon cumin seeds
- 1 large onion, cut into small dice
- 2 ounces (about 3 tablespoons) garlic-ginger paste, see note
- 1 fresh jalapeno or serrano, minced, or more to taste
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander
- ½ teaspoon ground cayenne
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 can (28 ounces) ground or diced tomatoes
- 1 can (29 ounces) chickpeas, drained, rinsed
- 1 teaspoon garam masala
- 1 tablespoon amchur (dried mango powder) or 1 ounce lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- Salt as needed
- Fresh cilantro, chopped

1. Heat oil in a large, heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium heat. Add cumin seeds and onion; cook, stirring, until fragrant and onion is translucent, 1 to 2 minutes.

2. Stir in garlic-ginger paste and minced jalapeno along with coriander, cayenne and turmeric.

3. Add tomatoes and chickpeas; increase heat to bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer to thicken slightly and combine flavors, 15 to 20 minutes.

4. Add garam masala, amchur or lemon juice, brown sugar and salt to taste (about 1 teaspoon). Simmer to combine flavors, 5 minutes. Remove from heat and serve immediately, garnished with cilantro.

Nutrition information per serving: 237 calories, 8 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 34 g carbohydrates, 10 g sugar, 9 g protein, 443 mg sodium, 8 g fiber

Note: Garlic-ginger paste is available at some grocery stores in tubes or jars. To make it at home, pulse roughly equal amounts of peeled, minced garlic and peeled, grated ginger in a food processor with a little oil and salt. It will keep a couple months or more in the refrigerator. Or buy garlic paste and ginger paste separately, then mix them together. Leftovers freeze well.

cuisines can be daunting — so many ingredients, so many unfamiliar flavors — which is why I suggest approaching the topic from a familiar standpoint. Thus:

1. Start your chana masala as you would your favorite red pasta sauce: Saute your aromatics. In Indian cuisine, this would generally be an onion or two — either diced or whirled to a paste in a food processor — along with a small but tasty amount of garlic and ginger. The garlic and ginger can be minced, crushed or, again, whirled to a paste. You can even find jarred garlic-ginger paste in

some supermarkets and, trust me, it'll work just fine.

2. Stir into this mixture the main body of your spices. These would commonly include ground coriander, cumin, cayenne and turmeric, but could also include paprika, cinnamon (ground or sticks), cardamom, dried chiles, fenugreek, fennel — the list goes on. If you don't have an Indian grandmother, consult a trusted recipe source for exact amounts.

3. Stir in your tomatoes and saute until most of the liquid evaporates. This is your masala.

4. Add canned chickpeas and, if it's too dry, a little water. Bring it all to a boil, then reduce the heat and let it simmer for 15 to 20 minutes or so to meld all those flavors. Add more water if it's looking too dry. You be the judge.

5. Stir in some lemon juice or amchur (dried mango powder) to brighten the flavors a bit, then add some garam masala and, if you really are feeling crazy, a little lime zest. Garnish it with chopped cilantro (fresh coriander) and serve it with rice or flatbread. Yum.

Suburbs

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serve Indian food. And, after three weeks of searching and eating, some of my favorite Indian restaurants happen to be in the suburbs.

All you need to do is follow the opening of new Patel Brothers grocery stores. While it started on Devon, you can now find outlets in Naperville, Schaumburg, Hanover Park and, since a few weeks ago, Niles. A couple of restaurants that started on Devon have also opened second locations in the suburbs, including Annapurna and Udipi Palace. In what might be a sign of things to come, Egg-O-Holic started in Schaumburg, before opening a second location in Chicago.

There are so many Indian restaurants in the suburbs that after three weeks of daily eating, I gave up trying to visit them all. What a glorious problem to have. While this list isn't even close to comprehensive, here are 10 places I'm most excited to try again the next time I'm driving around the burbs.

Bawarchi Biryanis

Bawarchi has a lunchtime buffet, but what you really want is right there in the title. But how to choose when there are approximately 20 biryani options listed? While I certainly didn't try them all, the Hyderabad chicken dum biryani (\$11.99) is the most popular and an excellent place to start. Juicy chunks of marinated chicken are layered in a pile of saffron-scented rice. Scoop some on your plate and garnish with tart raita (a yogurt, herb and cucumber sauce) or spicy mirchi ka salan (a nut and chile mixture). The dish is a sizable meal for two, though you also probably should order the samosa chaat (\$5.99), in which two samosas are smashed on a plate and then topped with a creamy chickpea masala and tamarind, yogurt and mint chutney. 855 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, 847-524-3007, bawarchischau-burg.com

Mantra by Indian Garden

Mantra refers to itself as a "culinary nirvana," which may or may not be true, but it is one of the better Indian restaurants I've found in Chicagoland. I'll certainly be back to try the lamb peshawri (\$17). The generous pieces of meat are coated in a feisty but creamy sauce made with onions and sesame seeds, among many other ingredients. I also loved the methi aloo (\$12), which is a mix of soft potato cubes cooked with aromatic fenugreek leaves. Even the light and crackly naan is top-notch. 9438 W. Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, mantrachicago.com

Honest Restaurant

In the same strip mall as the Patel Brothers store in Schaumburg, you'll find this India-based chain. It's best known for bhaji pav (\$8.99), a very popular meal in Mumbai that consists of a couple of toasted rolls with a side of mashed vegetables mixed with tomatoes, ginger, garlic and lots of fragrant spices. It sounds simple, but the vegetarian mixture brings real heat and complexity to each bite, and the rolls are soft and supple. Some limes on the side add much needed acidity. Honest also serves some incredible dosas, the plate-dwarfing thin and crispy rolled pancakes. And don't forget about the chaat, even if your table is too full at that point. 835 Higgins Road, Schaumburg, 847-594-4145, honestrestaurantsusa.com

Tava

Plenty of Indian restaurants offer a lunchtime buffet, but few are as enticing and generous as this Morton Grove stop (\$13.99). Sure, you'll find items like butter chicken on the line, but you can also snack on chole bhature (fried bread paired with a creamy and spicy chickpea mixture) and crispy onion pakoras (sliced onion coated in gram flour and fried until golden). While you chow down, a waiter will even bring you a sizzling platter of bright red tandoori chicken, which is tender, juicy and delectable. 7172 Dempster St., Morton Grove, tavadinig.com

Mumbai Cafe

Until recently I had no idea that India had such a vibrant sandwich culture, but you can experience it yourself at this cafe across the street from the enormous Patel Brothers grocery store in Schaumburg. Try the Bombay sandwich (\$5.29), a wild triple-decker layered with vegetables, green chutney, red masala and a generous showering of shredded cheese. Or you could try the masala vada pav (\$5.89), where a crunchy and creamy fried potato patty is housed in a soft and steamy roll. 1069 W. Golf Road, Hoffman Estates, 847-466-7069, themumbaicafe.com

Dalicious Indian Restaurant

This welcoming quick-service concept in Naperville offers a range of vegetarian snacks, including a version of papdi chaat (\$6.99), a crunchy tangle of fried wafers mixed



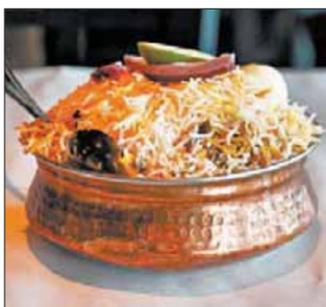
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Bombay sandwich at Mumbai Cafe in Hoffman Estates (\$5.29).



Lamb in a savory khadai sauce with creamy dal makhani and roti at Dalicious Restaurant in Naperville (\$9.99).



Vegetarian thali at Thalaiva's Indian Kitchen in Park Ridge (\$9.99).



Hyderabadi goat dum biryani at Deccan Spice in Naperville (\$13.99 at lunch).



Dahi puri at Annapurna in Hoffman Estates (\$5.99).



Lachko at Egg-O-Holic in Schaumburg (\$10.99).

with tangy yogurt, soft potatoes and a seriously spicy chutney. But the restaurant is mostly focused on a Chipotle-style menu, where you pick protein, sauce, dal, samosa and type of bread (\$9.99). Considering there are loads of options in each category, there was no way for me to try them all, but I was extremely happy with the tender braised lamb in a savory khadai sauce with creamy dal makhani, crispy veggie samosa and soft roti on the side. 1413 S. Plainfield-Naperville Road, Naperville, mydalicious.com

Thalaiva's Indian Kitchen

Thalaiva's Indian Kitchen does brisk lunch business in Park Ridge, where most people seem to crowd in for the filling thali. This large platter arrives loaded with an array of tiny

dishes and sauces in cups, along with rice and bread. It's a wealth of different flavors, textures and spice levels. Since the exact dishes included change daily, each visit will be a surprise. Although you can get the thali with meat, the vegetarian thali (\$9.99) seems to be where the kitchen has the most fun. 116 Main St., Park Ridge, 224-585-6034, thalaivasindiankitchen.com

Deccan Spice

Deccan Spice is named after the large plateau that covers parts of southern India, which explains why so much of the menu at this Naperville spot focuses on traditional southern Indian dishes. The Hyderabadi goat dum biryani (\$13.99 at lunch) arrives to your table in a gleaming copper-colored pot, with a large boiled egg plopped on top. Among the white and red-stained (thanks to a pinch of saffron) patches of rice, you'll find tender chunks of goat, bathed in a spicy and aromatic sauce. Some yogurt on the side provides cooling relief. 192 W. Gartner Road, #124, Naperville, 331-701-7105, deccanspice.com

Annapurna Simply Vegetarian

Annapurna is one of the very best vegetarian restaurants on Devon Avenue, so it's great news that a second location opened in Schaumburg. On my last visit to the original location, I was particularly taken with the dahi puri (\$5.99), where squat and crackly fried puri are topped with creamy chickpeas, sweet tamarind, tangy yogurt and bright green chutney. Make sure to savor each cooling, crunchy and invigorating bite. 721 W. Golf Road, Hoffman Estates, 847-278-0760, eatannapurna.com

Egg-O-Holic

The name is no joke. I don't know if I've ever encountered a restaurant where eggs play such an all-encompassing role. Some dishes feature eggs in the sauce and the filling. You can even order a plain boiled egg on the side if you want to cast all caution aside. Obviously, many of these dishes are filling and heavy. If you want to go straight for the heartiest dish, why not try the lachko (\$10.99)? Though made with shredded chiles, it only has a gentle burn. But thanks to the mix of cheese and, of course, lots of eggs, it has a thick and almost viscous texture. I tried this dish at the shop's outlet in River West, but the original location in Schaumburg has it on the menu too. 829 W. Higgins Road, Schaumburg, 847-565-4105, egg-o-holic.com

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Iberico pork collar with apple and hazelnut at Wherewithall.



Fig leaf ice cream is combined with a baked apple and pecans.

Vettel

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ajó blanco. Then came Norwegian trout with a sherry glaze, gorgeous in color and flavor (especially the gently sweet accent). Bavette steak with cooked tomatoes and hollandaise seemed downright traditional, but it was a great steak.

Sounds good, huh? Don't count on getting any of it. Clark and Kim adjust their menu daily, maybe two dishes at a time, so that Tuesday's four courses will bear little resemblance to Thursday's, and no resemblance to Friday's. The pictures with this review? What you see is not what I got, and it's not what you're going to get.

"Something significant changes every day," Clark said. "It's always evolving. There's no rhyme to it, except for what's available in abundance. We try to push ourselves to change."

Which is, for me, what makes Wherewithall exhilarating. The kitchen provides the excitement of a chef-designed progression at an exceedingly modest price. Considering that the four courses are typically augmented with several free bites, dinner at Wherewithall is quite a value.

For what it's worth, my last visit included a complimentary snack of charred broccolini with creamy Pleasant Ridge cheese. The listed courses included rigatoni in a vegetable-stock broth fortified with borlotti beans, topped with sprinkles of ricotta salata and generous shavings of summer truffle. A quick shift in flavor profile took me to kanpachi crudo, covered with lovage, strawberries and quartered cucamelon (which look like tiny watermelons but taste like cucumbers). The

Wherewithall

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standout dish was the Iberico pork collar, served with a caramelized hunk of roasted arrowhead cabbage (a remarkably sweet heirloom variety).

A word about the bread. Clark and Kim are justifiably famous for the Bing bread featured at Parachute, but the delicious country-style sourdough loaf at Wherewithall comes from Middle Brow, a Logan Square operation better known for its beer and pizza.

"We knew we'd have a lot to handle with an evolving menu, and didn't want to take on the bread ourselves," Clark said. "We could make our bread, but when you find someone who does it better than you ..."

Clark and Kim's desserts help guests eat their vegetables. In my first visit, a Bing-cherry granita arrived side-by-side with olive-brine granita; black-raspberry tart was accompanied by pea pod ice cream; delicate squash custard is sandwiched by white chocolate and crème fraîche.

Seating is divided among the dining room, bar (which has an additional counter with a window view of the kitchen) and outdoor patio. (Sayonara to that until next year.) The interior was designed by Charlie Vinz, who also designed Parachute and can stretch a decor dollar further than anyone I've seen. Banquettes



At Wherewithall, banquettes are covered in industrial felt and ceiling lights are topped with felt lampshades.



Chefs and owners Johnny Clark and Beverly Kim with their youngest child, Bowie.

are covered in industrial felt (the visual not unlike a car trunk), and ceiling lights are topped with felt lampshades that make me think of mushroom caps. In addition to softening the room's look, the felt

also helps with sound absorption.

The beverage options include a few beers (one Middle Brow among them), a half-dozen ciders and a wine list of about three dozen bottles (a dozen by the

glass), nearly all from small producers. There's also a four-pour wine pairing option for \$45, another good value.

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Big flavors for busy nights

BY BONNIE S. BENWICK
The Washington Post

The ready-to-cook kebabs you find at the supermarket are designed to draw a shopper's eye with their colorful chunks of vegetables and proteins, but cooks with skewering savoir faire know that when same-ingredient items populate each metal or bamboo rod, there's a better chance those foods will cook evenly.

That principle applies to this recipe, as it follows pretty closely to the playbook of shaping the portions of

spiced, oniony ground meat on a stick, also known as "koftas." Ground turkey fills in for the typical ground lamb; in testing with light- and dark-meat turkey, we found the latter had a slight edge in flavor and juiciness. If you want to use lean ground lamb, grass-fed ground beef or ground chicken instead, go for it.

Speaking of juicy, the addition of grated squash adds moisture and helps bind the mixture together. And you can drizzle your cooked kebabs with tahini sauce, which takes no more than a minute

or two to assemble.

When you grill the kebabs outdoors and have room on the grate, cut up the rest of your zucchini or yellow squash as well as single-skewer amounts of any or all of the following: bell peppers, mushrooms, red onion, eggplant and par-cooked potato. (Be sure to season the lot and drizzle them with olive oil.)

Or simply thread on some small tomatoes, with sprigs of fresh rosemary between them. The vegetables will round out this meal, or they'll be at the ready for your next-day lunch or dinner.

Turkey kebabs with tahini sauce

Time: 25 minutes **Makes:** 3 to 4 servings

You'll need four 8- or 10-inch metal skewers, or four wooden/bamboo skewers that have been soaked for 20 minutes.

Adapted from EatingWell.com.

- 1/2 medium onion
- 1/2 medium zucchini or yellow squash
- Leaves from 8 to 10 stems fresh parsley
- 1 pound ground turkey, preferably dark meat (may substitute ground lamb, grass-fed beef or chicken)
- 2 teaspoons za'atar (Middle Eastern spice blend; may substitute equal parts chopped fresh thyme, toasted sesame seeds, ground sumac and salt)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as needed
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt (not Greek-style; can be low-fat)
- 3 tablespoons well-stirred tahini, or more as needed
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1/2 lemon
- Pitas, for serving

1. Combine the following in a mixing bowl as you work: Cut the half onion into small dice (about 1/2 cup). Use the large-holed side of a box grater to grate the zucchini or squash (to yield no more than 1/2 packed cup). Chop enough parsley leaves to yield about 5 tablespoons.

2. Prepare a grill for direct heat; preheat the grill to medium-high heat (375 degrees), or set a large grill pan over medium-high heat on the stove top.

3. Add the ground turkey, 1 teaspoon of the za'atar, 1/2 teaspoon of the salt, 1/4 teaspoon of the ground cumin and all the cardamom to the mixing bowl. Use your clean hands to gently mix it all together until evenly blended.

4. Dampen your hands with water, then use them to divide the mixture into 8 equal portions, shaping each one to form a 2 1/2- to 3-inch oblong kebab. Thread two onto each skewer, spacing the kebabs about an inch apart and pressing to secure them in place. Grease each kebab with a little cooking oil spray or olive oil (to help prevent sticking), then sprinkle with the remaining teaspoon of za'atar.

5. Grill for 10 to 12 minutes, turning them a few times for even browning/grill marks, or until the interior temperature registers 165 degrees on an instant-read thermometer.

6. Meanwhile, make the tahini sauce: Whisk together the yogurt, tahini, the tablespoon of oil, the remaining 1/2 teaspoon of salt, the remaining 1/4 teaspoon of ground cumin and the cayenne pepper. Squeeze in most of the juice from the half lemon, stirring to blend it in. Taste, and add more tahini and/or lemon juice, as needed.

7. Serve warm, with the pitas and the tahini sauce for dipping.

Nutrition information per serving: 270 calories; 15 g total fat; 4 g saturated fat; 85 mg cholesterol; 400 mg sodium; 7 g carbohydrates; 2 g dietary fiber; 3 g sugars; 27 g protein.

Cafe Deth tops early trio from Revolution

BY JOSH NOEL

I felt slight sadness with my first sip of Revolution Brewing's latest incarnation of Cafe Deth.

The brewery's bourbon barrel-aged coffee stout, which was released earlier this month along with two other bourbon barrel-aged beers, smelled so fresh. It was so rich with roasted coffee flavors — though balanced by lush chocolate-vanilla stout sweetness and oaky bourbon character. It was so delicious.

But it's just not meant to stay in this world.

Those fresh-ground coffee flavors fade quickly in beer, and while you could load up on Cafe Deth and squirrel it away to drink throughout the approaching winter, it probably won't show the same muscularity in even six weeks. It's that robust. That fresh. A thing of fleeting beauty.

No one believes in the urgency of Cafe Deth more than Revolution, which implores whoever is lucky enough to be holding a can as follows: "Keep cold. Enjoy now. We mean it."

Cafe Deth is the biggest eye-opener of the three bourbon-barrel aged beers Revolution released at its brewery (3340 N. Kedzie Ave.), as the opening salvo from its Deep Wood program, a monthslong release of 10 barrel-aged beers unfurling through January.

The first three are brewery staples, all to be sold in four-packs of 12-ounce cans: Deth's Tar (\$25), a bourbon barrel-aged oatmeal stout; Cafe Deth (\$30), which is Deth's Tar steeped on Dark Matter coffee beans; and the annual fruited variant, which this year is Deth by Plums



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The first installment of Revolution's 2019-20 barrel-aged series includes Cafe Deth, Deth by Plums and Deth's Tar.

(\$40) — Deth's Tar spiked with plum puree.

Deth's Tar and Cafe Deth will go into broad distribution across Chicago and beyond while Deth By Plums will see limited distribution.

The clear standout of the first crop is Cafe Deth, which spent about 24 hours on three types of Dark Matter coffee beans. Brewers tasted seven coffees when planning the beer, brewmaster Jim Cibak said. The two unanimous favorites comprise the majority of the blend in Cafe Deth, while a bit of balancing character was added from a third bean, he said.

The result is heavy with roast and shows a welcome touch of nutty character. It threads a lovely needle: chocolate-vanilla-marshmallow sweetness crossed with robust, fresh bean character and light, boozy heat — no surprise considering Cafe Deth is 14.8% alcohol. It's a gem.

(One additional note: Though storing the beer cold is a must to maintain that coffee character, don't drink it cold. It's best somewhere between 50 and 60 degrees.)

Cafe Deth would be nothing without a quality base beer, and that's just what Deth's Tar is.

Last year's version was good, but this one is improved, and harks back to the wonderful version

released in 2017: a web of fudgy chocolate veering into light, caramellike sweetness, followed by a long oaky and dry finish that lingers for a minute or more.

It's not unlike tasting bourbon in that way. (And it, too, is 14.8% alcohol.)

The annual fruited Deth's Tar variant rotates, and I enjoyed Deth By Plums (11.7% alcohol) less than the last couple: Deth By Currants in 2018 and (especially) Deth By Cherries in 2017.

Though the aroma isn't rich with fruit, the flavor sure is, and it obscures some of the oaky bourbon nuance in Deth's Tar and Cafe Deth.

In an era of beer drinkers gravitating to sweet and fruity flavors, plenty of people will enjoy the round, jamlike character of Deth By Plums; to my taste buds, a bit more acid and drying out in the finish may have helped.

However, if you're feeling crafty, here's a suggestion: Cafe Plum. A blend of about 60% Cafe Deth and 40% Deth By Plums creates a beer with intense coffee aroma, but ripe fruity-coffee sweetness. The plum's dark fruity character matches up seamlessly with the coffee's aggressive roast. It will help get winter off to a wonderful start.

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Bridgeport Bakery, famous for its paczki, closing after 78 years

BY LOUISA CHU

Bridgeport Bakery, open 78 years and making countless paczki, bacon buns and wedding cakes in the South Side neighborhood once home to five Chicago mayors, will close Oct. 31.

On a recent Friday morning, after the news had spread, three customers waited before the store opened at 5 a.m., but that's business as usual at the bakery. What's unusual is that by 9 a.m., all of the bacon buns, paczki and chocolate cake doughnuts had sold out despite the rain and dropping temperatures. Workers in fluorescent vests hopping out of trucks illegally parked in the bus stop tow zone out front, and older men and women on foot dodging the steady stream of thundering traffic on Archer Avenue, quickly walked in and out, clutching stuffed white bags only if they were lucky or smart enough to call ahead.

Owner Ron Pavelka is selling the business to retire, said baker Barbara Betourney. Pavelka is recovering from surgery.

"My brother had a quadruple bypass heart surgery," said Pavelka's sister, Sandy Budz. "It's going to take three to four months for him to recover. He needs to relax now and take it easy. His family and his grandkids come first."

"The business is up for sale, but there is no interested buyer yet," Budz said.

Betourney will also retire after working for Pavelka since "the day he opened on Jan. 26, but I don't remember the year" she said.

A Facebook post on the bakery's page and signs at the store state 47 years, but online commenters noted a discrepancy in dates.

Frank and Virginia Michalski opened Bridgeport Bakery in 1941 and owned it until 1975, according to an obituary.

Pavelka was a paperboy,



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Employee Maria Pantoja, right, handles a customer as baker Barbara Betourney looks on at Bridgeport Bakery.

but interested in baking, Budz said. "He called here and they taught him everything he knew." Her brother left to bake at Dressel's Bakery, but returned to buy the business with a partner, Betourney's father.

"My brother worked seven days a week, sometimes 16 hours a day," Budz said. "I take care of the customers and I also bake in the back."

They'd just finished a new batch of kolaches as Budz spoke. "We did doughnuts this morning and we're already sold out," she said.

Budz will also retire. "Me and the other bakers have been working seven days a week and it's too much right now," she added. "With the holidays coming up, it's time after so many years."

The small family bakery employs 13 people. "Right now there are three bakers total," Betourney said. "The other two guys are going to be looking for jobs."

While maple bacon doughnuts, pound cakes and chocolate chip coffee cakes are popular, the bakery's paczki create feeding frenzies.

"We have the basic ones every day: raspberry, chocolate custard, strawberry," Betourney said. "If you want specifics now, you would have to request them, like apple, pineapple, peach, cherry, blueberry."

Someone has 80 on order in a couple of days, she said. That's nothing for the bakery's usual numbers.

"Last Paczki Day, I think we sold 2,100 dozen," Betourney said. "Somewhere in that ballpark."

That's 25,200 paczki on Fat Tuesday, which fell on March 5 this year.

"We started calling it paczki week because people wanted them all the time," she said. "We started opening at midnight the night before, because the girls were here anyway, packing. We figured we could make the lines a little bit easier." One of the girls was her daughter.

Delivery accounts, including Lou Mitchell's diner, Jackalope Coffee & Tea House and "a lot, a lot, of small deliveries," were called first to notify them of the closure, Betourney said. "Then we posted a sign in the bakery and told everybody we were closing."

Betourney has already received many requests from her family for their favorites. They're not the only ones stocking up at the small storefront with simple neon signage glowing in the windows.

"If it was anything like yesterday, every day is going to be like paczki day," she said.

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