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US envoy revises inquiry testimony

Sondland now recalls how aid was tied to Trump's push for Ukraine probe of Biden



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US Ambassador Gordon Sondland says his memory was refreshed by statements from other witnesses.

By MARY CLARE JALONICK, ERIC TUCKER AND LISA MASCARO
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a striking reversal, a top diplomat revised his testimony in the House impeachment inquiry to acknowledge that U.S. military aid to Ukraine was being withheld until the foreign ally promised to investigate corruption as President Donald

Trump wanted.

The three-page update from U.S. Ambassador Gordon Sondland, tucked beneath hundreds of pages of sworn testimony released Tuesday, provides new insight into Trump's push for Ukraine to investigate Democrats and Joe Biden in what the Democrats call a quid pro quo at the center of the House inquiry.

Sondland said he now recalls telling a top aide to Ukraine

President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, on the sidelines of a Warsaw meeting with Vice President Mike Pence, that military aid to the country "would likely not occur" until Ukraine had provided a public anti-corruption statement "as we have been discussing for many weeks."

Trump has denied any quid pro quo, but Democrats say that is the singular narrative developing from the president's July 25 call

with Zelenskiy. In that call, Trump, asked for "a favor," the spark for the impeachment inquiry.

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., chairman of the Intelligence Committee, said the House panels conducting the inquiry are releasing the word-by-word transcripts of the past weeks' closed-door hearings so the American

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Some of the adults and children who were at Buffalo Wild Wings in Naperville on the night of a racist incident are pictured above.

For Naperville, another race-related controversy

Suburb in unflattering but, to some, unsurprising light after restaurant case

By SARAH FREISHTAT AND SUZANNE BAKER

A group celebrating a child's birthday at suburban Buffalo Wild Wings said they were asked to move tables because of the color of their skin, and the blowback against the restaurant was fierce.

Social media posts about the Oct. 26 incident ranged from

anger to disappointment and disbelief. Many shared the same reaction: they weren't surprised it had happened in Naperville.

It hardly marked the first time the wealthy suburb had drawn widespread attention for incidents over race and ethnicity.

Over the summer, a Naperville gas station drew protesters after a clerk told Hispanic customers "they need to go back to their

country." Months before that, a state representative said in a social media comment Naperville had an ongoing history of white supremacist policies.

In 2016, when a former Naperville man's essay on being black went viral, he described awkward moments growing up in the city because he was one of a few black kids in mostly white schools and neighborhoods and he chalked up traffic stops by police to profiling.

Some city leaders have de-

FALLOUT: Customer banned from all Buffalo Wild Wings for life while families demand restaurant adopt "zero tolerance" policies. **Chicagoland**, Page 6

scribed these as isolated incidents that shouldn't be made to represent Naperville. Others offered a variety of theories, suggesting similar incidents happen elsewhere but don't get the attention they do in Naperville

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Johnson expected to say he will retire

Police superintendent's announcement to come this week, sources say

By GREGORY PRATT AND JEREMY GORNER

Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson is expected to later this week announce he will retire as the city's top cop, sources said.

His departure would be announced as city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson continues to investigate an incident into police officers finding Johnson asleep in his car last month. He later told the mayor he had a few drinks earlier that evening.



Johnson

The disclosure about his future comes a day after he told reporters at City Hall he was contemplating retirement but insisted he wasn't stepping down because of the ongoing inspector general investigation.

Instead, Johnson said a recent trip to London to see the Chicago Bears play helped him bring into focus what his family has given up so he could serve as police super-

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Ex-mayors still get police protection

Rare elsewhere, Daley and Emanuel have taxpayer-funded detail

By GREGORY PRATT AND JEREMY GORNER

Like other big-city mayors, Lori Lightfoot receives around-the-clock police protection.

But Chicago may be unique in providing a police detail to former mayors, sometimes long after they've left office.

More than eight years after Richard M. Daley walked out of City Hall for the last time as its chief executive, the Chicago Police Department continues to provide him with a taxpayer-funded security detail.

Police also have assigned a detail to Rahm Emanuel, who left office nearly six months ago.

The Tribune surveyed the other nine largest American cities about their security practices for elected officials. Los Angeles, Houston, Phoenix, Philadelphia, San Antonio, San Diego, Dallas

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To make up lost strike days, CPS to take from holidays

Plan planned to cut into Thanksgiving, winter, summer breaks

By HANNAH LEONE

A plan by Chicago Public Schools to shorten school holidays to make up days lost to the teachers strike has been met with criticism by the teachers union and mixed reaction from parents.

The five days would be made up Wednesday, Nov. 27; Thursday, Jan. 2; Friday, Jan. 3;

Wednesday, June 17; and Thursday, June 18.

The plan would cut into both Thanksgiving and winter breaks. Under the existing calendar, CPS students would not have returned from winter break until Jan. 6. The June make-up dates were both initially scheduled as school improvement days for staff, and those days would move to June 19 and 22.

"We understand that modifications to the school calendar

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Third graders wait in line for their teacher at Roswell/Mason elementary school Friday as classes resumed following the teachers strike.



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Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson arrives at a press conference at police headquarters in Chicago last month.



JOHN KASS

Replacing Johnson and the politics of violence

Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson has begun that glide into retirement after more than 30 years as a cop.

Most likely he'll be gone any day now, but he was going to be gone regardless.

Johnson suffered the embarrassment of being found asleep by cops, in his car after a couple of drinks, something that may or may not be related to changes in his blood pressure medication. The other day, he talked about retiring but said it wasn't related to the incident under investigation.

In any event, he'll be gone long before the police body camera video is released.

Big-city police chiefs understand politics. They know they need to appease their civilian bosses while facing the never-ending rivers of violence, and they know they have to deal with social justice warriors of the left, who've become prosecutors in many big cities across America.

In a sense, top cops are like baseball managers and football coaches. The Cubs got rid of Joe Maddon, and all he did was win a World Series. Matt Nagy was coach of the year for the Chicago Bears. But that was last year. This year, he's called a fool.

But in a violent city like Chicago, street gang wars are no game, with hundreds of murders and thousands of people shot each year. So what do mayors, like Chicago's Mayor Lori Lightfoot, do in selecting a replacement?

Does she appease the social justice warriors as they clamor for low bail and early release of the violent, who return to the most damaged neighborhoods only to visit more violence against the vulnerable and voiceless poor?

Or does she stand with the cops on her right as they negotiate a new labor contract, after she's given away so much to the Chicago Teachers Union?

"I think Eddie should take care of his health, and if moving on is best for him he should do it," Kevin Graham, the president of Chicago's police union, the Fraternal Order of Police, told me Tuesday. "If we're going to have a replacement, we need a real cop, someone who has walked in the shoes of a police officer. We've got enough civilians around who think they know what police go through, but we need someone who really understands the job."

Or it could be someone from the social justice warrior class that has given us Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx. Only Lightfoot knows.

The lives of the people the police are sworn to protect matter. And the lives of the men and women of the police departments that the top cop is supposed to protect matter also. Politics dictates that those lives — of the victims, of police — are now balanced against the policies of social justice reformers like Kim Foxx.

In recent months, I've written about the problem of low bonds, and with the county's home monitoring system. But with Johnson making it clear that he's on his way out, I called Rafael Mangual, criminal justice policy analyst for the conservative Manhattan Institute and contributing editor to City Journal.

"Police can make arrests," Mangual told me. "But police superintendents can do only so much when prosecutors and judges are working against them. It's not just Chicago and Cook County. It is a national trend."

"This is a national movement that is maximizing because the so-called 'criminal justice reformers' have found it easier to infiltrate the system from the inside, with candidates for prosecutor," he said. "This isn't about debating criminal justice policy in a state legislature and trying to win votes to change the law. This is an anti-democratic approach, where prosecutors

and judges decide what laws to enforce and what laws not to enforce, the application of bail and so on. Kim Foxx is just one iteration of a larger issue."

Consider the murder of Brittany Hill, 24, shot to death over the summer on the West Side while holding her 1-year-old infant. She used her body to shield her daughter from gunfire. The baby wasn't hit. Neither of them were the targets, police said.

Two men were charged with first-degree murder: Michael Washington, 39, and Eric Adams, 23. According to police, Washington has been arrested 16 times, with nine felony convictions and five misdemeanors, mostly relating to narcotics and gun charges. In 2004, he was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 16 years in prison. Adams has been arrested six times, with two felony convictions, including a 2017 conviction for aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

"I have given 31 years now to this city, and almost four as superintendent," Johnson told reporters at City Hall the other day. "You know, but I recognize also that at some point it's time to create another chapter in your life. And I will tell you all this: When my family and I went to London for the Bears game, that's the first vacation like that that I've had since I became superintendent. And I looked at my family and it made me realize how much of a sacrifice you make for your family when you take on positions like this."

And when he's gone, two things will remain: violence and the politics of violence.

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Is it too soon to be whining about winter?



MARY SCHMICH

Calm down, fellow cold people. It's too soon to be whining about winter.

So what that your weather app warns that Monday's high will be 26? Never mind that Tom Skilling's seven-day forecast includes the words "abnormally cool." Ignore the fact that it snowed on Halloween and your outdoor plants collapsed into frozen mush and the ginkgo tree dropped all of its leaves faster than you can say "I@#\$."

This. Is. Not. Winter.

This is November, dagnabit, and November is not winter, not even in Chicago.

Surviving a Chicago winter depends on many things. A decent coat. Layers. Adequate heating. And perhaps the most underrated survival tool of them all: pacing.

Living through Chicago's long cold season is like running a marathon. If you bolt into November screaming, "I'm freezing and I can't take it anymore!" what are you going to do when you really are freezing and can't take it anymore? With that attitude, you'll be defeated by Thanksgiving.

Because it's only going to get worse.

Go ahead. Say it. Let the truth fortify you: "It's only going to get worse."

That attitude should not be confused with pessimism, depression, rage or the various negative emotions often associated with winter in the frigid North. It is merely realistic, and realism is vital to proper pacing.

The best way to stay the course is to understand how long the course is. It is long.

So, today, to help you set the proper pace for the long weather haul ahead, we offer the "Too Soon" pledge. Raise your left hand — too soon for that Polartec mitten, friend — and repeat after me:

1. It is too soon to put on my big down coat, the one that still reeks of last winter's sweat. Yeah, that giant slush-splattered thing that saved me from the polar vortex.



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Allyson and Jason Fry, formerly of Madison, Wisconsin, walk on the Nichols Bridgeway at Millennium Park during a snowy Halloween last Thursday.

Go ahead. Say it. Let the truth fortify you: "It's only going to get worse."

Because if I put it on now, what will I wear in January?

It is not, however, too soon to get that stinky thing cleaned. Or to get the zipper fixed.

Also, it is never too soon to zip up the medium-weight jacket I will be wearing in November. In cold climates, zipping is the difference between happiness and death.

2. It is too soon to pull out my big,

fat gloves. If I lose one in November, what will I do when I really need them?

It is not too soon, however, to put my hands in my pockets and mutter that maybe I should just give in and wear the gloves.

3. It is too soon to complain constantly about Chicago weather. Real Chicagoans conserve their complaining energy for cold that freezes your nose hairs.

It is not, however, too soon to complain about all the people who constantly complain.

4. It is too soon — it's always too soon — to bore my Facebook friends with my weather gripes, unless I can say something that has never before been said about

the weather.

5. It is too soon to run the heat 24/7. Before I blast my furnace all day and night, I will try other warming tactics, such as blankets, better sweaters and closed windows.

6. It is too soon to whine that I won't be able to open the windows until May. I can open the windows whenever I want, dagnabit, at least until they're frozen shut.

7. It is too soon to be terrorized by visions of slipping on the ice. There is no ice. Yet. It is not too soon, however, to remind myself that when the ice does come, terror is an appropriate response.

8. It is too soon for nonstop holiday music.

9. It is too soon to resent my friends in warm places for living in warm places. It's not too soon to roll my eyes when they email to say, "Are you already freezing?" Of course I'm already freezing! But I do not need the sympathy of people who think "freezing" is 64 degrees.

It's also not too soon to check the cost of January flights to those warm places. In matters of winter, as in most matters, anticipation of pleasure is the antidote to pain. Which will be arriving soon.

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Everyday racism is a stain. Erasing it is a strain every day.



DAHLEEN GLANTON

We don't know much about that white guy in the red T-shirt, except that he doesn't like sitting next to black people when he is eating his chicken wings. He was once a regular customer at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Naperville, but now that he has given

the restaurant chain its own chapter in the divisive Donald Trump-era debate about race, the corporate office has banned him from all of its restaurants.

We haven't seen his face, only a picture of his backside that Mary Vahl posted on Facebook after she and her group of 17 other children and adults of multiple ethnicities were asked to move to another table because this white guy in a red T-shirt didn't want to be seated near them.

This white guy, with a bald head and dressed in a red T-shirt and jeans, is now the international poster child for racial intolerance in America. He has become our latest racist demon, someone to point to as a symptom of the bigoted and intolerant society that Trump has created.

That's where we are wrong.

Trump may have emboldened symbolic white guys in red T-shirts, but they were here long before he was elected president in 2016. And as much as we would like to believe otherwise, they will be here long after he leaves office.

That poses a dilemma for the rest of us. What are we going to do about it? How can we get these white guys in red T-shirts to climb under a rock and never raise their balding heads again?

I'm afraid that we can't, at least not anytime soon. We are going to have to live in this world alongside white guys in red T-shirts for years to come. The

most we can do is let them know that we are as intolerant of them as they are of other people.

Racism is as much embedded in American culture as fireworks on the Fourth of July.

Racism is as much embedded in American culture as fireworks on the Fourth of July. We might be able to hold racists at bay if we educate ourselves, and our children, about this country's history. We would better equip ourselves for the fight if we understood how racist policies of the past ensured that future generations would never experience a post-racial society. Then we could start

knocking down those barriers.

Eleven years ago, some of us naively thought that we had seen the last of white guys in red T-shirts. We convinced ourselves that the election of the first black president signaled the defeat of their mighty army. Barack Obama convinced us that we had the power to do that.

Perhaps we still do. But it won't be as easy as we thought in 2008. We never had the final confrontation. White guys in red T-shirts simply retreated to a corner and waited for the right time to reemerge. Trump lured them into the open more energized than they were a half-century ago.

No one should be shocked anymore when a white guy in a red T-shirt declares that he doesn't want to sit next to black people. These folks try to assert power over people of color all the time.

Just last week, a white man threw battery acid on a Latino man in Milwaukee, saying, "Why did you come here and invade my country?" The 61-year-old suspect was arrested and authorities are investigating the incident as a hate crime.

In Denver, federal officials last week arrested a known white supremacist, who repeatedly espoused anti-Semitic views, in a plot to bomb a historic synagogue.

No one should be surprised that managers at Buffalo Wild Wings chose to validate the Naperville man's racist behavior. People in authority tend to side with white guys in red T-shirts, sometimes unwittingly perhaps, over people of color all the time.

It happened recently at a Ruth's Chris Steak House in Memphis. An African American couple was celebrating their anniversary at the restaurant when a white man at another table yelled the N-word at them. In a video posted on Facebook, the husband is visibly upset and responds by using profanity and demanding that the man who used the derogatory term be removed from the restaurant.

At one point on the video, an employee tells the black man, "Be the bigger person, dude." Security eventually forced the black couple and the white patron to leave.

The problem with most white guys in red T-shirts is that they aren't always as blatantly obvious. We see them on trains from the suburbs to the city and on buses from neighborhoods everywhere heading downtown, discreetly avoiding empty seats next to people who don't look like them.

You might even know a white guy in a red T-shirt personally — that uncle or friend who makes you cringe inside but laugh outwardly when he makes an off-color joke about blacks, migrants or Jews. By saying nothing, you become their enabler, just as the managers at Buffalo Wild Wings did.

The corporate office was right to fire the service manager and the shift manager who tried to get the group to move to another table rather than reaffirming their right to sit where they choose. But it won't rid the world of white guys in red T-shirts.

In the end, the black people who were mistreated will likely end up getting financial compensation from the restaurant chain, as they very well should. Buffalo Wild Wings will force its employees to undergo diversity training, also as they should.

Unfortunately, pretty soon everybody else will forget about this unfortunate incident and move on. And you can be sure that it won't be long until another white guy in a red T-shirt strikes again.

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Area cross-country boys teams participate in the state sectionals at Lake Park East High School in Roselle last week.

Appeal is new hurdle for CPS cross-country runners

High school association fights ruling to let strike-hit athletes compete

BY JOHN KEILMAN

Hours after saying Chicago Public Schools runners "earned their places" at the state finals after a judicial intervention allowed them to run in qualifying races, the Illinois High School Association filed a legal appeal that could cause those runners to be removed from the meet.

In a filing late Monday, the IHSA asked the Illinois Appellate Court to reverse a temporary restraining order that allowed CPS runners to compete at last weekend's sectional meets. The IHSA had initially barred the athletes because the teachers strike forced them to miss an earlier set of regional races that were the first step in cross-country's postseason.

IHSA policy says athletes whose districts are on strike cannot compete, though an exception is made when strikes begin after the start of the postseason. Cook

County Judge Neil Cohen called that an arbitrary distinction in ruling that the CPS runners could compete in sectionals.

On Monday, IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson appeared to extend an olive branch to CPS' 13 individual runners and one team that qualified for state through their sectional results.

"After being granted an exemption to run by the courts, the CPS runners and team earned their places in the state meet," he said in a statement announcing that the field would be expanded to include runners who lost out to CPS athletes.

But then the IHSA filed its appeal. While the court's timetable is unclear, Anderson said that if the organization wins its challenge before Saturday's state finals, it might bar the CPS runners from participating.

"I wouldn't go as far as to say we wouldn't allow them

to run, but there's a potential that we may not," he said. "Probably (it will be) my decision with advice from our board of directors."

He said some schools complained that CPS athletes circumvented the rules that require runners to finish high enough at regionals to qualify for sectionals. Allowing that rule to be broken, even by judicial order, could throw high school sports into chaos, he said.

"The nightmare scenario would be, in my opinion, that folks could go get (court orders) and modify rules and decisions made by our board at a whim and be allowed to run (afoul) of our rules as our membership has created them," he said. "I don't think that's a position our membership wants to be in."

The IHSA has 818 member schools, which elect the organization's board of directors. That group, which

approves policies and interprets the rules, is made up of 10 principals from around the state, including one from CPS — Whitney Young's Joyce Kenner.

Kevin Sterling, the attorney who filed the lawsuit on behalf of the runners, declined to comment.

The IHSA board will reexamine its strike policy in December. Asked why the organization should concern itself with school strikes, Anderson said it's because the IHSA wants to ensure that athletics are intertwined with education.

"When schools are on strike, we don't have the educational piece going on, and I've got to believe at some point in our history, it was important to the rule-makers that we maintain education and sports together," he said.

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Mom of dead Navy recruit seeks 2nd autopsy

Says answers few on sickle cell-related death

BY JOHN KEILMAN

The mother of a Navy recruit who died after a boot camp run at the Great Lakes base earlier this year said she will seek a second autopsy after a blood disorder was determined to have played a role in her daughter's death.

Kenya Evans said the Navy discovered that her daughter Kierra, 20, possessed the sickle cell trait during a medical exam. Most who have it don't experience symptoms of sickle cell disease — a potentially lethal condition that causes blood cells to deform and clog blood vessels — but they can surface during hard exercise.

On Feb. 22, Kierra Evans was doing a timed training run at the North Shore base when she threw up and collapsed, according to Lake County coroner records obtained by the Tribune. She was transported to Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital but fell into cardiac arrest and died.

The coroner determined the cause of Evans' death was exertional rhabdomyolysis — the breakdown of muscle tissue during intense exercise — with sickle cell trait listed as a significant contributing factor.

Evans was the first of two recruits to die during boot camp this year. Kelsey Nobles, 18, of Mobile, Alabama, died April 23 from a probable cardiac arrhythmia due



Evans



Nobles

Navy slang for being set back in training — for unspecified medical reasons, Kenya Evans said.

The coroner's report says little about the circumstances of Kierra Evans' death, though some researchers have found that people with sickle cell trait are particularly susceptible to exertional rhabdomyolysis, which can shut down the heart and kidneys. Medical journals have recorded numerous instances of military members dying from the syndrome.

"This is something that's been described repeatedly in military recruits going back to the 1980s," Dr. Victor Gordeuk, director of the sickle cell center at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago. "It still is the case that people with sickle cell trait need to take extra caution, rest frequently, drink fluids frequently and not overexert themselves. It's well-known."

The Navy requires recruits with sickle cell trait to wear red belts during physical training, and Kenya Evans said that should have told the instructors not to push her daughter too hard.

"If they felt like she was struggling with that exercise and knowing her health condition, they should have sent her back home," she said.

Kierra Evans' death certificate was finalized Oct. 22. Kenya Evans said she planned to have her daughter's body exhumed and a second autopsy performed to learn more about the circumstances of Kierra's death. The Navy, she said,

has told her little about it.

"This health condition (Kierra had), they knew it," she said. "They found it. They should have handled it better."

The coroner's reports include more details about Nobles' death.

Witness statements say Nobles, who was wearing a red belt, was close to finishing the 1 1/2-mile run required to graduate from boot camp — recruits must hit cutoff times that vary depending on gender and age — when she collapsed.

She repeatedly tried to get back on her feet with the encouragement of her recruit division commander, and when she couldn't, crawled to the finish line.

One statement says Navy personnel tried to keep Nobles awake and hydrated, but she quickly became unresponsive. The lead instructor called an ambulance that transported Nobles to Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital, but she died in the emergency room.

The coroner's report concluded that while Nobles had sickle cell trait, there was no evidence it played a role in her death.

Nobles' family could not be reached for comment.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service, which reviews deaths that don't involve combat or terminal disease, declined to release its findings to the Tribune, saying the investigations were still pending.

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Woman jailed in burglary in which teen killed

She gets year after murder charge against 5 dropped

By JIM NEWTON

A Chicago woman was sentenced to a year in prison Tuesday on burglary charges connected to an Aug. 13 shooting in Old Mill Creek that left a 14-year-old boy dead.

Diamond Davis, 18, who cried throughout her sentencing hearing Tuesday afternoon, was sentenced to one year in prison followed by one year of mandatory supervision by Lake County Circuit Judge Victoria Rossetti.

According to Rossetti, Davis will receive credit toward the sentence for 85 days spent in the Lake County jail since her arrest. She is also eligible for day-to-day credit for good behavior while in prison, which could result in serving only half of her remaining prison sentence.

She had faced up to three years in prison, but also could have been sentenced to probation.

Davis is the lone adult defendant in the Aug. 13 burglary attempt that left a 14-year-old from Chicago dead from a gunshot wound inflicted by the owner of the property. Davis and four juveniles with her were

originally charged with murder by the Lake County State's Attorney's Office before that charge was dropped by prosecutors after the formal conclusion of the investigation.

Prior to being sentenced, Davis read a written statement to the judge and court in which she pleaded with Rossetti for a "second chance" without going to prison.

"I am the single mother of a 1-year-old boy in the care of my mother, which is not her responsibility. It's mine," she said.

Davis said the decision to commit auto burglaries "was very immature by myself and everyone else involved," and that she "constantly" thinks about her cousin, Ja'quan Swopes, who was fatally shot by a homeowner whose vehicles were being burglarized by the group, authorities said.

She said she was sorry to everyone affected by the events that night.

The 75-year-old homeowner told police he saw the group by his cars in the driveway, but fired after members of the group approached him on his porch. Defense attorney Jeff Facklam said Davis never approached the house.

In September, Davis pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit burglary, a felony carrying a possible penalty

of up to three years in prison, and criminal trespass to a motor vehicle, a misdemeanor carrying a potential sentence of up to a year in prison.

Assistant Lake County State's Attorney Ken LaRue told Rossetti Tuesday that the defendant had a long juvenile history of burglary and other offenses, and the case called for prison time.

"What happened Aug. 13 wasn't a one-time event," LaRue said. "Looking at the defendant's record, this is a pattern."

LaRue also had a doorbell security video played in court that the defense agreed showed Davis entering and riffling through a car in a Wilmette driveway days before the fatal incident.

Facklam asked the judge for a probationary sentence for Davis, noting that the charges involved a property crime not a violent crime, and that Davis is the mother of a young child who needs her.

Facklam also said that Davis had been working with a social worker in the jail, who also testified at the hearing, and said Davis was being treated for depression and anxiety, as well as showing symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

"She wanted to join the



Davis

military, but now she can't (because she has been convicted of a felony as an adult)," Facklam said, adding that she is amenable to treatment programs and working toward a GED and career.

If she is sent to prison, Facklam said, it will hurt rather than help her rehabilitation potential.

Davis has been held on \$1 million bail since her arrest.

Authorities say the homeowner claimed he fired shots on the night of Aug. 13 to scare off the group when one or more of them began moving toward him. Swopes was struck in the head and killed.

Swopes' mother, Tyisa Annan, addressed the court and said she supported probation, not prison.

"Diamond is my niece. We are very close," she said. "We just want her home with us."

Davis' mother, Erica Annan, told the court her daughter's son is pining for her, and that if Davis were given probation, she would be able to stay with the family and she would drive Davis to all her probation check-ins and programs.

After the sentence was pronounced, Annan said comments made in court that Davis had showed little remorse were not true.

"That crushed me," Annan said, adding that Davis was devastated by the death of her cousin.

In handing down the sentence, Rossetti said, "Don't use your 1-year-old as an excuse," adding that Davis wasn't thinking about her child while participating in car burglaries.

"What you were thinking about is having fun," Rossetti said.

Davis did say when she addressed the court that she never thought about the feelings of people whose things were being taken, but she does now and regrets her actions.

Lake County State's Attorney Michael Nerheim announced Sept. 19 that murder charges would be dropped against all five suspects "after full consideration of all the evidence, mitigation presented by defense counsel, as well as the wishes of the victim's family."

Nerheim said the facts of the case backed the first-degree murder charges against the defendants but that he was using his discretion to drop those charges and file other appropriate charges, namely the burglary counts.

The Evanston advocacy group Restore Justice, which became involved when the teens were initially charged with murder,

said Tuesday it remains grateful that Nerheim dropped the murder charges, but is still troubled by the fact Davis will end up in adult prison.

"What may seem like a short sentence to some is, in reality, condemning her to a lifetime of collateral consequences. We find that most young girls in our justice system are there due to trauma and situations in early life that they did not choose," Deanne Benos, Women's Justice Institute co-founder, said in a statement Tuesday.

"We can and must do better, as a state and a nation, to address trauma in women and girls earlier, with intention and - ideally - before it ever reaches a moment like this," Benos added.

Police and prosecutors said that after the Old Mill Creek shooting occurred, the group put the fatally wounded teen in the stolen Lexus they had arrived in and left, with one defendant dropping the wounded boy off with Gurnee officers at a crash scene, and the others speeding off.

That led to a high-speed police chase from Lake County to Chicago, where the teens were arrested after the car ran out of gas.

News-Sun's Frank Abderholden contributed.

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can create real challenges for our families, and we have worked to add makeup days in a manner that prioritizes student learning and minimizes disruption to the fullest extent possible," CPS Chief Education Officer LaTanya McDade said in a statement.

McDade said officials took care to schedule multiple student attendance days leading up to academic milestones, such as spring AP exams. They also tried to preserve scheduled breaks and avoid extending the school year into another week, she said.

The amended calendar is tentative until it's approved by the Board of Education, which is scheduled to vote at its next meeting on Nov. 20. The board is also expected to vote to amend its budget to account for changes in spending prompted by the new, tentative contracts with the Chicago Teachers Union and Service Employees International Union Local 73, which represents support staff members who walked off the job with the teachers on Oct. 17.

The board is also scheduled to vote on both of those new contracts.

The teachers union is not happy with the calendar proposal. CTU Vice President Stacy Davis Gates quickly tweeted her take, saying CPS was being "petty" by noting how much district spending was reduced during the strike and by proposing that two of the makeup days occur during winter break.

"January 2 and 3 doesn't seem to be the best days for student attendance, considering the obvious," Davis Gates later told the Tribune. "I am absolutely concerned about how those days will impact (the School Quality Rating Policy), which by the way we had a contract demand to do away with. Attendance is one of the factors that determines a school's rating and that rating determines the vitality of that school."

As to whether the union



Students returned to classes at Roswell Mason Elementary school on Nov. 1 following an 11-day teachers strike.

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— Miguel Chacon, whose children are in preschool and third grade at Suder Montessori

has alternate days to propose, she said they're fielding phone calls and messages from members and talking internally about it.

"It doesn't say much about CPS' ability to move forward with goodwill," Davis Gates said. "We found out via the same press release that you all found out."

The teachers strike lasted for 11 days and ended Thursday after CTU and Mayor Lori Lightfoot reached a compromise to make up five of the 11 days.

The union wanted to make up all 11.

The new January attendance dates would effectively lop off four days from the recess, since under the current calendar students would have another weekend before returning to school.

Makeup days must take place when teachers and CTU staff would not otherwise be paid, "which severely limited the district's scheduling options," according to CPS.

The union took issue with that claim, tweeting that "before taking winter break days," the district could have had students in class during previously scheduled teacher professional development days and moved those to the end of the school year.

Parent reactions to the proposed dates were mixed Tuesday afternoon, on social media and among those contacted by the Tribune. A common complaint on Twitter related to existing travel plans, with some users saying they didn't plan to change those even if it meant their children would miss school.

John Overfield, who has a senior at Taft High School and a sixth grader at Wildwood Elementary, said he'd prefer the days all be added to the end of the year, but he wasn't concerned about the chosen dates.

"If it were my call, I

would just tack on five days to the end of the school year," Overfield said.

But Miguel Chacon, whose children are in preschool and third grade at Suder Montessori, said he was glad CPS didn't add more than the two days in June.

"I'm happy that it's not (all) at the tail end of the (school year), when all of the kids are not really doing much," Chacon said. "It unfortunately cuts back their winter break, but I'm glad it's not at the end of the school year. It actually worked out really well where they put the makeup days."

Along with the updated calendar, CPS also revealed its proposal for an amended budget for this school year, which includes "new investments" and salary increases agreed to in the tentative union contracts plus more tax increment financing

money and reduced spending tied to the strike.

The loss of six school days reduces spending by \$68 million, and the district is getting another \$66 million in additional TIF money from the city, according to CPS. The previously approved budget already included \$97 million in TIF money.

CPS officials said the money will enable them to pay for \$33 million in additional costs of the CTU contract and \$15 million in additional costs of the SEIU contract, afford \$25 million in reduced short-term borrowing, and take on \$61 million in pension costs shifted from the city to CPS.

The board has scheduled public hearings for 4 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 12 to receive feedback from the community on the budget and calendar amendments and the new labor contracts.

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Targets of hate push chain for real change

'Zero tolerance' urged as reportedly racist patron banned

BY SUZANNE BAKER

The families involved in a racist incident at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Naperville called on the company Tuesday to establish "zero tolerance" hiring practices that will ensure no other customer experiences a similar situation.

Justin Vahl, of Montgomery, and Marcus Riley, of Joliet, recounted their story Tuesday during a news conference at St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Aurora and said they are urging the owners of the sports bar/casual dining restaurant chain to, among other things, implement additional screening as part of the interview process before hiring employees.

The two men were joined by attorney Cannon Lambert, their sons and some of the people who were present during the Oct. 26 incident at the Buffalo Wild Wings on 75th Street, near Route 59. At the center of the controversy are two restaurant employees who asked the men's party of 18 to move to new tables because a restaurant patron did not want to be seated near black people.

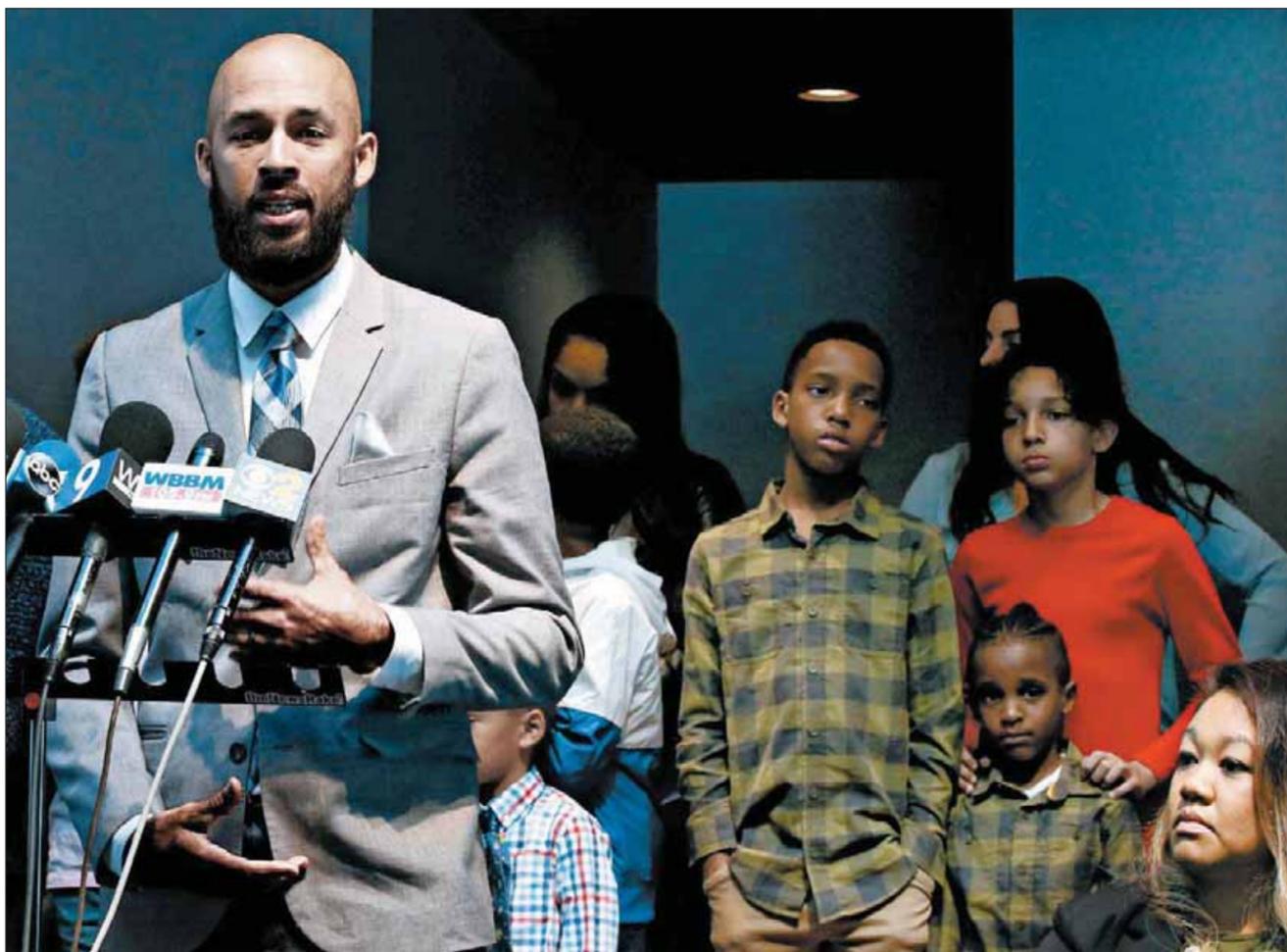
Two employees, both managers, were fired after the incident became public. The customer has been banned from all Buffalo Wild Wings for life, the company said.

"We're not surprised. That's what they should have done," Lambert said of the company's response to the incident. "What we're surprised by is that you didn't have anything already in place."

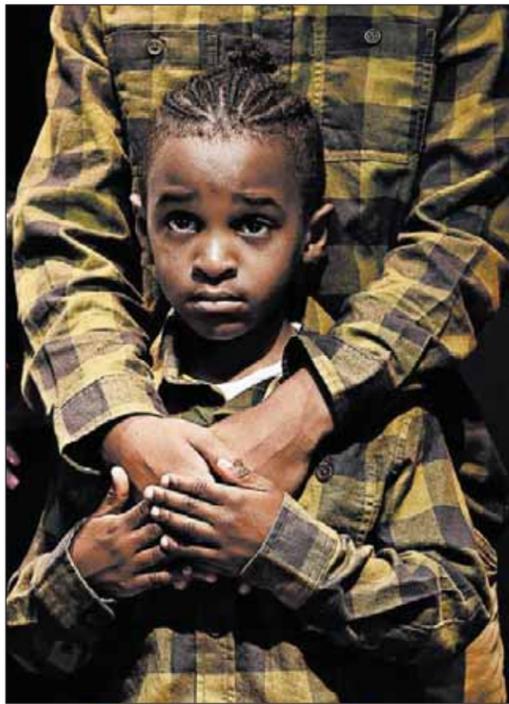
Lambert said they're seeking zero tolerance definitions be added to Buffalo Wild Wings employee handbooks, a hotline be set up for employees to report racial bias, signage in break rooms to combat bigotry and an accountability system.

Lambert is well-known in the Chicago area for his representation of the family of Sandra Bland, a former Naperville woman who was found hanged in her Waller County, Texas, jail cell three days after she was arrested during a 2015 traffic stop. The wrongful death lawsuit he filed requested \$1.9 million in damages.

No lawsuit or boycott in this case is planned, Lambert said. The intent is to continue a dialogue with



Justin Vahl speaks Tuesday about his experience at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Naperville when he was told a patron didn't want to be near black people.



Dereon Smothers holds on to his little brother Marcus Riley Jr. during Tuesday's press conference.

the restaurant for change, he said.

"You don't have to file a lawsuit if there is no disagreement," Lambert said.

"We're hoping, in fact, we are expecting (the company) will be a good corporate citizen."

Buffalo Wild Wings has

announced all employees in the Chicago area will undergo sensitivity training, which will be in addition to enforcing a new company-wide RESPECT program implemented this fall.

In regard to the customer who was banned, Lambert said he wants assurances the restriction is enforced. "How do you know for sure?" he said.

Since being made public Saturday by the Naperville Sun, the incident has attracted national attention and angry responses from community and state leaders, including Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

Emily Bittner, the governor's spokesperson, wrote in an email that the governor "was outraged that a special family celebration was marred by racist behavior." All families should feel welcome wherever they go in the state, she said.

Naperville Mayor Steve Chirico reached out Vahl and his family to apologize for their experience in Naperville.

Lambert praised the politicians for joining the conversation. "It gives us hope. We have to fuel that hope," he said.

The story came to light through an Oct. 27 Facebook post from Vahl's wife, Mary, who wrote about the experience they had at Buffalo Wild Wings the previous night.

Speaking at the Tuesday news conference, she said she's grateful for the support and positive comments she's received in response to the post, which has "gone more viral than I expected."

She said she was trying to bring awareness to what's happening in suburban communities.

"I'm not African American, but I have friends and family who are," she said. "This does happen in your back yard."

What angers her the most, Vahl said, is that her 5- and 9-year-old children had to experience the situation, which involved a restaurant employee asking her husband what race he was and a manager requiring their group to move because a customer didn't want to sit next to some of the people in their party. They ultimately left the restaurant and dined elsewhere, and had to explain the reason why to their children, she said.

"My kids should be oblivious to this," she said.

Riley's finance, Ashley Smith, who was among the group of 18, broke down in tears as she explained the challenges of helping her sons process what happened.

"You have people looking at them as a color," Smith said. "Every kid is different. ... It's OK for them to be black."

The incident is confusing for his 6- and 10-year-old boys, Riley said, particularly since he's frequently taken them to Buffalo Wild Wings after football and basketball games.

Now the kids are faced with the uncertainty of "Am I going to be accepted today?" every time they enter a restaurant, he said.

"It's hard talking to them. They're looking for answers," Riley said. "We have to take it day by day."

Despite the apologies and the actions Buffalo Wild Wings has taken, he said he's not ready to return to patronize them again.

"Forgiveness takes a while. Maybe one day," he said.

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or that Naperville residents are more willing to talk about them.

In the recent Buffalo Wild Wings confrontation, Justin Vahl, his wife and two children were part of a group of six adults and 12 children who went to the restaurant after a youth basketball tournament to celebrate the birthday of one of the children.

While they were waiting to be seated, a host asked Vahl, who lives with his family in Montgomery, and Vahl questioned why the host had asked. The host said one of the restaurant's regular customers seated nearby "doesn't want black people sitting near him," Vahl said.

A manager later asked the group to move to another part of the restaurant because the tables had been reserved for another party, Vahl said. Vahl and the others in his group ultimately left the restaurant and dined elsewhere.

The service manager and shift manager at the restaurant were later fired.

Naperville, the state's third-largest city, is known for its good public schools and quality of life. It is routinely named by rankings websites among the best cities to raise a family or to live in America.

The city, which census figures show is nearly three-quarters white, has also faced concerns about diversity and inclusion. After Naperville resident and

state Rep. Anne Stava-Murray said the city had a legacy of white supremacist policies, the city convened a public Naperville Neighbors United discussion, where organizers said the city had work to do in areas like building minority representation among city leaders.

Stava-Murray said that public meeting was a step in the right direction but called on state and local lawmakers to take further steps to prevent incidents like the ones at the gas station and Buffalo Wild Wings. Naperville, like cities across the country, must tackle systemic biases, she said.

"That's one of the things we need to change, is the idea that these events are not preventable," she said. "Because they absolutely are, and we can work towards eliminating these things from happening in our community. It's a matter of the political will and the work."

Michael Childress, president of the NAACP chapter covering DuPage and surrounding counties, said the Buffalo Wild Wings incident is a symptom of the rhetoric coming from the Donald Trump administration. Trump's verbal and social media attacks have emboldened more prejudiced people to speak their minds, Childress said.

"He has people thinking that racism, it is commonplace," Childress said.

Kevin Mumford, a University of Illinois professor who has studied race relations, said racism could be on an upswing in suburbs such as Naperville because



Protesters are pictured outside a Naperville gas station Washington Street and Bailey Road after a clerk in July told Hispanic customers "they need to go back to their country."

"It's a well known city in the U.S., and we are known mostly, I think, for good schools and kind of an economic powerhouse of Illinois, that kind of thing. So when something like this happens in Naperville it's like, oh look, what's going on there?"

— Councilwoman Theresa Sullivan

of events in Chicago and nationally. African-Americans in high-profile positions in Chicago, such as the new mayor and leaders of the Chicago Teachers Union who were highly visible during the recent teachers strike, can cause "status anxiety" among white residents across income levels. That can be exacerbated by Trump supporters who feel a strong anti-Trump sentiment in Illinois, he said.

The phenomenon, which leads to what he called a

"backlash of everyday racism," can be seen across the country, he said.

After news spread about the Buffalo Wild Wings incident, some on social media said they weren't surprised it happened in the current national political climate, and they weren't surprised it happened in Naperville.

"I know about Naperville," tweeted pop singer Richard Marx, who grew up in north suburban Highland Park. "And, disgusting as this is, it's not

terribly surprising."

Naperville councilman Benny White, the city's lone black council member, said on Facebook he was "saddened" by the incident, and planned to speak about it at a city council meeting Tuesday night.

Naperville Mayor Steve Chirico said racism happens in other communities too, but it's likely ignored or brushed aside. Leaders in Naperville, though, work to discuss and address issues when residents react, he said, citing city conversa-

tions on issues such as racial diversity.

"We need to know what we can do to be a welcoming community," he said.

Councilwoman Theresa Sullivan said Naperville's schools and rankings might contribute to why stories about racism in Naperville spread.

"It's a well known city in the U.S., and we are known mostly, I think, for good schools and kind of an economic powerhouse of Illinois, that kind of thing," she said. "So when something like this happens in Naperville it's like, oh look, what's going on there?"

Naperville has a problem with racism, but it's no worse than in any neighboring suburb, Sullivan said. Instead, she suggested Naperville residents are more willing to confront it. Residents shared the video of the gas station confrontation and the essay from the former Naperville resident because they wanted to talk about them, she said.

But councilman Kevin Coyne — who called Rep. Stava-Murray's comments about white supremacist policies "disparaging and patently false" in January — said the recent racist incidents at Buffalo Wild Wings and the Naperville gas station were isolated, and he described Naperville as a welcoming community.

"I think these are isolated incidents, and I don't think that they should be construed to somehow represent what our community's all about," he said.

Vahl said Tuesday he is focusing only on the Buffalo Wild Wings incident, not other issues or Naperville.

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intendent.

"I have given 31 years now to this city, and almost four as superintendent," Johnson said. "You know, but I recognize also that at some point it's time to create another chapter in your life. And I will tell you all this: When my family and I went to London for the Bears game, that's the first vacation like that that I've had since I became superintendent. And I looked at my family and it made me realize how much of a sacrifice you make for your family when you take

on positions like this."

Johnson said he has been "toying with" retirement "for some time."

Johnson's replacement is unknown, but sources said two names being floated as candidates for the interim superintendent position are former Los Angeles police Chief Charlie Beck and former Illinois State Police Director Leo Schmitz. Schmitz is also a former deputy chief for the Chicago police department.

Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said Tuesday evening he could neither confirm nor deny Johnson's departure.

Ferguson is investigating the Oct. 17 incident in which patrol officers dis-

covered Johnson in his parked car at 12:30 a.m. near 34th Place and Aberdeen Street in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood. The officers allowed Johnson to drive himself to his home. The superintendent has said he felt ill because of problems with his medication, though he also told Mayor Lori Lightfoot he had "a couple of drinks" earlier in the night.

Johnson told reporters Monday he's "not worried" about the investigation.

Johnson also said he wouldn't have cared about making it to April as superintendent, when his pension will become fully vested at the superintendent's salary. "Remember, I

didn't apply for this job," he said. "So that part doesn't matter to me, it really doesn't."

Johnson was hired in spring 2016 by then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel to be his next top cop. Johnson took over a department reeling from the court-ordered release of squad car-camera video showing a white Chicago police officer shot and killed black teen Laquan McDonald.

During Johnson's time, the city has seen some reductions in both homicides and shootings, but the Police Department has also struggled to solve crimes, posting abysmal yearly clearance rates.

"Former Mayor Rahm

Emanuel probably said it best when he said, 'These are jobs of a lifetime, but they're not jobs for a lifetime,'" Johnson said. "So you do the best you can when you have these positions. But we take these jobs knowing we're going to get criticized, and we're going to be second-guessed."

Lightfoot has also praised Johnson. During a meeting with the Tribune editorial board last month, she highlighted the important work she said Johnson has done since Emanuel chose him to replace Garry McCarthy after a judge ordered the release of video footage showing the killing of McDonald. She made

clear she has personal respect for Johnson, despite the current controversy.

"This is a guy who has sacrificed a tremendous amount for the city over the last 3 1/2 years. He stepped into a breach at a time when our city really could have come apart. Remember where we were in December of '15 and into '16, and the anger that was manifest itself all over the city," Lightfoot said. "That was a really scary time for us, and we didn't come apart in part because of the superintendent's leadership and stewardship. I want to look at the entirety of the man's body of work. I think he deserves that, I think he's earned that."

Security

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and San Jose all provide security for their current mayors but not their predecessors, officials in each city said. New York City officials declined a request for comment.

A Philadelphia police spokesman said that city does not provide former mayors with dedicated security teams but has a "Dignitary Protection Unit" that offers them temporary security as needed on a case-by-case basis.

Though Chicago police confirmed the city currently provides details for Daley and Emanuel, the department would not provide more information on the size or specifics, saying such details could put the former mayors in danger. But the department noted that the politicians receive "a minimal security detail as consistent with past practices of former mayors."

The only other living former Chicago mayor, David Orr, does not receive police protection, though he only served briefly after Harold Washington died. It was not immediately clear how much the Daley and Emanuel security details cost.

In a statement, Lightfoot's office did not specifically address whether former mayors should receive police protection.

"As consistent with past practices of former mayors, the Chicago Police Department provides minimal security detail for former Mayor Emanuel and Mayor Daley," the statement said.

But the practice has been criticized by some good government experts.

David Melton, a senior adviser to Reform for Illinois, said it would be understandable to provide former Chicago mayors temporary security when a specific credible threat emerges. But, otherwise, the practice is wasteful, he said.

"In my experience, what we're talking about is these are drivers for these people," Melton said. "If they want drivers, they can pay for them themselves."

Ben Silver, an attorney with Elmhurst-based Citizen Advocacy Center, said the lack of information provided by police about Daley



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Then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel, left, is seen with a member of his security detail in March. Six months after leaving office, Emanuel still gets a taxpayer-funded security detail.

and Emanuel's details "is concerning in and of itself."

"It's one thing if this is just a limited thing, it's essentially just some supplemental duties for some officers every once in a while. It's another if it's a full detail most days or something. That's a substantial cost," Silver said. "It's hard to evaluate whether something's justified or not without knowing more details."

Police details for politicians also have been criticized as wasteful uses of taxpayer resources in a cash-strapped city where violent crime is a chronic problem. And, debate on who in Chicago government should get one has long been a contentious subject.

Until this summer, the Police Department provided security for the city clerk and treasurer. But

Chicago police canceled the security details for Clerk Anna Valencia and Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin, saying the citywide elected officials aren't at enough risk.

Indicted Ald. Edward Burke had officers assigned to him for decades following his role in the so-called Council Wars as part of a contingent of mostly white aldermen in the 1980s who opposed the policies of Washington, Chicago's first black mayor. That ultimately was canceled late last year.

This summer, Chicago police canceled the protective details assigned to Conyears-Ervin and Valencia after conducting a threat assessment on them and Emanuel, according to a July memo sent from Lightfoot's security chief, Jim Smith, to her chief of staff, Maurice Classen.

While police blocked out the threat assessment details, First Deputy Superintendent Anthony Riccio wrote Conyears-Ervin and Valencia in August, notifying them their security was canceled, noting that other big cities including New York City, Los Angeles, Boston and Miami don't provide full-time police security details to the officials holding their equivalent positions.

Conyears-Ervin disputed the decision in a letter to Riccio and said she's faced threats to her safety and that former treasurers "confirmed that they were attacked, stalked, and/or harassed."

Her chief of staff separately wrote Classen, arguing the elimination of the detail was politically motivated, an accusation to which Classen responded later was "without merit

and deeply offensive" and "outlandish."

Classen responded four days later, saying the Police Department considered Conyears-Ervin's concerns but found they did not warrant a security detail.

Valencia's chief legal counsel, Ennedy Rivera, in August also wrote Classen asking that the decision be reconsidered, citing threats to the clerk and a letter sent directly to her. Classen responded that two separate threat assessments found no "ongoing, specific, or credible threat" to Valencia. She was provided a detail as a courtesy, he said.

Police this week said they take Valencia and Conyears-Ervin's safety seriously even though they eliminated their details.

"... The department will remain available, as it is for any individual, to protect and assist the City Clerk, City Treasurer or any elected official should any security concern arise," police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Burke, who as Finance Committee chair wielded tremendous power for decades, once had four full-time officers assigned to him at the taxpayers' expense.

The issue resurfaced during Emanuel's campaign for mayor more than eight years ago when he said that a "shared sacrifice" in tough economic times could lead to Burke's detail getting cut.

When Emanuel was elected in 2011, Burke's security detail was pulled by then-police Superintendent Garry McCarthy and replaced with two retired officers paid for by the city. This was after McCarthy determined that several officials with security provided by the city "require less or no protection."

At that time, the Police Department said most of the officers from security details would go back to the street "at a savings of more than \$650,000 to the taxpayers."

Burke lost his taxpayer-funded security detail after resigning as Finance chair late last year following an FBI raid on his City Hall offices. He has subsequently been indicted on sweeping public corruption charges. His successor, Patrick O'Connor, did not re-

"In my experience, what we're talking about is these are drivers for these people. If they want drivers, they can pay for them themselves."

— David Melton, a senior adviser to Reform for Illinois

ceive a security detail.

After Emanuel was elected mayor in 2011, taxpayer-funded bodyguards were provided to former Mayor Daley and then-city Treasurer Stephanie Neely. At that time, the Police Department said Daley would continue to be provided with a detail of active-duty police officers for "a limited time" and that his security needs would be routinely reevaluated.

Later that fall, Emanuel announced Daley's security detail had been reduced to three police officers, two of whom would be on call to transport former first lady Maggie Daley to and from doctor appointments and the hospital.

Emanuel justified the expense by saying, "While we're a city of big shoulders, we're also a city of big hearts."

As for Neely, she had two bodyguards assigned to ensure she had full coverage during work hours but not while she was off the clock, her staff said in 2011.

The security detail continued with Neely's successor, Kurt Summers. One of his officers helped arrest the suspect in the February 2018 fatal shooting of Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer outside the Thompson Center, across the street from City Hall.

On Monday, Guglielmi told the Tribune that Emanuel's security will be reduced, though he will continue to receive a detail. A spokeswoman for Daley did not return a message seeking comment. Emanuel declined to comment.

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Lawsuit: Cops raided wrong home for man already in jail

2015 incident said to have left young kids with PTSD

BY PAIGE FRY

Jolanda Blessingame was cooking a chicken dinner in January 2015 when she thought a burglar might be trying to break into her home in Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood.

The African American mother says she tried to gather her three sons and a nephew into a front room to hide but realized it couldn't be a burglary when she spotted bright lights out a bedroom window.

SWAT and plainclothes Chicago police officers suddenly burst through front and back doors, throwing flash grenades and pointing assault rifles at the family, according to a lawsuit filed Tuesday in federal court.

But police had made a huge blunder, raiding the wrong house, the suit alleged. The man sought by officers had once lived at

the address years earlier but had been in prison since 2009 and had no connection to Blessingame's family, attorney Al Hofeld Jr. told reporters.

At a news conference at his law offices, Hofeld said that Blessingame's sons still suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder-like symptoms and behavioral issues. The children, who were ages 11, 6 and 4 at the time of the incident, now have separation issues, distrust in the police, nightmares and phobias, according to the suit.

It was only in June, more than four years after the incident, that Blessingame said she sought out Hofeld after hearing news reports of similar suits he had brought.

This suit marks the seventh such suit brought since last year by Hofeld, who alleges a pattern of misconduct by Chicago police in its use of excessive force against children of color. The city settled with one girl's family last year for \$2.5 million,

according to Hofeld.

"They need to be held accountable for what happened," said Blessingame, who directs a day care center while pursuing a master's degree in early childhood education at National Louis University. "They were just rude. They didn't care about the kids. They didn't care about anything."

Anthony Guglielmi, the Police Department's chief spokesman, declined to comment on the suit but defended police for making "every effort" to accurately carry out search warrants, saying only a small fraction of the thousands each year result in verified problems.

"Oftentimes the information that leads to search warrants comes from community sources, and despite the independent vetting of material ... and the methodical process to authenticate addresses, errors can occur and information may not be accurate," Guglielmi wrote in an email. "We take these errors with the utmost importance and priority given



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Attorney Al Hofeld Jr., with Jolanda Blessingame at his side Tuesday, alleges a pattern of misconduct by Chicago police in its use of excessive force against children of color.

the emotional impact search warrants can have on individuals and the implications to public trust."

Bill McCaffrey, a spokesman for the city's Law Department, said he had not seen the suit and declined to comment.

Hofeld said the raid could have been prevented if officers had taken the time to search the depart-

ment's criminal history database or public records to learn that the man they sought was, in fact, in prison and had not lived in the apartment for years.

Hofeld also complained that while the search warrant sought heroin, drug paraphernalia and records about drug transactions, officers seized Blessingame's black diamond earrings, a

silver cross pendant on a chain and her brother's Army-issued bulletproof vest — but never returned the property.

Officers also damaged doors, electronics and furniture in the raid without ever apologizing for the mistake or compensating the family, Hofeld said.

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9 US citizens killed in drug cartel ambush

Gunmen attacked SUVs in remote area of northern Mexico

BY MARK STEVENSON
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Drug cartel gunmen ambushed three SUVs along a dirt road, slaughtering six children and three women — all U.S. citizens living in northern Mexico — in a grisly attack that left one vehicle a burned-out, bullet-riddled hulk, authorities said Tuesday.

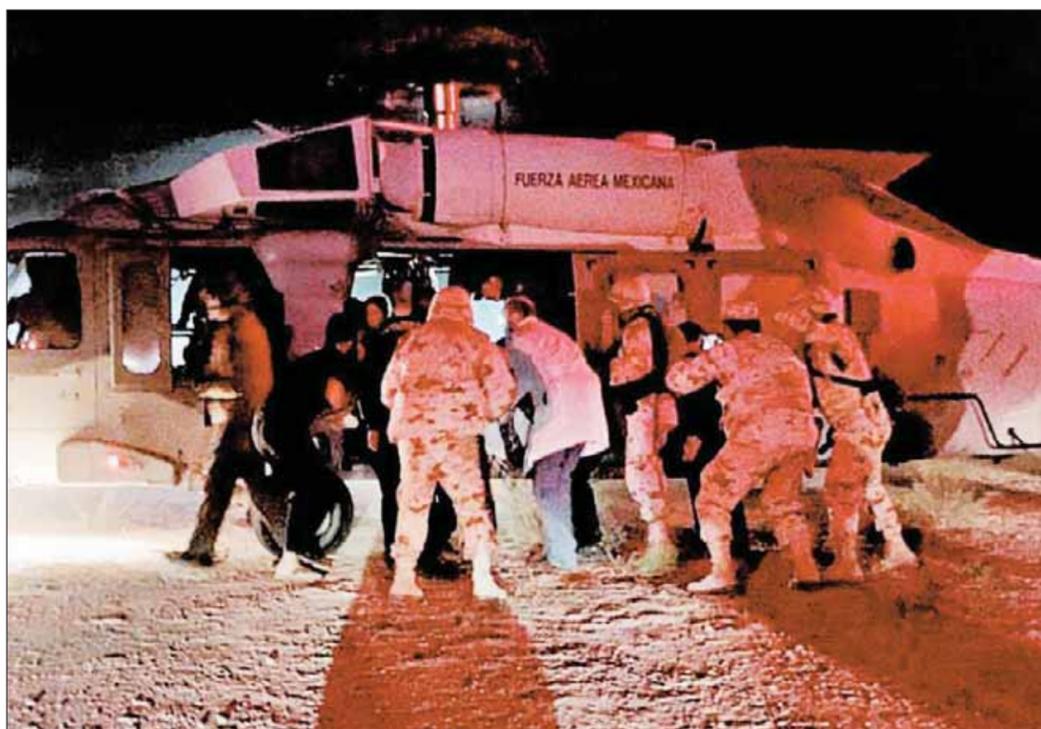
The dead included 8-month-old twins. Eight youngsters were found alive after escaping from the vehicles and hiding in the brush, but at least five had gunshot wounds or other injuries and were taken to the U.S. for treatment, officials said.

One woman was killed after she apparently jumped out of her vehicle and waved her hands to show she wasn't a threat, according to family members and prosecutors.

Mexican Security Secretary Alfonso Durazo said the gunmen may have mistaken the group's large SUVs for those of rival gangs.

The bloodshed took place Monday in a remote, mountainous area in northern Mexico where the Sinaloa cartel has been engaged in a turf war. The victims had set out to visit relatives in Mexico; one woman was headed to the airport in Phoenix to meet her husband.

While a drug-related violence has been raging for years in Mexico, the attack underscored the way cartel



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Children of the LeBaron family, who were injured in an ambush Monday, are taken by helicopter to the Mexico-U.S. border.

gunmen have become increasingly unconcerned about killing children as collateral damage. Around the ambush scene, which stretched for miles, investigators found over 200 shell casings, mostly from assault rifles.

"Lately it's getting worse. This is a whole new level," said Taylor Langford, a relative of the dead who splits his time between the Mexican community and his home in the Salt Lake City suburb of Herriman, Utah.

In a tweet, President Donald Trump offered to

help Mexico "wage WAR on the drug cartels and wipe them off the face of the earth." But Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador rejected that approach, saying his predecessors waged war, "and it didn't work."

The victims lived in Sonora state, about 70 miles south of Douglas, Arizona, in the hamlet of La Mora, which was founded decades ago by an offshoot of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

All of the victims were apparently related to the

extended LeBaron family in Chihuahua, whose members have run afoul of the drug traffickers over the years. Benjamin LeBaron, an anti-crime activist who founded neighborhood patrols against cartels, was killed in 2009.

Prosecutors said the woman who waved her arms, Christina Langford Johnson, was found 15 yards away from her Chevrolet Suburban, shot to death. Her 7-month-old daughter, Faith Marie Johnson, was discovered uninjured in her car seat.

Kendra Miller, a relative, wrote that the baby's car seat "seemed to be put on the floor by her mother to try and protect her. She gave her life to try and save the rest."

A short distance away, Dawna Ray Langford, 43, lay dead in the front seat of another Suburban, along with the bullet-riddled bodies of her sons, ages 11 and 2.

Of the children who escaped, one had been shot in the face, another in the foot. One girl suffered gunshot wounds to her back and foot.

Cowering in the brush, one boy hid the other children and then walked back to La Mora to get help. Another girl, who was initially listed as missing, walked off in another direction, despite her gunshot wounds, to get help.

A group of male relatives set out to try to rescue the youngsters but turned back when they heard gunfire ahead.

A relative of the dead, who did not want his name used for fear of retaliation, said in an interview that when they finally made it to the scene where the ambush started they found a burned-out Chevy Tahoe.

Inside, they saw the charred remains of Rhonita Miller, 30, her 10-year-old daughter, a son, 12, and her 8-month-old twins. They were "burnt to a crisp," the relative said.

The gunmen had riddled the vehicle with dozens of bullets and apparently hit the gas tank, causing it to explode.

"When we were there, the cartels from Sonora, there were probably 50 or 60 of them, armed to the teeth, about a mile on this side," said the relative.

Trump tweeted that a "wonderful family" got "caught between two vicious drug cartels."

He said the U.S. "stands ready, willing & able to get involved and do the job quickly and effectively," adding, "The cartels have become so large and powerful that you sometimes need an army to defeat an army!"

But Mexico's president said: "The worst thing you can have is war."

White House hopefuls labor for votes

Candidates know union support vital to their chances

BY ELI ROSENBERG
The Washington Post

The workers were chanting "Shut it down!" when photographers turned to a figure approaching from the end of the block, a Dunkin' donut box in her hands.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., had shown up at a picket line manned by striking Stop & Shop workers in Somerville, Massachusetts, during the 11-day strike at the grocery chain last April.

"These giant companies think they can knock unions back," Warren told the crowd through a bullhorn. "They think they can push us back. But what they need to understand is that unions are here to stay!"

A few days later, former Vice President Joe Biden was at another Stop & Shop picket line, excoriating Wall Street bankers and CEOs.

"You built America!" he boomed to the crowd.

The next day, Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg met with the striking grocers. Other presidential candidates, such as Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., voiced their support on social media.

Barely a week old at the time, the strike of 31,000 workers at about 240 stores had suddenly found itself at the white-hot center of the 2020 campaign race.

The road to the presidential nomination next year is sure to be full of unforeseen twists and pot-holes as a crowded field of Democratic contenders duked it out in a volatile political climate.

But about a year into their race, one thing is clear: It leads through a thicket of striking workers, in a number of states, whether they are in front of a grocery store, an automotive factory or an elementary school.

This push comes as they try to dislodge some of the support President Donald Trump has found in states that have lost tens of thousands of union jobs in recent years, including Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Hillary Clinton beat Trump in union households by only 9 percentage points in 2016 — half of the 18-point margin Barack Obama won over Mitt Romney and well below the 30-point advantage Bill Clinton had in 1992, according to exit poll data.

Democratic candidates are telegraphing their support for workers in a variety of ways. Warren launched her campaign in Lawrence, Massachusetts, in front of a mill that was made famous by a strike led by a group of female workers in 1912.

"I am a union man," Biden said during his announcement a few months later.

Nearly all of the candidates have pro-union and pro-worker policy proposals in their platforms.

Political observers said

the rush by 2020 hopefuls to embrace striking workers marks a new chapter, although unions have been nominally aligned with Democratic politicians on and off for years.

"Democrats have held their distance in several decades," said Erik Loomis, a labor historian at the University of Rhode Island and the author of "A History of America in Ten Strikes." "Now, going on a picket line is almost a requirement to be considered a serious candidate for the Democratic nomination. That's basically unprecedented in American history."

During the six-week strike that shut down production at General Motors, workers were greeted by Sanders, Klobuchar, Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif.; Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J.; Biden and Warren, as well as former congressman Beto O'Rourke, D-Texas, and Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio, who have since dropped out of the race.

The parade of candidates was so dizzying that some workers at the Detroit-Hamtramck plant, which Klobuchar, Sanders and Warren visited — twice — said they had lost track of which ones had come by.

"They did earn some points," said Hamtramck worker Chris Viola, 36, adding that Warren came out to stand with picketing workers during a downpour. "People are realizing that we're out here, and we want to be heard."

The candidates' visits have added to a sense of momentum in the world of labor organizing, which has seen the number of striking workers rise to the highest level in more than 30 years. Public support for unions, according to Gallup Polls, is approaching a 50-year high.

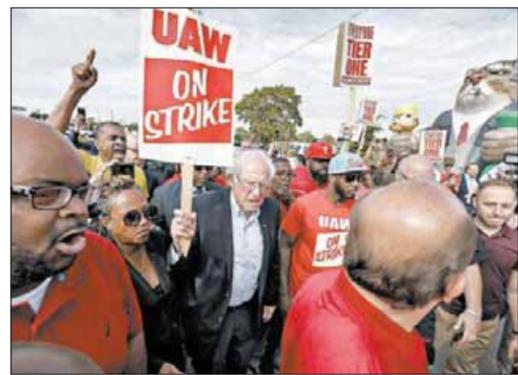
And the high-profile attention, which draws extensive media coverage, has helped turn the focus on the plight of workers and bring it into the center of the national political discussion.

Some have viewed the candidates' visits with skepticism.

Jane McAlevey, a former organizer and a policy fellow at the University of California, Berkeley, argued in an essay she wrote for the Nation that candidates were offering workers photo opportunities but not actual power.

"The GM strike could have been an incredible opportunity for Democrats to drive home a core message: Trump promised workers not one plant would close on his watch, and now that promise is broken," she wrote in the magazine. "The Democrats essentially ignored the chance."

Vanessa Banks, the president of the United Auto Workers Local 1590 chapter, which represents workers at a General Motors plant in Martinsburg, West Virginia, said she thought of the visits as "just politics." "They're not helping us



BILL PUGLIANO/TNS

Presidential hopeful Sen. Bernie Sanders walks the picket line with striking UAW members as they picket GM in Detroit.

in any way," she said.

But many union officials and workers said they appreciated the support.

"There really is an understanding by this crop of candidates that if you want to face wealth inequality and create good jobs, unions have to be a part of that, and not just say, 'Unions matter,'" said Erika Knuti, communications director for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, which represents Stop & Shop workers. "We were very cognizant of not turning ourselves into a photo op for politicians, and I think that the folks that came did a good job."

Despite the fact that union participation in the United States has been declining for decades, unions still have effective "get out the vote" operations.

Joseph McCartin, a professor at Georgetown University, cited data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics that showed that Wisconsin

lost 175,000 union members between 2008 and 2016; Michigan lost 165,000, and Pennsylvania lost 165,000.

"So key states that Trump ended up winning were states where unions got hammered," he said in an interview. "(Democrats) saw how badly those losses hurt them in those states, and they saw how (former governor) Scott Walker's impact on Wisconsin made Wisconsin available to Trump."

Then there is the issue of endorsements. A majority of unions have yet to weigh in on the race, cautious perhaps because of the large pool of candidates.

"I think unions are really kicking the tires on a whole host of issues," said Scott Treibitz, a political consultant who works with unions in Washington. "They know Bernie, they know Elizabeth, they know Joe, they know Harris and Booker, but they're trying to see how they all react"

White House, Pelosi part ways on relief for prescription drug costs

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House on Tuesday signaled President Donald Trump's blunt thumbs-down to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's plan allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices. Her office's sharp retort: "Working people won't like it if he sells them out."

Despite the House impeachment inquiry, the White House and top aides

to the California Democrat have been in regular contact on efforts to curb drug prices, a top concern for Americans across party lines.

But a senior White House official told The Associated Press that the administration has concluded Pelosi's plan is "unworkable" and Trump will instead support bipartisan legislation pending in the Senate. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss ongoing deliberations.

The falling out imperils

chances for legislation this year, already seen as a long shot.

A recent study found more than half of seriously ill Medicare enrollees face financial hardships with medical bills, and prescription drug costs are the leading problem.

In a statement responding to the White House, Pelosi spokesman Henry Connelly said, "House Democrats are taking the bold action to negotiate lower drug prices that President Trump always

claimed was necessary, and working people won't like it if he sells them out on one of the most important kitchen table issues in America right now."

The senior White House official said that while Trump is not ideologically opposed to Medicare negotiating prices for medicines, Pelosi's approach can't be quickly retooled.

Her bill would levy steep taxes on drugmakers who refuse to accept a Medicare price keyed to what's paid in other economically ad-

vanced countries. The White House official pointed to the lack of Republican support for the bill and objected that it's structured to essentially give Medicare the power to dictate prices.

Trump is backing a bipartisan bill from Sens. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

That legislation would, for the first time, limit what seniors have to pay out of their own pockets for medications. It would also require drug companies to

pay rebates to Medicare if they hike prices beyond the inflation rate.

Similar ideas are also in Pelosi's legislation, but she takes a more aggressive approach to inflation rebates and sets a lower out-of-pocket limit for Medicare recipients. The Grassley-Wyden bill does not grant Medicare negotiating power.

Pelosi's bill has cleared key committees and is headed for the House floor, where it's expected to pass on a party-line vote.



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Ambassador Gordon Sondland, a top ally of President Trump, testified he told a Ukraine official that U.S. military aid was contingent on Kyiv investigating Trump's rival Joe Biden.

Inquiry

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public can decide for themselves.

"This is about more than just one call," Schiff wrote Tuesday in an op-ed in USA Today. "We now know that the call was just one piece of a larger operation to redirect our foreign policy to benefit Donald Trump's personal and political interests, not the national interest."

Pushing back, Trump Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham issued a statement saying the transcripts "show there is even less evidence for this illegitimate impeachment sham than previously thought."

House investigators released transcripts from Sondland, a businessman who donated \$1 million to Trump's inauguration and is the U.S. ambassador to the European Union, and from Kurt Volker, the former special envoy to Ukraine. The panels also announced they want to hear from Mick Mulvaney, Trump's acting chief of staff, reaching to the highest levels of the White House.

The documents include dozens of pages of text messages as the diplomats tried to navigate the demands of Rudy Giuliani, the president's personal lawyer, who they soon learn is running a back channel U.S. foreign policy on Ukraine.

Sondland testified that he spoke with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo about Giuliani, "and Pompeo rolled his eyes and said: 'Yes, it's something we have to deal with.'"

Pressed by investigators, Sondland — who initially said he didn't know that the Ukraine firm Burisma that Trump wanted to investigate was linked to the Biden's son Hunter — also testified that it would be improper for the U.S. to prompt Ukraine to investigate the Biden family. "It

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— Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., chairman of the Intelligence Committee

doesn't sound good."

In his revised testimony, Sondland says his memory was refreshed by the opening statements of two other inquiry witnesses, the top U.S. diplomat in Ukraine, William Taylor, and Tim Morrison, a European expert at the National Security Council.

Sondland also told investigators Trump was in a "bad mood" and nearly hung up on him when he asked whether the White House was withholding military aid for the investigation.

"I want nothing. I want no quid pro quo," Trump said, according to Sondland. "I want Zelenskiy to do the right thing."

Public hearings could begin next week in the impeachment inquiry that Trump says is illegitimate and Republicans in Congress call a sham.

The release of more transcripts comes as the Trump administration resumes its stonewalling of the inquiry. Two more White House officials, an energy adviser and a budget official, declined to appear Tuesday before investigators, even after one received a subpoena.

Meanwhile, investigators say they want to hear from Mulvaney because his news conference last month amounted to "nothing less than a televised confession" of Trump's efforts to have Ukraine investigate Democrats and the Bidens as the White House was blocking military funding for the Eastern European ally.

Trump said he did nothing wrong, and Mulvaney later walked back his remarks.

The White House has instructed its officials not to comply with the impeachment inquiry being led by House Democrats. Mulvaney is not expected to appear.

Republicans have been unable to deliver a unified argument against the impeachment probe, but one of them, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, said Tuesday that he's "pretty sure" how it all will end. "I don't think there's any question it would not lead to a removal" of Trump from the White House, McConnell said.

Most of those who have testified before the House panel are from the ranks of the State Department, including recalled U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch, whose testimony was released Monday.

Volker and Sondland testified they were disappointed after briefing Trump at the White House upon their return from Zelenskiy's inauguration in May as a new leader of the young democracy vowing to fight corruption.

Trump "went on and on and on about how Ukraine is a disaster and they're bad people," Sondland testified.

Trump holds an alternative view that it was Ukraine, not Russia, that interfered in the 2016 election, a theory counter to U.S. intelligence. "They tried to take me down. He kept saying that over and over," Sondland said.

Trump called woman who says he groped her, phone records show

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW
The Washington Post

More than a decade ago, Donald Trump made phone calls from his cellphone to a former candidate on "The Apprentice" around the same time that she says he sexually assaulted her, according to phone records made public Tuesday.

The excerpts from Trump's Verizon cellphone bills over a three-month period in 2007 and 2008 show that Trump exchanged calls with Summer Zervos on at least six occasions, including on a day that Trump's private calendar has shown that he was staying at the Beverly Hills Hotel in California.

That hotel stay is a part of Zervos' defamation lawsuit against Trump in New York State Court. Zervos says that Trump forced himself on her with unwanted kissing and groping while she visited him for lunch in his hotel room.

The phone records "corroborate (Zervos') account of the sexual assaults with even more granularity and with a degree of precision that (Zervos) could not have known were she not telling the truth about those interactions when she spoke publicly about them before this case was

filed," her lawyer, Mariann Wang, said in a court filing.

Zervos' legal team released the records Tuesday.

Trump's lawyer in the case, Marc Kasowitz, did not respond to a request for comment. After portions of Trump's private calendars and email correspondence between Zervos and Trump's secretary were made public last month, Kasowitz told The Associated Press that Zervos' claims were "entirely meritless and not corroborated by any documents."

Zervos is one of about a dozen women who has accused Trump of sexual misconduct before the 2016 election. Her case has been moving through the New York courts and could reach its conclusion before the 2020 election.

The call records came to light as part of an agreement between Zervos' and Trump's legal teams. The phone bills are redacted except for six phone calls with Zervos. The most important is probably a call from Trump to Zervos on Dec. 21, 2007. Portions of Trump's private calendar show he had arrived in Los Angeles from Las Vegas that day and checked into the Beverly Hills Hotel,



Zervos

along with his bodyguard.

Trump's lawyers have tried to block Zervos' lawsuit, arguing that the president is immune from such lawsuits.

But in March, a New York appellate court ruled that Trump must face the defamation suit. Trump's lawyers have signaled their intent to appeal.

Zervos' team wants Trump to give a deposition. The judge has set Dec. 6 as a deadline for all depositions in the case.

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Elections in 4 states may offer clue to 2020 voter enthusiasm

BY BILL BARROW
Associated Press

Gubernatorial and legislative elections in four states Tuesday will test voter enthusiasm and party organization amid impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump and a fevered Democratic presidential primary scramble.

Results in Kentucky, Mississippi, New Jersey and Virginia won't necessarily predict whether Trump will be reelected or which party will control Congress after the general election next fall. But partisans of all stripes invariably will use these odd-year elections for clues about how voters are reacting to the impeachment saga and whether the Republican president is losing ground among suburban voters who rewarded Democrats in the 2018 midterms and will prove critical again next November.

Trump is eager to nationalize whatever happens.

He campaigned Monday in Kentucky for embattled Republican Gov. Matt Bevin, a first-term Trump ally, as he tries to withstand Democrat Andy Beshear, the attorney general whose father was the state's last Democratic governor.

The president campaigned Friday in Mississippi, trying to boost Republican Tate Reeves in a tight governor's race against Democrat Jim Hood. Reeves is lieutenant governor; Hood is attorney general.

Legislative seats are on the ballots in New Jersey and in Virginia, with the latter presidential battleground state offering perhaps the best 2020 bell-



BRYAN WOOLSTON/AP

Joe Newberg shows his support for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andy Beshear on Tuesday in Louisville, Ky.

wether. Democrats had a big 2017 in the state, sweeping statewide offices by wide margins and gaining seats in the legislature largely on the strength of a strong suburban vote that previewed how Democrats would go on to flip the U.S. House a year later.

This time, Virginia Democrats are looking to add to their momentum by flipping enough Republican seats to gain control of the governor's office and both legislative chambers.

Democrats are looking to maintain their legislative supermajorities in New Jersey and ward off any concerns that Trump and Republicans could widen their reach into Democratic-controlled areas.

Some voters Tuesday tied their decisions to the national atmosphere, particularly the president.

In Kentucky, Vietnam veteran Michael Jennings, 73, voted straight Democratic.

Jennings, retired after a career in journalism and state government, said he believes Trump is unfit for office and threatens to

undermine the foundation of American democracy.

"If Kentucky can send a small flare up that we're making the necessary turn, that's a hopeful sign that would have reverberations far beyond our state," he said.

Richard Simmons, 63, a butcher from Glen Allen, Virginia, said he voted for GayDonna Vandergriff in the House race because she's a Republican, "which means everything to me, especially now."

Simmons said he's a staunch Trump supporter and thinks the impeachment investigation is unfounded.

"It's one diversion after another to keep Trump from doing anything," he said. "He's helped the economy, like, big time. And I trust the guy."

The Kentucky and Mississippi races are expected to be closer than the states' usual partisan leanings would suggest, though that has as much to do with local dynamics as with national trends.

But Virginia is where national Democrats are putting much of their attention.

For this cycle, the Democratic National Committee has steered \$200,000 to the state party for its statewide coordinated campaign effort that now has 108 field organizers and 16 other field staffers in what the party describes as its largest-ever legislative campaign effort.

Tom Perez, chairman of the DNC, and his aides bill it as a preview of what they're trying to build to combat the organizing juggernaut that the RNC and Trump's reelection campaign are building in battleground states.

Study: 'Little arsonist grasses'

Nonnative species make wildfires in US more frequent

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For much of the United States, invasive grass species are making wildfires more frequent, especially in fire-prone California, a new study finds.

Twelve nonnative species act as "little arsonist grasses," said study co-author Bethany Bradley, a University of Massachusetts professor of environmental conservation.

Wherever the common Mediterranean grass invades, including California's southern desert, fires flare up three times more often. And cheatgrass, which covers about one-third of the Intermountain West, is a big-time fire promoter, Bradley said.

"I would not be surprised at all if invasive grasses are playing a role in the current fires but I don't think we can attribute to them directly," Bradley said.

University of Utah fire

expert Phil Dennison, who wasn't part of the study but says it makes sense, said, "In a lot of ways, California was ground zero for invasive grasses. Much of California's native perennial grassland was replaced by Mediterranean annual grasses over a century ago. This study doesn't look at invasive grasses in the areas that are burning in California, but invasive grasses are contributing to the fires there."

Experts say the areas burning now in California are more shrubs and grasses than forests, despite what President Donald Trump tweeted over the weekend.

"This is a global problem," said University of Alberta fire expert Mike Flannigan, who wasn't part of the study but said it makes sense. "I think with climate change and human assistance we are moving to a grass world. One region they should have mentioned is Hawaii where wildfires are increasing in large part due to invasive grasses."

Invasive species are spreading more because of climate change as warmer

weather moves into new areas, said study lead author Emily Fusco, also of the University of Massachusetts. New England and the mid-Atlantic are seeing new invasive and more flammable grasses, Bradley said.

The study in Monday's journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences looks at the connections between a dozen species of invasive grasses and fires nationwide, finding fires occur more often in places with the nonnative grasses. But the study did not find a link between invasive grasses and the size of the fires.

Four of these species, including cheatgrass and common Mediterranean grass, are in California. These grasses get dry and then watch out, Fusco said.

"When you start a fire normally you want kindling," Fusco said. "The grasses are, more or less, like kindling."

If someone lights a match and throws it in the middle of a forest, it is unlikely a fire will start, but throw it in a field of cheatgrass "and odds are that it's going to catch," Bradley said.

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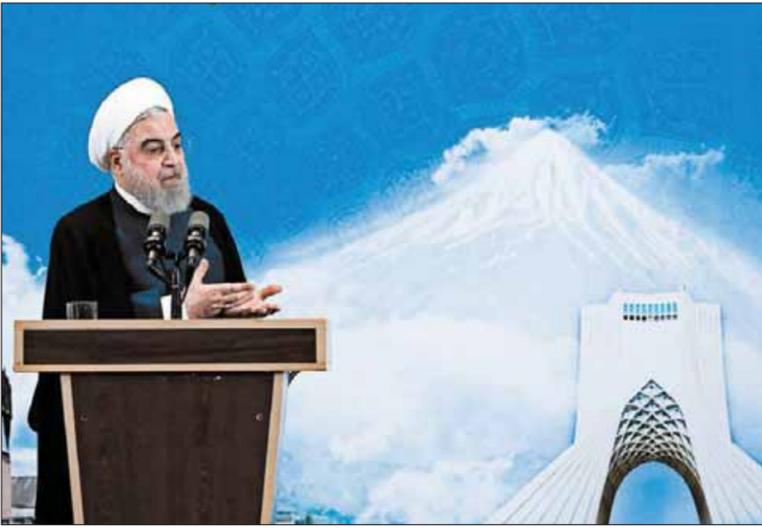
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President Hassan Rouhani said Iran would resume uranium enrichment at an underground plant south of Tehran in its latest step back from a pact with world powers.

Iranians to fuel centrifuges in step away from nuclear pact

BY NASSER KARIMI
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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran will start injecting uranium gas into over a thousand centrifuges at a fortified nuclear facility built inside a mountain, the country's president announced Tuesday in Tehran's latest step away from its atomic accord with world powers since President Donald Trump withdrew from the deal over a year ago.

President Hassan Rouhani's announcement means that Iran's Fordo nuclear facility, publicly revealed 10 years ago, again will become an active atomic site rather than a research facility as envisioned by the landmark 2015 accord. The State Department announced days ago that it would renew a waiver allowing Russia's state-run Rosatom nuclear company to continue its conversion work at the site.

The announcement represents a significant development as Fordo's 1,044 centrifuges previously spun empty for testing purposes under the deal. It also increases pressure on European nations that remain

in the accord to offer Iran a way to sell its crude oil abroad. Rouhani threatened to further pull Iran out of the deal in January 2020, which could mean curtailing international surveillance of its program or pushing enrichment close to weapons-grade levels.

"We are aware of their sensitiveness toward the Fordo facility and those centrifuges," Rouhani said in a live televised address. "At the same time, we cannot tolerate unilateral fulfillment of our commitments and no commitment from their side."

The International Atomic Energy Agency — the United Nations' nuclear watchdog monitoring Iran's compliance with the deal — declined to comment on Rouhani's announcement. European Union spokeswoman Maja Kocijancic described the bloc as "concerned" by Iran's decision. The White House on Monday sanctioned members of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's inner circle as part of its maximum pressure campaign against Tehran.

Experts described Iran's

announcement as a major tear to the unraveling deal.

"They're getting closer and closer to muscle. They aren't cutting fat right now," said Richard Nephew, a scholar at Columbia University who worked on the deal while at the State Department.

Fordo sits about 15 miles northeast of Qom, a Shiite holy city and the site of a former ammunition dump. Shielded by the mountains, the facility also is ringed by anti-aircraft guns and other fortifications. It is about the size of a football field, large enough to house 3,000 centrifuges, but small and hardened enough to lead U.S. officials to suspect it had a military purpose.

Iran acknowledged Fordo's existence in 2009 amid a major pressure campaign by Western powers over Tehran's nuclear program. The West feared Iran could use its program to build a nuclear weapon; Iran insists the program is for peaceful purposes.

Rouhani said Tuesday that the centrifuges at Fordo would be injected with gas Wednesday. He did not say whether the centrifuges would produce enriched uranium.

Trump's OK of wider Syria oil mission raises legal questions

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has approved an expanded military mission to secure an expanse of oil fields across eastern Syria, raising a number of difficult legal questions about whether U.S. troops can launch strikes against Syrian, Russian or other forces if they threaten the oil, U.S. officials said.

The decision, coming after a meeting Friday between Trump and his defense leaders, locks hundreds of U.S. troops into a more complicated presence in Syria, despite the president's vow to get America out of the war. Under the new plan, troops would protect a large swath of land controlled by Syrian Kurdish fighters that stretches nearly 90 miles from Deir el-Zour to al-Hassakeh, but its exact size is still being determined.

Officials said many details still have to be worked out. But, Trump's decision hands commanders a victory in their push to remain in the country to prevent any resurgence of the Islamic State group, counter Iran and partner with the Kurds, who battled IS alongside the U.S. for several years. But it also forces lawyers in the Pentagon to craft orders for the troops that could see them firing on Syrian government or Russian fighters trying to take back oil facilities that sit within the sovereign nation of Syria.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss internal deliberations.

Trump's order also slams the door on any suggestion that the bulk of the more than 1,200 U.S. troops that have been in Syria will be coming home any time soon, as he has repeatedly promised.

Sen. Tim Kaine, a Virginia Democrat, called the



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U.S. officials said the expanded military mission approved by President Donald Trump does not include any mandate for the U.S. to take Syria's oil.

mission misguided.

"Risking the lives of our troops to guard oil rigs in eastern Syria is not only reckless, it's not legally authorized," Kaine told The Associated Press. "President Trump betrayed our Kurdish allies that have fought alongside American soldiers in the fight to secure a future without ISIS — and instead moved our troops to protect oil rigs."

According to officials, lawyers are trying to hammer out details of the military order, which would make clear how far troops will be able to go to keep the oil in the Kurds' control.

The legal authority for U.S. troops going into Syria to fight Islamic State militants was based on the 2001 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force that said U.S. troops can use all necessary force against those involved in the Sept. 11 attacks on America and to prevent any future acts of international terrorism. So, legal experts say the U.S. may have grounds to use the AUMF to prevent the oil from falling into IS hands.

But protecting the oil from Syrian government forces or other entities may

be harder to defend.

"The U.S. is not at war with either Syria or Turkey, making the use of the AUMF a stretch," said Stephen Vladeck, a national security law professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

He added that while the U.S. Constitution bestows significant war powers on the president, those are generally meant to be about self-defense and for the collective defense of the country. Arguing that securing the oil is necessary for national security "just strikes me as a bridge too far," he said.

Members of Congress, including Kaine, have also raised objections to the Trump administration using the AUMF as a basis for war against a sovereign government. That type of action, he and others have argued, required approval by Congress.

U.S. officials said the order approved by Trump does not include any mandate for the U.S. to take Syria's oil. Trump has said multiple times that the U.S. is "keeping the oil." Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Friday he "interprets" Trump's remarks to mean the military should deny IS access to the fields.

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How do you save endangered gorillas?

Exacting efforts give these languid apes a 2nd chance

By **CHRISTINA LARSON**
Associated Press

KINIGI, Rwanda — Deep in the rainforest of Volcanoes National Park, a 23-year-old female gorilla named Kurudi feeds on a stand of wild celery. She bends the green stalks and, with long careful fingers, peels off the exterior skin to expose the succulent inside.

Biologist Jean Paul Hirwa notes her meal on his tablet computer as he peers out from behind a nearby stand of stinging nettles.

The large adult male sitting next to her, known as a silverback, looks at him quizzically. Hirwa makes a low hum — “ahh-mmm” — imitating the gorillas’ usual sound of reassurance.

“I’m here,” Hirwa is trying to say. “It’s OK. No reason to worry.”

Hirwa and the two great apes are all part of the world’s longest-running gorilla study — a project begun in 1967 by famed American primatologist Dian Fossey.

Yet Fossey herself, who was slain in 1985, would likely be surprised any mountain gorillas are still left. Alarmed by rising rates of poaching and deforestation in central Africa, she predicted the species could go extinct by 2000.

Instead, a concerted and sustained conservation campaign has averted the worst and given a second chance to these great apes, which share about 98% of human DNA. Last fall, the Switzerland-based International Union for Conservation of Nature changed the status of mountain gorillas from “critically endangered” to “endangered,” an improved if still-fragile designation.

It wouldn’t have happened without an intervention some biologists call “extreme conservation,”



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Gorilla trackers observe two of the animals as they play Sept. 4 in the Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda.

which has entailed monitoring every single gorilla in the rainforest, periodically giving them veterinary care and funding forest protection by sending money into communities that might otherwise resent not being able to convert the woods into cropland.

Instead of disappearing, the number of mountain gorillas — a subspecies of eastern gorillas — has risen from 680 a decade ago to just over 1,000 today. Their population is split between two regions, including mist-covered defunct volcanoes within Congo, Uganda and Rwanda — one of Africa’s smallest and most densely populated countries.

“The population of mountain gorillas is still vulnerable,” says George Schaller, a renowned biolo-

gist and gorilla expert. “But their numbers are now growing, and that’s remarkable.”

Once depicted in legends and films like “King Kong” as fearsome beasts, gorillas are actually languid primates that eat only plants and insects, and live in fairly stable, extended family groups. Their strength and chest-thumping displays are generally reserved for contests between male rivals.

Every week, scientists like Hirwa, who works for the nonprofit conservation group the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, gather data as part of long-term behavioral research.

If they see any health problems in the gorillas, they inform the staff at Gorilla Doctors, a non-

governmental group whose veterinarians work in the forest. The vets monitor wounds and signs of respiratory infections, but intervene only sparingly.

When they do, they hardly ever remove the animals from the mountain.

“Our hospital is the forest,” says Jean Bosco Noheli, a veterinarian at Gorilla Doctors. When his team goes into the field to address a gorilla emergency, they must carry everything they might need in equipment bags weighing up to 100 pounds — including portable X-ray machines.

Schaller conducted the first detailed studies of mountain gorillas in the 1950s and early ’60s. He also was the first to discover that wild gorillas could, over time, become comfortable

with periodic human presence, a boon to researchers and, later, tourists.

Today, highly regulated tour groups hike in the Rwandan rainforest to watch gorillas.

Ticket revenue pays for operating costs and outstrips what might have been made from converting the rainforest to potato farms and cattle pastures. About 40% of the forest already was cleared for agriculture in the early 1970s.

“With tourism, the tension is always not to over-exploit,” says Dirck Byler, great ape conservation director at the nonprofit Global Wildlife Conservation, which is not involved in the Rwanda gorilla project. “But in Rwanda, so far they’re careful, and it’s working.”

The idea of using tourism to help fund conservation was contentious when conservationists Bill Weber and Amy Vedder first proposed it while living in Rwanda during the 1970s and ’80s. Fossey herself was skeptical, but the pair persisted.

“The wonder of the gorillas’ lives, their curiosity, their social interactions — we felt that’s something that could be accessible to others, through careful tourism,” Vedder says.

Figuring out the balance of how many people could visit the forest, and for how long, was a delicate process of trial and error, Weber says.

In 2005, the Rwandan government adopted a model to steer 5% of tourism revenue from Volcanoes National Park to build infrastructure in surrounding villages, including schools and health clinics. Two years ago, the share was raised to 10%.

To date, about \$2 million has gone into funding village projects, chief park warden Prosper Uwingeli says.

“We don’t want to protect the park with guns. We want to protect and conserve this park with people who understand why, and who take responsibility,” he says.

The money from tourism helps, but the region is still poor.

Jean Claude Masengesho lives with his parents and helps them farm potatoes. About once a week, the 21-year-old earns a little extra money helping tourists carry their bags up the mountain, totaling about \$45 a month. He would someday like to become a tour guide, which could earn him about \$320 monthly.

The obstacle is that most tour guides have attended college, and Masengesho isn’t sure how his family can afford tuition.

“It’s my dream, but it’s very hard,” he says. “In this village, every young person’s dream is to work in the park.”

How to slow down global warming for \$300 billion

Process could halt rise in greenhouse gases, scientists say

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Bloomberg News

\$300 billion. That’s the money needed to stop the rise in greenhouse gases and buy up to 20 years of time to fix global warming, according to United Nations climate scientists. It’s the gross domestic product of Chile — or the world’s military spending every 60 days.

The sum is not to fund green technologies or finance a moonshot solution to emissions, but to use simple, age-old practices to lock millions of tons of carbon back into an overlooked and over-exploited resource: the soil.

“We have lost the biological function of soils. We have got to reverse that,” said Barron Orr, lead scientist for the U.N. Convention to Combat Desertification. “If we do it, we are turning the land into the big part of the solution for climate change.”

Rene Castro Salazar, an assistant director general at the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, said that

of the almost 5 billion acres of land around the world that has been degraded by misuse, overgrazing, deforestation and other human factors, a little over 2 billion could be restored.

Returning that land to pasture, food crops or trees would convert enough carbon into biomass to stabilize emissions of CO₂, the biggest greenhouse gas, for 15-20 years, giving the world time to adopt carbon-neutral technologies.

“With political will and investment of about \$300 billion, it is doable,” Castro Salazar said. We would be “using the least-cost options we have, while waiting for the technologies in energy and transportation to mature and be fully available in the market. It will stabilize the atmospheric changes, the fight against climate change, for 15-20 years. We very much need that.”

The heart of the idea is to tackle the growing problem of desertification — the degradation of dry land to the point where it can support little life. At least a third of the world’s land has been degraded to some extent, directly affecting the lives of 2 billion people, said Eduardo Mansur, director of the land and water division at the FAO.

Marginal lands are stressed around the globe by the phenomena of accelerated climate change and a rate of population growth that could lift the global tally to almost 10 billion people by 2050, he said. Much of that growth is in areas such as sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia where land is highly stressed.

“The idea is to put more carbon into the soil,” said Orr. “That’s not going to be a simple thing because of the natural conditions. But keeping the carbon in the soil and getting that natural vegetation, grazing land etc. thriving again — that’s the key.”

Last month, at a U.N. conference on desertification in New Delhi, 196 countries plus the European Union agreed to a declaration that each country would adopt measures needed to restore unproductive land by 2030.

The U.N. team has used satellite imaging and other data to identify the 2 billion acres of degraded land that could be realistically restored. In many cases, the revitalized areas could benefit the local community and host country through increased food supply, tourism and other commercial uses.



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Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed speaks at U.N. conference on desertification, where countries agreed to adopt measures to restore unproductive land by 2030.

Key to returning dry lands to vegetation is the use of fertilizer, Mansur said.

“Fertilizers are essential for increasing productivity. Good fertilizer in the right quantity is very good for the soil.”

But decades of poor agricultural practices in both rich and poor nations have resulted in misuse, either from using the wrong products, using too much fertilizer, or in some areas using too little so that the soil loses its nutrients.

“The problem unfortunately is big and it is growing,” Mansur said. “The main cause of emissions

from agriculture is poor land management. But the solutions are known: Sustainable land management, sustainable water management, sustainable soil management.”

Mansur stresses that the problem isn’t about reclaiming desert, but restoring wasteland that was productive before human intervention.

“Don’t mix desertification with desert,” he said. “A desert is an ecosystem. There are deserts on the planet that have to be preserved.”

Nor is it merely a matter of planting trees, since each area has to be considered in

terms of the people who live there and how they can live on the land sustainably.

Castro Salazar says dozens of countries are fighting back with programs designed to reverse the loss of farmland and at least 20 nations have major efforts underway to replant lost forests.

“All these countries were able to keep producing the food they needed and growing the forest cover,” he said. “The myth was that in order to increase your productivity and your food sovereignty and security you needed to slash or burn the forest. We documented that it’s not true.”



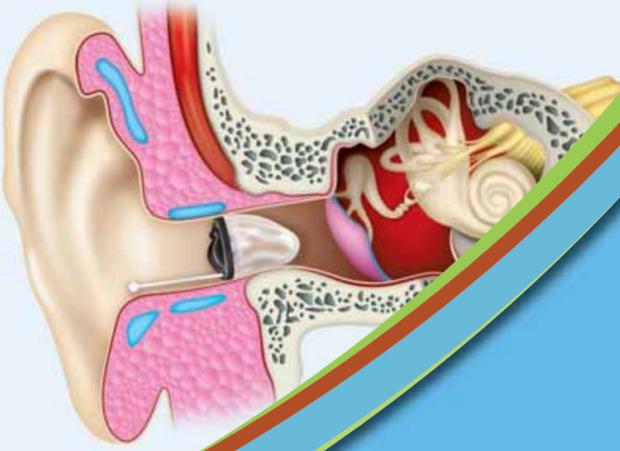
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Yemen government, separatists strike deal to stop infighting

CAIRO — Yemen's internationally recognized government signed a power-sharing deal on Tuesday with southern separatists backed by the United Arab Emirates. The deal aims to end months of infighting in the country's south. The two groups are in an alliance against Yemen's Houthi rebels. But their deadly clashes have exposed a potential rift in the anti-Houthi bloc and threatened to further

destabilize the Arab world's poorest country. Saudi Arabia's state TV broadcast the signing ceremony in the Saudi capital, Riyadh. That's where Yemen's president, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, has been in exile since 2014, when the Houthis took control of the capital Sanaa. Tuesday's power-sharing deal allows for President Hadi to return to Aden and envisages a new Cabinet.

3 protesters killed as Iraq tries to reopen port, authorities say

BAGHDAD — At least three anti-government protesters have been killed in clashes with security forces in southern Iraq, officials said Tuesday, as authorities tried to reopen the country's main port, which had been blocked by demonstrators for three days. Security and medical officials said a protester was killed and eight more were wounded in Umm Qasr, a key oil terminal on

the Persian Gulf. The Iraqi High Commission for Human Rights said two people were killed and 23 wounded in clashes in the town of Shatrah, north of the southern city of Nasiriyah. The protesters want an overhaul of the political system established after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, accusing the government of incompetence in dealing with the economy and unemployment.

Justices struggle with copyright case involving pirate ship

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is wrestling with a modern-day dispute involving the pirate Blackbeard's ship that went down off North Carolina's coast more than 300 years ago. The justices on Tuesday heard arguments in a copyright case over photos and videos that document the recovery of the Queen Anne's Revenge, discovered in 1996. North Carolina first

posted photos on a state website, and later included a photo in a newsletter. Nautilus Productions sued in federal court, but the federal appeals court in Richmond, Virginia, ruled North Carolina could not be sued. States generally are protected from lawsuits in federal courts, and the justices in 1999 ruled out federal court cases against states over patent infringements.



Balogun market fire: A man tackles a blaze Tuesday in downtown Lagos, Nigeria. Firefighters were battling two fires that broke out almost simultaneously Tuesday at the textile market in the country's largest city and commercial center.

Israeli Supreme Court enables expulsion of BDS activist

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that the government could expel Omar Shakir, a U.S. citizen and the head of Human Rights Watch's Israel and Palestine office, after accusing him of supporting boycotts against the country. The ruling represents the likely culmination of the protracted effort to expel Shakir and marks an escalation in Israel's determination to prevent critics from operating in the country under new laws that equate support for the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement (BDS)

with challenging Israel's right to exist. "Anyone who works against the state should know that we will not allow him to live or work here," Israel's Interior Minister Arye Dery told the newspaper Haaretz. In 2018, Shakir was told his work visa renewal had been denied under the anti-BDS law and was given two weeks to leave the country. "After a thorough investigation, it was found that in recent years, Mr. Shakir has worked consistently, prominently, and continuously to promote boycotts against the State of Israel

and international companies investing in Israel," the Ministry said in a statement at the time. Officials say the boycott campaign actively promotes Israel's demise and denies Israel its right to exist as a Jewish and democratic state. BDS advocates say their goal is to pressure Israel into complying with international law vis-à-vis its policies toward Palestinians. The movement discourages the purchase of Israeli goods, pressures international companies not to conduct business in Israel and urges celebrities not to visit the country.

Suspect in Capital One credit hack granted bond

SEATTLE — Washington state authorities say a software engineer who pleaded not guilty to deferral computer and wire fraud charges in a Capital One hack was released from jail on bond. KING-TV reported Monday that 33-year-old Paige Thompson was

granted bond Monday. Authorities say Thompson is expected to live in a halfway house upon release. She would be required to wear a GPS monitor and would be prohibited from using computers or the internet. Authorities say Thompson gained access to per-

sonal information from more than 100 million Capital One credit applications. Capital One said 140,000 Social Security numbers and 80,000 bank account numbers were breached. Federal officials say they expect to add charges. A trial is set for March 2020.

Roger Stone leaves Day 1 of trial early over food poisoning

WASHINGTON — The trial of Roger Stone, the flamboyant former confidant of President Donald Trump, kicked off Tuesday amid a host of medical issues involving both the defendant and a spectator. Shortly after jury selection began, the courtroom had to be cleared for more than a half-hour when a man sitting in the back row moaned loudly and collapsed on the floor. He was revived and helped from the room by medical staff. Not long after the session resumed, Stone himself went home early, telling U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson that he had food poisoning. Stone, a longtime Republican provocateur, faces charges related to allegations he sought to collaborate with WikiLeaks to release emails hacked by Russia to damage Hillary Clinton's Democratic presidential campaign.

In Thailand: An American man was among three prisoners who staged a violent escape from a courthouse in the town of Pattaya in eastern Thailand, prison officials said Tuesday. Corrections Department Director-General Naras Savestana said in a statement that the three, who were shackled, escaped Monday while being moved from a holding area to a courtroom. The three face drug trafficking charges that carry a possible death sentence. CCTV footage showed one stabbing a guard who tried to stop them and another forcing a guard at gunpoint to hand over keys to unlock a secured area so they could make their escape in a nearby pickup truck.

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EDITORIALS

Pritzker shouldn't squander \$205M
on the Peotone airport folly

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's five-year, \$23.5 billion plan to rebuild Illinois' roads and bridges includes \$205.5 million for a highway infrastructure project that has no reason to be. Pritzker has earmarked the money as a step toward enabling the pipe dream otherwise known as the South Suburban Airport near Peotone. Put another way: The costly road project would serve a potential airport that no one needs and on which no one — except Pritzker and local officials — wants to squander even more money than taxpayers already have.

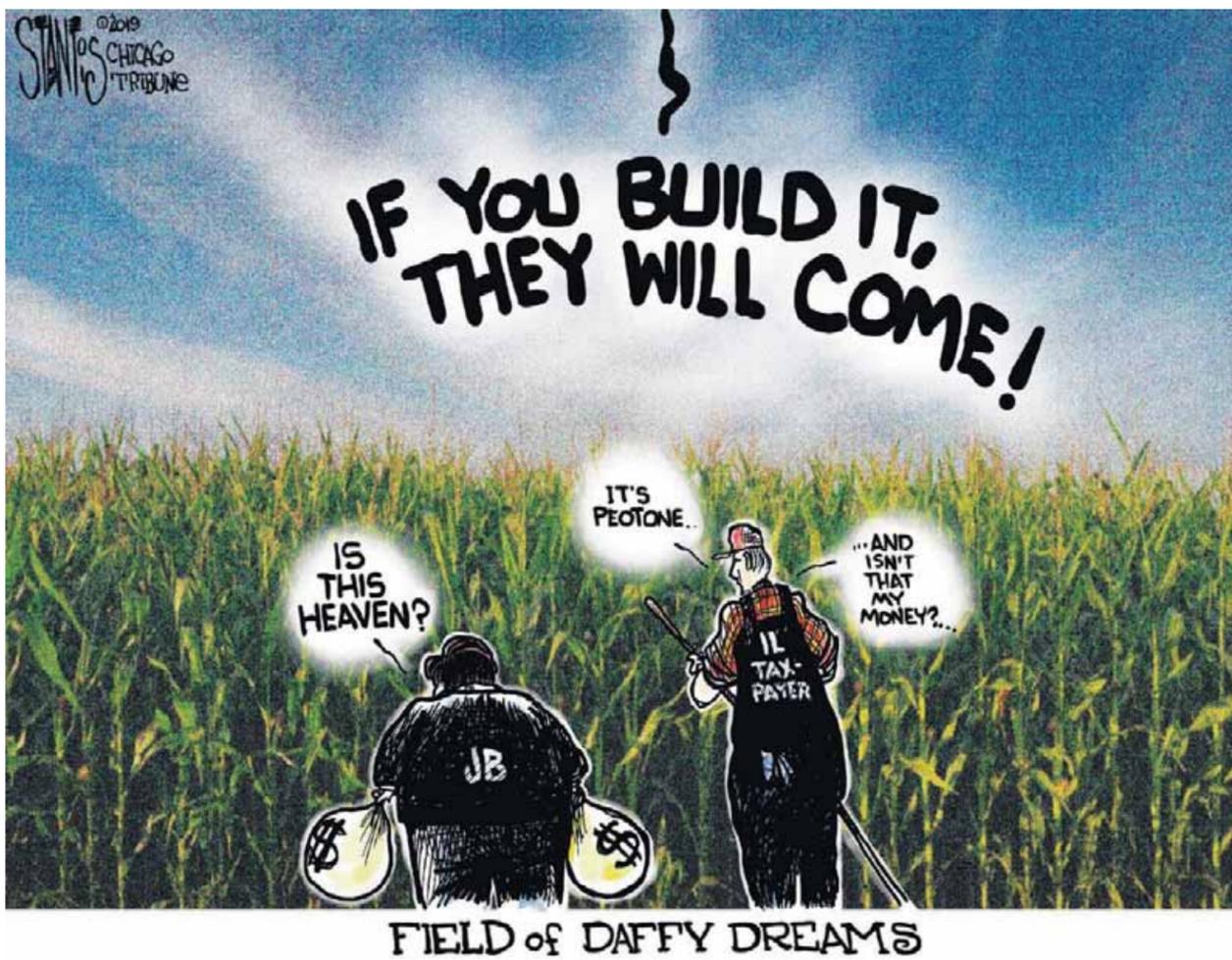
It's as if Illinois doesn't have an enormous list of infrastructure projects that even the governor's \$45 billion capital spending plan can't fund. This threatened waste of \$200 million-plus of scarce tax resources is as maddening as the project itself is unnecessary. As you read here in August: Governors have come and gone, thousands of acres bought by the state for the site have yet to see a square inch of tarmac paved ... and still public officials keep committing Other People's Money to the notion.

Why would Pritzker add his support — and another heap of Other People's Money — to a project on which potential patrons of a pretend airport keep voting no?

This time the taxpayer money would go toward land acquisition, engineering and construction of a new interchange at I-57 and Eagle Lake Road. There's nothing but farmland there now, but Pritzker has fallen in with a bevy of south suburban politicians who prophesy a vibrant, bustling third regional airport 44 miles south of Chicago.

If there were any glint of demand for such an airport, the expenditure might be justified. But that demand doesn't exist, and there's no sign that it ever will. The airlines have never been on board with the project, and instead have declared themselves all-in with O'Hare International Airport's massive \$8.5 billion expansion and renovations at Midway Airport.

Not to worry, Peotone propo-



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nents say. The new airport will now be hawked as a cargo hub for the e-commerce industry. Build it, and online giant Amazon will come. So far, however, Amazon and other online merchants haven't warmed to the Peotone pitch.

Why? Several reasons. First, most cargo gets shipped by rail or truck because it's cheaper that way. Items shipped by air tend to involve more expensive goods, like pharmaceuticals and electronics, or perishable products such as seafood.

Second, the Chicago area already has abundant air cargo

capacity. Chicago Rockford International Airport saw cargo landings rise 55 percent in 2018, and airport officials expect that number to keep rising thanks to partnerships with Amazon and UPS. Gary Chicago International Airport also serves cargo flights, and like Rockford has the capacity to handle more of them. At O'Hare, expansion plans include 915,000 square feet of cargo space.

Illinois' transportation needs are massive. It's not hard to drive through the state and find crumbling roads and bridges. A better use of taxpayer money is to fix

existing infrastructure, rather than spending it on an idea that's been going nowhere for more than a quarter of a century.

There was a time years ago, when the region was strapped for air capacity, that we backed the plan for a third airport at Peotone — if it were built on the shoulders of private investment, and if the airlines committed to operating there.

Neither of those preconditions has come to be. As long as that remains the case, the Peotone flight of fancy should remain grounded. And so should any

needless spending on an interchange built for an airport without a reason to exist.

Gov. Pritzker, we wrote five long years ago that if private sector investors didn't step forward to build a Peotone airport, Illinois should sell the land and move on. So here's your three-step agenda:

Don't waste another dime on infrastructure for a pretend airport.

Sell the land — another plus for Illinois taxpayers.

Move on to projects that would actually benefit commerce and citizens.

Mexico's 'hugs not bullets' approach to drug cartels
has failed. The massacre of Americans is proof.

"Abrazos, no balazos." Hugs, not bullets. That has been a cornerstone of Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's policy toward the country's murderous drug cartels. Eradicate poverty, and eradication of the cartels follows, he has insisted. It's hard to imagine Obrador hewing to his nonconfrontational tack with the cartels after what happened Monday in northern Mexico.

Nine members of a Mormon family with dual U.S.-Mexican citizenship were killed during a brutal ambush on their three sport utility vehicles. Six of the dead were children. Members of the LeBaron family say one child was gunned down while trying to flee. The attackers set one of the SUVs ablaze. Inside were twins less than a year old.

At this writing, motive remains murky. Authorities say they're still trying to figure out whether the LeBaron family, which had lived in the scrublands of Mexico's border region for decades, had been specifically targeted or whether the SUVs were mistaken as belonging to a rival gang. In the past, the family has spoken out about criminal gangs that operate in the border states of Chihuahua and Sonora, The New York Times reported. Ten years ago, two LeBaron family members were abducted and killed after confronting local drug gangs.

In extending an offer to help Mexico, President Donald Trump rashly tweeted that the U.S. could join with Mexico to "wage WAR on the drug cartels and wipe them off the face of the earth."



Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, left, with Secretary of Public Security Alfonso Durazo, speaks in Mexico City Tuesday. An attack on a Mormon family in Mexico left nine dead, six of them children.

America doesn't need this entanglement. Obrador quickly rejected the offer: "The worst thing you can have is war."

But Obrador's approach isn't working either. Last December, the longtime leftist rose to power on a slew of populist pledges, including a "Mexico first" approach toward governance, an end to corruption — and an end to his country's drug wars. The fulcrum of his anti-cartel policy was a raft of social programs that would alleviate poverty and, in theory, eliminate root causes of cartel mayhem. "Evil needs to be fought with good by addressing the roots that generate violence," he said after his election.

Since that show of naivete, the cartels have displayed the

blood-lust evil he's up against. In October, hundreds of cartel gunmen besieged the city of Culiacan after Mexican security forces arrested the son of convicted cartel drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman Loera. The siege forced Obrador to release the son. Just days earlier, cartel gunmen ambushed police in the state of Michoacan, killing 14 officers.

And now, the massacre in northern Mexico. Obrador shouldn't need any more cartel ambushes to realize that time has run out on his hugs-not-bullets strategy. The Mexican leader should make this a turning point — for the sake of drug war-weary Mexicans and for the sake of Mexico's neighbor to the north.

Chicagoans are all too aware of the long reach of the cartels. El Chapo's Sinaloa cartel used Chicago as a main hub for cocaine and heroin shipments throughout the U.S. and Canada. Some shipments stayed here, though, making Chicago's gang and drug scourges that much worse.

Reacting to the massacre, U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse, a Republican from Nebraska, warned Mexico is "dangerously close to being a failed state." That should worry not just Obrador and the rest of Mexico, but Americans as well. It's time for Obrador to overhaul his strategy against the cartels, for the sake of citizens on both sides of the border.

Mexico's president may not want war. But that's what the vicious cartels have handed him.

WHAT OTHERS
ARE SAYING

Many Americans don't care about impeachment because they take it as a given that this is the kind of corruption that politicians of all stripes have been doing all along. Many don't care because it looks like the same partisan warfare that's been going on forever, just with a different name. ...

I get that Democrats feel they have to proceed with impeachment to protect the Constitution and the rule of law. But there is little chance they will come close to ousting the president. So I hope they set a Thanksgiving deadline. Play the impeachment card through November, have the House vote and then move on to other things. The Senate can quickly dispose of the matter and Democratic candidates can make their best pitches for denying Trump re-election.

Elizabeth Bruenig of The Washington Post put her finger on something important in a recent essay on Trump's evangelical voters: the assumption of decline. Many Trump voters take it as a matter of course that for the rest of their lives things are going to get worse for them — economically, spiritually, politically and culturally. They are not the only voters who think this way. Many young voters in their "OK Boomer" T-shirts feel exactly the same, except their concerns are climate change, employment prospects and debt.

This sense of elite negligence in the face of national decline is the core issue right now. Impeachment is a distraction from that. As quickly as possible, it's time to move on.

David Brooks,
The New York Times

Chicago Tribune

PERSPECTIVE



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President Donald Trump, shown at a Monday rally in Kentucky, continues to attack the credibility of the whistleblower in the Ukraine case.

Whistleblower attacks are just the latest in Trump's bag of dirty tricks



ERIC ZORN

Who is the whistleblower?
It doesn't matter.

The identity of the government official who raised alarms about President Donald Trump's dealings with Ukraine in an anonymous nine-page complaint to Congress is irrelevant and getting more irrelevant by the day.

The complaint was a tip — an admittedly secondhand account of a July 25 phone call between Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in which, the whistleblower alleged, Trump pressured Zelenskyy to pursue an investigation into Trump's political rival Joe Biden.

Since publication of the complaint Sept. 26, the main points of the allegation have been confirmed both by a reconstructed partial transcript of the phone call released by the White House and by a parade of on-the-record witnesses who have testified before the House intelligence committee.

Yet Trump and his allies are continuing to attack the whistleblower's motives and credibility and to demand

that mainstream media publish his or her name. At this writing, Trump has tweeted 55 times about the whistleblower in less than seven weeks, accusing him or her of being a "spy" who is part of a "witch hunt scam," insisting that "he or she should be exposed and questioned properly" and threatening the whistleblower with "big consequences."

At a private speech Sept. 26, Trump suggested the whistleblower was guilty of "treason" and alluded wistfully to the death penalty.

After the whistleblower's attorney offered last weekend to have him or her answer written questions from House members, including Republicans, Trump raged "written answers not acceptable!" even though he himself refused to testify in person during the special prosecutor Robert Mueller's probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election and instead provided only written answers.

"You know who (the whistleblower) is. You just don't want to report it," Trump told reporters on Sunday. "And you know you'd be doing the public a service if you did."

"Do your job and print his name," Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky said to journalists at a Trump rally Monday night. He was echoing numerous calls from GOP officials in recent days for the mainstream media to break an embargo already shattered

by right-wing media, where many reports have identified a person thought to be the whistleblower and offered biographical details to support a claim of Democratic political bias.

But, again, his or her identity doesn't matter.

Whether the whistleblower was Melania Trump or Michael Moore, the initial tip is checking out. The origin of the impeachment inquiry is relevant only to those who are trying desperately to distract the public from the substance of the allegations against the president and from the fact that he's ordering many key witnesses not to testify.

All such distractions, including the endless GOP bleating about "Soviet-style" hearings that are actually following ordinary congressional procedures, are cynical attempts to inflame the Trump-protecting passions of his rabid and uninquisitive base and confuse swing voters with the suggestion that the entire impeachment process is tainted.

But what lifts this typical mendacious gaslighting into something truly sinister is the way it fires a warning shot over the heads of any other potential insiders who might like to anonymously pass along information relevant to the impeachment inquiry.

We will harass you mercilessly! We will threaten you with repercussions! We will do what we can to drag you into

public view and make your life hell.

This amounts to a very real effort to obstruct justice that stands to imperil not just this case but also other future cases of governmental, corporate and institutional malfeasance that won't come to light without confidential informants.

Whistleblowers tend to be heroes, not rats. They're the insiders who provide initial guidance and direction to investigators who then uncover and prosecute corruption, safety violations, sexual abuse, fraud and other skulduggery. Whistleblowers are, in some respects, the fifth estate that guards our freedoms. And without the promise of confidentiality, many of them would not come forward.

Undermining that promise is fundamentally destructive to our society, right up there with trying to coerce a foreign government to try to help influence an election.

Trump seems to know this. What else explains why he's deferring to the mainstream media and not simply announcing the name of the alleged whistleblower to his 66.6 million Twitter followers?

But most of the dirty work has already been done. And to think it's all in the service of discrediting and outing someone who doesn't even matter anymore.

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Chicago's police need more detectives to stop violent crime

BY PAUL VALLAS

There are practical and affordable solutions for improving the Chicago Police Department's ability to significantly improve its dismal clearance rate and reduce violent crime.

The results of the yearlong review of the way CPD investigates homicides, along with the recent testimony by Melissa Staples, chief of detectives, before a City Council Public Safety Committee hearing, make the case for a strategy I offered during my campaign for mayor to provide CPD the tools to accomplish this.

While it's good news that Mayor Lori Lightfoot has ordered the restoration of two CPD detective divisions, and that numerous detective positions inexplicably not filled early in the Emanuel administration have now been filled, this will not be enough to get a grip on Chicago's violence.

CPD is still far short of the detectives it needs to reduce and solve homicide in Chicago. For example, New York has 4,500 detectives, constituting 13% of its entire police force. Los Angeles dedicates 17% of its department to detectives. By contrast, CPD has just 1,200 detectives, or barely 9% of Chicago's police officers. Even worse, the chief testified that only 140, or 13% of CPD's already inadequate number of detectives, are currently assigned to homicide investigations.

So far this year, Chicago has had 1,830 shootings, and 425 people have been killed. As of October, only 63 cases of homicides that occurred in 2019 have resulted in charges. If the chief's testimony before the Public Safety Committee was accurate, it's a stunning admission of poor prioritization of CPD resources. How can a city with



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Chicago police detectives investigate an attack near the DePaul University campus in Lincoln Park in July. Mayor Lori Lightfoot plans to reopen two old detective bureaus.

more homicides than Los Angeles and New York combined have only 140 detectives, barely 13% of all of the detective force, working homicides?

Chicago reports it "clears" 46% of all homicides. However, the city is counting homicide clearance over multiple years. Chicago's single-year clearance rate for both shootings and homicides — meaning a suspect was identified and charged in the same year that the crime occurred — remains tragically low. Even the multiyear 46% clearance rate is among the nation's lowest, with the result that witnesses and victims are left with the perpetrators at large in their communities for many months or even years.

Fortunately, there are simple things the city can do quickly and affordably to give the overworked and understaffed CPD the tools it needs to make a real dent in violent

crime.

1. Bring back experienced detectives

CPD should recruit 500 retired distinguished detectives and police officers with investigatory experience to work part time, as other major cities have done with great success, to work exclusively as support personnel on murder investigations. Employing these detectives for 25-30 hours a week would bring much needed manpower to the city's tragic and embarrassing homicide crisis. Working at a flat rate and without overtime and benefits, the annual cost would be just over \$20 million.

Part of the cost would be offset by reductions in overtime from having the additional experienced investigative resources. The city paid \$166 million in total police overtime in 2018. The veteran detectives would be utilized to support — not displace — any full-time detectives.

CPD has detectives and officers performing such tasks as electronic evidence processing, social media monitoring, witness transportation, cellphone analysis, case review and management, follow-up with witnesses and grand jury subpoena processing. Assigning those routine tasks to part-time, rehired detectives would free up full-time detectives and officers to concentrate on active field homicide investigations.

2. Protect witnesses

CPD must establish a simple witness protection program to provide CPD the ability to protect witnesses and victims in cases where special measures are needed to prevent further death, and to facilitate solving the crime. The program would allocate modest resources for identifying alternative housing, moving expenses and

transportation for victims or witnesses in peril. Funding for this program easily could be sourced from CPD asset seizure funds and grants.

3. Speed up forensic tests

Another roadblock to solving homicides CPD detectives grapple with is the long delay in obtaining forensic test results. CPD currently uses the Illinois State Police forensic laboratories, which have a backlog of more than 8,000 cases. Why not think innovatively? Use some TIF funds to build CPD its own in-house DNA laboratory. This would speed up solving homicides to get criminals off the street before they kill again. Not only that, a CPD forensic lab could actually generate revenue by charging other agencies for testing. At \$500 to \$1,200 per DNA sample, this is not small change.

4. Partner on bail reform

Finally, the city must find a way to work with the state's attorney's office to take steps to secure increased bail for violent offenders.

A modern, serious and aggressive campaign against violent crime requires adequate and smart deployment of resources needed to solve cases. It requires tools to protect witnesses and victims in their communities, and the fortitude to take strong measures to keep violent individuals off the street. Providing CPD — and through the department, our neighborhoods — with the resources it needs to identify and arrest shooting and homicide perpetrators must be a priority.

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PERSPECTIVE

Beware the paranoid style of Trump's politics



CLARENCE PAGE

I know it's not easy to sort out the alleged conspiracies and counter-conspiracies involved in the House impeachment inquiry, but hang in there.

Most important in my humble view is this: When House Democrats voted in near-unanimity to adopt rules for public impeachment hearings, they effectively locked their party into an argument for the 2020 campaign that President Donald Trump is unfit to hold his office.

Trump's Republican allies have begun to counter with a position that, ironically, worked for former President Bill Clinton in his Senate impeachment trial, which failed to convict him: Even if the president is guilty of misbehavior, which Republicans have not quite conceded about Trump, it doesn't rise to the level of impeachment.

To make their case, House Democrats are focusing on Trump's now-notorious July 25 telephone conversation with his Ukrainian counterpart, Volodymyr Zelenskyy. During that chat, Trump infamously asked for "a favor." He wanted investigations of supposed ties between Democrats and Ukraine during the 2016 campaign, and of former Vice President Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, who held a well-paying board seat at Burisma, a Ukrainian gas company, despite his notable lack of any experience with the industry.

One of the easier questions, it seems to me, is, was there a "quid pro quo" in the phone call?

"No quid pro quo!" is a new base-rallying Trump mantra. But the phrase translates to "a favor for a favor," which clearly

describes what Trump was after, as he discussed the release of military aid to Ukraine, already approved by Congress but delayed by Trump.

Does turning foreign policy into a probe for possible dirt on a likely presidential opponent, which Biden was at the time, constitute an abuse of power? Extortion? A high crime or misdemeanor?

No, says Trump, who prefers to call it simply "perfect," whatever that is supposed to mean.

Beyond the flood of denials and populist propaganda — some fact-based, some not so much — pumped out by Trump's machine, I'm intrigued by something else at play here from Trump's playbook: his paranoid style of politics.

That's a reference to Richard Hofstadter's classic 1964 essay and book, "The Paranoid Style in American Politics." Written in the era of Sens. Barry Goldwater and Joseph McCarthy, for whom Trump's mentor, the red-baiting attorney Roy Cohn worked, it describes a lot of the old Cold War-era politics based on fear, anger, resentment and suspicions that Trump in the internet age has truly raised to a high art.

Many of the more than 13,000 false or misleading claims tallied by The Washington Post's running count involved his various conspiracy theories, from his early bogus challenge to Barack Obama's birth certificate to the Post's recently added category: "Ukraine probe," which already has topped 250 entries.

But as Trump, under pressure of possible impeachment, appears to have ramped up the pace of his disinformation, I have begun to wonder: Could he actually believe his own bull jive?

For example, Trump pushes for yet another probe of Hillary Clinton's email server and CrowdStrike. That's the cybersecurity company that conducted a forensic examination of the DNC's servers after the 2016 hacking that U.S. intelligence

agencies and the Mueller report say was conducted by Russians, a conclusion Trump prefers not to reach.

"I would like you to find out what happened with this whole situation with Ukraine," Trump told Zelenskyy, "they say CrowdStrike."

He appeared to be referencing a debunked conspiracy theory that CrowdStrike was owned by a Ukrainian, which it was not, and that the company was hiding a server holding missing Clinton emails, a claim that also has been debunked.

It's no surprise that the debunking doesn't stop Trump from spreading unsupported dirt on his opponents. He's done that before. But does he believe it too?

And how about his top appointees, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Attorney General William Barr? Do their actions in pursuing Trump's leads — or misleads — indicate, they, too, have embraced the paranoid plot theories?

Perhaps the impeachment hearings will tell us. Trump describes the long-honored ambassadors, intelligence community and other officials who have come forward to testify as "deep state" liberals, "never Trumpers" conservatives and that old standby, "human scum." Charming.

I call them heroes. The danger of paranoid politics doesn't come from "men with profoundly disturbed minds," Hofstadter warned.

Rather, it is "the use of paranoid modes of expression by more or less normal people that makes the phenomenon significant." When we make irrational fears seem normal, at least half of the battle for good governance is lost.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Simple solution to a racist customer

As a Tribune editorial outlined ("Buffalo Wild Wings and the right way to handle racist customers," Nov. 5), there were three options for the Buffalo Wild Wings employee to choose from when asked by "a regular customer" to move black patrons to another table.

The option that should have been taken would be to simply ask this "regular" customer to leave, as "that is not how we conduct our business and is not consistent with Buffalo Wild Wings values."

To do otherwise sends the message that discrimination is regular and acceptable, which it is not. I hope others learn from this.

— Jim Burke, Dublin, Ohio

Colin Kaepernick in a Bears jersey?

I confess I'm not a huge football fan. Just a few games in high school as a 125-pound defensive back cured me of further play, so I got out before serious damage to body and brain.

But it seems to me the Bears could use a real quarterback like unemployed Colin Kaepernick instead of another in a long line of potential QBs who never pan out. Seventy-two touchdown passes with only 30 picks in 69 games sure beats current Bears QB Mitch Trubisky masquerading as a contender. Besides his genuine football talent, Kaepernick embodies the best in character with his social activism. That would make us proud every time he takes the field, regardless of the outcome of what is essentially a meaningless human activity.

With Kaepernick, the Bears may still not make this year's playoffs from their current cellar standing. But by ending the foolish, demeaning four-year boycott of Kaepernick's services, they would be tops on the leaderboard of decency and good sportsmanship.

Calling Colin Kaepernick?

— Walt Zlotow, Glen Ellyn

The hot mess that is Chicago

Columnist Heidi Stevens keeps looking for signs of hope in Chicago and hates President Donald Trump's bashing of the city ("Keep chin up, Chicago," Nov. 3). The city worker pension funds are ruining the city budget, our politicians are being rounded up by the FBI on allegations of corruption, people keep getting shot in the street mostly due to judges not keeping people accountable, and increasing taxes are creating floods of people leaving. Why don't we want help from the federal government to alleviate our mess and why is it better to love the ruin our politicians have made of the city?

— Ken Nelson, Chicago

How nonpartisan can inquiry be?

If you believe that the upcoming impeachment inquiry will be nonpartisan, fair and impartial, all you need to know can be found on Page 29 of the Nov. 3 Tribune, in the article titled "Dems taking impeachment public." One line from the article says it all: "Republicans will have the right to suggest witnesses of their own, but Chairman Adam Schiff and Democrats can dismiss those suggestions." You can't get more nonpartisan, fair and impartial than that!

— Bill Grand, North Aurora

Irresponsible to survey public now

Those responding to surveys about whether President Donald Trump should be impeached and removed currently have insufficient information to formulate an informed opinion.

Those being asked their opinion must first have evidence that only an impeachment hearing and trial will provide. We know there are those who despise Trump as well as those who would support him "if he killed someone on Fifth Avenue." Neither will be swayed by facts and evidence.

The result of polls as well as opinions of newsmakers and commentators often influence thinking. In other words, the public's opinion is often influenced by the opinion of opinion makers.

Following an evidentiary hearing and before a vote in Congress is the first time to survey what public thought might be. The best time to seek public opinion is after a trial in the Senate, assuming Trump is impeached.

However, if the media outlets were to restrain themselves until all facts have been presented, they would have little to talk about while awaiting the news.

— Sheldon I. Saitlin, Chicago

If Trump really cares about freedom

If President Donald Trump is as a strong supporter of freedom as he claims to be, why doesn't he drive the Russians and their local allies out of Crimea and Eastern Ukraine?

— Kenneth L. Zimmerman, Huntington Beach, California

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The "My Heroes" public service announcement focused on role models and acceptance.

So what if my son's role model is Wonder Woman?

BY MICHELLE FIORDALISO

Wonder Woman made a comeback in the past few years — not only the movie, but the icon, the archetype. The world needs Diana Prince more than ever.

Most recently she was featured in the viral Halloween PSA "My Heroes." We see two siblings — one male, one female. They carve pumpkins. Their parents hand them superhero costumes. They're seen from behind trick-or-treating. The end reveals that the boy was dressed as Wonder Woman and the girl as Batman.

The PSA, co-written by Alexander Day and Brian Carufe and directed by Almog Avidan Antonir, is about acceptance, but it may also speak to role models and gender norms as much as gender identity issues. Ten years ago my son Joe was in fourth grade. At the public school he attended in Santa Monica, California, the students were given an assignment to become famous Californians. Their task was to research that person's life, come to school dressed as them and do a presentation. Joe chose Alice Waters.

The following year his teacher called me. Unrelated to the issue that prompted the communication, she said that his record indicated that he's transgender. This news wouldn't have fazed me, but since my son had never expressed gender identity issues, I was flummoxed.

When I inquired she said, "He loves musical theater, most of his friends are girls and there was the Alice Waters inci-

Why can't our role models and heroes be anyone worthy of admiration whether we share their identity or not?

dent." I hadn't realized it was an incident. Given options like Richard Nixon and the fact that Joe loves cooking, his choice seemed obvious. Why can't our role models and heroes be anyone worthy of admiration whether we share their identity or not?

Why wouldn't the boy in the PSA pick Wonder Woman? If he wants to grow up and be Diana, great, but if he wants to grow up to be a cis male who embodies some of her superpowers like extraordinary humanity and compassion that'd be respectable too.

Wonder Woman was born in the mind of American psychologist and writer William Moulton Marston who also invented the polygraph. It was World War II and Marston wanted to create a figure who could triumph, not with fists or firepower, but with love. His wife, Elizabeth, and their life partner Olive Byrne — the three were in a committed polyamorous relationship — suggested the figure be female. Not only would she possess ex-

traordinary physical strength but her strength would come from empathy for humans and animals alike. It would come from honesty even if it took the lasso of truth to eek it out. And unlike the damsels in distress we'd seen before in comics who required male superheroes to free them she'd have the ability to free herself from bondage.

It's no wonder then that Wonder Woman's image graced the cover of the second issue of Ms. magazine in 1972. It was time for women to free themselves. No one else could do it for us. But as someone who's both fierce and nurturing, Diana is a role model for any person. Period.

My son Joe grew up to be a cis straight male. It's not something to be celebrated or frowned upon — just his particular truth. He met Alice Waters at her restaurant, Chez Panisse. She later hand-wrote him a letter saying she'd give him a job someday. He was delighted, but he's pursuing a BFA in musical theater. And many of his closest friends are still female.

Today when our children look to the world and its leaders, who and what will influence them? Will it be honesty or getting away with lies? Will it be firepower or will it be love? And will they learn to free themselves from whatever bondage society puts them in? I hope they won't stop looking until they find worthy role models, regardless of how those role models identify.

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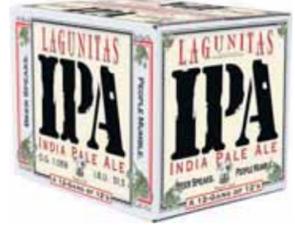
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Walgreens reportedly explores going private

Deal would remove company from public eye, make it easier to focus on in-store health services

BY ALLY MAROTTI
AND ABDEL JIMENEZ

Walgreens is exploring a potential deal to take the company private, as the pharmacy chain grapples with shifting customer habits and pressures on its pharmacy business.

Reuters first reported Tuesday Walgreens was exploring the move. Such a step would remove the company from the public eye and could make it easier to focus more on in-store health services, which could draw in customers and better position Walgreens to compete with CVS Health, analysts said.

For Walgreens, going private would mean not having to answer to shareholders for the first time since 1927 as well as not abiding by the regulatory reporting requirements that bind publicly traded firms.

“The real driver are the wellness

initiatives. The public markets are not patient enough to wait for them,” said Soo Romanoff, a Chicago-based analyst for Morningstar. “The company’s theory is that we will go private and hone in a lot of the data that goes into those programs instead of rushing the process.”

“Illinois might actually benefit a lot because the company does testing at its Deerfield and Chicago-area locations.”

However, Reuters reported some private equity firms have expressed concern about how such a deal would be funded.

Walgreens spokesman Aaron Radelet declined to comment to the Tribune on the company’s plans.

The news comes weeks after the company laid off employees and said it won’t pay annual bonuses this year as it works to increase its cost-cutting goal to \$1.8 billion annually. Walgreens also previ-

ously announced plans to close 200 of its stores and said it would eliminate health insurance for a number of eligible retirees after this year.

Those closings include a store in Jeffrey Manor that will close Monday and a location in the Lake View East neighborhood that will close Nov. 14, Walgreens spokesman Phil Caruso said in an email.

If the company does go private, Lawrence Officer, a professor of economics at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said “workers are probably not going to gain.”

“Usually, when someone wants to take over a company ... they think they can do a better job of management and that doesn’t mean they’re going to expand,” he said. “In this situation, that means they’re going to cut more.”

With a market cap of more than \$55 billion, if a deal were to come to pass, it could be the largest leveraged buyout ever. The 2007 sale of Texas utility TXU to Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and TPG Capital, a deal valued at roughly \$45 billion, holds the



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Walgreens at State and Randolph Streets in Chicago. Walgreens is exploring a potential deal to take the company private, Reuters reported.

record as the largest leveraged buyout.

Walgreens, which has more than 18,750 stores worldwide, is confronting changes in how people use pharmacies, as consumers buy goods online and from other

stores. It also faces pressures related to medication reimbursements.

The chain, based in Deerfield, is working to offer more reasons for

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STEVEN SENNE/AP

These cranberries were not intended for this year’s harvest, but they sprung up near the solar arrays in Carver, Mass.

Farmers eye sun power

Solar panels haven’t been tried out yet on commercial crops

BY PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

CARVER, Mass. — Plummeting cranberry prices and the country’s ongoing trade wars have America’s cranberry industry eyeing a possible new savior: solar power.

Some cranberry farmers in Massachusetts, the nation’s second largest grower after Wisconsin, are proposing to build solar panels above the bogs they

harvest each fall.

It’s a novel approach to blending renewable energy technology with traditional farming that’s been researched across the world but hasn’t been tried before on large scale, commercial crop cultivation, according to solar power and agricultural industry experts. The basic idea is to build solar arrays high enough off the ground and in more spaced-out clusters to allow for crops to be safely grown and harvested underneath.

Cranberry farmers hope to shoulder lean times for their industry by gleaming extra revenue — in the form of long-term

land leases with solar developers — while still producing the same quality berries they have for generations. An ongoing, nationwide study also suggests certain crops in particular climates can thrive under solar panels, though it’s unclear at this point how cranberries will fare.

Michael Wainio, a fourth-generation cranberry farmer, said he’s sold off parts of his land, started a side business harvesting bogs for other growers, and launched a farm stand, deli and bakery operation in recent years to make ends meet.

“We’re doing everything we

can to diversify, and it’s not enough,” he said. “If we don’t get this, I’d be surprised if we made it five years.”

Wainio is working with developer NextSun Energy on a project calling for roughly 27,000 solar panels over about 60 acres of active bogs across three farms in Carver, near Cape Cod. The project would produce about 10 megawatts of energy, or roughly enough to power more than 1,600 homes, according to NextSun.

The cranberry industry has been dealing for years with the

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Group files suit over workweek legislation

Building owners say law should not apply to union workers

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

A group representing Chicago building owners and managers is suing the city over legislation designed to give workers more predictable schedules, claiming the law gives unions too much bargaining power.

The Building Owners and Managers Association, which represents 239 Chicago commercial office, institutional and public buildings plus 169 companies that provide building services, filed the lawsuit Friday in Chicago federal court, alleging the city’s fair workweek ordinance violates federal collective bargaining rules.

The ordinance, approved by the City Council this summer and set to take effect next July, requires certain employers to give their workers at least 10 days’ notice of their schedules — eventually it will rise to 14 days — and compensate them for last-minute changes. It is meant to protect employees against unpredictable work hours that make it difficult for them to plan for child care, go to school, work a second job or have confidence that their paychecks will cover their bills.

Employers and unions must waive the fair workweek protections in any new collective bargaining agreements, or the protections will apply. In its lawsuit, the trade group alleges that provision violates the National Labor Relations Act by giving unions an extra bargaining chip.

The suit also claims violations of federal and state equal protection laws because Chicago’s ordinance applies only to certain employers and industries. Building services, health care, hotels, manufacturing, restaurants, retail and warehouses services must abide by it, but not “construction, banking, finance, telecommunications, professional services, government, education, insurance, printing, and publishing, to name a few,” the suit says.

The association represents building management in labor negotiations with unions representing janitorial, engineering and security service workers. Its member buildings employ some 5,000 union workers.

“We didn’t initially set out to file a lawsuit,” the group said in a statement. “BOMA/Chicago voiced multiple objections to the ordinance on behalf of our members and even offered language during the legislative process. It became clear City Council was selectively targeting only certain industries with a standard that clearly favors one party over the other.”

The trade group says the law should not apply to employees who work under collective bargaining agreements.

The office of Mayor Lori Light-

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Workers at Mount Sinai Hospital plan strike

Technical caregivers, doctors and nurses would be excluded

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Nearly 400 Mount Sinai Hospital and Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital workers have set a strike date of Nov. 11.

The workers, which include certified nursing assistants, housekeepers, transportation workers and other employees who provides services at the facilities, are represented by SEIU Healthcare Illinois. Last month, the union voted to authorize the strike. Unions must notify hospitals 10 days in advance for a strike.

Doctors, nurses and licensed technical caregivers will not be a part of the strike.

The union has been negotiating with the hospital for better wages and additional staffing

since May, said Anne Igoe, vice president over health systems for SEIU Healthcare Illinois. Workers are seeking a \$15 minimum wage some housekeeping and food service workers make.

Igoe said the union will meet with Sinai management representatives twice this week. A strike would begin at 7 a.m. Nov. 11.

Mount Sinai is one of the city’s largest Level I trauma centers, which means it treats patients with serious injuries. The hospital has 288 beds and serves many patients who don’t have insurance or are on Medicaid, a state and federally funded health insurance program for the poor.

Sinai Health System, which includes both Mount Sinai and Schwab Rehabilitation, is hoping to reach an agreement before the strike.

“We have plans in place to



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Workers hold a “Ready to Strike” banner Wednesday following an announcement of plans to strike at Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago.

continue normal operations at both Mount Sinai Hospital and Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital. Negotiations are ongoing and we’re confident we will reach an agreement on a contract in the near future,” hospi-

tal spokesman Dan Regan said in an email. He wouldn’t comment further on the hospitals’ plans.

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Hot streak: Randolph St. apartments sell for \$40M



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

A Randolph Street apartment building that got its start as one of the nation's largest floral markets has sold for just over \$40 million, continuing the trend of soaring real estate values in a Chicago neighborhood once known for meatpackers and wholesalers.

Chicago-based private equity real estate firm RDG Funds bought the 70-unit building, called 13thirteen Randolph Street Lofts, in a \$40.15 million deal that was completed Monday, RDG partner Brett Moore Jr. said. The purchase also included

a neighboring two-story building at 114 N. Elizabeth St. with four apartments and retail space.

The sale price is about 24% higher than the nearly \$32.5 million that an affiliate of J.P. Morgan Investment Management paid for it in January 2014, according to Cook County property records.

It's the latest on a long list of examples of rising real estate values in the fast-changing Fulton Market district just west of the Kennedy Expressway.

The area "is uniquely positioned to outperform, as a combination of private investment, employment gains and social engagement continues to generate the most dynamic live-work-play environment in the city of Chicago," Moore said in a news release. "RDG is thrilled to be a long-term

owner in Fulton Market." The J.P. Morgan venture bought the wide, low-slung former Wholesale Florist Exchange building soon after the previous owner completed a renovation into modern apartments in 2013.

Completed in 1927 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the building at 1313 W. Randolph St. once served as one of the nation's largest floral markets.

The property includes 71 parking spaces enclosed in the building, a 33-space surface parking lot and ground-floor retail with tenants including a Kids & Company daycare and a CorePower Yoga studio.

RDG Funds invests in real estate throughout the country, including in and around cities such as Los Angeles; Houston; Nashville, Tennessee; Denver;



RDG FUNDS

Chicago-based RDG Funds has paid just over \$40 million for 13thirteen Randolph Street Lofts, a 70-unit apartment building in the Fulton Market district.

Indianapolis; and Washington, D.C. The firm's Chicago properties include a loft office just east of the Kennedy at 156 N. Jefferson St., where RDG has its offices.

The Randolph Street seller was represented by

brokers Todd Stofflet and Jason Stevens of Cushman & Wakefield.

Meatpackers and other gritty businesses have moved out of the area in recent years, making way for huge office tenants such

as McDonald's and Google, apartments, restaurants, retail and hotels including the Soho House, Hoxton, Ace and Nobu brands.

The transformation has pushed up residential and commercial rents, allowing many longtime building owners to cash in at prices far above what they once imagined.

One notable example is directly across from the 13thirteen building, at 1314 W. Randolph.

Michael and Kristin Roberts in July 2018 sold a former warehouse, which they used as their home and a photography studio, for \$8.5 million. That was more than 35 times their purchase price in 1989, when they were surrounded by forklifts and prostitutes.

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Boeing chairman: CEO won't get bonus

BY DAVID KOENIG
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Boeing's new chairman gave embattled CEO Dennis Muilenburg a vote of confidence Tuesday and said the chief executive is giving up any bonus this year.

David Calhoun said the Boeing board believes Muilenburg "has done everything right" and is positioning the Chicago company to return the 737 Max to service after two crashes killed 346 people.

A flight-control system called MCAS pushed the nose of both planes down before crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia. Boeing, which kept any explanation of MCAS out of pilot manuals, is now revamping the system to make it easier for pilots to override.

"Dennis didn't create this problem, but from the beginning he knew that MCAS should and could be

done better, and he has led a program to rewrite MCAS to alleviate all of those conditions that ultimately beset two unfortunate crews and the families and victims," Calhoun said on CNBC.

Last week, several members of Congress challenged Muilenburg to resign or at least give up pay. Muilenburg's compensation last year was worth \$23.4 million, including a \$13.1 million bonus and \$7.3 million in stock awards.

Boeing has said recently that it expects the Federal Aviation Administration to approve its changes to the Max before year-end. Those changes include new retraining material for pilots and tying MCAS to a second air-direction sensor at all times so that a single sensor failure won't push the nose down, as happened before both crashes.

Muilenburg has con-

ceded, however, that fixing MCAS has taken far longer than Boeing expected. U.S. airlines aren't planning on using the plane until at least January or February, and it could take longer in other parts of the world, where regulators want to conduct their own reviews of Boeing's work.

Boeing is under investigation by the Justice Department and Congress. Muilenburg testified last week before two congressional committees, and lawmakers questioned him closely about messages in which a Boeing test pilot seemed to raise concerns about MCAS and said he "unknowingly" lied to regulators, and a production manager said speeding up the Max assembly line raised safety issues.

"Mr. Muilenburg's answers to our questions were consistent with a culture of concealment and opaque-

ness and reflected the immense pressure exerted on Boeing employees during the development and production of the 737 MAX," Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., chairman of the House Transportation Committee and Rick Larsen, D-Wash., chairman of the aviation subcommittee, said in a letter to colleagues Monday.

Boeing Co. fired the head of its commercial airplanes division last month, a move that was seen as a reaction to production problems with several planes, not just the Max. Muilenburg, who became CEO in July 2015, was stripped last month of the chairman's title.

The board gave that job to Calhoun, a senior executive at the private equity firm Blackstone who previously led General Electric's jet-engine business and was reported to be in the running for Boeing CEO more than a decade ago.

AT&T to issue refunds to settle FTC allegation

BY TALİ ARBEL
Associated Press

AT&T will pay \$60 million to settle the government's allegation that it misled customers of unlimited-data plans by slowing down service for heavy users.

The Federal Trade Commission said Tuesday that AT&T will automatically provide partial refunds to customers who signed up for unlimited wireless plans before 2011.

According to an FTC news release, "Affected consumers will not be required to submit a claim for the refunds. Current AT&T customers will automatically receive a credit to their bills while

former customers will receive checks for the refund amount they are owed."

The FTC sued AT&T in 2014 for not clearly letting customers know that if they used up a certain amount of data, AT&T would slow their speeds so much that web browsing was almost impossible. It said then that AT&T had throttled at least 3.5 million customers.

The agency said AT&T is required to say prominently if data speeds or amounts are restricted.

On Tuesday AT&T's website said it may slow speeds of unlimited plans after a certain amount of data is used.

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combined effects of crop surplus and weakening demand for one of its primary products, cranberry juice, said Brian Wick, executive director of the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association.

The price of cranberries has plummeted 57% over the last decade, from roughly \$58 a barrel (about 100 pounds) in 2008 to \$25 in 2018, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture data. But Wick says the cost to produce the tart red berries in Massachusetts is nearly \$35 a barrel.

The USDA permitted the

industry to dump millions of pounds of fruit in 2017 and 2018 in order to stabilize prices, but the country's ongoing trade disputes with Europe and China are further compounding the struggles for an industry that previously exported about 30% of its product, Wick said.

"What we like about these new solar projects is that they have a farm-first mentality," he said. "This is an opportunity to keep the industry going. This isn't about replacing farms with solar."

In Massachusetts, cranberry growers and their solar partners are hoping to take advantage of a unique new renewable energy incentive meant to encourage

such "dual use" solar and agriculture projects, as the state refers to them.

To qualify, arrays must meet certain design requirements, such as being built at least 8 feet off the ground.

One proposal has already received state approval; four others, including Wainio's, are under review, say state and cranberry industry officials.

Dual use projects have proven successful on livestock farms in Europe and the U.S., and hundreds of projects have been built on crop farms in Japan — though all those are vastly smaller than what's being proposed on Massachusetts cranberry bogs, said Jordan Macknick, an analyst at the

federal National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Colorado who is coordinating a nationwide study on "agrivoltaics," as the idea is also sometimes referred.

In a study published in September in the academic journal Nature Sustainability, researchers at the University of Arizona found that cherry tomatoes grown under solar panels in the hot desert landscape produced higher yields and required less water.

But ongoing trials at a related site run by the University of Massachusetts have so far found that broccoli, kale and peppers are less productive growing under solar panels in the more temperate New England climate.

Groupon says last quarter it lost 870,000 customers

Associated Press

Groupon on Monday reported a third-quarter loss of \$16.7 million, after reporting a profit in the same period a year earlier.

On a per-share basis, the Chicago-based company said it had a loss of 3 cents. Earnings, adjusted for stock option expense and non-recurring costs, came to 1 cent per share.

The results fell short of Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of three analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of 2 cents per share.

Groupon had 277 million active customers in North America as of Sept. 30, down about 870,000 from the previous quarter, Chief Financial Officer Melissa Thomas said in Groupon's earnings call

Tuesday.

That decline was expected, and is likely to continue into 2020, Thomas said. Groupon is working to increase the frequency and the amount of purchases its customers make.

The online daily deal service posted revenue of \$495.6 million in the period, which also fell short of Street forecasts. Four analysts surveyed by Zacks expected \$524.8 million.

The company's shares closed Monday at \$3. A year ago, they were trading at \$3.36.

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The Chicago Tribune's Ally Marotti contributed.

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customers to visit its stores by emphasizing beauty products, wellness offerings and conveniences such as FedEx package pick-ups and drop-offs.

Walgreens' competitors are facing similar pressures. CVS Health said earlier this year it planned to slow the pace of store openings.

Going private would reverse a long history for a retailer with deep Chicago roots.

Walgreens has been a Chicago institution since 1901,

when Charles R. Walgreen Sr. bought the Chicago drugstore on the city's South Side where he worked as a pharmacist. By 1916, there were nine drugstores and 10 years later the 100th store opened, in Chicago.

It went public in 1927. Shares initially surged on news of the talks. The stock

closed at \$61.21 a share, up 3% for the day.

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foot, in a statement, stood behind the ordinance, which was first introduced when Rahm Emanuel was mayor.

"Under the leadership of Mayor Lightfoot, Chicago has passed some of the most expansive scheduling legislation in the nation to help improve working conditions for tens of thousands of hard-working Chicagoans," spokeswoman Lauren Huffman said in a statement. "While we can't comment on pending litigation, the administration is committed to ensuring a successful implementation of the Fair Workweek legislation next year as part of our commitment to better supporting working families across the city."

Chicago is among a growing group of cities to adopt fair workweek ordinances and is not the first to have it challenged in court. New

York City, whose law requires employers to finalize work schedules at least three weeks in advance for fast food restaurants and three days in advance for retailers, was sued last year by the International Franchise Association, the New York State Restaurant Association, and the National Restaurant Association's legal arm, the Restaurant Law Center. They claim the city council lacks authority to enact a scheduling ordinance and should be preempted by state law. The case is pending.

Chicago's ordinance aimed to be the broadest in the country and was the first to cover health care employees. Initial versions were vehemently opposed by many in the business community that warned it would reduce flexibility valued by both employers and workers, but most groups dropped their opposition as certain compromises were reached in advance of the final vote.

A major compromise was

to limit covered employees to those who make less than \$26 an hour. Salaried employees making over \$50,000 a year are also exempt.

The law applies only to employers with 100 or more employees, to nonprofits with more than 250 employees, to restaurants with at least 30 locations and 250 employees globally, and to franchisees with four or more locations. There are exemptions for employees who work at ticketed events.

A federal predictable scheduling ordinance recently was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and Elizabeth Warren, the senator from Massachusetts backed for president, is expected to introduce a Senate version.

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Impressive yields, modest paychecks

Aramco is golden goose for Saudis, but exec pay lags

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They run the world's most profitable company, oversee one-tenth of global oil output and their decisions help shape the fate of a nation. Their paychecks, however, are a little less grandiose.

Saudi oil giant Aramco is a cash cow for the kingdom, allowing the royal family to wield power with a drip-feed of petrodollars. For executives, it's a relatively modest life compared with some of their peers elsewhere.

Last year, top management and board members — about 17 people in total — split roughly \$30 million worth of compensation and benefits. That was half of what rivals Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. handed their executives and directors, though they would have been subject to income tax whereas Saudi nationals aren't.

Chief Executive Officer Amin Nasser collected no more than a \$5 million package in 2016 as the company began preparing its protracted initial public offering, people familiar with the matter said. That was less than a fifth of what Exxon's then-CEO Rex Tillerson received at the time.

Even when taking into account the tax regime and other perks like secluded housing with private pools, the numbers are hardly staggering compared with the grand plan for the company.

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman wants Aramco valued at a spectacular \$2 trillion when the government eventually sells shares in it, the centerpiece of the biggest economic transformation since the firm was brought under state control in the 1970s. Inside the C-suite, senior



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Amin Nasser, president and CEO of Saudi Aramco, collected no more than a \$5 million compensation package in 2016.

executives for decades have been schooled in the mantra that long-term success trumps all other priorities. It's about the future of the kingdom, not personal enrichment.

"This is the lifeblood of Saudi Arabia," said Ellen Wald, who runs her own energy and political consulting firm and is author of the 2018 book "Saudi, Inc.: The Arabian Kingdom's Pursuit of Profit and Power." Senior leaders "see themselves as stewards of this incredible national resource," she said.

Aramco hasn't publicly revealed compensation details beyond the aggregate figures, which were included in an April bond prospectus. A spokesman for the Dhahran-based company, officially known as Saudi Arabian Oil Co., said the policy is to remunerate managers in a man-

ner that's consistent with Aramco's strategy and objectives.

More details may emerge should Aramco move ahead with its long-anticipated public listing, which has been delayed repeatedly, in part because investors are concerned that the proposed valuation is too high. The IPO process started Sunday and shares of Aramco will start trading on the Saudi stock exchange on Dec. 11, Saudi television news channel Al Arabiya reported last week.

Prince Mohammed wants to sell part of the firm to outside investors to underpin his "Vision 2030" package of reforms. The goal is to diversify the economy, slash unemployment and reduce the reliance on oil.

There has been plenty of reason to speculate about lavish payouts for execu-

tives. In Europe and the U.S., there's usually at least a cursory relationship between a company's size and profitability and what it pays top brass.

Aramco booked a staggering \$111 billion in profit last year, more than what five of its biggest rivals — Exxon, Chevron, Royal Dutch Shell, BP and Total — earned together. And the IPO target would make it the world's most valuable public company, surpassing other oil giants by multiples.

The firm's oil revenues also have long helped finance the lives of members of the House of Saud, whose collective net worth is estimated at more than \$100 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

But Aramco board members have been dismissive of compensation packages

sized according to U.S. standards, said the people, who asked not to be identified discussing confidential information. Directors were also skeptical of incentives that could push employees to maximize short-term results at the expense of long-term performance, the people said.

"There's this feeling of intergenerational equity of the stewardship of Saudi oil that's been a really strong part of Aramco's mission," said Jim Krane, an energy research fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute. It's about "preserving the oil for future generations."

The board has explored ways to align Aramco's executive compensation with U.S. and European standards to appeal to international investors, people familiar with the matter said. Directors have mulled stock grants and long-term

incentive awards, which often make up the bulk of executive pay at Western firms.

The board has also weighed granting equity awards to all Aramco employees, one of the people said. Nasser's pay package mainly consisted of salary and deferred compensation, they said.

There are also big pay disparities between Aramco and other large oil companies controlled by governments. Regulatory filings show that members of the management board of Russia's Rosneft split an aggregate \$63.9 million in 2018, while a dozen directors and senior bosses of PetroChina Co. got a total of \$1 million that year. However, rules and customs for disclosure and classification of executive compensation vary greatly between jurisdictions, making such figures hard to compare.

Working at Aramco, for example, comes with many benefits beyond salaries. Jobs at the company are highly coveted among Saudis. Top candidates are sometimes recruited as early as their teens. A job offer can be a ticket to a university education in the U.S., careerlong job security and immense prestige back home.

Things get even better for those who make it to the senior ranks. Current and former executives, and their families, mainly live in Ar-Rabiyah, an enclave in northern Dhahran that's filled with opulent mansions with pools.

They enjoy a wide range of services and benefits paid for by Aramco, like cars and drivers, gardening and housekeeping, people familiar with the matter said. Contracts for senior executives also include health insurance for the person's wife, or wives, one of the people said.

"You're basically a rock star if you work for Aramco," Krane said. "It's one of the only meritocracies in Saudi Arabia."



ROMEO GACAD/AP

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, left, greets China's Premier Li Keqiang, right, as U.S. national security adviser Robert O'Brien looks on Monday in Bangkok.

US woos Asia with plan to rival China's 'Belt and Road'

BY ELAINE KURTENBACH
Associated Press

BANGKOK — Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said Tuesday that the U.S. will invest and trade more in Asia as it rolls out an American plan to support "sustainable" projects in Asia as a counterpoint to China's multibillion-dollar "Belt and Road" infrastructure initiative.

Ross is leading a trade mission in Asia and along with national security adviser Robert O'Brien attended meetings at a regional summit that wrapped up Monday on the outskirts of Thailand's capital.

Like O'Brien, he sought to dispel suspicions that President Donald Trump's administration is disengaging with the region, a sentiment that deepened when Trump sent his adviser to the annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit, skipping it for a second straight year in order to campaign.

"We have no intention of vacating our military or geopolitical position," Ross told reporters in a conference call.

He said many people had

misinterpreted Trump's 2017 U.S. decision to pull out of a regional trade deal, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, as a sign of waning interest.

"We are here permanently, and we will be continuing to invest more here, and we will be continuing to have more bilateral trade, and I'm spending much more time in the region," Ross said.

To illustrate that commitment, U.S. officials launched the Trump administration's "Blue Dot Network" on Monday at a business conference attended by 1,000 people, including more than 200 American business executives.

The plan's name is a reference to the late scientist Carl Sagan's book "Pale Blue Dot."

Speaking on the same day the U.S. formally withdrew from the Paris climate agreement, Ross said the Blue Dot Network was in its early stages but that it will include countries that committed to "sustainable infrastructure development." Earlier, O'Brien told reporters it was akin to a "Michelin Guide" for rating investment projects in infrastructure — the

roads, ports and energy systems that keep economies and communities running.

It's unclear what sort of investment commitments would come of the initiative, described by the U.S. government as an alliance of governments including Australia and Japan, companies and civil society "under shared standards" that would provide a "globally recognized seal of approval."

At the business forum in Bangkok, Japan and the U.S. signed a statement pledging to coordinate on \$10 billion in Japanese investment in liquefied natural gas projects. Other plans include an agreement to work with the Asian Development Bank in arranging up to \$7 billion in financing in other Asian energy projects.

O'Brien said the initiative would counter the trend toward what he said were projects that were not "high quality" that had led countries into debt traps — alluding to complaints by the U.S. that the vast network of Chinese-backed projects under the "Belt and Road" are undermining the sovereignty and financial stability of the countries involved.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 27,560.36 Low: 27,453.55 Previous: 27,462.11



Nasdaq Close: 8,434.68 High: 8,457.39 Low: 8,421.05 Previous: 8,433.20	S&P 500 Close: 3,074.62 High: 3,083.95 Low: 3,072.15 Previous: 3,078.27	Russell 2000 Close: 1,599.61 High: 1,608.80 Low: 1,597.93 Previous: 1,597.40
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10-yr T-note +0.08 to 1.86%	Gold futures -27.20 to \$1,480.80	Yen +0.60 to 109.24/\$1	Euro +0.0050 to .9038/\$1	Crude Oil +0.69 to \$57.23
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Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.56	NASD +1.91	S&P +1.24	DOW +5.08	NASD +7.81	S&P +6.28	DOW +7.25	NASD +14.35	S&P +11.58

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	511	516	509	515.25	+5.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	383.25	384.75	380.50	381.75	-1.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Nov 19	925.25	928.75	920	921.75	-4
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 19	31.81	31.96	31.53	31.57	-0.30
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 19	302.40	303.40	301.60	302.70	+0.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Dec 19	56.56	57.50	56.30	57.23	+0.69
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Dec 19	2.822	2.905	2.817	2.862	+0.041
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Dec 19	1.6720	1.6843	1.6633	1.6746	+0.0109

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	82.34	+1.2	Equity Commonwith	N	31.76	+0.3	Middleby Corp	O	124.74	+3.0
AbbVie Inc	N	81.84	-1.15	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	67.76	-1.31	Mondelez Intl	O	51.70	-0.4
Allstate Corp	N	105.84	-0.65	Equity Residential	O	84.81	-2.22	Morningstar Inc	O	161.70	-3.50
Aptargroup Inc	N	108.66	-0.91	Exelon Corp	O	44.78	+2.28	Motorola Solutions	N	157.09	-3.50
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.97	-0.9	First Indl RT	O	41.43	-89	Navistar Intl	N	33.17	-91
Baxter Intl	N	77.48	-35	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	62.00	+0.4	Nisource Inc	N	26.94	-37
Boeing Co	N	358.29	+7.20	Gallagher AJ	N	89.98	-6.4	Nthn Trust Cp	O	105.50	+1.63
Brunswick Corp	N	60.48	+4.8	Grainger WW	N	322.47	+3.10	Old Republic	N	22.58	+0.4
CBOE Global Markets	N	115.26	+1.74	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	103.46	-7.0	Packaging Corp Am	N	113.23	+1.17
CDK Global Inc	O	52.81	+6.6	IAA Inc	N	39.20	+5.0	Payloadly Hldg	O	102.93	+1.31
CDW Corp	O	135.81	+4.01	IDEX Corp	N	160.54	+3.4	RLI Corp	N	96.34	+2.5
CF Industries	N	47.73	+1.1	ITW	N	176.18	+6.8	Stericycle Inc	O	61.28	+9.8
CME Group	O	196.95	-0.7	Ingredion Inc	N	83.69	+1.86	TransUnion	N	79.27	-7.9
CNA Financial	N	45.13	+4.3	John Bean Technol	N	111.96	+2.10	US Foods Holding	N	40.84	+6.1
Cabot Microelect	O	158.24	+2.80	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	161.65	+10.73	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	245.42	+8.23
Caterpillar Inc	N	146.37	-5.5	Kemper Corp	N	73.99	+1.81	United Airlines Hldg	O	93.12	+7.3
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	27.61	-1.5	Kraft Heinz Co	O	32.91	-4.2	Ventas Inc	N	60.46	-1.97
Deere Co	N	178.92	-1.8	LKQ Corporation	O	35.69	-1.5	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	61.21	+1.56
Discover Fin Svcs	N	83.10	+4.4	Littelfuse Inc	O	185.50	+7.3	Wintrust Financial	O	68.34	+1.34
Dover Corp	N	109.50	+1.4	McDonalds Corp	N	192.18	+3.52	Zebra Tech	O	241.32	-7.03

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	1.28	-2.8
Gen Electric	10.97	+0.4
Bank of America	32.82	-3.06
Uber Technologies	28.02	-3.06
EnCana Corp	4.82	+3.35
Itau Unibanco Hldg	9.19	+1.7
Callon Petrol	4.44	+2.5
Nokia Corp	3.54	-0.7
Ford Motor	9.02	+0.2
PG&E Corp	8.00	+7.3
Freepport McMoRan	10.91	+1.1
Banco Bradesco ADS	8.80	+1.5
AT&T Inc	39.17	+1.28
Kroger Co	27.83	+2.84
Wells Fargo & Co	53.30	+5.8
Yamana Gold Inc	3.42	-0.8
Petrobras	16.36	-0.3
Alibaba Group Hldg	182.00	+2.31
Fitbit Inc	7.06	+0.2
Pfizer Inc	37.48	-5.5
Sthwstn Energy	2.29	-0.1
Macy's Inc	16.71	+8.6
Teva Pharm	8.54	-2.6
Occid Intl	41.91	-2.32

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	39.17	+2.8
Alibaba Group Hldg	182.00	+2.31
Alphabet Inc C	1292.03	+6.6
Alphabet Inc A	1291.44	+1.83
Amazon.com Inc	1801.71	-2.95
Apple Inc	257.13	-3.7
Bank of America	32.82	+4.2
Berkshire Hath B	220.88	+2.90
Exxon Mobil Corp	73.09	+1.42
Facebook Inc	194.32	-4.0
HSBC Holdings prA	26.47	+1.1
JPMorgan Chase	129.10	+2.8
Johnson & Johnson	130.42	+1.9
MasterCard Inc	269.00	-7.33
Microsoft Corp	144.46	-0.9
Procter & Gamble	118.90	-1.7
Taiwan Semicon	53.55	+0.6
Visa Inc	176.37	-2.58
WalMart Strs	118.86	+1.29

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.74	-0.3	+9.8
American Funds AmrcnBala m	28.28	-0.2	+11.2
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	50.40	-0.3	+13.0
American Funds CptIncBldrA m	62.44	-0.8	+10.3
American Funds FdmTlnvSA m	61.99	+1.0	+12.1
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.43	-0.8	+11.4
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.23	-0.3	+10.9
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	39.21	...	+8.9
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	46.36	-0.8	+15.7
American Funds WAMTlnvSA m	47.61	...	+12.7
DFA IntlCorEqInS	13.38	-0.1	+7.4
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.10	-0.3	+10.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.50	+1.3	+7.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	195.98	+0.5	+7.6
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.69	-0.2	+8.1
Fidelity 500ldxInSPrm	106.95	-1.3	+14.6
Fidelity Contrafund	13.31	-0.3	+12.7
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.55	-0.4	+11.3
Fidelity TlMktldxInSPrm	87.30	-0.9	+13.6
Fidelity US3ldxInSPrm	11.91	-0.4	+11.0
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.32	...	+8.7
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	11.01	-0.4	+11.3
PIMCO Inc2	11.99	...	+7.1
PIMCO IncInstl	11.99	...	+7.2
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.43	-0.4	+10.2
Schwab SP500ldx	47.75	-0.6	+14.6
T. Rowe Price BCGR	116.97	-4.9	+14.2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	70.08	-2.6	+14.3
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	284.08	-3.4	+14.6
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	38.22	-0.8	+13.0
Vanguard DivGrInv	30.18	-0.4	+17.5
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	78.33	-0.4	+12.5
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	88.34	-3.0	+18.1
Vanguard HCAmrl	85.99	-7.8	+5.9
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	14.43	-0.2	+8.7
Vanguard InsdIxInS	278.57	-3.3	+14.6
Vanguard InsdIxInSPlus	278.59	-3.3	+14.6
Vanguard InstTSMInPls	66.06	-0.8	+13.6
Vanguard MDCpldxAdmrl	212.30	-5.1	+13.6
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	146.28	+2.2	+15.1
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.72	-0.1	+6.2
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	76.61	+0.4	+8.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.83	-0.6	+13.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.77	-0.3	+11.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	36.13	-0.5	+12.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.24	-0.2	+11.0
Vanguard TtBMDIxAdmrl	11.04	-0.4	+11.0
Vanguard TtBMDIxInS	11.04	-0.4	+11.0
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	23.24	-0.6	+9.9
Vanguard TtInBldxInS	34.87	-0.9	+9.9
Vanguard TtInSldxAdmrl	29.12	+0.2	+10.7
Vanguard TtInSldxInS	116.44	+0.5	+10.7
Vanguard TtInSldxInSPlus	116.46	+0.5	+10.7
Vanguard TtInSldxInv	17.41	+0.1	+10.6
Vanguard TtISMldxAdmrl	76.03	-0.8	+13.6
Vanguard TtISMldxInS	76.04	-0.9	+13.6
Vanguard TtISMldxInv	76.00	-0.8	+13.5
Vanguard WngtAdmrl	74.48	-1.8	+14.2
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	66.04	-2.2	+13.0
Vanguard WndrllAdmrl	67.45	+0.4	+12.1

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.52	1.52
6-month disc	1.53	1.535
2-year	1.62	1.58
10-year	1.86	1.78
30-year	2.35	2.27

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1480.80	\$1508.00
Silver	\$17.516	\$18.014
Platinum	\$930.60	\$938.70

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.66

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

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Argentina (Peso)	59.6659
Australia (Dollar)	1.4512
Brazil (Real)	3.9930
Britain (Pound)	.7763
Canada (Dollar)	1.3158
China (Yuan)	7.0097
Euro	.9038
India (Rupee)	70.791
Israel (Shekel)	3.4948
Japan (Yen)	109.24
Mexico (Peso)	19.2101
Poland (Zloty)	3.86
So. Korea (Won)	1156.68
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.41
Thailand (Baht)	30.26

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2991.56	+16.1/+5
Stoxx600	404.23	+8/+2
Nikkei	23251.99	+401.2/+1.8
MSCI-EAFE	1976.98	+10.3/+5
Bovespa	108719.00	/...
FTSE 100	7388.08	+18.4/+3
CAC-40	5846.89	+22.6/+4

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OBITUARIES

GERT BOYLE 1924-2019

Columbia Sportswear Co. chairwoman remembered as 'One Tough Mother'

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Gert Boyle, the colorful chairwoman of Oregon-based Columbia Sportswear Co. who starred in ads proclaiming her as "One Tough Mother," died Sunday. She was 95.

Company spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn did not disclose the cause of death. Boyle, who was chairwoman of the company board of directors, died at a Portland, Oregon, assisted living facility, Glynn said.

Boyle took over the small outdoor clothing company in 1970 after her husband died from a heart attack. At the time, she was a 46-year-old housewife and mother of three with no real business experience. But she helped build the struggling company into a national brand and retailer.

"Early to bed, early to rise, work like hell and advertise," Boyle often said, among other pet phrases.

It was her role in an advertising campaign in the 1980s that gave her national exposure.

The ads showed Boyle putting her son, Tim, president of the company, through treacherous outdoor feats to ensure the products met her standards. An iconic photo from the campaign, which has her flexing her arm emblazoned with a "Born to Nag" tattoo, still hangs in the company's Beaverton headquarters.

Boyle's father founded Columbia after the family fled Nazi Germany and settled in Portland. Her husband took over the business in 1964. When he died, the business took many calls wondering if Columbia would close and the bank urged her to sell the com-



STEPHANIE YAO/AP 2004

Gert Boyle at the company's headquarters in Beaverton, Ore. The colorful chairwoman of Oregon-based Columbia Sportswear Co. who starred in ads proclaiming her as "One Tough Mother," died Sunday.

pany.

Always plucky, she entertained an offer for its sale at the time but told a prospective buyer that for the price they were offering, she'd rather run it into the ground herself.

But Columbia flourished under her leadership, and that of her son.

While Tim ran the operations as president, Gert Boyle continued to put in 40-hour work weeks well into her 80s and signed every company check.

Columbia grew and over the years acquired key brands such as Mountain Hardwear, Pacific Trail and Sorel. The company now sells products in more than 100 countries.

She was well known for

her no-nonsense attitude and boisterous personality — quick to offer staff or those nearby a "Gertism" and often a few comments not fit for print.

Boyle was the first woman inducted into the National Sporting Goods Hall of Fame and often recognized for her work as a female business leader, including a book on her experience.

She had three children with her husband, Neil, who was her college sweetheart. Tim Boyle is president of the company, her daughter Sally runs Portland company Moonstruck Chocolates and her daughter Kathy is an artist.

She had five grandchild-

ple, succeeding Roy Wilkins.

In 1991, screen actress Gene Tierney died in Houston; she was 70.

In 1995, Art Modell, owner of the Cleveland Browns, announced plans to move the NFL team to Baltimore.

In 1996, a cyclone struck southeastern India, claiming an estimated 1,000 lives.

In 1999, Australians rejected a referendum to drop the British monarch as their head of state.

In 2001, billionaire Republican Michael Bloomberg won New York City's mayoral race, defeating Democrat Mark Green. **Also in 2001** the Federal Reserve slashed its federal funds rate, the key benchmark for overnight loans, by a half-point to 2 percent, its lowest level in 40 years. **Also in 2001** baseball owners voted 28-2 to eliminate two major league teams by the 2002 season.

In 2003, President George W. Bush signed an \$87.5 billion package approved by Congress for Iraq and Afghanistan. **Also in 2003** federal judges in New York and California blocked a new ban on certain late-term abortions, a day after Bush signed it into law.

In 2005, an overnight tornado killed 25 people in southwestern Indiana.

In 2012, President Barack Obama defeated Republican challenger Mitt Romney 332-206 in Electoral College votes to win reelection.

In 2013, the widow of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Swiss forensic tests showed radioactive polonium killed her husband in 2004. (Russian and French reports later cast doubt on the polonium theory.)

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Death Notices

Adamczyk, Stanley D.

Stanley D. Adamczyk, age 77; beloved husband of Rita; loving father of Daniel (Jamie), Joseph (Jaylene) and the late Christopher; proud grandfather of Ava, Jack, Abby, Luke, Emily, Grace and Kaitlyn; also survived by many loving cousins. Visitation Thur., Nov. 7, 2019, 5-9 PM at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect. Visitation Fri., 9 AM until mass at 10 AM at St. Cecilia Church, 700 S. Meier, Mt. Prospect. Interment private. Stanley was a registered pharmacist starting his career at Gapsinski Pharmacy in Chicago. He served the community there and in the northwest suburbs for over 50 years. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Worldwide Wildlife Federation appreciated. 847/394-2336.

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Adams, June B.

June B. Adams, age 94, beloved wife of the late Theodore "Ted". Loving mother of Cynthia (the late Edward) Conforti, Christine (James) Krier, Susan (Mark) Erickson and John (Jeannine) Adams. Cherished grandmother of Teresa Dempsey, Jason Conforti, Gina Griffiths, John Conforti, Tiffany Habel, Stephanie Stanley, Stacia Lord, Chad Erickson, Jane Erickson, Blake Erickson, Brooke Luedemann and Bryan Adams. Beloved great-grandmother of 25 and great-great grandmother of 11. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her two brothers and four sisters. Visitation Friday, November 8, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Hultgren Funeral Home, 304 N. Main St., Wheaton, Illinois 60187. A Celebration of June's life will be held on Saturday, November 9, at St. Matthew United Church of Christ, 1420 S. Gables Wheaton, IL 60187, at 11:00 a.m. Memorial gifts may be directed to St. Matthew United Church of Christ Memorial Fund. For more information, please call Hultgren Funeral Home at 630-668-0027 or hultgrenfh.com.

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Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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Baran, Janet Kay

Janet Kay Baran, age 78 of Naperville, passed away November 4, 2019. She is survived by her daughters; Lisa (Michael) Norz and Lorie (Greg) Deatherage; grandson Baron Deatherage and brother Gerald (Linda) Micek. She is preceded in death by her husband Marion Baran. Visitation will be Thursday 4 until 8 p.m. at the **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 516 S. Washington St., Naperville. Family and friends will meet at the funeral home Friday at 10 am and process to a 10:30 Mass of Christian Burial at St. Raphael Church, 1215 Modaff Rd., Naperville. Interment Assumption Cemetery. Memorials to Catholic Education Foundation, Diocese of Joliet, 16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill, IL 60403. Info www.beidelmankunsch.com. 630-355-0264

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Barry, Loretta F.

Devoted wife of 66 years to Michael (Ret. Deputy Dist. Chief CFD); Loving mother of Karen (late Phil) Wood; Michael (Ret. F.A.O.) (Anne), John (Marie), Maureen (Gregg) Jandacek, Daniel (Betty), James (Lynn), and Kevin (Mary); Beloved sister of Dolores (Vince) Streff, and Noelle (late Bud) Reed; Proud and loving grandmother of 34, and great-grandmother of 13; Visitation Thursday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Friday, 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Thomas More Church, 81st St. & California Ave., Chicago; Mass 10:00 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Blankenberg, Lothar

Lothar Blankenberg, 85, of Lincolnshire, passed away October 31, 2019. Lothar lived a professional career retiring from North Shore Mosquito Abatement at the age of 78 after 19 years service as their mechanic. He was a distinguished auto body restorer best known for his lacquer paint work. Lothar was a wonderful man that will be dearly missed. Lothar is survived by Anna Marie, his wife of 49 years and his son John.

Visitation will be 11:00a -2:00p Saturday Nov. 9th at **McMurrough Funeral Chapel**, 101 Park Pl, (Rt 176, 1 Blk East of Rt 21) Libertyville. Funeral service will follow at 2:00pm at the funeral home. Funeral info (847-362-2626) and libertyvillefuneralhome.com

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ON NOVEMBER 6 ...

In 1814, Antoine-Joseph Sax, also known as Adolphe Sax, the musical instrument maker who invented the saxophone, was born in Dinant, Belgium.

In 1854, John Philip Sousa, who became known as "the march king," was born in Washington.

In 1860, former U.S. Rep. Abraham Lincoln, R-Ill., defeated three candidates for the presidency.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected to a 6-year term as president of the Confederacy. **Also in 1861** James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, was born in Almonte, Ontario.

In 1869, Rutgers beat Princeton 6-4 in the first official intercollegiate football game.

In 1888, Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana, won the presidential election, defeating incumbent Grover Cleveland on electoral votes although Cleveland led in the popular vote.

In 1892, Harold Ross, founding editor of the New Yorker magazine, was born in Aspen, Colo.

In 1893, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky died in St. Petersburg, Russia; he was 53.

In 1900, President William McKinley was re-elected, once again defeating Democratic challenger William Jennings Bryan.

In 1906, Republican Charles Evans Hughes was elected governor of New York, defeating newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst.

In 1913, Indian nationalist Mohandas Gandhi was arrested as he led a march of Indian miners in South Africa.

In 1928, for the first time, presidential election results were flashed on an electronic sign on the New York Times Building, reporting the results of Herbert Hoover's victory over Alfred Smith.

In 1956, President Dwight Eisenhower was re-elected, defeating 1952 challenger Adlai Stevenson II.

In 1976, Benjamin Hooks was chosen to be executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peo-

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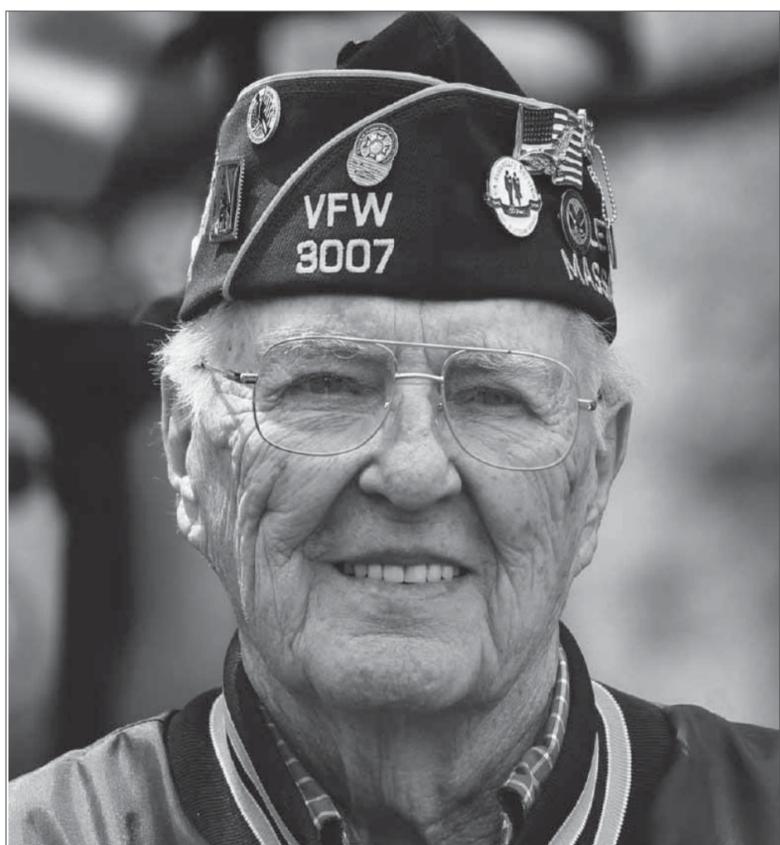
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Mega Millions jackpot: \$127M
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Pick 3 evening 332 / 9
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Nov. 6 Powerball: \$40M
Nov. 7 Lotto: \$10.25M

WISCONSIN
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INDIANA
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Borkowski, Harold P.

Harold P. Borkowski, age 92, W.W. II Navy Veteran. Loving husband of the late Helen M. (nee Swinger) Borkowski for 67 years; dear father of Cynthia (Donald) Greinke and Claudia Williams; dearest grandfather of Michael (Emily) Greinke, Jennifer (Kelvin) Winborne, Jordan Williams and Hailey (Cameron) Sullivan; cherished great grandfather of Sienna, Solomon, Ava and Ellie; fond brother-in-law of Joe (Marion) Swinger; cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Funeral Saturday 10:45 am from **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St, Orland Park to St. Damian Church, Mass 11:30 am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Funeral info: (708) 429-3200.



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Bottelli, Robert James

Robert James Bottelli, age 78; beloved husband of Jo-El Quinlan; loving father of Maria (Gene) Martin and Robert (Megan) Bottelli, Jr.; dear grandfather of Andrew and Daniel Martin, and Marissa and Rocco Bottelli; fond uncle and friend to many. A memorial service will take place at the family home on November 9, 2019. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the West Suburban Community Pantry, 6809 Hobson Valley Dr., Woodridge, IL 60517 or www.wscpantry.org/donate are appreciated. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home**. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomeshindale.com.



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Brown, Robert "Bob"

Robert "Bob" Brown, 81, lifelong resident of Northbrook, November 1, 2019. Beloved husband of Joyce nee Pierre. Loving father of Lori (Scott) Barnes, Tom (Valerie Beach) Brown, and the late Michael Brown. Proud grandfather of Daniel, Cody, and Andy. Fond Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Bob was a longtime Village of Northbrook Public Works employee until his retirement in 2000. Memorial visitation Saturday, November 9, 2-5 p.m. at the **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Rd, Glenview. Interment private. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association P.O. Box 15829 Arlington, VA 22215. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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Burman, Kim

Kim Burman nee Hefter, 59, beloved wife of Eric; loving mother of Zachary and Justin; devoted daughter of Les and the late Ina Hefter; dear sister of Melissa Silverman and the late Julie Hefter; sister-in-law of Jill, Garry and David Burman; fond cousin of Judy Berlin, Susan Atlas and Alan Hefter. Funeral service Thursday 1 PM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Haymarket Center, www.hcenter.org. Info: 847-256-5700.



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Byster, David

David "Dave" Byster, age 90, of Northbrook, Co-Owner of Byster Bros. Clothing Store, beloved husband of the late Gloria, nee Levin; loving father of Beth (John) Corvino and Michael Byster; adored Poppy of Samantha and Justin (Becca) Corvino and Joshua Byster; devoted son of the late Benjamin and late Nettie Byster; cherished brother of the late Morton (late Bernice and late Bette) Byster, late Albert (late Yetta) Byster, and the late Leonard (Arlene) Byster; dear brother-in-law of the late Lloyd (Marilyn) Levin and the late Sheldon (Cindy and the late Saucy) Pearl; adored uncle, cousin, and friend to many. Service Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Honor Flight Chicago, 9701 W. Higgins Rd., Suite 310, Rosemont, IL 60018, www.honorflightchicago.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Canfield, Brian

Brian Canfield 90, of Manteno. Dear son of the late John & the late Geneva nee Quinn Canfield; loving husband of Mary Kathleen nee Brandl Canfield of Manteno; devoted father of Greg (Pam) Canfield of Downer's Grove, Chief Master Sergeant of the United States Air Force Retired Mark (Rhonda) Canfield of Colorado Springs, CO Michael Canfield of Manteno, and Therese Canfield of Stamford, CT; and six grandchildren, Nicholas Canfield, Staff Sergeant of the United States Air Force Brandon Canfield, Jeremy Canfield, Ryan Canfield, Nolan Canfield, and Aiden Canfield. Visitation from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 8, 2019 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Manteno. Interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Memorials to the Illinois Veteran's Home at Manteno. Arrangements by **Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home** in Manteno. Info. 815.932.1214 www.clancygernon.com.

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Disabato, Louise Elvera

Louise Elvera (nee Antonucci) Disabato, age 97, of Vernon Hills, loving wife of the late Conrad S.; Loved mother of Dianne (Fred) Forst, Michael (Roxann), and David (Annie), cherished grandmother of James Conrad Forst, Nicholas (Erin) Disabato, Valerie (Chris) Horsfall, Ann (Bryan) Wasserman, Elena Disabato, and Candice Tostado, great grandmother of Brandon and Abigail; fond sister of Raymond (Marlene) Antonucci, The Late Elvera Bean, and the late Joseph Antonucci. Visitation Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 from 9:00 AM until the time of prayers at 11:15 AM at **Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd.**, 1520 N. Arlington Hts Rd, Arlington Hts, Illinois 60004, proceeding to St. James Catholic Church, 831 N. Arlington Hts Rd., Arlington Hts, IL, for Mass at 12:00 PM. Entombment private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 2151, 501st St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38101-2151. Funeral Info. & condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Drower, Victor

Victor Drower, 95, beloved husband of the late Harriet Drower for 60 years; loving father of Iris (Doug) Glover, Ira (Dolores) and Ed (Laura); cherished grandfather of Matthew, Adrian and Ethan; dear brother, uncle and friend. Chapel service 10 AM Thursday at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be your favorite charity. For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Ferrin, Marilyn E.

Marilyn E. Ferrin nee Robinson, 86, of Blue Island, beloved wife of the late Clifford M., loving mother of Jacqueline (Frank) Stawiarski, Daniel (Marjorie), Jeffrey (Kathy), David (Cindy) and Barry (Jennifer), cherished grandmother of Jeffrey, Jennifer, Matthew, Christine, Michael, Sarah, Jessica, Cassandra, Patricia, Theresa, Nathaniel, Deborah, Valerie, Nicholas, Bridget and Christopher, proud great grandmother of six, dear sister of Thomas (Cindy), the late Bruce (Donna) and Diane (Jeff) Watson fond sister in law of Gene, aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Chapel services Friday, at 9:15 am at the **Krueger Funeral Home**, 13050 S. Greenwood Ave., Blue Island, then to St. Benedict Church, 2339 York St., Blue Island, for mass at 10:00 am. Interment St. Benedict Cemetery, Crestwood. 708-388-1300 www.kruegerfuneral.com

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Flood, Michael J.

Michael J. Flood, USMC Vietnam Vet. Tragically November 1, 2019. Loving husband of 30 years to Beverly A. (nee Bee). Loving father of Sean (Tracy), Natalie Koteles, Kimberly (Timothy McGee) Capozzi. Loving grandfather of Kelly, Michael and Taryn. Loving brother of Kathleen (the late Bob), Maureen (Al), Marty (Peggy), Therese and the late Sharon (George). Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Avid Golfer and White Sox and Bears Fan. Proud member of Local 399. Family and Friends will meet Friday directly at St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr. for Memorial Mass 10:00 a.m. Int. Private. Memorial Visitation Thursday 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Operation Support Our Troops-America 1807 S. Washington St. Suite 110 #359 Naperville, IL 60565. Arrangements entrusted to **Donnellan Funeral Home**. Info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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Geske, Roger J.

Roger J. Geske, age 83, beloved husband of Jane nee Ebeling; dearest father of Susan of Round Lake, IL, Kristin (Rev. Myron) Meyer of Lincoln NE, Karen (Duane) Canfield of Zionsville, IN, Rev. Steven (Catherine) Geske of Wauseon, OH; loving grandfather of Emily, Joshua, Elijah Geske, Hannah Zurek, Max and Monty Meyer, Carson and Connor Canfield; dear brother of the late Florence (the late Herbert) Garling. Visitation Thursday 3:00-7:00 pm at the Lutheran Home, 800 W Oakton, Arlington Heights. Memorial Service Friday 11:00 am at the Lutheran Church of St. Luke, Itasca. Private Interment at Chapel Hill Gardens West. In lieu of flowers donations to the Lutheran Home, St. Luke or the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **The Oaks Funeral Home** 630-250-8588 or www.oaksfh.com.

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Gill, Mary F.

Mary F. Gill, age 78, at rest November 3, 2019; Beloved daughter of the late John and Delia Gill (nee Tobin); Loving sister of Winnie (Frank) Neidhart; Cherished aunt of Mary (George) Bratvik, Rita (Todd) Kahn, and Sean Neidhart; Dear great-aunt of Katherine, Nick, Elizabeth, and Meghan Bratvik, Alexandra and Joseph Kahn; Fond cousin of the Gill, Tobin, Faherty, and the O'Donnell Families; Mary was a proud Chicago Public Schools Teacher for 40 years, retiring from Mt. Greenwood School in 2002; Visitation Friday, November 8, 2019 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10:30 a.m at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 9525 S. Lawndale, Evergreen Park. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to the Juvenile Diabetes Relief Fund (JDRF); Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**. For funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Jameson, Howard Benson

Howard Benson Jameson, of New Fairfield, Connecticut, beloved husband of Claire H. Jameson, passed away on Friday, October 25, 2019 in Las Vegas, NV, along with his brother Scott G. Socquet. He was born in Princeton, NJ. Howard was the VP of Business Development at Vibranalysis Inc, a geotechnical engineering firm in Bronx, NY. Howard's generosity, warmth and fun-loving spirit will continue to live on through his loved ones. Howard is survived by his wife, Claire; loving parents, Linda and Jesse; father/mother-in-law, David and Eileen Saltzman; brother, Neil and wife Christian Socquet (children Sydney, Sabrina and Noah); sister-in-law, Jessica Socquet (children Alexa and Chase); grandmother, Carol Jameson. Please join us for a celebration of life on November 9, from 2 to 6 at the **CODY-WHITE FUNERAL HOME**, 107 Broad St., Milford, CT. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to fundly.com/howard-b-jameson, which will go directly to Find Your Grind - a program educating kids on career paths. To leave online condolences, please visit our website at www.codywhite-funeralservice.com.

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Jorgensen, Deborah A. 'Debbie'

Deborah A. "Debbie" Jorgensen nee Plattner. Beloved wife of the late Thomas H. Jorgensen. Cherished mother of Matthew (Jaime-Lyn) Jorgensen & An'Drea (Larry) Jennings. Proud grandmother of Xander, Paige, Elizabeth & Hannah. Devoted daughter of Jacqueline & the late Eugene Plattner. Dear sister of Donald Plattner. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews. Will be dearly missed by her four-legged friend Teddy. Funeral Friday 9:00 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to Trinity Lutheran Church for Services at 10:00 am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials to American Cancer Society, Spay it Forward, or Paws of Tinley Park would be greatly appreciated. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Kimovec, M.D., Matilda Rudana 'Dana'

Dr. Matilda Rudana "Dana" Kimovec was born in 1923 to Johann and Johanna Morak Rant near Ljubljana, the capital city of Slovenia. Her college years and medical school studies were interrupted by the Second World War. Half of her little country was occupied first by Italians, then Germans and finally by Tito. The family lost their business and all their possessions. After the war, with the help of relatives, she and her sister, Dr. Irena Sejdinaj, were able to cross the Austrian-Slovenian border to the part occupied by the British soldiers. Both were accepted to the student home in Graz run by the British Authority and were able to continue with their medical studies. They graduated from medical school in Graz in April, 1951. One year later both arrived in the USA and started their internship in Milwaukee in July, 1952. At that time, women doctors were a rarity, and especially for sisters! Her older sister, Ivana Puky, opened a successful health food store in Canada in 1962, another woman ahead of her time!

Dr. Matilda Kimovec did family practice at University of Illinois at Chicago after raising three children. Both sisters, Matilda and Irena, married physicians. Matilda's husband, Dr. Franc Kimovec, a radiologist, and Irena's husband, Dr. Isa Sejdinaj, a surgeon, preceded her in death. She is survived by her children Maria Kimovec Grutsch, MD (James F Grutsch, Ph.D.), Irene Kimovec Szuba, MD, JD., (John Szuba, CPA), and LTC/FF Frank Kimovec, U.S. Army Retired, MPA, (Toshi Kimovec); nine grandchildren Rebecca Grutsch Beron, MD (Tim Beron), James F Grutsch, III, CPA, CMA (Katie Grutsch, CP), Michael Grutsch, MS, Catherine Grutsch, MSC, Thomas Grutsch, Daniel Szuba, MS, CSCS, Timothy Szuba, Katrina Kimovec and Farrah Kimovec, and three great-grandchildren Grace, Benjamin, and Cecilia Beron. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Paul Puky, along with many loving nieces, nephews, their families, and her beloved dog, Bushie Bear. Visitation, Saturday, November 9, 2019 9:00 a.m. until time of her Funeral Mass, 10:00 a.m. at **Saint Joseph Parish**, 1747 Lake Avenue at Ridge Road, Wilmette, Illinois 60091. Interment 12:30 p.m. Mount Hope Cemetery, 1001 East Villa Street, Elgin, Illinois, 60121. Funeral info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990



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Lawlor, Maureen N.

Maureen N. Lawlor nee Roach, beloved wife of 42 years of Thomas P. Lawlor. Loving mother of Tara (Joseph Mokos) Lawlor. Proud grandma of Cecilia Mokos. Cherished sister of Susan Ballauer and Doldine Roach. Adored aunt of Sean, Jim, and Kate. Dear great aunt MoMo of Abigail, Moira and Keira. Visitation Thursday 4-8 p.m. Funeral Friday 9:15 a.m. at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL to St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, 6435 Kilbourn Ave., Chicago, IL. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment private. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Lyons, Patricia 'Patti'

Patricia A. "Patti" Lyons at peace with the Lord on October 29, 2019. Loving daughter of the late Margaret, nee LeBeau, and Aloysius Lyons. Beloved sister of Lester (Sharon) Lyons Sr. Loving aunt of Leslie (Lester) Sharpe, Linda (Greg) Weight, Lisa Wright, Lester Lyons, Jr. and Lori Lyons and great aunt of Christopher and Steven Sharpe, Jeremy and Briana Weight and J.C. and Marian Wright. Patti received her Bachelor of Arts from Dominican University, River Forest, IL and retired after many years as a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines. Funeral Mass, Saturday, November 23rd at 11:30 AM at St. Hubert Catholic Church, 239 Grand Canyon St., Hoffman Estates, IL. Interment Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, Alsip, IL. Funeral information or online condolences, www.ahgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Mahoney, David J.

U.S. Army Veteran, age 80, late of Hometown, formerly of Oak Lawn and Back-of-the-Yard's; loving husband of the late Marie nee Valkenberg; cherished brother of Therese (Steve Waller), Joseph (Madeleine) and Kevin; fond uncle of Neil (Christine) Mahoney and great uncle of David and Oliver; beloved son of the late David and Theresa nee Morrissey; companion of Patsy Harrington. David attended Visitation Parish School and was a 1957 graduate of Leo High School. He had a long career with the Chicago Board of Education and Continental Can and was an avid fisherman. Visitation Thursday, 3-9 p.m. Funeral Friday 9:15 a.m. from **Kosary Funeral Home**, 9837 S Kedzie to Our Lady of Loretto Church, Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, St. Anne Shrine, Lot 238, N.E. Grave. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in David's memory to a charity of your choice. Information (708) 499-3223.

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Mallahan, Marcia

Marcia Mallahan nee Brant, age 78; beloved wife of Richard Mallahan; loving mother of Elizabeth Fahey, Suzanne Lukes, Michael (Susan) Mallahan, Richard (Karolina) Mallahan and the late Jeffrey Lukes; dearest grandmother of Lauren (Matt) Staton, Morgan (Michael) Kopacz, Matthew, Jordan, and Jake Fahey, Tegan, Ryan, Samantha, Connor, and Xena Mallahan; great grandmother of Emmet Staton; fond sister of Barbara (Art) Dyon, Linda (the late Thomas) Luczak, Bill (Sandy) Brant, and the late Beverly (the late Ronald) Lala. Visitation Thursday 3 PM until 8 PM at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Funeral Service Friday 9 AM going to St. Viator Church for 10 Mass. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com



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Matuszewski, Eleanor A.

Eleanor A. Matuszewski (nee Brzoska); beloved wife of the late Eugene A. Matuszewski; loving mother of Karen (the late Richard) Schnorr and Gregory (Kristie) Matuszewski; cherished grandmother of Geoffrey (Monica), Christina, Nicole (Jason), Michele and Brandon (Kati); dearest great grandmother of Trinity, Dakotah, Taylor, Mikayla and Hannah; dear sister of Shirley Brzoska and the late Bernice Brzoska. Visitation Thursday 3 to 9 PM. Funeral Friday 9:00 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road (5500 W) Burbank, IL 60459 to St. Adrian Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Funeral info. (708) 636-2320



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Minchik, Frederick G. 'Fred'

Frederick (Fred) G. Minchik, age 82 of Barrington, IL passed away on November 4, 2019.



Born in Prairie du Chien, WI on August 31 1937, he graduated from Campion High School (Prairie du Chien) and St. Louis University.

Beloved husband to late Sally (nee Mapes) for 38 years & Eileen (nee Ray) for 21 years.

Loving son of the late Lee and Marguerite (nee Gaulke) Minchik.

Devoted Dad to Marilyn (Carl) Cepuran, Michael (Rita) Minchik, Jean (Ron) DiMonte, Linda (Chris) Ray, and Kevin (Mary) Minchik.

Loving Papa to Eric (Leah) Cepuran, Carolyn (Brian) Finley, Tony (Cheryl) DiMonte, Laura (Joshua) Kulow, Lauren (Josh) Yergler, Kristin (Kody) Alexander, Gordon (Samantha) Cepuran, Sarah (Danny) Berge, Rebecca (Steven) Crawford, Dan Minchik, Hannah Ray, Ethan Cepuran, Grace DiMonte, and Maddie Minchik.

Loving Great Papa to Hudson, Owen, Avery, Emery, Emma Jean, Hazel, Kamden, Eliza, Kadence, Nora, Leif, Tucker, and one still on the way.

Loving brother to MaryLee (late Joe) Pedretti, Patricia (Richard) Shepherd, Tom (late Shirley) Minchik, and Bill (Ellen) Minchik. Fond uncle, great uncle, and great, great uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Worked for Kemper Insurance for 37 years, retired as the CEO of the NATLSCO in 1996.

He was a lifetime Green Bay Packers fan, enjoyed collecting baseball cards, fishing, hunting, golfing, and being outside and working in his yard, traveling and attending the ballet, opera, and symphony. He loved watching his children and grandchildren compete in baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, horse shows, soccer, softball, speedskating, track & field, and volleyball as well as perform in ballet, band, choir, orchestra, and theater. He generously gave of his time to things he loved like AWANA Clubs and coaching baseball. He was a man of great integrity.

He was the most amazing and loving father and Papa. He was a man of great faith and traveled to the Philippines and Hong Kong to share the gospel. We are thankful that his suffering is over but rejoice that He is in the presence of His Savior, where one day we will join him.

Psalm 91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Operation Christmas Child at samaritanspurse.org

Visitation will be Friday, November 8th from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 A.M. till time of service at 10:00 A.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169. Interment Evergreen Cemetery in Barrington.

For further information please contact the **Morizzo Funeral Directors** at 847.752.6444.

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Mittenthal, Ethel

Ethel Mittenthal, nee Freedman, 96 years old, beloved wife of the late Harvey; loving mother of Richard Mittenthal (Patsy Glazer), Adriane (Steve) Zindell, and Ellen Mittenthal (Rick McKim); cherished grandmother of Amy (Dave) Keyes, Jana Zindell (Jordan Levy), Marissa Zindell (Jeremy Kolosovsky), and Matthew Mittenthal (fiancé Laura Nahmias); adored great grandmother of Quinn and Langdon Keyes, Sakhele and Zolani Levy, and Navona Kolosovsky. Ethel lived her life to the fullest and was an inspirational role model to her family and friends. She was active in her community, an adventurous traveler, an avid reader, and lover of theater, music and art.

Chapel service Thursday 12:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Chicago Botanic Gardens Tribute Gift Program. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Niemann, Jerome James

Jerome James Niemann; beloved husband of the late Joyce; loving father of Robert (Sherril) and Nichole Niemann D'Aprile; beloved partner of Loretta Keating; proud grandfather of Danielle (Kevin) Dunne, Nicholas & Cale Niemann and Joyce, Thomas, Anna Nichole, & William D'Aprile. Visitation 4 to 8 pm Fri., November 8 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family & friends will gather for prayers at 10:15 am on Sat., November 9 at the funeral home, followed by a procession to St. John of the Cross, Western Springs for 11 am Mass. Interment private. See full obituary at hfunerals.com. Info: (708) 352-6500

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Ring, Joseph F.

Beloved husband of Geri; loving father of Michael (Sharon) Angelini, and Fred (Kathy) Angelini; fond grandfather to Anthony (Caitlin), Deanna (Scott) Johann, Kat, Stephanie, Michael, and Mark Angelini; proud great grandfather to Addison Angelini; dear brother to Frank, the late Danny (Carol), Eileen (the late Paul) DeFranco, and Maureen (the late Dan) Lumsden; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Thursday from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Friday, prayers at 9:30 a.m. to St. Paul of the Cross Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Rubeck, Lawrence J.

Lawrence J. Rubeck; beloved husband of Patricia nee Doig; loving father of Matthew (Cory) and Michael (Ashley Callahan); dear grandpa of Parker, Cooper and Tucker; fond brother of Edward (Mary), Robert (Carol), Judith Leary, Karen (Michael) O'Keefe and the late Joan and Richard; brother-in-law of Barry and Karen Seaton; dear uncle of many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Visitation Thursday 3-9 P.M. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien where a funeral service will be held Friday at 10:00 A.M. Interment Oakwood Memorial Park Cemetery in Ottawa. In lieu of flowers, donations to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org) or American Lung Association (www.lung.org) are appreciated. For info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com



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Sak, Aaron

Aaron Steven Sak, 82, of Scottsdale, AZ formerly of Highland Park, died peacefully Nov. 2nd in Scottsdale, beloved husband of Sharon, nee Gersten; wonderful father of Barry (Susan) and Lorel; proud Zayde of Andrea and Jamie; loving brother of Jerry (the late Barbara); dear uncle of Brian (Randi) Sak & Brian (Stacy) and Anthony Rothman. Chapel service 12:15 PM Friday at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 West Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, AZ chapter (nationalmssociety.org) or the Bernard Weinger JCC (ccchicago.org). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or shalom2.com



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Small, Richard

Travel industry innovator Richard Small passed away on October 1 at the age of 90. Beloved husband of Arlene (nee Prybil) for 49 years, Richard was a father to five children Colleen (Sowinski), Richard Jr. (Amanda), Joseph (Connal), Mark (Kathy) and Brian (Colleen). He was also loved by fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Richard leaves behind sister Marilyn O'Boyle and was fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by dear friend and business colleague Kathleen Xaverius (Kernaghan), who played such a special role in the life of Richard and Arlene.

Richard lived a storied life. He, along with Arlene, founded Alumni Holidays (AHI Travel) in 1962 at the dawn of the jet age. This was the first company to specialize in designing and operating travel programs specifically developed for alumni associations and their constituents. From this start, an entire industry was born. The client list of AHI Travel reads like a Who's Who of prestigious universities across the U.S. and Canada.

He and Arlene also had a strong influence on the river cruise industry, launching many pioneering river cruise programs on the Danube, Volga, Main, Neckar, Seine, Rhone and Elbe rivers, as well as the first cruises on the Russian Waterways between St. Petersburg and Moscow.

In addition to his business acumen, Richard was a great philanthropist, with a kind heart and a steel will. He excelled scholastically, serving as President of his class from first grade through high school graduation before attending the University of Notre Dame and graduating Cum Laude. Throughout his life Richard connected with people, positively influencing the lives of so many - his personal family, the AHI Travel family that he unceasingly mentored, supported and encouraged, and the thousands upon thousands who, thanks to his vision, traveled the world to learn more about others and themselves.

He had a love for the Hawaiian Islands and moved to Maui with Arlene after retiring in 2000, where they enjoyed many years of happiness together.

Visitations will be held at 2:00 p.m., followed by mass at 3:00 p.m., on November 11 at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60607 In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, 1140 West Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607.

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Stamison, Betty

Betty Stamison, nee Stroumboulos; beloved wife of the late Tom Stamison, devoted mother of Nick Stamatopoulos and Christine Stamison; loving daughter of the late Ioannis and Eleni Stroumboulos; dear sister of many brothers and sisters and dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday 10:00 a.m. from **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL 60172 to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church 893 N. Church Rd. Elmhurst, IL. for 11:00 a.m. funeral service. Interment to follow at Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 4:00-8:00 p.m. For info www.salernofuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Greek American Rehabilitation & Care Centre www.greekamericancare.org.



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Steinberg, Mary E

Mary Ellen Asher Steinberg, age 70, passed away peacefully November 4, 2019 due to cancer. Preceded in death by her parents James and Florene Asher of Springfield, Virginia, she is survived by her loving husband, Ron Steinberg of Chicago, and her three siblings, sister Lesley Asher Rackowski and husband Tom of Portland, NY; James Asher and his wife Brooke of Charlottesville, VA; and Daniel Asher and his partner Carol Leitkam of Reston, VA. She is also survived by her nephews Andrew and Brandon Rackowski and her nieces Ryan and Cydney Asher.

In addition to her family, Mary loved and was loved by numerous friends, associates, co-workers, and students. She was incredibly curious, intelligent, funny and caring. Mary travelled all over the world; had diverse musical interests (John Prine in particular); loved movies; frequently attended theater and comedy acts; loved to read; and enjoyed discussions on politics and social issues. She loved spending Saturday afternoons at Chicago's weekly comedy news show The Paper Machete at the Green Mill Lounge.

Mary bravely faced down various physical challenges over the years, including muscular sclerosis, to lead a highly successful career. She worked at the Internal Revenue Service from 1971-1997 as a Revenue Agent and Tax Law Specialist, Employee Development Specialist, and Organizational Development Specialist. She then became an independent consultant and trainer with expertise in communication skills, change, leadership development, conflict resolution, feedback and coaching. She was admired and beloved for her knowledge, compassion, and sense of humor.

Mary co-authored two business books, "Challenging Change: Five Steps for Dealing Positively with Change" and "Yes You Can! Everything You Need from A to Z to Influence Others to Take Action". She was most proud, though, of her final work as poet and related blogger of "When They Go Low, We Go Haiku".

A celebration of Mary's life will be planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the National MS Society (Greater Illinois Chapter), the Journey Care Foundation, and Chicago's The Paper Machete.

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Zhukovec, Victor

Funeral services for Victor Zhukovec, 56, of DeRidder will be held at the **DeRidder Funeral Home** in DeRidder, LA on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at 1:00 P.M.

Victor Zhukovec was born on January 5, 1963, to Petro and Sylvia Laatz Zhukovec in Chicago, Illinois. He passed away on Friday, November 1, 2019, in DeRidder, Louisiana.

Mr. Zhukovec retired from the United States Army. He was a lifetime member of ACR and loved camping, fishing, family and his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie Zhukovec of DeRidder, LA; son, Alexander Zhukovec (Veronica) of Norfolk, VA; daughter, Victoria Salazar (Jeremy) of DeRidder, LA; sister, Lydia Kibble (Robert) of Spring Grove, IL; grandchildren, Michael Witek, Zahara Witek, Cheyenne Brasher (Tyler), Cameron Salazar, Carson Salazar and Bianca Lynn Scully and four great-grandchildren.

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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 Moniece Maxwell AKA Moniece Jeffna Maxwell

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Monique Nard-Flowers (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00036

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Monique Nard-Flowers (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 29, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Shannon O'Malley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 11/27/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F, 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 or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS October 11, 2019 6499583

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #203 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of New Trier Township High School District 203 in the county of Cook, State of Illinois, that a public hearing on the 2020 Levy will be held on November 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm at New Trier High School, 7 Happ Road, Northfield IL 60093, Room C234. Dated this 6th day of November, 2019 by the Board of Education of New Trier Township High School District 203. Lindsey Ruston Secretary Board of Education 11/06/2019 6501619

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NOTICE OF ILLINOIS SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY (AUTHORITY) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR TV TRUCK DOCK ELECTRICAL WORK

Notice is hereby given by the Authority, Chicago, IL, requesting e-mailed proposals from contractors interested in providing labor and material for the "TV Truck Dock Electrical Work" project at, 333 W 35th St, Chicago, IL. This project concentrates on installing a new switchboard and candelocks at the TV Truck dock. To obtain the RFP and drawings visit our website at www.isfauthority.com access business inquiries/construction from the drop down menu. A mandatory pre-submission conference and walk thru will be held on Tuesday November 20th 2019 at 11:00 am at Guaranteed Rate Field. Please enter through Gate 4 and have a valid form of ID on hand. Via email please notify russell@isfauthority.com if you will be attending by November 11, 2019 at 2:00pm. Proposals received by the Authority must be sent via e-mail to maureen@isfauthority.com mrobke@pdmpjprojects.com and russell@isfauthority.com and are due no later than 12:00 pm Chicago time on November 20, 2019. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all qualification or waive any informality at its discretion. 11/6/2019 6501889

FORECLOSURES

NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, LTD (Firm ID: 38245) Attorneys 105 W. Adams, Suite 1800 Chicago, Illinois 60603 STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK, ss - IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JERONIMO RIOS CRUZ, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, et al., Defendants, Case No. 19 CH 10171. The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: JERONIMO RIOS CRUZ and UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS defendants in the above entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 11 IN FRANK DE LUGACH'S 71ST STREET HIGHLANDS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY ACQUIRED BY CONDEMNATION IN COUNTY COURT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN CASE 8854, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN: 19-30-101-014-0000. Commonly known as: 7025 W. 71st Street, Chicago, IL 60638, and which said Mortgage was made by JERONIMO RIOS CRUZ as Mortgage(s) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FS, as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 1312941039, and the present owner(s) of the property being JERONIMO RIOS CRUZ, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, Richard J Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Room 802, Chicago, IL 60602 on or before November 29, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. Dated, Chicago, Illinois Clerk of the Cook County Circuit Court. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Last known addresses: 7025 W. 71st Street, Chicago, IL 60638. Defendant Address: 7025 W. 71st Street, Chicago, IL 60638. 10/30, 11/6, 13/2019 6494051

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. LYDIA OSEI ACQUAH; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUB/M WORLD SAVINGS BANK, F.S.B.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; LYNNWOOD TERRACE RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS LEGATEES OF ERIC ACQUAH AKA ERIC OSEI ACQUAH, AKA ERIC OSEI-ACQUAH, DECEASED; CARY ROSENTHAL, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ERIC ACQUAH AKA ERIC OSEI ACQUAH, AKA ERIC OSEI-ACQUAH, DECEASED, Defendants, Case No. 2019CH10468 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs Legatees of Eric Acquah AKA Eric Osei Acquah, AKA Eric Osei-Acquah, deceased, that the said above suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 12 in Block 14 in Lynnwood Terrace Unit Number 4, being a Subdivision of part of the South 1/2 of Section 7, Township 35 North, Range 15, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, 20145 Cypress Avenue, Lynnwood, IL 60411 33-07-414-012-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Heirs Legatees of Eric Acquah AKA Eric Osei Acquah, AKA Eric Osei-Acquah, deceased, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before December 6, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court, Shanna L. Sacher (6302793) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-silberdier@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 11/6, 13, 20/2019 6501644

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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago By Darlene A. LoCascio Director of Procurement & Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois November 6, 2019

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Bron-Brow

The Lakers' James-Davis combination is a hit. And they're just getting started.

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Anthony Davis and LeBron James sat by each other as the media throng approached Tuesday afternoon at the United Center. Davis took questions first. Reporter: "What's it like playing with that guy?" Davis: "What guy?" Reporter: "LeBron." Before Davis could answer, James chimed in: "Worst (stuff) ever." As if. James and Davis have had little trouble meshing in the purple and gold. The Lakers took

a five-game winning streak into Tuesday night's game against the Bulls, and James was leading the NBA in assists at 11.2 per game. "It's got its good and bad," Davis said of teaming with James. "No, it's been fun. Obviously it's early and we know we're a long way from where we can be. "We're constantly learning each other and talking about how we can be better on both ends of the floor. He has a great basketball mind, so I'm taking everything I can from him."

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LeBron James, top, and forward Anthony Davis, right, have gotten the Lakers off to a good start in their first season as teammates.
 CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

Ravens get it, so when will Bears?

Adapting game plan to QB's skills makes sense

To improve his body language, Mitch Trubisky last week studied the television copy of the Bears-Chargers game at the behest of coach Matt Nagy — who got the idea from his mentor, Chiefs coach Andy Reid.

Perhaps this week Reid can suggest Nagy watch Sunday's nationally televised Ravens-Patriots matchup to see how a team maximizes the talent of an athletic quarterback.

The Ravens routed the Patriots 37-20 with a dynamic offense that revolves around the unique skill set of Lamar Jackson, a league MVP contender. In no way does Trubisky pose as big of an all-around threat as the multidimensional Jackson — only a few quarterbacks do. But the Bears can learn from the way the Ravens have tailored their play-calling to accentuate Jackson's strengths.

Bucking convention, coach John Harbaugh's offensive staff incorporated Jackson's feet as much as his arm and became an AFC front-runner. They moved the pocket and called designed quarterback runs to take advantage of Jackson's elusiveness. They fit the weekly game plan around their quarterback's style rather than force their quarterback's style into the weekly game plan.

The Bears have yet to do that with Trubisky, their biggest liability offensively but far from the only one. After the Packers held the Bears without a touchdown in the opener, cornerback Tramon Williams loudly revealed the successful game plan to "make Mitch play quarterback," and Nagy inadvertently has contributed to that notion by making Trubisky a more stationary passer.

Defenses don't respect the Bears' play-action passing game because Nagy struggles so mightily committing to the run. That tendency reduces the number of rollouts that, for whatever reason, improve Trubisky's accuracy and effectiveness.

A conventional pocket passer he isn't. Accept that and adjust. If the harness Trubisky wears on his left shoulder limits his mobility, then the Bears should consider resting the quarterback.

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Sox still have areas of need, but Year 4 of rebuild should start paying off



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

Many fans consider this the White Sox's most important offseason in years, though it seems as if they say that every year, doesn't it? ■ The rebuild is entering Year 4, several core players such as Yoan Moncada, Lucas Giolito, Eloy Jimenez and Tim Anderson have taken steps forward and top pitching prospect Michael Kopech is on track to return after missing 2019 because of Tommy John surgery. ■ While no one is counting on the Sox to make the 2020 postseason, the team should at least start winning more after a 30-45 second half spoiled the good

vibes from a relatively competitive first three months in 2019. ■ The Sox lineup will be predominantly right-handed again, especially with the expected call-ups of Luis Robert and Nick Madrigal, prompting the need for a quality left-handed bat or two. Or maybe not. ■ "We don't want to get too hung up strictly on handedness in the end and sign an inferior, say, left-handed hitter when a better right-handed hitter is available and fits," general manager Rick Hahn said in his 2019 postmortem. "But it's a consideration, and in an ideal world we would balance it out." ■ Inside: A look at the Sox entering the free-agency period and what they can do to fill some holes.

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'She once punched a girl through the ropes'
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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Adamle won't give up fight

It was the Bears' 100th season celebration last summer in Rosemont. Mike Adamle was with all the other former players gathered in a room, some the same as always and others mere shadows with faraway eyes.

"I'd see this guy I played with and I'd hug him, and he'd hug me, and we'd both walk off in different directions going, 'Who the hell was that?'" recalled Adamle, once an undersized running back and then a sportscaster.

"I mean, it's funny, but it's terrible. I'm just glad we're addressing this now."

What's being addressed is mental health. Adamle's mind is slowly eroding, a result of the brain-rattling concussions he suffered playing for Northwestern and the NFL's Chiefs, Jets and Bears.

He has post-traumatic epilepsy. His doctors also believe he's showing symptoms of chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, a disease also tied to brain trauma and frighteningly common among former football players.

CTE can be confirmed only by an autopsy, and Adamle, 70, is very much alive if not as sharp as he was on CBS-2, ABC-7 and NBC-5 and programs such as "WWE Raw" and "American Gladiators." The effects of dementia forced him into retirement in 2017.

"I was watching CNN or something about ... the Arctic Circle (in which) a big piece of ice breaks off and goes off into the distance, and it's kind of like that," Adamle said. "I'll wake up one day, and there goes another part of me."

"I'm just trying to hang on as long as I can. Stay positive and not negative. That time you get negative, as everyone knows, you get in that dark spot and you can't get out of it."

Adamle and his wife, Kim, an educational psychologist, reflected on his condition and what it demands of them as part of a panel discussion NBC Sports Chicago staged Monday night.

Moderated by David Kaplan, the public forum was meant to promote "Headstrong," a special on athletes dealing with a variety of mental health issues that all the NBC regional sports networks plan to run.

"With so many athletes and celebrities talking about mental health and mental stability, we think it's (a topic that's) really, really important," NBC Sports Chicago boss Kevin Cross said.

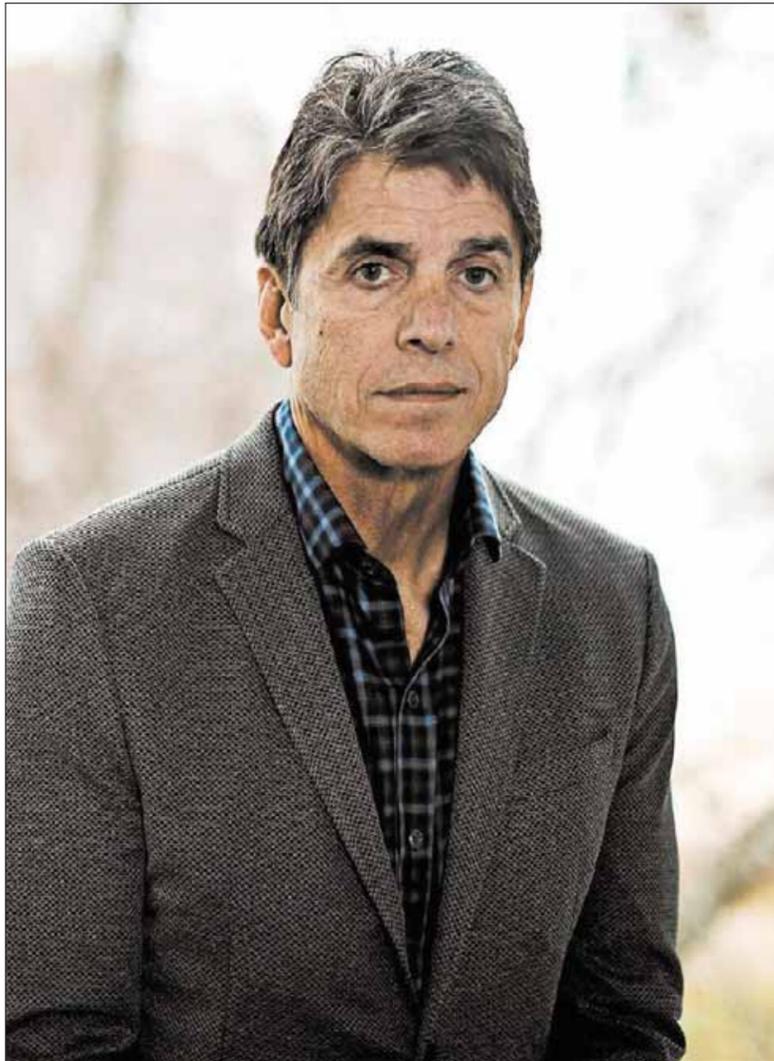
The program is set to air at 9 p.m. on Saturday in Chicago, and former Bears receiver Brandon Marshall, who has been open about dealing with a diagnosed borderline personality disorder, is one of its executive producers.

Gail Grabcynski worked with Marshall when she was the Bears' lead mental clinician, a role she had for 11 years. She said one of the challenges was educating Bears coaches, enabling them to differentiate an ordinary "bad day" he might have from something symptomatic of Marshall's disorder.

Meanwhile, Marshall was one of several players she helped deal with the pressure of playing pro ball, depression and other issues. "Coaches did want to hide it," Grabcynski said. "They wanted to put Brandon in my office, close the door (so) no one knew about it. They did not want to deal with it because if they knew about it, that means they had to talk about it. If they had to talk about, potentially they had to evaluate other players or themselves."

Dr. Stewart Shankman, a professor and Northwestern Medicine's chief of psychology in the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, said he's hopeful mental issues someday no longer will be stigmatized but rather viewed like other chronic diseases.

"Nobody has to come out that they have diabetes or come out that they have thyroid problems," Shankman said. "They just take their medicine and move on. But we need to be moving forward by having more awareness."



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"He looks great. He's athletic still. He keeps moving. He does everything that he needs to, to keep himself going to address this, but he can't operate the coffee maker. He can't do the TV remote. He has extreme difficulty doing his phone. It's the simplest of tasks. He has difficulty remembering what was just said to him."

— Kim Adamle, wife of Mike Adamle, above

The Adamles have been doing their part to educate the public, sharing their struggles as Mike deals with the slow but steady advance of his dementia.

"We're partners," Kim Adamle said. "I hate (the term) 'caregiver.' We're partners. We're life partners, and that's how we approach everything. We like to joke that we share a brain now."

From a distance, one might not know Mike has a problem.

"You see him," Kim said. "He looks great. He's athletic still. He keeps moving. He does everything that he needs to, to keep himself going to address this, but he can't operate the coffee maker. He can't do the TV remote. He has extreme difficulty doing his phone. It's the simplest of tasks. He has difficulty remembering what was just said to him."

She said it is "like having a toddler on steroids" in that Mike is restless and eager to do things but requires constant vigilance because he can't always accomplish what he thinks he can and should.

"For me the hardest part is the slow grieving because every day there's a little bit that slips or you see something else, and I see this beautiful, brave man working so hard and being so brave," she said. "He never complains."

Mike sometimes tears up but never, he said, because he feels sorry for himself.

"The biggest thing is I try not to be a burden on everybody else," he said. Yet "from the moment I wake up to the moment I go to bed, I have someone taking care of me when it's medications I need to take, rides to the airport, all these things I used to be able to do. I can't do, just simple, meaningless tasks."

Having kids, Mike said, is a blessing because they not only give him joy but another reason to keep fighting.

"At the end of the day, everything comes down to, do you want to live or do you want to die, and I was never one of the latter," Adamle said. "Dying was never an option there."

The Adamles keep their schedule on a big whiteboard in their home. Also on it, Kim said, is their latest motto: Right here, right now.

"You can get caught up in the frustration of forgetting, of losing memory, of losing that skill," she said. "You can get really fearful and lost and mired down in that fear of what the future will bring. But we have right now. We have this moment, and so we explicitly try hard to find the joy and the gifts that we have right here, right now."

So even when the names elude you, you savor the hugs.

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ASK THE REPORTER

BRAD BIGGS

What's the cheapest way to remove Mitch Trubisky from this team?

— @hollowthoughts3

By the end of this season, Trubisky will have earned the bulk of the \$29 million in his rookie contract. He's on the books for a base salary of \$2,211,984 and a roster bonus of the same amount for 2020, so the total is just more than \$4.4 million. The cheapest way to remove him would be to trade him and have another team assume the contract. That doesn't seem very likely.

What are the realistic options for acquiring a new starting quarterback in the offseason? Who is available, and of those, who can do the job sufficiently well to put the Bears in contention. Teddy Bridgewater? Alex Smith?

— @carlso1

Bridgewater is one of the guys with experience who will be a free agent after this season. I recently wrote about the conundrum Ryan Pace faces. The short answer is that there isn't a slam-dunk answer. High-caliber quarterbacks don't just show up on the street as free agents. Teams don't give away high-caliber starting quarterbacks. As far as Smith, there are serious questions about whether he will ever play again.

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Cohen's offensive numbers not adding up to very much

BY RICH CAMPBELL

When Bears coach Matt Nagy was asked a few weeks ago about running back Tarik Cohen's paltry yards-per-touch average, he understandably highlighted the fact that no offensive numbers — for any player or in any category — look pretty.

But now that we're at the halfway point, some simple multiplication is all that's required to get a sense of any player's full-season statistical pace. And for Cohen, the projection is jarring.

He's on pace for a healthy 68 catches, but for only 386 receiving yards. Last year, he finished 71 for 725.

On the ground, Cohen is on pace for 52 carries for 126 yards. That's a 2.4-yard average. Last year, he had 99 carries for 444 yards, a 4.5-yard average.

Cohen had eight touchdowns on offense last season — five receiving and three rushing. This year he has only one.

It's a staggering drop in offensive production. It makes me wonder if he's carrying some type of injury, although he has not been listed on the injury report. He has looked like his normal, fast self while returning punts and when he nearly got in the end zone Sunday on a toss to the left.

For what it's worth, Cohen played 20% and 36% of the snaps, respectively, in the last two games — his two lowest shares of playing time this season.

"I'm aware of that," Nagy said of Cohen's deteriorated stats. "He's a playmaker, and we need to do a better job of getting him the ball and doing different things with him."

I'm not convinced having him run intermediate corner routes from the slot is the key to unlocking his playmaking ability. Against the Chargers, Cohen caught a 31-yard pass down the left seam out of the backfield, which was reminiscent of some of his big plays last season — vertical routes



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Tarik Cohen's offensive numbers have taken a nosedive this season.

matched up against linebackers from the backfield.

On Sunday, the Eagles didn't appear to pay Cohen as much extra attention as they did in last season's playoff game, when they devoted two defenders — safety Malcolm Jenkins and linebacker Nigel Bradham — to him for much of the night. When Cohen lined up at receiver, the Eagles covered him with a cornerback. He dropped two passes, which gave his game an ugly feel.

Regarding Cohen's tendency to run out of bounds, I hope we can all agree he's much more valuable to the Bears when he's healthy and can run at full capacity instead of absorbing a pounding while trying to take on tacklers and gain a few extra yards.

I don't think Nagy has much of a problem with Cohen preserving himself by getting out of bounds, provided he's not making a beeline to the sideline each time he catches the ball. Cohen did sidestep a tackler at the sideline and gain 6 yards in the first half, so it's not as if he's automatically looking for safety every time he touches the ball.

Let's see if Nagy can unlock him in the second half of the season. The offense depends on it.

Going long

Mitch Trubisky's 53-yard completion to Taylor Gabriel underscores how detrimental it has been for the Bears to be without a dangerous downfield passing attack.

Halfway through the season, Trubisky is averaging 5.63 yards per attempt, worst in the NFL among qualifying passers. That's an unbelievable stat in the context of everything the Bears said in the offseason and preseason about the quarterback's advancement in the offense.

Before the long ball to Gabriel on Sunday, the Bears were the only team in the NFL without a completion of at least 40 yards. To see it connect was almost strange — like, oh yeah, this is actually possible. Gabriel, who missed two games with a concussion, is that deep threat and they need him to stretch the field.

Nagy dialed up the long throw on the Bears' fourth snap of the second half. After three straight runs, it was a play-action pass out of the offset I formation. That required Trubisky to be under center. Yes, he has to turn his back to the defense to fake the handoff, but the Bears have said Trubisky is comfortable doing that.

The play-fake followed by keeper/rollout action misdirected and slowed the Eagles' four-man pass rush. And with Trubisky throwing from the right edge of the tackle box, he had plenty of time to let Gabriel's corner-post route develop and step comfortably into his throw. This is something for Nagy to consider when weighing the benefits of having Trubisky under center versus in shotgun.

It's hard to say why Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins stayed flat-footed while Gabriel ran behind him. There was no other receiver putting Jenkins in conflict. It appeared as though he simply got caught looking into the backfield.

"Taylor ran a heck of a route," Nagy said. "We schemed it. We had that ready to go for that point in time, and those guys executed it to perfection."

Gabriel had to slow down to catch Trubisky's throw, but Nagy insisted he's plenty happy with the long completion (instead of harping on the pass not being out in front of Gabriel for a touchdown). Trubisky's pass traveled 56.3 yards in the air, according to NFL Next Gen Stats. That was the seventh-longest air-distance completion in the NFL in Week 9.

While it was a great play that set up the Bears first touchdown and sparked their modest rally, Trubisky and the Bears still were plagued by inconsistency on throws that have traveled at least 20 yards beyond the line of scrimmage.

Trubisky was 1 for 4 on such throws, including an incompletion to Allen Robinson down the right sideline on which Robinson was behind the cornerback.

"Mitch took an extra hitch, double-hitched it," Nagy said. "It would've been good to see one hitch and the ball's up sooner and there's a possibility where it's not underthrown."

The Bears overcame that underthrow and scored a touchdown on that drive. Trubisky converted third-and-8 with one of his best plays of the game. He climbed the pocket and found Gabriel in a pocket of space against zone coverage for 13 yards.

Overall, the timing and touch on those deep throws are still very much a work in progress. Remember, against the Chargers, Trubisky overthrew a potential touchdown to Gabriel and also was picked off on throws that traveled at least 20 yards beyond the line of scrimmage.

Unlocking more of those downfield shots in the second half of the season would help the running game, not to mention Trubisky's confidence.

WHAT WE HEARD

His Bears future's uncertain, but Davis prefers to stay upbeat

BY BRAD BIGGS AND COLLEEN KANE

Bears players spent Tuesday morning at Halas Hall reviewing the film of their 22-14 loss to the Eagles.

Here are three things we heard from them in the locker room.

1. Running back Mike Davis can't think about whether the Bears might cut him this week.

The Bears signed Davis to a two-year, \$6 million contract in March. But he has just 11 carries for 25 yards and seven catches for 22 yards — including just two carries in the last four games — as the Bears have placed the load on rookie David Montgomery.

If the Bears cut Davis this week, they potentially could earn a fourth-round compensatory draft pick as their net losses

would exceed their net additions in free agency.

"Thinking of something like that is negative," Davis said. "I really don't care about outside voices. All I can do is show up every day, be a great teammate and be ready to go, no matter what happens."

Davis, 26, said he has tried to stay upbeat and refuses to give off negative vibes, even though he is surprised by his lack of playing time. He said he learned that lesson early in his career with the Seahawks, when he wasn't on the field as much as he would have liked.

"I've been in a dark place before, when I was in Seattle when I first started," Davis said. "I always told myself I wouldn't go back to that place again. I'll always keep a smile on my face, I'll always be upbeat, no matter the situation."

2. The consistent message Matt Nagy has been preaching throughout the losing streak is still resonating.

Stay positive. That's what offensive coordinator Harry Hiestand told his offensive line group during film review of what was a particularly grisly effort Sunday.

"Man, just stay positive," right tackle Bobby Massie said when asked what Hiestand conveyed in the meeting room. "Keep chopping. There's light at the end of the tunnel, you know, if we just keep doing our jobs."

Massie said the Eagles didn't do anything unexpected, but he pointed out they might have had some idea what was coming.

"Nagy is from the same coaching tree (as Eagles coach Doug Pederson)," Massie said. "So, like they knew what we were running. They knew some of our calls. But that's no excuse."

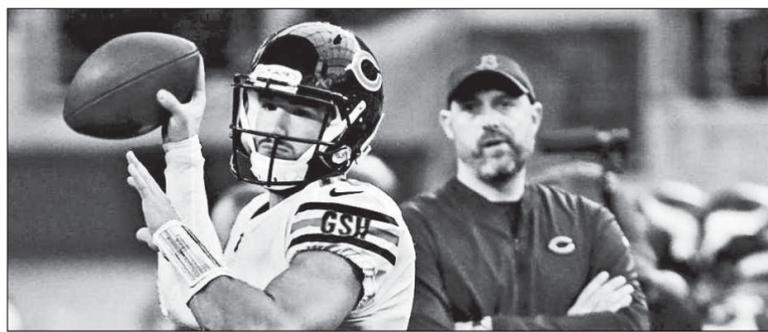
3. Charles Leno said the Bears need 'big-time mental toughness' to keep negative plays from snowballing.

Nagy said Monday that negative plays almost can become "contagious" as they build upon one another. That was the case Sunday as multiple players made mistakes in the offense's horrible first half.

Left tackle Leno said the Bears are out to keep that from happening again.

"Understanding that it is one play and move forward from that," Leno said. "Don't let it compound to another play or drive. It's understanding, OK, you can have one bad play. You're going to have bad plays in football games. We're playing against really good players here. Understand, hey, let it go, move on to the next. And really let it go. ... Put it behind you and move forward because you can't get that play back."

BEARS



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Mitch Trubisky ranks low this season in a number of quarterbacking categories.

Haugh

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This season has exposed the fact Trubisky doesn't throw well enough to play if he cannot run his way out of trouble, which he did successfully in 2018, when football life was good in Chicago.

Nagy came to the Bears touted as an offensive guru, much of which was on display during a 12-4 season that stamped him the NFL Coach of the Year. But what we all neglected to see — perhaps blinded by the disco ball inside "Club Dub" — was how a defensive anomaly contributed to the Bears' offensive identity.

The Bears led the league last season with a ridiculously high 36 takeaways but have only 11 this year. All those short fields and big leads that allowed for so much offensive imagination have been missing in 2019. The only thing opposing defensive coordinators find baffling is figuring out what exactly the Bears do well enough to eliminate first.

Trubisky is last among starting quarterbacks with 173.9 passing yards per game. He is 30th in passer rating at 80.0 and 33rd in yards per attempt (5.6) in a passing scheme that stretches the field more horizontally than vertically. In six games, Trubisky has the same number of touchdown passes as he does carries on designed running plays — five.

A quarterback who merely needed to put up middle-of-the-pack numbers for the Bears to maintain playoff hopes instead has floundered badly enough to rank among the league's worst, affecting every offensive player in the huddle. You know teammates know this.

Ample reason exists for Nagy to replace Trubisky with backup Chase Daniel for the Lions game. No, not all the fault lies on Trubisky's shoulders. Key drops against the Eagles hurt. And a historically bad first half was as much a result of the offensive

line as the quarterback — as WSCR-AM analyst Olin Kreutz tweeted Tuesday.

"Just watched the All-22 film of the first half of the Eagles game," Kreutz posted on his Twitter account. "Don't put any of that on Mitch the Line has to play better. Mitch had no chance... Yes, that was hard for me to write."

Still, it's inconceivable that an NFL coach who has endured Trubisky's body of work can convince his 52 other players that Trubisky gives the Bears the best chance to beat the Lions. The entire organization no longer can be all about the development of Trubisky. Better alternatives could exist on the open market in the offseason, in order of preference, from Teddy Bridgewater to Marcus Mariota to Cam Newton to Nick Foles to Andy Dalton. But that's a deeper discussion for another day.

When it comes to the most important position on the field, the present outweighs the future for the 3-5 Bears. Win a game. Worry about the quarterback's psyche later. Who says the Bears can't bench Trubisky now and bring him back if Daniel fails? Only one rule guides NFL teams stuck in a four-game losing streak: Do whatever it takes to end it. An efficient Daniel increases the odds of ending it more than an erratic Trubisky does.

If Nagy insists on sticking with Trubisky as the starter against the Lions — as he indicated with Monday's endorsement — then he must help the quarterback help himself. Get his adrenaline pumping. Script an early quarterback draw. Move the pocket. Use the I formation to establish the run and set up the play-action pass. Utilize what Trubisky still does well and make it about him, not the offense.

The way the Ravens did with their young quarterback.

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NFL POWER RANKINGS

Saints step up to No. 1

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune

1. Saints 7-1 (Last week: 2): Drew Brees returned before the open date, but the Saints defense has been a bigger story. This may be Sean Payton's most complete team.

2. 49ers 8-0 (3): Jimmy Garoppolo had a big game vs. the Cardinals, completing 28 of 37 for 317 yards, a career-high four TDs and a passer rating of 136.9, also a career best.

3. Ravens 6-2 (7): The Ravens made as significant a statement as you will see in the NFL midseason when they pounded the previously-unbeaten Patriots 37-20.

4. Patriots 8-1 (1): The Patriots defense had been playing at a record-setting level but the unit got a bit of a reality check in the road loss to the Ravens.

5. Chiefs 6-3 (6): Patrick Mahomes likely will return for Sunday's game vs. the Titans. They got what they needed from backup QB Matt Moore in beating the Vikings.

6. Texans 6-3 (9): Carlos Hyde racked up 160 of the Texans' 216 rushing yards as they drubbed the Jags 26-3 in London. They get this week off to rest up before a key stretch.

7. Packers 7-2 (4): Despite WR Davante Adams' return, the Packers' four-game winning streak ended with a disappointing effort on the road vs. the Chargers.

8. Seahawks 7-2 (10): If the Seahawks want to catch the 49ers in the NFC West, they must beat them on the road Monday. Russell Wilson could be up to the task.

9. Colts 5-3 (5): The Colts got good news when they learned QB Jacoby Brissett suffered only an MCL sprain and might be able to play this week vs. the Dolphins.

10. Rams 5-3 (11): The Rams defense, despite significant turnover, is starting to play better. It held the last three opponents (Bengals, Falcons, 49ers) to 40 total points.

11. Cowboys 5-3 (12): The Cowboys overcame two early turnovers to turn away the Giants 37-18 on the road Monday. It was their sixth straight vs. the Giants.

12. Vikings 6-3 (8): The Vikings looked like they were in a good spot heading to Kansas City, but their offense lacked balance. Maybe it was the step up in class.

13. Eagles 5-4 (13): The Eagles rebounded from their loss to the Cowboys with wins vs. the Bills and Bears. They're off this week before hosting the Patriots and Seahawks.

14. Bills 6-2 (15): The Bills' schedule has been very easy. The Patriots and Eagles are their only opponents with winning records, and they both beat the Bills.

15. Chargers 4-5 (21): The Chargers had their best game in beating the Packers. It's worth wondering if Anthony Lynn's team is starting its typical second-half surge.

16. Panthers 5-3 (16): The Panthers handled the Titans. Now they'll be able to measure themselves vs. one of the NFC's better teams with a trip to Green Bay.

17. Steelers 4-4 (18): The Steelers traded the Dolphins a first-round draft pick for Minkah Fitzpatrick earlier this season. The safety has four INT since joining the team.

18. Raiders 4-4 (20): Rookie Hunter Renfrow is developing into the kind of slot receiver the Raiders hoped he would. They can get above .500 with a win this week.

19. Lions 3-4-1 (14): It's all on the shoulders of QB Matthew Stafford with the running game effectively grounded as Kerryon Johnson is out injured.

20. Jaguars 4-5 (17): The Gardner Minshew show was fun while it lasted, but the Jaguars named Nick Foles the starter when they return from their open date.

21. Titans 4-5 (19): The Titans were held scoreless in the first half of Sunday's loss to the Panthers. It was the fourth time they've been shut out in the first half this season.

22. Bears 3-5 (22): The Bears managed just 9 yards of offense in the first half of Sunday's loss to the Eagles. It's a vicious cycle Matt Nagy's offense is stuck in.

23. Cardinals 3-5-1 (24): The Cardinals offense is beginning to take shape, but they're going to be an NFC West basement dweller until they can upgrade on defense.

24. Broncos 3-6 (25): The Broncos matched their season high of 24 points in a five-point win over the Browns in what was the first career start for QB Brandon Allen.

25. Giants 2-7 (26): Rookie QB Daniel Jones lost his league-leading seventh and eighth fumbles and was intercepted in Monday's loss to the Cowboys.

26. Browns 2-6 (23): The Browns are one of the league's most disappointing teams. Unless things turn around, coach Freddie Kitchens could be one-and-done.

27. Buccaneers 2-6 (27): Jameis Winston vowed to play better and he definitely was in a 40-34 OT road loss vs. the Seahawks. He passed for 335 yards without an INT.

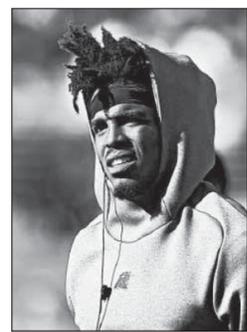
28. Dolphins 1-7 (32): The Dolphins' designed spiral to the No. 1 pick hit a detour when they ended their seven-game skid with a convincing victory over the Jets.

29. Falcons 1-7 (29): Coach Dan Quinn wasn't forced to walk the plank during the team's week off, but he appears on borrowed time with owner Arthur Blank.

30. Redskins 1-8 (30): The switch to rookie QB Dwayne Haskins didn't end the Redskins' offensive skid. They haven't scored a TD in the last three games.

31. Jets 1-7 (28): The Jets reached new depths when they lost on the road to the Dolphins, putting intense pressure on first-year coach Adam Gase.

32. Bengals 0-8 (31): And then there was one. While the Bengals sat at home during their week off, they became the league's only remaining winless team.



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Panthers QB Cam Newton suffered a mid-foot sprain during the preseason.

NFL

Newton's season likely over

News services

The Panthers placed quarterback Cam Newton on injured reserve, meaning he can't play for the rest of the regular season.

GM Marty Hurney said in a statement Tuesday that Newton is still experiencing pain in his foot and needs to continue to rehab from the injury.

"He saw two foot specialists last week who agreed that he should continue that path prescribed by the team's medical staff, and that it likely will take significant time for the injury to fully heal," Hurney said. "We have said all along that it is impossible to put a timetable on this injury. Nobody is more frustrated with that fact than Cam."

Newton could possibly return this season — if the Panthers reach the playoffs.

Newton has missed the last six games while trying to rehab from a mid-foot sprain he initially sustained during the preseason.

Newton was the league's MVP in 2015, but has lost his last eight starts dating back to last season. He was 0-2 as a starter this year and was a non-factor in the running game, carrying five times for minus-2 yards.

The Panthers have rallied to win five of their last six games behind Kyle Allen, who was an undrafted rookie in 2018.

Foles to start: Jaguars coach Doug Marrone believes quarterback Nick Foles gives the team "a better chance of winning right now."

Marrone announced he will start Foles over rookie sensation Gardner Minshew "going forward." Foles is ready to return from a broken left collarbone and will start this week against the Colts.

Foles was injured while throwing a 35-yard TD pass on the second series of the team's season opener. Minshew replaced him and went 4-4 as the starter, throwing for 2,285 yards, with 13 TDs and four picks. He also ran for 235 yards but has lost seven of an NFL-leading 11 fumbles.

London not calling: Chargers chairman Dean Spanos emphatically denied a report from the Athletic about the team possibly moving to London.

Before the Chargers practiced, Spanos called together a small group of reporters who regularly cover the team to address the situation.

"I just want to give you a quote from me, OK?" he began before launching into an expletive-laden comment. "It's total (expletive), OK? We're not going to London. We're not going anywhere. We're playing in Los Angeles. This is our home, and this where we're planning to be for a long time. Period. OK? And if you want me to say it again, I'll say it again. That story is (expletive). OK? Thank you."

Extra points: The Eagles placed WR DeSean Jackson on IR, meaning he will not be eligible to return until the wild-card round of the playoffs. Jackson has a torn abdominal muscle and will have surgery. ... The Dolphins waived DT Robert Nkemdiche after just two games.

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BULLS

Recalling 'Roundball Classic'

James says that '03 game is favorite Chicago memory

BY PHIL THOMPSON

When LeBron James answered a question about his favorite Chicago memory, he could have pointed to any number of moments when he was a thorn in the Bulls' side, particularly as a member of the Cavaliers.

Remember Game 4 of the 2015 Eastern Conference semifinals, when James answered Derrick Rose's Game 3 buzzer-beater in Cleveland with one of his own in Chicago?

Hours before James and the Lakers were set to play the Bulls at the United Center on Tuesday night, he thumbed through his mental scrapbook and settled on a night before he ever donned an NBA jersey, when

he sold out arenas as a high school phenom.

March 31, 2003, the EA Sports Roundball Classic.

James, trying to remember the name, called it the "Reebok Classic" while talking to reporters after Tuesday morning's shootaround, but, hey, it was more than 16 years ago. The feeling he had playing in the house that mentor Michael Jordan built remained fresh.

"My head coach (at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, Ohio), Dru Joyce, was head coach of the team, and then all my high school guys were here in attendance," James said. "Playing here, just having the love and appreciation for what Michael did in this building and what he did along his career, I just feel like it was a surreal moment."

It was a time when James drew comparisons to Jordan, not that they ever ended.

Five days before the Roundball Classic,

James won the most valuable player award at the McDonald's All-American Game in Cleveland. He won it again at the United Center, scoring 28 points, adding six rebounds and five assists, lifting the West All-Stars to a 120-119 victory with a bank shot with 25.2 seconds left.

"The first three quarters are for having fun," James said then, according to the Tribune report. "In the fourth quarter you have to put the smile away and get down to the business of winning, which we did. I wanted to kick it up a notch in the fourth quarter so my teammates would play harder too."

Trevor Ariza played in that game, and then-Bulls center Eddy Curry watched from courtside.

The next month, Jordan, then a Wizard, retired for the third and final time a day before James starred in the Capital Classic

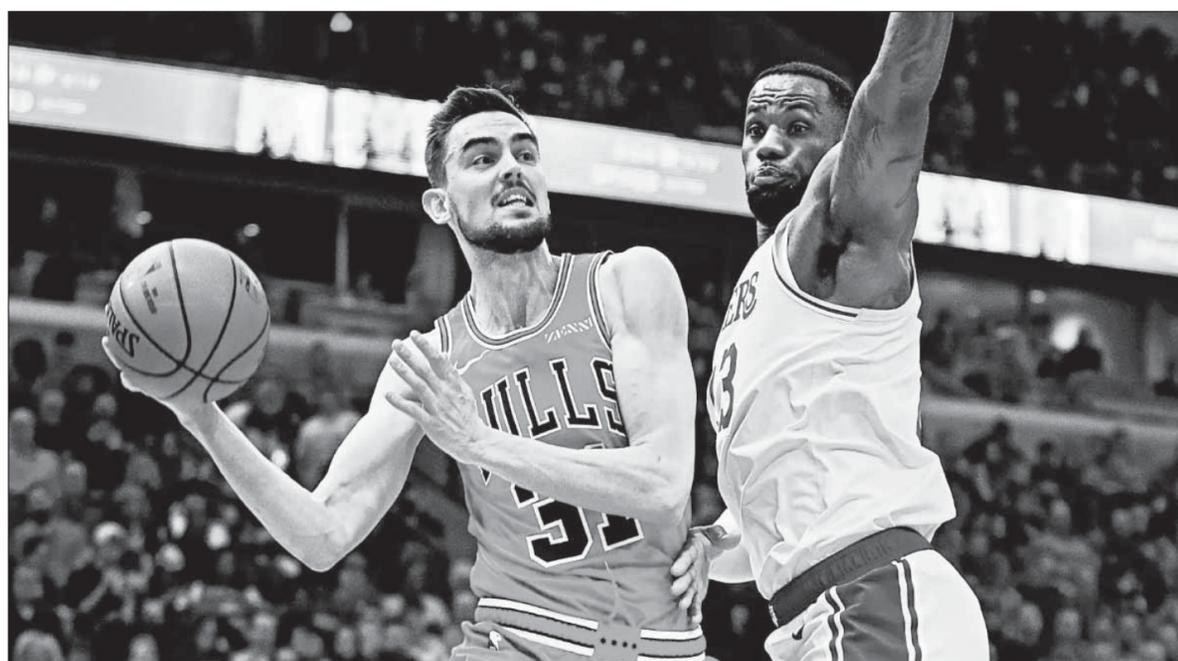
at the MCI Center in Washington, sharing MVP honors with Proviso East's Shannon Brown.

About a week later, James declared for the NBA draft. He was selected by the Cavaliers, for whom he played his first seven seasons and 11 overall.

Now in his 17th season, James reflected on whether the game is as enjoyable as it was back then.

"Yeah, it's Year 17 (and) it's just as much fun as I had my rookie year," James said. "I'm actually having more fun than my rookie year because I didn't know what to expect my rookie year. I went from 27 games in high school to 82 games. That was just too much for me, too much for anyone at 18 years of age coming out of high school."

"I know what to expect. I know who I am at this point in my career. I know what I'm capable of, so I'm having a heck of a time."



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BULLS RECAP

In the Bulls' first game after coach Jim Boylen called his team "weak mentally," his players responded with their best effort of the season. And then the final quarter happened. And they came unglued. Again. The Lakers scored the first 16 points of the final quarter, turning what looked like a sure Bulls victory into a devastating 118-112 defeat Tuesday night at the United Center. The Bulls were outscored 38-19 in the fourth — and very little of the damage was done by LeBron James, above, or Anthony Davis. Davis had 15 points and seven rebounds in his return to Chicago. James, leading the NBA with 11.2 assists per game, had 30 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists. Dwight Howard also was huge, literally and figuratively. During one late stretch he slammed home a missed free throw, swatted Coby White on a lefty drive and slammed one while getting fouled. White was electric in stretches, scoring 12 points in the second quarter and finishing with 18 on 7-for-15 shooting. Zach LaVine scored 26 and Wendell Carter Jr. had a double-double with 11 points and 11 boards. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Lakers

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James, asked the same question, gave both a long and short answer.

The long: "I think it's getting better and better as the days go on. Like any relationship on the court or off the floor, the more time you spend together, if you guys have the same goals in mind ... you have to have the same drive and then it organically happens. We're trying to be captains of the team. It starts with us."

The short: James told Davis they're not peanut butter and jelly. They're peanut butter and banana.

"But I don't mind peanut butter-and-banana sandwiches," James added.

Davis entered Tuesday with similar numbers to his seven seasons in New Orleans. His scoring was up a tick, to 28.5 points per game, and his field-goal shooting down a bit. At 46.7%, it was 5 percentage points below last season, when he played 56 of 82 games.

Through six games, James was scoring about one basket fewer per game than usual. But those 11.2 assists are four above his career average.

"It's always been my favorite (stat) because it gives my teammates an opportunity to score," James said. "And that's what's always mattered to me. But (leading the league) has never been a goal of mine."

James, by the way, said he once strived to win Defensive Player of the Year. (He never has.)

"I feel like I got snubbed a couple times in my career," he said. "I don't go for that award anymore, but I definitely want to be one of the best defensive players on the team."



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Anthony Davis and LeBron James have been able to mesh their talents quickly.

Davis has said he wants to win Defensive Player of the Year. He's off to a good start with a league-best three blocks per game while contributing to the Lakers' league-best defensive rating.

"It's a good first sign," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said. "It's something that shows our guys have bought in. The care factor is at a high level right now."

The Bulls, meanwhile, entered the game with coach Jim Boylen questioning the care factor of his players.

"We've been weak mentally," he said.

Boylen worked under Vogel for two seasons with the Pacers. Naturally, the former boss believes in his onetime assistant.

"Jim Boylen is one of the best coaches I've been around," Vogel said. "I'm sure he'll

get these guys playing the right way. They've been on the road so much, and as everyone knows young teams struggle to win on the road.

"They have a lot of firepower and young talent. Everyone needs to be patient."

Some thought patience would be needed when James hooked up with Davis. The transition hasn't been perfect, but it has been closer to creamy peanut butter than crunchy.

"I just tell him: Give me the ball. He's doing a great job with that," Davis said with a laugh. "He has great vision. He can pass with the best of them. It's tough for them to stop that pick-and-roll."

"And then when that's clogged up, he's able to find our shooters on the weak side. He's making all the right plays."

Benetti, Amin Schanowski are 1st fill-ins

Others also scheduled to handle games Funk won't

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

White Sox announcer Jason Benetti, ESPN's Adam Amin and former Bulls studio host Mark Schanowski are among the first fill-ins the Bulls have announced for TV voice Neil Funk.

The Bulls on Tuesday released the schedule of substitutes through the end of the calendar year, covering the first 10 of 30 road games Funk plans to skip on NBC Sports Chicago, up from 20 last season.

With Funk saying last month that this will be his final season calling games, the backups will bear greater scrutiny as at least some will be seen as potential successors.

Besides Benetti, Amin and Schanowski, CBS and Turner Sports NCAA men's tournament announcer Lisa Byington and Rams and Pac-12 Network voice J.B. Long are scheduled to work alongside Bulls TV analyst Stacey King.

First up is Benetti on Wednesday's Bulls-Hawks game in Atlanta.

A Chicago-area native who substituted for Funk twice last season, Benetti will begin his fifth season with the White Sox next year. He also has been an ESPN announcer on a variety of sports since 2011.

Amin grew up in Addison, lives in Chicago and filled in for Funk multiple times last season. He is a versatile ESPN play-by-play announcer whose duties include NBA and men's and women's college basketball. Amin also has been a preseason TV voice for Bears football since 2018.

Schanowski stepped down as NBC Sports Chicago's Bulls pregame and postgame host, saying in August he wanted to reduce his workload after nearly 30 years of covering Chicago sports and 35-plus years in the TV news business. He has been at the cable channel since 2006 after eight-year sports-casting stints at both NBC-5 (1998-2006) and ABC-7 (1990-98).

Byington called one game for Funk last season. She too is versatile, having called everything from football and volleyball to soccer and softball. Her basketball work has included men's and women's college basketball and WNBA games.

Long sat in for Funk three times last season. Besides the Rams and Pac-12 Network, he has worked for MLB Network, ESPN and the Big Ten Network.

The Bulls said they will announce more fill-ins as the season progresses.

The first five announcers are set to work as follows:

- **Benetti (3):** Wednesday at Hawks; Dec. 16 at Thunder; Dec. 18 at Wizards
- **Byington (3):** Nov. 23 at Hornets; Dec. 8 at Heat; Dec. 23 at Magic
- **Long (1):** Nov. 27 at Warriors
- **Amin (2):** Nov. 29 at Trail Blazers; Dec. 2 at Kings
- **Schanowski (1):** Dec. 21 at Pistons

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SPORTS

BLACKHAWKS AT SHARKS

'Older guy' getting energized

Toews showing signs he's climbing out of early slump

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

SAN JOSE — The frustration Jonathan Toews had displayed almost since the start of the season no longer is visible.

It has been replaced by the slimmest of smiles and a twinkle in his eye that come from believing things are starting to get better for the Blackhawks.

And for their captain.

"We're just fed up with our inconsistency and fed up with not getting two points every night," Toews said before Tuesday's game against the Sharks. "And you get to a point where (if) you're pissed off enough, you're going to do something about it. We're all finding ways to raise our game."

After losing to the Predators to start their four-game trip in what was easily their worst game of the season, the Hawks entered Tuesday with points in two straight after an overtime loss to the Kings and an overtime win against the Ducks.

Toews ended a personal six-game point-less streak against the Kings on Saturday with his second goal of the season and came back Sunday with a pair of assists —



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including a perfectly threaded pass through two defenders that set up Patrick Kane's winning goal — to help beat the Ducks.

It was Toews' first multipoint effort of the season and left him with just two goals and three assists in 13 games. The Hawks' win against the Ducks was their first on the road this season, but they were still in a position take five of eight points on the trip with a victory over the Sharks.

Even if they have a setback to end the trip, Toews is seeing progress.

"It's hard to go from zero to 60 right from the start," Toews said. "If you think back to the playoff years where we've gone deep in the playoffs, it's not like you can play that good or at that level of your game in October or November. You build up toward it throughout the entire year."

"We all know what we're capable of, and you've got to start with small wins, whether it's winning puck battles, winning races, winning faceoffs, blocked shots, all those little things that we're getting excited about on the bench and in the locker room."

Toews has had multiple linemates this season, but it wasn't until he began playing with Brandon Saad and Alex Nylander against the Kings that things started to click. They have plenty of size and a ton of offensive skill, and the line had 27 shots for and 22 against in the first two games together.

"We like that line," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "All three of them, they can be heavy on the puck and control it down there, and that's good for our team. Gives everyone a bit of a breather."

"When you spend time in the offensive zone, you end up drawing penalties and can gain some momentum from that."

Colliton never lost a wink of sleep over the difficulty Toews had scoring over the first month. Yet he understood the relief that came with Toews finally starting to put his name on the scoresheet.

"Probably a lot of it is just mental," Colliton said. "He sees the puck go in the net, and that helps. He's had some chances, he's had some posts that haven't gone in for him, and it begins to wear on you over time."

"But the last two games are the best he's played, and a top guy like that (now has) an opportunity to string a bunch of really good games together. And likely the production will come."

Toews has tried to stay rested off the ice to play with energy on it. Just the feel of playing with energy, he says, helps him to skate harder, with a tad more speed and a lot more confidence. He also seems to be benefiting from being on a power-play unit with four rookies: Nylander, Adam Boqvist, Kirby Dach and Dominik Kubalik.

Or, as Kubalik put it: "It's great to have an older guy there who can teach us and show us a good way."

At 31, Toews is definitely the older guy compared with two teenagers and a couple of players in their early 20s. But he's not old and he hopes this season is just getting started.

"As I've said all along, (I) obviously wasn't happy with my game the first bunch of games of the year," Toews said. "You can't really expect to score if you're not creating much and if you're not playing with the puck all night."

"So at least that's trending in the right direction, and the more chances you create eventually — it's a numbers game — they're going to go in for you."



EMILEE CHINN/GETTY

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The ball is tipped ...

Kentucky's Ashton Hagans drives past Michigan State's Marcus Bingham Jr. at Madison Square Garden on the opening night of college basketball Tuesday. The game between the No. 1 Spartans and the No. 2 Wildcats ended too late for this edition.

ILLINOIS 78, NICHOLLS 70 (OT)

Illini blow 20-point lead, then rally in overtime

BY SHANNON RYAN

This wasn't what Illinois expected when it scheduled Nicholls for its season opener.

The bumps Illinois endured Tuesday night en route to a 78-70 overtime victory will be remembered more than its 1-0 start to a season that carried high preseason hopes.

The Illini nearly blew a 20-point lead with a second-half implosion. They struggled nearly all game with turnovers, poor free-throw shooting and errant 3-point attempts.

Then the pressure really got turned up. Illinois eventually responded in overtime with some key shooting from Andres Feliz (23 points, 11 rebounds) and Ayo Dosunmu (21 points).

The Colonels took their first lead of the game, 66-64, on back-to-back Dexter McClanahan 3-pointers with 3:08 left in regulation as part of a 14-0 run.

Illinois guard Trent Frazier made both free throws to tie the game 66-66 with 29.8 seconds left. He pressured Colonels guard Kevin Johnson on their final possession of regulation until Johnson was called for traveling with 2 seconds left.

The Illini pulled away in overtime thanks, in part, to a jumper by Feliz and a three-point play by Dosunmu with 1½ minutes remaining.

The Illini outrebounded Nicholls 53-23, helping the Illini stay ahead for most of regulation. Otherwise, Illinois looked rusty with 23 turnovers, 5 of 19 3-point shooting and 19 of 29 free-throw shooting.

Much of the crowd's attention was focused on 7-foot Illinois freshman Kofi Cockburn. His debut was a mixed bag with 10 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks. He elicited cheers with a rim-rattling dunk and a dominant block in overtime. But he also hit only 2 of 6 free throws.

ROUNDUP

Loyola rolls; UIC slips by

Tribune news services

Cameron Krutwig had 15 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds to lift Loyola to an 82-48 win over UC Davis in a season opener Tuesday night.

Tate Hall had 14 points and nine rebounds for Loyola. Lucas Williamson added 13 points and Marquise Kennedy scored 11 for the Ramblers.

Matt Neufeld had 15 points for the Aggies. Caleb Fuller added six rebounds.

Loyola faces Furman on the road on Friday.

UIC 75, Olivet Nazarene 72: Godwin Boahen had 21 points, including the go-ahead 3-point play with 2.6 seconds remaining, as Illinois-Chicago held off visiting Olivet Nazarene.

Michael Diggins had 11 points and five assists for UIC. Jacob Wiley added 11 points and seven rebounds. Jamie Ahale had 10 points.

UIC ended the first half on a 7-0 run to take a 40-27 lead.

Nic Reed had 22 points for the Tigers.

UIC plays Memphis on the road on Friday.

CUBS

Network hires production boss

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

With 109 days to go until the Cubs' first spring training game, the team's new TV channel on Tuesday named Michael Santini its senior vice president of programming and production.

Santini comes to Marquee Sports Network, the joint venture of the Cubs and Sinclair Broadcast Group set to launch in February, from MLB Network, where he served as vice president of production.

"We're thrilled to have Mike Santini join Marquee Sports Network," Michael McCarthy, Marquee's general manager, said in the announcement. "Mike has operated the best baseball production unit in the business for years. We have no doubt he'll

give Cubs fans what they want and deserve as head of programming and production at Marquee."

Both Michaels — McCarthy and Santini — previously worked at New York's MSG Network.

McCarthy, who worked his way up through the ranks to become president of MSG Network, also served as vice chairman and chief executive of the St. Louis Blues and chief operating officer of the Milwaukee Bucks before becoming a Cubs consultant in August 2018. He was officially installed at Marquee this spring.

Santini, who was part of the launch team at MLB Network in 2009, spent 20 years at MSG Network in a variety of production roles.

Sullivan

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1. Rotation

One innings-eater is essential, and two are preferable. And hopefully the Sox won't shop in the special-clearance aisle and bring in an underachieving starter such as Ivan Nova, Manny Banuelos or Ervin Santana.

Assuming Kopech is ready after a full spring-training workload, the rotation looks like Giolito, Kopech, Dylan Cease and, for now, Reynaldo Lopez, who could move to the bullpen if he doesn't show anything in the spring. Carlos Rodon will return at some point, but there's no telling when.

Plenty of free-agent starters are available, though some, including Gerrit Cole and Stephen Strasburg, are likely out of the Sox's price range. The next tier of front-line starters, such as Dallas Keuchel, Madison Bumgarner and Jake Odorizzi, might be more to their liking, even as they might have to overpay one because of their status as a rebuilding club.

If attitude is worth something, Bumgarner would be the perfect mentor for Kopech and Cease.

2. Bullpen

The Sox believe they have a strong young bullpen core in Aaron Bummer, Evan Marshall and Jimmy Cordero, who performed well (2.95 ERA, 0.97 WHIP) after being claimed off waivers from the Mariners in June. But they always could use more, and they still need a reliable lefty or two.

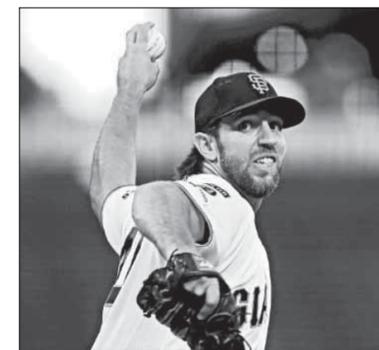
The best left-hander on the free-agent market, former Giants closer Will Smith, would be costly and figures to sign with a contender. There's not much else of value on the market, left-hander-wise. Alex Colome will return as closer, though the Sox could deal him this winter and make Bummer the closer.

3. Infield

The Sox infield seems set for 2020, assuming they re-sign Jose Abreu and bring up Madrigal, their 2018 first-round pick, to become the everyday second baseman. That could spell the end for Yolmer Sanchez, who won his first Gold Glove award Sunday and is arbitration-eligible.

Sanchez's stellar defense and role as the clubhouse jester could convince the Sox to keep him in a utility role, although MLB Trade Rumors projects his arbitration salary at \$6.2 million, which is hefty for a backup. What price will the Sox put on fun? We'll soon find out.

While fans love Sanchez, there's no good reason for the Sox to impede the fast-tracked career of Madrigal, who should be up by the end of April at the latest. Anderson's major-league batting title and Moncada's big year at third are reasons enough to splurge this offseason in other areas.



BEN MARGOT/AP

Giants pitcher Madison Bumgarner is a free agent the Sox may consider pursuing.

4. Catcher

Starting catcher James McCann tailed off significantly in the second half after making the American League All-Star team, and it wouldn't be out of the question for the Sox to look at Yasmani Grandal, the left-handed-hitting slugger who declined his mutual \$16 million option with the Brewers.

The Sox love McCann's leadership and still have faith in 2016 first-rounder Zack Collins despite his poor debut in 2019. But Grandal also could be a part-time DH when not catching, and a proven hitter can't be overlooked with the Sox having so much financial flexibility, no matter who they have behind the plate right now.

5. Right field

This was not only a black hole on the Sox last year, it was an embarrassment. Cubs starter Cole Hamels had a higher average and as many RBIs — two — in 2019 as Daniel Palka, whom the Sox deemed their regular right fielder coming out of spring training.

The combined OPS of Sox right fielders was a paltry .545, worst in the majors. Nicholas Castellanos should be a prime target after his sensational two-month stint with the Cubs, and Corey Dickerson would provide a left-handed bat the Sox are lacking.

Free spirit Yasiel Puig also could be added to the Sox's Cuban contingent, though obviously he comes with a warning label.

6. Center field

Robert eventually will step into the starting role, though whether the Sox wait until the end of April to call him up and ensure he'll be their property for seven seasons instead of six is the question.

Everyone wants to see Robert in a Sox uniform. But if he's as good as advertised, does it make sense to waste a season of his service to see him play in March and early April?

Leury Garcia's value as a utilityman makes him a reliable fourth outfielder. Adam Engel still hasn't proved he can hit enough to be an everyday player, and despite his Gold Glove defense, isn't much of an option off the bench.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	5	1	.833	—
Boston	5	1	.833	1
Toronto	4	2	.667	2
Brooklyn	3	4	.429	2½
New York	1	6	.143	3½
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	5	2	.714	—
Charlotte	4	3	.571	1
Atlanta	3	3	.500	1½
Washington	2	4	.333	2½
Orlando	2	5	.286	3
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	5	2	.714	—
Indiana	3	4	.429	2
Detroit	3	5	.375	2½
Cleveland	2	5	.286	3
Chicago	2	6	.250	3½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	4	2	.667	—
Houston	4	3	.571	½
San Antonio	4	3	.571	½
Memphis	1	5	.167	3
New Orleans	1	6	.143	3½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	5	2	.714	—
Minnesota	4	2	.667	½
Utah	4	3	.571	1
Portland	3	4	.429	2
Oklahoma City	3	4	.429	2
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	6	1	.857	—
Phoenix	5	2	.714	1
L.A. Clippers	5	2	.714	1
Golden State	2	5	.286	4
Sacramento	2	5	.286	4

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 Boston 119, Cleveland 113
 Charlotte 122, Indiana 120, OT
 Atlanta 108, San Antonio 100
 L.A. Lakers 118, Chicago 112
 Oklahoma City 102, Orlando 94
 Denver 109, Miami 89
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 New York at Detroit, 6 p.m.
 Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m.
 Chicago at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
 Golden State at Houston, 6:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Memphis, 7 p.m.
 Orlando at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Utah, 8 p.m.
 Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.

LAKERS 118, BULLS 112

CHICAGO: James 10-19 8-30, Davis 6-15 2-2 1-5, McGee 4-4 2-3 10, Caldwell-Pope 3-7 1-2 8, Green 3-5 0-0 7, Dudley 0-0 0-0 0, Kuzma 7-16 0-1 15, Howard 3-4 0-1 6, Cook 6-9 2-17, Caruso 2-8 2-3 7, Daniels 1-5 0-0 3. Totals 45-92 17-24 118.
PORTER JR.: 7-12 0-0 18, Markkanen 2-8 1-2 7, Carter Jr. 4-9 3-6 11, Satoransky 3-5 0-0 7, LaVine 9-18 5-7 26, Hutchinson 2-0 3-5, Kornet 1-5 0-0 3, Young 4-6 0-2 8, Hurdison 0-0 0-0 0, White 7-15 3-3 18, Arcidiacono 0-0 0-0 0, Dunn 4-5 0-0 9. Totals 43-85 12-23 112.
L.A. Lakers 24 24 32 38 — 118
Chicago 29 26 28 19 — 112

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 11-33 (Cook 3-4, James 2-5, Davis 1-2, Caldwell-Pope 1-2, Green 1-3, Daniels 1-4, Caruso 1-4, Kuzma 1-8), Chicago 14-32 (Porter Jr. 4-7, LaVine 3-7, Markkanen 2-5, Hutchinson 1-1, Satoransky 1-1, Dunn 1-1, Kornet 1-3, White 1-5, Carter Jr. 0-1, Young 0-1).
Fouled Out—None. **Rebounds**—L.A. Lakers 49 (James 10), Chicago 42 (Carter Jr. 11). **Assists**—L.A. Lakers 26 (James 11), Chicago 22 (LaVine 7). **Total Fouls**—L.A. Lakers 18, Chicago 21. A—21,193 (20,917).

SOCCER

MLS CUP FINAL
SUNDAY'S MATCH
 Toronto (13-10-11) at Seattle (16-10-8), 2 p.m.

MATCHUP	SEA	TOR
Goals for	7	61
Goals against	53	55
Goal differential	8	11

ODDS

NBA	SP	O/U	WEDNESDAY
pregame.com at Detroit	off	off	New York
at Indiana	off	off	Washington
at Toronto	8½	217	Sacramento
at Houston	off	off	Golden State
at Atlanta	off	off	Chicago
Minnesota	5	225	at Memphis
at Dallas	7½	207½	Orlando
at Utah	2	212	Philadelphia
at LA Clippers	1	228	Milwaukee

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	SP	WEDNESDAY
at Boston Coll.	2	Wake Forest
at St. John's	11	Mercer
at Butler	19½	IUPUI
at Purdue	19	Green Bay
at Hofstra	20	San Jose St
at N. Carolina	10½	Notre Dame
at J. Madison	5½	Charlotte
Florida St.	3½	at Pittsburgh
at Oklahoma St.	17½	Oral Roberts
at Vanderbilt	16½	SE Missouri
Belmont	6½	at Illinois St.
Ohio State	7	Cincinnati
Virginia	4½	at Syracuse
at Arizona	23½	N. Arizona
at Stanford	10	Montana
at UCLA	16½	Long Beach St.

NHL	W	L	T	OT	Pts	GF	GA
at NY Rangers	-148						
at Edmonton	off	St. Louis	off				

COLLEGE FOOTBALL	SP	O/U	WEDNESDAY
at Ohio	7	54½	Miami Ohio
at Penn St.	7	54½	THURSDAY
La-Laf.	14	58	at C. Carolina
Temple	1	50	at S. Florida

****TEMPTAG****
 UCF 17 70½ at Tulsa
 Washington 10 65 at Oregon St.

SP	O/U	FRIDAY
UCF	17	70½ at Tulsa
Washington	10	65 at Oregon St.
SP	O/U	SATURDAY
Clemson	32½	53½ at NC State
at Bos. Coll.	2	62 Florida St.
at Virginia	15	45½ Ga Tech
Texas Tech	3	60 at W. Virginia
at Miami	6½	51 Louisville
Notre Dame	8	51½ at Duke
at Ohio State	42½	63 Maryland
at Army	34½	61½ UConn
at Cincinnati	35	56 UConn
at Mich. St.	15	45½ Illinois
Wake Forest	2	63½ at Va Tech
at S. Carolina	5	51 App. St.
at Florida	6½	47½ at Minnesota
Purdue	26½	48 Cincinnati
at Purdue	2	40½ at Northwestern
Air Force	21	56½ at N. Mexico
Stanford	3½	54½ at Colorado
at Old Domin.	4½	43 UTSA
at Arizona St.	1½	57 USC
at Boise St.	13	48½ Wyoming
at BYU	17	58½ Liberty
Charlotte	13½	58 at UTEP
Baylor	2	49½ at TCU
at SMU	21	70 E. Carolina
at Texas St.	7½	41½ S. Alabama
at Alabama	6	65 LSU
at Mississippi	28	62 New Mex. St.
at Arkansas	1½	51 W. Kentucky
at Oklahoma	14½	68 Iowa State
at So. Miss.	4½	50½ UAB
Ga. So.	2½	56 at Troy
Tennessee	1	41½ at Kentucky
at Georgia	17	47 Missouri
at Texas	7	58½ Kansas St.
at La. Tech	5½	68 N. Texas
Georgia St.	2½	76½ at La Monroe
at FAU	10	60½ FIU
at Fresno St.	6	59 Utah St.
at Wisconsin	9½	58 at Iowa
Wash. St.	7½	51 at California
at S. Diego St.	17½	38½ Nevada
at Hawaii	7½	77 S. Jose St.

NFL

SP	O/U	THURSDAY
LA Chargers	1	48½ at Oakland
SP	O/U	SUNDAY
Kansas City	3½	48½ at Tennessee
at Cleveland	2½	40½ Buffalo
at Tampa Bay	4½	51½ Arizona
NY Giants	2½	43½ at NY Jets
at New Or.	13	51½ Atlanta
Baltimore	10	45½ at Cincinnati
at Green Bay	5	47 Carolina
at Chicago	2½	42 Detroit
at Indpls	10½	44 Miami
LA Rams	3½	43½ at Pittsburgh
at Dallas	3	48 Minnesota
SP	O/U	MONDAY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	11	2	2	24	56	36	
Buffalo	9	7	2	20	45	40	
Toronto	8	5	3	19	56	53	
Florida	7	3	4	18	51	51	
Montreal	8	5	2	18	56	49	
Tampa Bay	6	5	2	14	44	47	
Ottawa	4	9	1	9	38	48	
Detroit	4	11	1	9	34	63	
METRO.							
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Washington	11	2	3	25	64	49	
N.Y. Islanders	11	3	0	22	44	30	
Carolina	9	5	1	19	50	42	
Pittsburgh	8	6	1	17	51	39	
Philadelphia	7	5	2	16	47	46	
Columbus	5	7	3	13	35	52	
New Jersey	4	5	4	12	38	51	
N.Y. Rangers	5	6	1	11	37	42	

WESTERN CONFERENCE							
CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
St. Louis	10	3	3	23	49	47	
Nashville	9	4	2	20	60	43	
Colorado	8	5	2	18	49	43	
Winnipeg	8	7	1	17	44	51	
Dallas	8	8	1	17	41	42	
Chicago	4	7	1	11	33	44	
Minnesota	5	9	1	11	37	51	
PACIFIC							
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Edmonton	10	4	2	22	46	41	
Vancouver	9	3	3	21	54	36	
Arizona	9	4	2	20	44	34	
Vegas	9	5	2	20	51	46	
Calgary	9	7	2	20	52	53	
Anaheim	9	7	1	19	45	43	
San Jose	5	10	1	11	40	58	
Los Angeles	5	10	0	10	39	60	

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss
TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 N.Y. Islanders 4, Ottawa 1
 Philadelphia 4, Carolina 1
 Vegas 2, Columbus 4
 Montreal 5, Boston 4
 Toronto 3, Los Angeles 1
 New Jersey 2, Winnipeg 1 (SO)
 Dallas 4, Colorado 1
 Calgary 4, Arizona 3 (OT)
 St. Louis 2, Vancouver 1 (OT)
 San Jose 4, Chicago 2
 Minnesota 4, Anaheim 2
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
 St. Louis at Edmonton, 7:30 p.m.

SHARKS 4, BLACKHAWKS 2

Chicago 0 0 2 2 — 2
San Jose 0 0 2 2 — 4
FIRST PERIOD: None. **Penalties:** Gregor, SJ, (hooking), 10:25; Keith, CHI, (tripping), 17:52; Saad, CHI, (hooking), 19:27.
SECOND PERIOD: 1, San Jose, Marleau 3 (Thornton, Meier), 1:39. 2, San Jose, E.Kane 9 (Ferraro, Dillon), 12:05 (sh). **Penalties:** Meier, SJ, (high sticking), 11:16.
THIRD PERIOD: 3, San Jose, Hertl 5 (Goodrow), 4:39. 4, Chicago, Saad 4 (Shaw, Toews), 16:58. 5, Chicago, Keith 1 (DeBrincat, PKane), 18:06. 6, San Jose, Meier 3 (Goodrow, Hertl), 18:34. **Penalties:** Shaw, CHI, (high sticking), 6:32; Sorensen, SJ, (high sticking), 9:02.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Chicago 3-5-13—21. San Jose 14-12-6—32.
POWER PLAYS: Chicago 0 of 3; San Jose 0 of 3.
GOALIES: Chicago, Lehner 3-3-2 (31 shots-28 saves). San Jose, Jones 3-7-1 (21-19). A: 16,087 (17,562). T: 2:21.
Referees: Tom Chmielewski, Tim Peel.
Linesmen: Bevan Mills, Libor Suchanek.

GOLF

CHAMPIONS TOUR STATISTICS

Charles Schwab Cup Money
 1, Scott McCarron, \$2,514,715. 2, Jerry Kelly, \$2,318,925. 3, Bernhard Langer, \$1,693,809. 4, Retief Goosen, \$1,609,085. 5, Kirk Triplett, \$1,593,298. 6, Steve Stricker, \$1,534,327. 7, Woody Austin, \$1,523,517. 8, David Toms, \$1,492,012. 9, Scott Parel, \$1,485,456. 10, Colin Montgomerie, \$1,374,752.

Scoring
 1, Retief Goosen, 69.35. 2, Bernhard Langer, 69.40. 3, Jerry Kelly, 69.41. 4, Scott McCarron, 69.50. 5, David Toms, 69.54. 6 (tie), Scott Parel and Kevin Sutherland, 69.65. 8, Woody Austin, 69.76. 9, Colin Montgomerie, 69.88. 10, Miguel Angel Jimenez, 70.07.
Driving Distance
 1, John Daly, 296.1. 2, Darren Clarke, 293.0. 3 (tie), Retief Goosen and Brandt Jobe, 292.0. 5, Scott McCarron, 290.5. 6, Kevin Sutherland, 289.0. 7, Kenny Perry, 288.5. 8, Vijay Singh, 288.0. 9, Scott Parel, 286.8. 10, 2 tied with 285.1.
Driving Accuracy Percentage
 1, Bart Bryant, 80.34%. 2, Colin Montgomerie, 78.62%. 3, Bernhard Langer, 78.00%. 4, Joe Durant, 77.96%. 5, Jerry Kelly, 77.21%. 6, Olin Browne, 76.58%. 7, Mark O'Meara, 76.14%. 8, Paul Goydos, 75.97%. 9, Paul Broadhurst, 75.88%. 10, Ken Duke, 75.39%.
Greens in Regulation Pct.
 1, Stephen Leaney, 73.47%. 2, Jerry Kelly, 73.09%. 3, Brandt Jobe, 72.74%. 4, Kevin Sutherland, 72.34%. 5, Bernhard Langer, 72.05%. 6, Retief Goosen, 72.04%. 7, David Toms, 71.85%. 8, Kenny Perry, 71.39%. 9, Scott Parel, 71.19%. 10, Colin Montgomerie, 71.13%.
Putting Average
 1, Kevin Sutherland and David Toms, 1.733. 3, Miguel Angel Jimenez, 1.746. 4, Scott Parel, 1.749. 5, Retief Goosen, 1.751. 6, Steve Flesch and Tim Petrovic, 1.755. 8, Kirk Triplett, 1.757. 9, Paul Goydos, 1.759. 10, Mark O'Meara, 1.760.

All-Around Ranking
 1, Scott Parel, 85. 2, Kenny Perry, 100. 3, David Toms, 105. 4, Jerry Kelly, 106. 5, Bernhard Langer, 108. 6, Miguel Angel Jimenez, 119. 7, Scott McCarron, 129. 8, Retief Goosen, 130. 9, Kevin Sutherland, 138. 10, Woody Austin, 154.

NFL

AFC	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
New England	8	1	0	.889	270	98	4-0-0	4-1-0	6-1-0	2-0-0	4-0-0
Buffalo	6	2	0	.750	158	131	3-2-0	3-0-0	4-1-0	2-1-0	2-1-0
Miami	1	7	0	.125	103	255	1-4-0	1-3-0	1-5-0	0-2-0	1-2-0
N.Y. Jets	1	7	0	.125	96	211	1-3-0	0-4-0	0-6-0	1-1-0	0-4-0

NFC	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Houston	6	3	0	.667	238	191	3-1-0	3-2-0	5-1-0	1-2-0	2-1-0
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COLLEGES

'GIRLS CAN DO WHATEVER GUYS CAN DO'

Gradel sisters follow in their father's footsteps as boxers at Notre Dame

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Let's start with nicknames. No respectable fighter answers to Steve, Bob or Linda.

The ring announcer needs something to work with ... "Macho" Camacho, "Boom Boom" Mancini, "Bonecrusher" Smith, "Hitman" Hearns.

Wednesday night at Notre Dame, a crowd at the Duncan Student Center will cheer on "Full Throttle" Gradel, a spectacular moniker considering the competitor's last name is pronounced GRAH-dl.

The boxer's first name is Ande and she happens to be a blonde with perfect teeth. She's a civil engineering major jonesing for a black eye because "that would look sick, very intimidating."

Are there any other stereotypes she'd like to knock out?

Gradel, 21, is vying to become the most decorated boxer in the family, having already won two titles at Notre Dame's Baraka Bouts tournament. Father Ted "The Truth" Gradel won a Bengal Bouts title in 1986, a year before he kicked 14 field goals and 33 extra points for Lou Holtz's 8-4 team. Big sister Francie, now a first-year law student at Arizona State, won two titles. The ring announcer introduced her as "Dr. Cool."

Why Dr. Cool?

"I was talking with Ande one day and she said: 'You can pretty much pick anything as long as it's not something dumb like Mr. Cool,'" Francie recalls. "I changed it to doctor so it was gender neutral."

The truth is the Gradels love boxing almost as much as they love one another.

That's saying a lot because this is a tight-knit family of five from Naperville, though Ted is vying for a job that would require commuting to Washington. He's running for Congress, a Republican contender hoping to win his party's nomination and challenge first-term Democratic Rep. Lauren Underwood. Lou Holtz narrated his introductory video.

His campaign slogan: "He kicked footballs in college. He'll kick tails in Congress."

His daughters kick butt in the ring.

'It's very empowering'

Ande is 135 pounds of power. Her motto: "All gas, no break."

"She once punched a girl through the ropes," her father says.

Francie, now jabbing only with fellow law students in the desert, had an even more aggressive, less defensive style. She thrived in the Army ROTC program.

"Dr. Cool"?

With "Sgt. Slaughter" already taken, how about the "South Bend Bruiser"?

Says Ted: "It's a nice feeling to know that they can defend themselves and hold their own in any setting."

Ted began boxing after attending the historic Bengal Bouts as a freshman. Knute Rockne first organized boxing tournaments on Notre Dame's campus in 1920. The Bengal Bouts were created in 1931 as a fundraiser to benefit the province of East Bengal, India (now Bangladesh). The one-night event drew 2,000 fans and raised \$500.

The women fight in the fall — Wednesday's quarterfinals, Monday's semifinals and Nov. 17 finals. An all-session pass costs \$20, or \$15 from a boxer, and proceeds benefit Holy Cross Missions in East Africa. The 2018 Baraka Bouts raised more than \$220,000 to build facilities for schools in Uganda. Baraka means "blessing" in Swahili.

"It's a blessing for us because we're actually making a huge difference," says Nathan Walker, Notre Dame's director of the men's and women's boxing clubs.

The men's competition is what first drew Ted to the sport in the '80s. He competed as a sophomore, recalling that he could not lift his arms after the first round, which lasted two minutes.

"I got beat up by a Leprechaun," he jokes, referring to a fighter who really did don the Irish costume for football games.

Ted worked out with a heavy bag in the basement of the family home. The walk-on kicker taught his daughters how to tackle but not to punch. They discovered boxing on their own, yearning for a demanding workout, friendship with like-minded women and the satisfaction derived from, well, punching people in the face.

Ted, like any dad, says he was "concerned and nervous" when Francie and Ande revealed their plans to box at Notre Dame.

They talked through their reasoning with Ted and wife Sarah.

In the end, Francie and Ande laid down their trump card: "You're there and we're here."

Asked if friends questioned their daughters' decision to box, Ted replies: "No, I think most people are intrigued and surprised in a positive way. There's more of a movement toward empowering women. This is a tangible example."



Notre Dame's Ande Gradel, above and left, talks with coach Nathan Walker. Gradel's sister also boxed at Notre Dame.

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A reminder accompanies every body part. Balls of the feet. Slight bend to the knees. Get narrow. Elbows in to protect the scoring area. Hand protecting the back of the face.

"We make them repeat it a lot," Ande says. "They must hate us for it."

Violence is inherent in boxing, but Baraka Bouts is not only the world's largest women's boxing club, with 260 members, according to Walker. It strives to be the safest. Ringside physicians monitor boxers wearing headgear, mouthguards and state-of-the-art gloves.

Giglia has boxed since her junior year in high school.

"I got three concussions from soccer," she says. "One was from the ball. The second was the goal post. The third ... I forget how I got that one. I feel a lot safer boxing."

Gradel, who overcame juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, has taken body blows to the chest, something she describes as "not pleasant."

She also is willing to dole them out, saying: "When I step in that ring, I'm all about winning. Out of it, I'm nice."

Before she steps in Wednesday for the first of three 75-second rounds, she will be introduced as "Full Throttle Gradel."

Giglia was tabbed "Holy Right Cross" as a first-year student and "Notorious MMG" as a sophomore. Now she's in Year 2 with "The Silent G," an ode to her last name and boxing style.

"You never see her coming," Gradel says. "She's so calm in the ring. I am not like that."

Indeed, as a freshman Ande watched her friends duke it out and decided she wanted in.

"I thought it was coolest thing ever," she says. "Seeing the whole show, it pulled me in ... It's cool to not just talk the talk but walk the walk. Girls can do whatever guys can do. It's very empowering."

Walker says the Gradel sisters have similar fighting styles, ranging from aggressive to hyper-aggressive.

"They have grit; they're tough," Walker says. "No one will be stronger than them in the ring. Ande is not afraid to take a punch. That takes away a lot of the fear."

Francie "cornered" for Ande last year, and one of the coaches joked during Ande's title run: "I don't think we ever taught a 40-punch combo."

'Holy Right Cross'

After a workout, Gradel joins close friend and fellow boxer Molly Giglia at O'Rourke's, across Angela Boulevard from Notre Dame's campus.

We talk about the Grotto, and I ask for Ande's favorite spot on campus. No surprise, it's where she trains six days a week in the basement of the Joyce Center.

"The Pit," she says. "That's our Basilica. Wait, is that sacrilegious to say?"

Giglia says no, adding: "We've got Touchdown Jesus."

Giglia and Gradel are both captains, tasked with teaching younger students the fundamentals of boxing. They break into a chant: "Stance, feet, knees, sides, elbow, hands, shin."

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Schools, coaches more willing to fight NCAA

BY DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The ink on the NCAA's notice of allegations was but a few hours old when officials at Kansas huddled with Jayhawks coach Bill Self and crafted a strongly worded response that not only disputed the claims but went on the offensive.

The tradition-rich program, which found itself in the crosshairs amid the FBI's investigation of corruption in college basketball, instead suggested it was the victim in a play-for-pay scheme crafted by Adidas executives.

"We strongly disagree with the allegations," athletic director Jeff Long said. "We fully support Coach Self and his staff and we will vigorously defend the allegations against him."

So much for a cut-and-dried infractions case. Then again, few are these days.

The landscape of college sports has changed dramatically over the last 50 years, and the pace has only increased the last two decades. Massive television contracts worth billions of dollars, endorsement deals, coaching salaries and the amount of money pledged by well-heeled donors have raised the stakes to levels unimaginable when John Wooden was winning titles at UCLA.

The price of success is now measured in tens of millions of dollars. High-profile jobs are on the line every day. The reputation of an entire school is often tied to a single athletic program.

That's why another change has occurred over the years: When schools run afoul the NCAA, they no longer blindly accept whatever punishment is meted out. Even those that suggest or levy self-punishments often close ranks and hunker down, hire outside counsel and vow to fight the penalties, big and small.

"There is some truth to that," said David Ridpath, an associate professor of sports management at Ohio University and president of The Drake Group, a college athletics watchdog.

"The big schools can fight back harder," Ridpath said, "and pay former NCAA investigators-turned-defensive point people a lot more money. So that is certainly an advantage."

The moment Missouri was hit with wide-ranging allegations of academic fraud, much of it centered on its football program, the school turned to Mike Glazier of Kansas City-based law firm Bond, Shoeneck & King. Glazier has represented well over 100 schools and coaches in NCAA cases, including then-Indiana coach Kelvin Sampson and Louisville's basketball program.

Glazier's firm also represented North Carolina during its recent academic fraud case, and has been retained to help North Carolina State deal with its own basketball scandal. The Wolfpack were the first school to receive an NCAA notice as part of the FBI probe fallout.

Why is Glazier such an attractive attorney



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

Kansas and basketball coach Bill Self went on the offensive almost immediately after the program was served with a notice of violations by the NCAA in September.

ney for schools? Among other reasons, he spent seven years working on the NCAA's enforcement staff, giving him an inside look at the machinations of major college sports.

"More financial resources will enable any school or involved individual to hire the best attorneys and conduct a comprehensive investigation," said Michael Buckner, whose Florida-based firm specializes in sports law. "In a few cases I handled, where I had access to excellent financial resources, I was able to interview more witnesses or collect more information than the enforcement staff."

"That allowed me to present a more detailed defense against the enforcement staff at the hearing," Buckner continued. "Kansas is more than likely to follow the

same strategy"

Not just the school but its basketball coach, too.

Specifically targeted by the NCAA's notice of allegations, Self has turned to Scott Thompson of Tompsett Collegiate Sports Law — the "go-to counsel for coaches involved in NCAA investigations," according to The National Law Journal — to help craft his defense. Tompsett is also helping former North Carolina State coach Mark Gottfried.

"We're going to fight it," Self said of the alleged NCAA violations, shortly before his third-ranked team opened a season of big expectations with an exhibition win last week. "We are aligned with the university, the athletic department and certainly our

basketball program."

It is difficult to gauge just how much a high-level defense will cost Kansas, given the myriad variables involved in each case. But in the case of Missouri's academic scandal, an open-records request revealed the school had paid Glazier's firm in excess of \$350,000 over the past few years.

That may look like a small fortune, but it's a fraction of the Tigers' booming athletic budget. Just 15 years ago, the school reported athletic revenue of about \$47 million. Within 10 years, the number had climbed to more than \$82 million, coinciding in part with the schools' decision to jump from the Big 12 to the lucrative SEC. And last year, the school reported a record \$107 million.

Most of that money goes to contracts, facilities and other expenses; in fact, the school operated at a slight deficit in 2018. But it also shows how big the stakes have become in major college sports.

No wonder schools come out swinging rather than capitulate to the NCAA.

"I never noticed money was ever a problem when a major university was defending an infractions case," said David Swank, the dean emeritus of the University of Oklahoma law school and a past chair of the NCAA's committee on infractions. "If it was one of the smaller colleges or universities, that may have been a problem, but it was not one that was ever argued before my infractions committee."

The NCAA's so-called death penalty is still on the books but has not been given out since it was used against SMU's football program in the late 1980s. The school had its entire 1987 season canceled and all home games in 1988 following repeated violations that included cash payments to numerous players. The second season was later canceled when so many players transferred it made playing impossible.

Once the penalties expired, the Mustangs' program was so crippled that it had one winning season in the next 20 years. They did not return to a bowl game until 2009.

The response in the SMU case was nothing like the way schools close ranks three decades later.

"No one really wants to punish a school like SMU because, in this day and age, it affects everyone. There would be lawsuits a mile long," Ridpath said. "That's why I tend to view NCAA punishments largely as window dressing, and that may happen with Kansas. I think time will tell."

In the meantime, the Jayhawks open the season with another loaded roster and national championship aspirations. They will turn their focus back to the basketball court — rather than the legal courts — as their case winds through the NCAA system. Kansas has vowed to fight as long as it takes.

"There is still a story that hasn't been told, and that would be our story," Self said. "That will be told in a way that is consistent with the NCAA process, and when it's the right timing to do that and the public will be aware of that, I very much look forward to that day."



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Charles Howell III said the highlight of an extended Asia tour with his family was seeing pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong first-hand.

A 'once-in-a-lifetime' trip

PGA's Howell III and family go on extended Asia tour

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Not long after Charles Howell III finished his final round in Las Vegas, he packed up for a trip to Asia he never imagined taking.

It wasn't just for golf. And he wasn't alone.

Howell took his wife and two children on a five-week tour of Asia that isn't over yet. It started with a week in Hong Kong, and his family followed him to PGA Tour stops in South Korea, Japan and mainland China. This week, they're off to Thailand before returning home to Florida.

"We just decided to do something we've never done," Howell said. "It was a once-in-a-lifetime trip. They're old enough to get it and love it and appreciate it, but young enough where we can still manage to make it work."

His children, Ansley Grace and Chase, are in third and second grade. Howell said they would Facetime with their teachers in their morning (evening in Florida), do their school work and then head off for adventures they can't find inside the gates of Isleworth.

"We thought the kids would learn from this real-world experience in other countries with different languages, different currencies, different beliefs," he said. "It's been more fun than I thought it would be."

The highlight? That came at the start of their working vacation in Hong Kong, where tensions have been running high the last five months amid pro-democracy protests.

"With what's going on in the world, walking straight out of a department store into a 20,000-person protest," Howell said. "The kids talked to some of them and they explained what they were doing. And then the temples, the religions, it was just incredible."

Howell took his son to play Hong Kong Golf Club, but that was the extent of his golf outside the three tour stops, where his best finish was a tie for eighth in the ZoZo Championship, the PGA Tour's first official event in Japan.

"If my family wasn't here, I would definitely not have played three in a row," Howell said. "I wanted the kids to see the world isn't the border of the United States, that the border isn't the back gate at Isleworth."



ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP

No one in the world's top 50 on the PGA Tour has played more this season than rookie of the year Sungjae Im of South Korea.

The final stop was Thailand, primarily for the kids to see the elephants. Howell is friends with Kiradech Aphibarnrat, who told him he would love his home country. Nothing on the trip has disappointed thus far.

Best without WGC title

Sergio Garcia tied a dubious mark last week at the HSBC Champions. He joined Lee Westwood as the only players to have competed 60 times in the World Golf Championships without ever winning.

Both had good chances. Garcia, who made his WGC debut as a 19-year-old, took a three-shot lead into the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational in 2014 when Rory McIlroy erased that in three holes and went on to a two-shot victory over the Spaniard.

Westwood finished runner-up to Mike Weir in the American Express Championship at Valderama in 2000, though he made enough money that day to capture his first Order of Merit on the European Tour. He also was runner-up to Vijay Singh at Firestone in 2008, and in 2010 he lost a duel to Francesco Molinari in the HSBC Champions, Westwood's debut at No. 1 in the world.

Only two other players have made at least 50 starts in the WGCs without ever winning —

Paul Casey (52) and Jim Furyk (51).

Casey was runner-up in the Match Play in consecutive years to Geoff Ogilvy in 2009 and Ian Poulter in 2010. Furyk had two close calls at Firestone, losing in a seven-hole playoff to Tiger Woods in 2001, and making double bogey from the 18th fairway to finish one shot behind Keegan Bradley in 2012.

Time for break

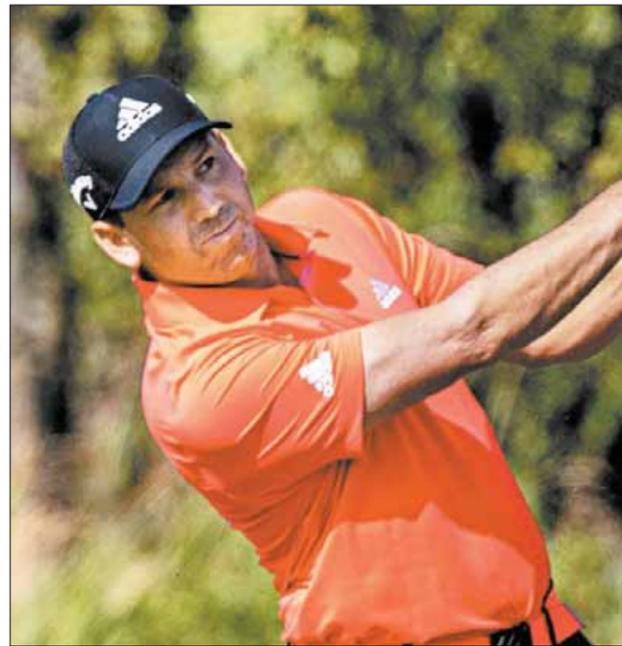
Sungjae Im teed it up in January in Hawaii, and it seems as though he never stopped.

Finally, the PGA Tour rookie of the year is taking a break.

No one among the top 50 in the world has played more than the 21-year-old South Korean. There were only nine weeks Im did not play, and he was not eligible for three of them — Sentry Tournament of Champions, the Masters and the U.S. Open.

He chose not to play opposite-field events in Puerto Rico and Kentucky. Im missed only two stand-alone PGA Tour events — the Zurich Classic (a team event) and Las Vegas, and he missed Las Vegas only so he could travel to South Korea in time for the Genesis Championship on the Korean Golf Tour, the only event he won.

The other two weeks were open between the season-ending Tour Championship and the sea-



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Sergio Garcia, above, and Lee Westwood are the only players to have competed 60 times in the World Golf Championships without winning.

son opener at the Greenbrier.

Why not play the PGA Tour's final two events at Mayakoba and Sea Island?

"After this tournament, it's unwise to go back for two tournaments and come back again to Korea," he said.

LPGA Q-Series

Among those who earned LPGA Tour cards at the two-week Q-Series were Albane Valenzuela and Andrea Lee, Stanford teammates who are Nos. 2 and 3 in the women's world amateur ranking.

Next up is a decision on when to take up LPGA membership.

Both are seniors and to turn pro in January would be a blow to Stanford. The other option is to follow the path of Jennifer Kupcho and Maria Fassi, who deferred their membership until June after the NCAA championship. Even with a short season, Kupcho made it to the CME Group Tour Championship, while Fassi did well enough to keep her card for next year.

Divots

Brian "Bo" Martin was voted HSBC caddie of the year for his work with Shane Lowry in winning the British Open at Royal Portrush. The three PGA Tour events on the Asian swing were won by players from the top 10 in the world — Justin Thomas in

South Korea (No. 5), Tiger Woods in Japan (No. 8) and Rory McIlroy in China (No. 2). ... Americans had won seven straight World Golf Championships until McIlroy captured the HSBC Champions. The Irish Open next year goes to Mt. Juliet, where a WGC event was held twice. Tiger Woods won in 2002, while Ernie Els won in 2004. ... Total prize money for the three PGA Tour events on the Asian swing was \$29.75 million. The total prize money for the entire PGA Tour season in 1986, the year Jack Nicklaus won his last Masters, was \$25.4 million. ... The Boca Raton Championship on the PGA Tour Champions will be a Charles Schwab Cup playoff event next year, replacing the Invesco QQQ Championship at Sherwood Country Club in California. That gives the postseason stops in Virginia, Florida and Arizona.

Stat of week

Eight consecutive PGA Tour winners held the 54-hole lead until Brendon Todd won in Bermuda.

Final word

"The one thing I remember about that week, I beat Anthony Kim in a playoff, and I think it's the last time I've ever seen him." — Rory McIlroy, on his first victory in China in 2011 at the unofficial Shanghai Masters.



Kal Penn attends NBC's Comedy Starts Here at NeueHouse Hollywood in September in Los Angeles.

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MY WORST MOMENT

A regrettable night out before audition

Kal Penn's terrible, horrible, no good, very bad experience

BY NINA METZ

The movie that thrust Kal Penn into the realm of household name status was 2004's "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle," which spawned a number of sequels. In the 15 years since, Penn's acting career has bridged comedy and drama, pausing in 2009 when he served as associate director in the White House Office of Public Engagement.

More recently he is the co-creator and star of the NBC comedy "Sunnyside," and although the network has pulled the sitcom off the regular schedule, new episodes continue to be available on nbc.com and Hulu.

"It's about a disgraced city councilman who needs to get his life back on track and he's seeking redemption," said Penn. "And he sort of at first tricks this group of immigrants into hiring him to help them study for the citizen test, because they don't realize that he knows less about that process than they do."

Penn said his aim was to create "some-

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SOPHIE GIRAUD/AP

Kal Penn as Kumar and John Cho as Harold in the 2004 comedy "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle," which spawned a number of sequels.

IN PERFORMANCE
 'Laura and the Sea' ★★★

Minimal dialogue is part of the brilliance

By design, characters meant to remain virtual strangers to audience

BY JERALD PIERCE

There's your real family, whom you know and love. And then there's that group of people you spend somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 hours a week around — your work family.

For as much time as we all spend around our "work families," how well do we really know them?

If a survey was placed in front of you, asking what a coworker's favorite book or color or flower was, or asking what their greatest achievement in life was, would you be able to answer? What if a coworker was suffering from depression? Would you know?

Honestly, I'd never thought about it until watching Rivendell Theatre Ensemble's world premiere of Kate Tarker's "Laura and the Sea," where the five staffers of a New York travel agency cope with the recent death of their coworker, Laura, who died during a company outing (a boozy time on a boat just off the coast).

The company, in a supposed effort to memorialize Laura, sets up a website on which the remaining employees can post memories of Laura, but not (I repeat, *not*) post anything about the actual events of her death.

The presentation of Tarker's story can be jarring at first.

These posts, which try to encapsulate who Laura was, are presented as flashbacks to that fateful boat trip, told from one coworker's point of view at a time. Aside from some email chains about the website (the contents of which are spoken aloud to the audience), these moments on the boat are essentially the only spoken parts of the play.

Outside of that, there is no dialogue in the office as the everyday work of the travel agency plays out on stage. Conversations and arguments are mouthed and mimed, but no words are actually spoken.

Without dialogue to detail who these characters are, all that the audience is left with is interpreting how they perform menial office tasks.

One person slams her stapler; clearly she's upset. Another keeps fishing Laura's monthly schedule out of the trash. He must have been close to her.

It's not real information, though. It's half-truths, office rumors.

Combine that with Tarker replaying scenes from the boat from different points of view,

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Improv's Close, iO founder Halpern biopic in works

Pair taught wealth of now-famous comedian-actors

BY NINA METZ

Director and Second City alum Kay Cannon (the screenwriter of the "Pitch Perfect" films and director of the rom-com "Blockers") is developing a biopic about the improv guru Del Close and his friendship with iO Theater founder Charna Halpern.

"It's about my 19 years with Del, which ranged from the scary to the profound to the hilarious," said Halpern. "When I met Del he was fairly straight — he had gotten over cocaine and alcohol by that

point, but he still smoked pot and dropped acid — and I asked him to teach a class at a little improv games theater I had and was absolutely brilliant and exposed the secrets of the universe to us. And afterward we stopped and got coffee and I said I think there's something more for improv than games. And he said if you're willing to close down your little games theater, I'll leave Second City and work with you."

Though a revered and well-known name in Chicago, as well as in comedy circles outside the city, Close's influence and notoriety are probably less familiar to a wider audience. But the longform style of improv he championed (specif-

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Chicago improv innovators Charna Halpern, left, and Del Close in 1995.

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“Supernatural” stars Jensen Ackles, left, and Jared Padalecki at a CW event in Beverly Hills in August.

‘Supernatural’ star ‘tells all’ about co-star’s arrest

LOS ANGELES — Jared Padalecki was contrite Sunday about missing the Supernatural DC 2019 Convention this past weekend, but “Supernatural” co-star Jensen Ackles was more than willing the day before to yank his buddy’s chain about his recent assault arrest in Texas.

“When he showed up on set on Wednesday, I brought him in in handcuffs,” Ackles said of Padalecki when he took the stage Saturday. “So we’re having fun with it. The crew really wanted to wear orange jumpsuits, but we couldn’t get them in time. It wasn’t like we thought it was a bad idea — we were certainly going to roll with it.”

Whether the prank actually happened is unclear, as Ackles certainly had a stand-up comic’s delivery going when he addressed the crowd. But he was sincere about Padalecki’s legal woes.

“I’m kidding. We all miss my big dumb friend,” the 41-year-old said. “And I’ll just say it now: He had a bad weekend last weekend, he’s dealing with what he’s got to deal with. So just send him some support and love.” The audience cheered.

Meanwhile, Padalecki, 37, directly addressed his fans in a tweet Sunday: “I want to sincerely thank my family and friends for all of your love and support. So sad to miss the #SPNFamily at #ddcon but I hope to see y’all soon.”

Padalecki was arrested in the early hours on Oct. 27 outside the Stereotype bar in Austin, Texas, on suspicion of assaulting two bar employees after a verbal altercation spilled out to the sidewalk.

Padalecki, who, like Ackles, has roots in Texas, was charged with public intoxication and two counts of assault with injury.

— Los Angeles Times



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION/AP

‘Grownup’ award: Annette Bening will receive AARP magazine’s lifetime achievement honor at the Movies for Grownups Awards in January. The ceremony honors and advocates for “the 50-plus audience.” Bening, a four-time Oscar nominee, won Golden Globe awards for best actress for the 2004 film “Being Julia” and 2010’s “The Kids Are All Right.” Previous AARP honorees include Shirley MacLaine, Michael Douglas, Morgan Freeman, Kevin Costner and Robert De Niro.

Mad about Carol: Carol Burnett will be among the familiar faces you’ll see on the “Mad About You” revival this month. Helen Hunt and Paul Reiser played the Buchmans, a New York married couple, in the NBC series that aired 164 episodes before its finale in 1999. The revival will focus on the Buchmans and their marriage after their daughter leaves for college. Burnett will reprise her Emmy-winning role as the mother of Hunt’s character. The revival airs Nov. 20-Dec. 18 on Spectrum Originals.

Nov. 6 birthdays: Country singer Stonewall Jackson is 87. Actress Sally Field is 73. Jazz trumpeter Arturo Sandoval is 70. Actress Lori Singer is 62. Actor Peter DeLuise is 53. Actress Kelly Rutherford is 51. Actor Ethan Hawke is 49. Celebrity chef Marcus Samuelsson is 49. Actress Thandie Newton is 47. Actress Rebecca Romijn is 47. Actress Zoe McLellan is 45. Actress Taryn Manning is 41. Actress Patina Miller is 35. Actress Katie LeClerc is 33. Singer-songwriter Ben Rector is 33. Actress Emma Stone is 31.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Grieving is harder with others’ input

Dear Amy: I recently lost my dad to a quick battle with cancer. I’m two weeks out since his passing and have been dealing with the grief and aftermath of his death. While my family and friends have been extremely supportive, I’ve also noticed that a lot of them turn to me to talk about their grief and other issues (like losing their family members, pets, and general life grievances.)

My dad’s sister is also constantly texting my mom and me about how sad she is with his loss. Then she asks how we’re doing, which can be a bit exhausting. While I would normally be happy to be a shoulder to cry on, right now it just feels like too much and restarts my own grieving.

I recently had a dream where I thought he was still alive. I had to remind myself that he was gone. I don’t know if that’s pretty normal with such a serious loss, but it hurts deeply and makes it difficult to do regular things (like work).

Is there a way to kindly tell my loved ones that while I’m sorry for their loss/pain, it’s just too hard a time right now to hear more sadness? I feel bad as they have really helped me, but it’s just made life harder while things are so fresh. Your advice?

— A from Minnesota

Dear A: I’m so sorry you are going through this. I’m further sorry that people are behaving the way we humans commonly behave, when we attempt to communicate and relate, but instead seem to make everything about us. Well-meaning people are trying to say, “I understand. I’m

with you.” Unfortunately, it comes out like: “Losing my cat was just like you losing your dad.”

Dreams after loss can be upsetting. I hope you realize that this is not unusual. Your mind is struggling to comprehend the incomprehensible. I would urge you to open the door and let your father walk through your dreams. Your dreams may help you find new ways to say goodbye.

Otherwise, draw inward — if you want to. Go easy. Go slow. These next weeks, you may struggle to concentrate. You will always be looking for your keys. Tell people: “I’m sorry, but I can’t talk right now.”

Be aware that your aunt is struggling, too. Perhaps connecting with her in some small but real way could help both of you. Is she having dreams, too? You might ask her.

The world may feel muted, muddy and murky right now. Your frustration is creating a sharp edge to your reactions, but now is the time to be gentle, especially with yourself.

Dear Amy: I have a close friend whom I adore. However, her husband mansplains for hours on end. He’s knowledgeable but never stops and never includes me.

When I’m there for dinner, I’ll sit and listen to him talk for about 15 minutes, then get fed up and leave the room (there are other people in the room) — usually to go into the kitchen to help. When I do, he follows me, continuing to talk.

My friend recently told me that she does not appreciate his lecturing. I didn’t respond. What

should I do, aside from avoiding their boring dinner parties? Should I take him aside and tell him what I think, even though there are usually other people around?

— Tired

Dear Tired: Your friend’s husband might lack the ability to read social cues. He may not decode your real message when you walk away but might respond to a blunt but polite, “Bert, sorry to interrupt, but I’d like to ask Cynthia about her trip this summer.”

Your friend (his wife) should deal with this on her own behalf. When she mentions this to you, you should be honest. Encourage her to step up and do something. He might have Asperger’s, ADHD, or another issue contributing to this behavior. Identifying can be a game changer, even in adulthood.

Dear Amy: “Hurt” described his sexting addiction. You attacked him and blamed him for his addiction. People can get addicted to sexting and on-line porn, Amy. You should do your homework.

— Upset

Dear Upset: I understand that people can have sexual addictions, but I believe this is probably rare. Others use the addiction label to describe their own compulsions or choices, and sometimes I have to use my own judgment to call ‘em like I see ‘em.

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Moment

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thing reminiscent of what we had when we were kids. I was remembering things like ‘Head of the Class’ and ‘Fresh Prince of Bel-Air’ — worlds that were different from mine but the writing is so good and grounded that it just makes you feel like you’re hanging out with friends every week.”

When asked to share a worst moment from his career, Penn said: “Your timing is amazing for this question because it’s one that I have been thinking about for the last couple months and that I had forgotten the significance of.”

My worst moment ...

“I was probably 22 or 23 and I got a call to audition for ‘Freaks and Geeks,’ the Judd Apatow show. He was not quite the household



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Kal Penn, left, with Hugh Laurie in a scene from the Fox medical drama “House.”

name that he is today, but there was a lot of comedy buzz around it. And Allison Jones was casting it and I was really excited that she thought I was funny enough to come in and audition for her. Every major amazing sitcom and movie that you can think of (including ‘The Office’ and ‘Veep’) she has been the casting director for.

“I prepared for the audition — I don’t even remember what the role was. I

honestly think it was a small guest-starring part. It wasn’t a big role at all. It was just a kid in one of the classrooms with a handful of lines, but I was really excited about it.

“The night before was a friend’s 21st birthday. And like an idiot I went out with him and his friends and probably had one or two more beers than I probably should have. And because of that, I was not at my best at the audition. I was tired. I

wasn’t focusing. And I did a terrible job.

“And I remember feeling so embarrassed walking out and thinking to myself, not just why did you have to have those two extra beers, but why did you have to drink anything? Why did you have to go out at all? Why couldn’t you have just gone over the script again, cooked yourself some dinner and gone to bed? Because most actors, we don’t work most of the year. And not only that, when you’re just starting out, you’re especially not working — at all in my case, I was working a bunch of odd jobs at the time.

“And I was so embarrassed that I told myself: OK, the new rule is no alcohol and no hanging out with friends at all the night before an audition. Or the night before work. And that also means no beer, no glass of wine with dinner, nothing.

“And I stuck to that. And it’s not like I was going out partying every night. But just having that discipline — it was so embarrassing to me that I had forgotten to value my own art form and career that way.

“And by the way, I didn’t hear a word from Allison Jones for years after that. And I was convinced — I don’t know if this is true or not — but I was convinced that it was because I didn’t do a very good job. That was a very coveted audition, even for a one-line part, to

be able to read for her. Even to this day she goes to see stand-up comics, not just in New York or LA but in Chicago and other places, and she watches sketch comedy and takes meetings with emerging comics and is really the go-to casting director who finds really funny, really smart, astute, bright people.

“And if you wow somebody like Allison, she tends to think of you for other roles. So I was especially embarrassed that I had screwed up that audition that way. It wasn’t even like I was hungover. I was just tired. I probably slept five or six hours and that’s not something you do if you have a big audition. I was just low energy and not creative. I was very flat.

“I’ve had acting teachers who have given the great advice of, you’re allowed to be really bummed out about a bad audition for a couple hours, maybe a day. But you can’t let it bog you down. Because the majority of auditions you go on won’t yield a callback — and a majority of callbacks don’t yield a job.”

Did Penn ever audition for Allison Jones again?

“Yes, I did. And here’s the reason why I was thinking of it so much recently: She is our casting director on ‘Sunnyside.’

“When we were talking with Mike Schur (an executive producer on the sitcom) about who should cast the

show, he said, ‘Well, let’s see if Allison will do it.’ And I immediately thought to myself: There’s no way Allison Jones is going to want to cast one of my shows. This is how much this stuff sticks with you!

“I don’t know if she remembers (that first audition). I don’t know if she thought I gave a flat audition or if I was just wrong for the part. I’ve never talked to her about it. She might have thought I did a great job and I was just too tall or too short or something. Who knows? I haven’t brought it up to her since, so she may read about it for the first time now (laughs).

“But that made me remember that rule that I made, because it’s still a rule today. I try to get a good night’s sleep before any audition or any day of work. I try to have a quiet night. And it’s because of that experience. And it’s come full circle this year.”

The takeaway ...

“That I need to treat myself and my craft the way that I wished other people would treat it.

“It seemed silly to me that I would lament, ‘Oh, look at all these auditions I’m going on and not even getting the part’ — which, every actor has that insecurity — if I wasn’t taking my craft seriously.”

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Biopic

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ically the Harold) remains an influential approach to improvisation and it was instrumental in building up iO Theater and its notable stable of alumni including Tina Fey, Chris Farley, Adam McKay and Amy Poehler, who all trained with Close.

Earlier on, when Close was directing at Second City, his students included John Candy, Bill Murray,

John Belushi and Gilda Radner.

Describing Close’s personality, Halpern called him “dark and brilliant. It was fun to be around him. And sometimes it was scary. Sometimes he was petulant. He was no holds barred, he didn’t care if he hurt your feelings. He was a man of many faces. He was one of my closest friends. Things got dull when he died.”

The biopic’s script comes from a pair of former Chicago improv performers who, like Cannon,

logged time on iO stages: Rich Tarlico (whose writing credits include “Saturday Night Live” and “Key & Peele”) and Alex Fendrich (an executive producer on TV Land’s “Teachers”).

Close died of emphysema in 1999. He was 64. Halpern continues to own and operate iO Theater, which includes more recent alumni such as current “SNL” cast members Aidy Bryant, Alex Moffat and Chris Redd.

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2020 is the 'Year of Chicago Music'

City announces dates for festivals and special events

BY HANNAH HERRERA GREENSPAN

On Tuesday, the city's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced the dates for next year's marquee festivals, events and exhibitions throughout Chicago.

The year 2020 has been designated as the "Year of Chicago Music" by Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the department. For the occasion, the Chicago House Music Festival, the Chicago Gospel Music Festival and the Chicago Blues Festival will be expanded into a 17-day citywide celebration of music.

The cultural affairs department's public programming will also include a special focus on Chicago music at the 40th annual Taste of Chicago, the Chicago Jazz Festival, the World Music Festival Chicago and the Millennium Park Summer Music Series, co-programmed with Chicago industry institutions and tastemakers.

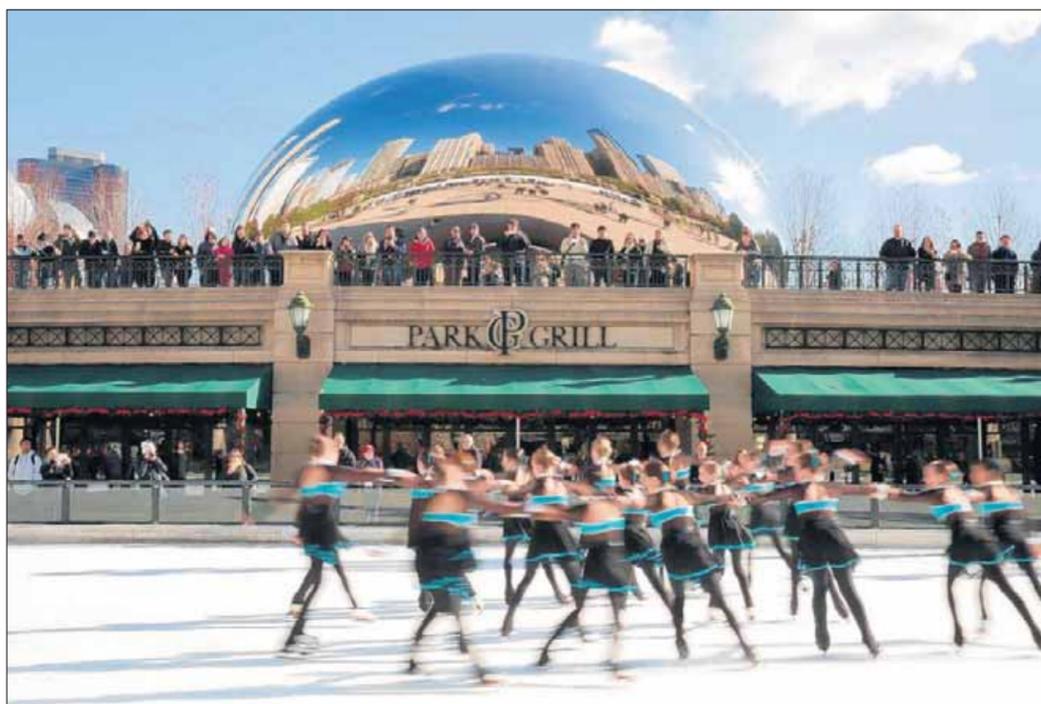
The department says it annually presents 2,000 free cultural programs for more than 25 million residents and visitors. Cultural programming includes art exhibitions, film screenings, music concerts and theater and dance performances in downtown Chicago, including Millennium Park, the Chicago Cultural Center and the Chicago Riverwalk.

Lakefront festivals and special events

22nd Annual Chicago Kids and Kites Festival, May 2: Free kite kits are provided for children to decorate (while supplies last) along with other family activities such as professional kite-flying demonstrations, face painting and balloon artists. *Cricket Hill in Lincoln Park at Lake Shore and Montrose drives.*

Chicago Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony, May 23: The city's Memorial Day Parade honors all men and women who died in defense of our country. The parade is preceded by a wreath-laying ceremony at the eternal flame on Daley Plaza. *State Street from Lake to Van Buren streets.*

Chicago Riverwalk Summer Programming, late May-October: Chicago Riverwalk programs are produced by the cultural



The Starlights Synchronized Skating Team takes the ice before an opening ceremony for the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink at Millennium Park.

affairs department in collaboration with the Chicago Department of Fleet and Facility Management, Choose Chicago, the Chicago Park District and the vendors and boat tour operators along the riverwalk. *Chicago Riverwalk, Lake Shore Drive to Lake Street.*

5th Annual Chicago House Music Conference & Festival, May 21-23: DJs and live performances showcase the various sounds and styles of house music, the musical form born in Chicago that has gone on to revolutionize dance music. *Millennium Park and other locations.*

35th Annual Chicago Gospel Music Festival, May 26-30: Celebrating the music style's Chicago roots with traditional choirs and contemporary urban gospel music, the festival will feature local and national artists. *Millennium Park and other locations.*

37th Annual Chicago Blues Festival, June 5-7: The festival will celebrate Chicago blues' past, present and future as well as its contributions to hip-hop, R&B, rock, pop and more. *Millennium Park.*

Millennium Park Summer Workouts, June-August: Jump-start your day with tai chi, yoga, Pilates and Zumba classes on Millennium Park's Great Lawn.

Millennium Park Summer Music & Film Series, June-August, 2020: Grab a seat in the pavilion or bring a picnic for the Great Lawn and enjoy the free outdoor

movies and concerts at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion. *Millennium Park.*

24th Annual Chicago SummerDance, Wednesdays to Sundays, June 25-Aug. 22: Dancers of all ages and skill levels are invited to take part in introductory, one-hour dance lessons by professional instructors followed by live music and dancing. The series will culminate at the SummerDance Celebration, highlighting the city's diverse dance community in Millennium Park on Saturday, Aug. 22. *Grant Park, Spirit of Music Garden, 601 S. Michigan Ave., and other Chicago Park District locations.*

40th Annual Taste of Chicago, July 8-12, 2020: Taste of Chicago is a premier free-admission food festival that will showcase the diversity of Chicago's dining scene, alongside a smorgasbord of cooking demonstrations, music concerts, dance performances, art activations and family fun. *Grant Park, Jackson and Columbus drives.*

62nd Annual Chicago Air and Water Show, Aug. 15-16: The show will feature military and civilian flight aerobatics, historic aircraft, simulated water rescues and parachute teams. *North Avenue Beach, 1600 N. Lake Shore Drive.*

42nd Annual Chicago Jazz Festival, Aug. 28-Sept. 6: The festival will showcase jazz artists from Chicago and around the world across the city during

the extended festival dates. The festival is produced by the cultural affairs department and programmed by the Jazz Institute of Chicago. *Millennium Park, Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., and other locations.*

22nd Annual World Music Festival Chicago, Sept. 11-27: The citywide festival will feature award-winning artists and ensembles representing countries and regions of the world at venues across Chicago. *Millennium Park, Chicago Cultural Center and other locations.*

¡Súbelo! – A Celebration of Pan Latin Music and Culture, Sept. 11-12: Celebrate the diverse music genres and sounds of the Latinx community from Chicago and around the world. *Millennium Park.*

Holiday

McCormick Tribune Ice Rink, mid-November 2020-mid-March 2021: Swish, twirl and glide at the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink, a Chicago winter tradition in the heart of the city. Admission is free, with skate rentals available for a fee. Free skating lessons are offered throughout the season. *Millennium Park.*

107th Annual Christmas Tree and Holiday Celebrations, November to December 2020: During the holiday season, celebrate at the official Chicago Christmas Tree Lighting, shop for creative gifts at the Millennium Park Art Mar-

ket, sing holiday favorites at Caroling at Cloud Gate on Friday evenings and glide across the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink. *Millennium Park.*

Caroling at Cloud Gate, Fridays, Nov. 27-Dec. 18, 2020: Bundle up and belt out some holiday classics as local choral groups lead hundreds of celebrants in song at these festive part concerts, part singalongs. *Millennium Park at Cloud Gate.*

Family events

Juicebox, first and third Fridays (Chicago Cultural Center) and first and third Saturdays (Garfield Park Conservatory), winter, spring and fall: With 11 a.m. music and dance performances in a kid-friendly setting, the free Juicebox programs are geared especially for the stroller set. *Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., and Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave.*

Other cultural and arts

Chicago Cultural Center Programming, year-round: Originally completed in 1897 as Chicago's first central library, the Chicago Cultural Center is home to two stained-glass domes, as well as a year-round schedule of free art exhibitions, performances, tours, lectures, films, family activities, music and more. *Chicago Cultural Center, 78*

E. Washington St.
NKAME: A Retrospective of Cuban Printmaker Belkis Ayon (1967-1999), Feb. 29-May 24: The first U.S. retrospective of the work of Belkis Ayon, the late Cuban visual artist who mined the founding myth of the Afro-Cuban fraternal society of Abukua to create an independent and powerful visual iconography. Curated by Cristina Vives and organized by the Belkis Ayon Estate, Havana, Cuba, with the Station Museum of Contemporary Art. *Chicago Cultural Center.*

Art and Race Matters: The Career of Robert Colescott, June 20-Sept. 27: As the first comprehensive retrospective of Robert Colescott (1925-2009), one of America's most compelling and controversial artists, this exhibition will present 80 total works throughout 53 years of his career that both bring to the surface and challenge racial stereotypes. The exhibition is curated by Lowery Simms and organized by the Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati. *Chicago Cultural Center.*

Markets

Chicago City Markets, May-October: Across Chicago at locations downtown and throughout the city's neighborhoods, the markets managed by the cultural affairs department sell fresh fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers. Some neighborhood markets also feature music programming, prepared foods and local artisan (nonfood) vendors. *Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington St., and other locations.*

Maxwell Street Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays: You never know what you're going to find at the historic Maxwell Street Market's eclectic mix of foods and finds — including handmade crafts, housewares, clothing, fresh produce, garden plants, collectibles and rare items, plus live music, family-friendly activities and Mexican- and Latin-style street food in Chicago. *Maxwell Street Market, 800 S. Desplaines St.*

Millennium Park Art Market, Nov. 20-22, 2020: Shop one-of-a-kind items, including jewelry, fashion, painting, sculpture, prints, drawings and more created by more than 150 student artists. *Millennium Park, Chase Promenade North.*

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GETTY (SULLIVAN) AND WIREIMAGE PHOTOS

"This Is Us" actor Chris Sullivan, left, and Miguel Cervantes, who plays the lead in "Hamilton," will lead Chicago's 86th annual parade that begins at 8 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

'This Is Us,' 'Hamilton' actors to co-marshal Thanksgiving parade

BY CARMEL CARRILLO

Two actors with Chicago connections will lead this year's Thanksgiving parade: Chris Sullivan, of "This Is Us," and Miguel Cervantes, who plays the lead in "Hamilton."

Sullivan, who's played Toby on the NBC drama since 2016, has plenty of theater experience in Chicago, including plays and improv. Cervantes has played Alexander Hamilton since 2016, and the production wraps up at the CIBC Theatre Jan. 5.

The Thanksgiving parade's organizers were inspired by the city's declaration that 2019 is the year of Chicago theater. "These two actors, particularly,

were great choices," said Phil Purevich, executive producer of the Chicago Thanksgiving Parade. Sullivan "has his theater beginnings here in Chicago, and Miguel Cervantes is very well known and has been a crucial part of Chicago's theater community for years."

Santa Claus and parade mascot Teddy Turkey will also march, as well as the Black Ensemble Theater, the Chicago Korean Dance Company, Cubs national anthem singer John Vincent, and Teatro ZinZanni will give a performance.

The Thanksgiving parade, now in its 86th year, will kick off at 8 a.m. Nov. 28 at State Street and Ida B. Wells Parkway.

Sea

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showing how everyone really only has bits of the story, and it's easy to get frustrated. It's impossible to piece together who on earth Laura was because, either via omission of dialogue or partially/incorrectly remembered interactions on the boat, this puzzle doesn't have all the pieces.

In that irritation is the brilliance of Tarker's play. Of course there aren't enough details to truly know Laura. None of these people knew Laura. They just worked with her.

Similarly, the audience doesn't really ever get to know anyone on stage. Sure, you can put together who slept with whom or who recently got divorced. But, by design, it's impossible to connect to anyone on an emotional level.

Therefore, by the time we actually reach the events of Laura's death, there's a numbness where sadness should be. All of this time trying to figure out who Laura was and then to watch her die, still having no idea, unable to truly connect with her passing.

It's off-putting. It's hollow. It's upsetting. Tarker does balance her play out with a healthy dose of humor which, unfortunately, gets muddled in this production,



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Mark Ulrich in "Laura and the Sea" at Rivendell Theatre Ensemble.

When: Through Dec. 8

Where: Rivendell Theatre Ensemble, 5779 N. Ridge Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 40 minutes

Tickets: \$28-\$38 at 773-334-7728 and www.RivendellTheatre.org

directed by Devon de Mayo.

A lot of the issues come down to the large ship's mast situated in the middle of the travel agency set (designed by Courtney O'Neill). Its presence

doesn't bother me. After all, this is not a play grounded in firm realism, so a sail in the middle of an office checks out. But its use is awkward.

Physical joke bits around it fall flat, and the sail is so large that it blocks any projections placed on the wall behind it. They aren't crucial projections, mostly just email subject-line gags, but the sail winds up pulling away from the story Tarker is telling.

The unfortunate part about that distraction is that the play is constantly telling the audience to be

present where they are. The beautiful metaphor Tarker uses throughout the play is the company's desire to move toward the future, offering trips to Mars.

All Laura wants to do is to offer people the chance to explore their own city, not escape. Give people, and herself, a chance to find who they are and where they are instead of constantly running away.

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'Inside the tent, it's one big party'

Meet the UniverSoul Circus performers who've been wowing Chicago for generations

BY CINDY DAMPIER

It's a quiet fall weeknight in Hyde Park, complete with changing leaves and joggers on the paths of Washington Park. But in one corner of the sprawling green space, a temporary village has sprung up, tethered to its spot by a bright yellow-and-red tent, rising to a peak above the trees.

And inside the tent, all is pandemonium.

A pair of strongmen teeter delicately in a series of unbelievable poses; dancers shimmy under fiery limbo bars, inches from the ground; motorcycles vault through the tent, momentarily suspended in midair; and a cadre of hip-hop clowns and trio of polished ringmasters stitch the whole thing into a show that has the crowd dancing, singing, laughing and screaming together.

"Inside the tent," says performer Jorge Pompeyo, "it's one big party."

The performers of the UniverSoul Circus drop stakes in our city every year, drawing families who have been coming to see the show for generations. That seems fitting since, in spite of modern touches, the circus itself retains a sense of a show-business lineage that stretches back to the 1800s.

Motorcycles may not have been a part of the golden age of American circuses, but acts such as the balancing strongmen, contortionists and high-wire acts are direct descendants of acts you could have seen under P.T. Barnum's tent.

"The circus goes way, way back," says Zanda "Zeke" Charles, UniverSoul's official ringmaster's sidekick and a 26-year veteran of the show. "And some of the acts are reincarnated from those early days."

"When you see something that you know you can't do yourself, it's amazing and it's timeless. That's what makes it the circus."

Yet UniverSoul is different. Founded by former music promoter Cedric Walker, it was conceived as a showcase for diverse talent, including black performers who might not have found a place under the big tents of the past. That message of inclusiveness also reached audiences, and a tradition — one that has now outlived the iconic Ringling Bros. circus — was born.

"Soul is not color, it's an experience," says Charles. "It's music, lights, participation. It has sustained me for so long."

"I see the same people every year, some of them more than I see my own family. I'm a people person; that's my job."

Though the cast is a proudly diverse group, with performers from Mongolia, Brazil, South Africa and the Caribbean among other countries, they are a community founded on their shared history with — and love for — the circus.

Aerialist **Webert Alves Cavalcante** is a third-generation circus performer who first entered the ring at 8 and performed in Brazilian and European circuses before joining UniverSoul. Cavalcante is writing his own circus history with a series of tattoos on his arm.

"It's my story, my life," he says. "It's everything that represents the circus, and it still isn't finished."

Ringmaster **Daniel "Lucky" Malatsi** was a 9-year-old street performer in South Africa when he was discovered by Walker.

"He was impressed with the way we knew how to draw a crowd," Malatsi says.

Malatsi has been a contortionist and acrobat, and performed on the teeterboard and as a DJ on his way to the ringmaster's mic. Ringmaster fits, for one simple reason: his ability to interact with the audience.

"I can read people," Malatsi says. "That's my superpower."

Derek Burlew and **JJ Romans** have skills that extend beyond the circus and into another world:

competitive freestyle motocross. Burlew, who has been riding motorcycles since he was 5, was one of the first riders in the sport, which is based on jumps and tricks that can include aerial flips and handstands on the back of a motorcycle vaulting through the air.

"People get killed doing it," Burlew shrugs. "But you could get killed just as easily getting hit by a car. (The circus is) steady work, and it's a family atmosphere."

Says Roman: "It's a good show. ... It's a mixture of everything."

Jorge Pompeyo and his 10-year-old daughter, **Katerina**, are definitely part of the family atmosphere: They perform together with a troupe of 28 trained dogs. Though circuses have been the subject of much criticism in recent years for using animals as performers, Jorge says he rescues all of his dogs.

"People have a dog and he won't behave, so they take him to the shelter," he says. "We want that dog."

The dogs, in turn, have taken Jorge out of harm's way. A fourth-generation circus performer, both he and his wife were aerialists until she was seven months pregnant with Katerina.

"When we had our daughter," Jorge says, "we decided we needed to do something safe. So I started training dogs."

He says next year will be the family's last with the circus.

Ira Smith, the leader of Fresh the Clowns, UniverSoul's clown troupe, didn't start out with a circus pedigree. He was a health care worker in Detroit when a friend asked him to "dress up as a clown" for a child's birthday party.

"I wasn't so sure about that," he says. But Smith added his own style and some dance moves, and his performance was such a hit he was getting bookings.

Fresh the Clowns, "a swag clown, a different kind of clown" was born. In 2014, he urged Detroit fans to message UniverSoul on social media and ask for Fresh the Clowns to perform at the circus pre-show. By 2015, they were asked to join the tour. Today, Smith employs 18 clowns, has viral dance videos and songs that every kid in the UniverSoul audience knows by heart.

"I never would have believed it would get this big," he says. "It makes me feel so good, the way the kids love it. The big top has really helped expand my world."

Mirlan Kubanychbekov, a horse trainer who leads a troupe of daredevil riders, gained his skills in his home country, Kyrgyzstan, where he attended circus school starting at 15.

"I was supposed to be a juggler," he says, "but I saw the horses, and I wanted to work with them."

Kubanychbekov eventually brought his act to Ringling Bros., where he worked until that circus closed permanently in 2017.

"It was hard," he says. "It was the loss of a job." But Kubanychbekov found a spot with UniverSoul.

"Every year," he says, "I love the circus work more."

Cheyenne Ross Dailey, the circus' first female ringmaster, began her circus career as a dancer after auditioning in her home country, Trinidad and Tobago, for the UniverSoul Caribbean dance troupe. Stepping into the ringmaster role means everyone in the audience is focused on her, she says, especially girls.

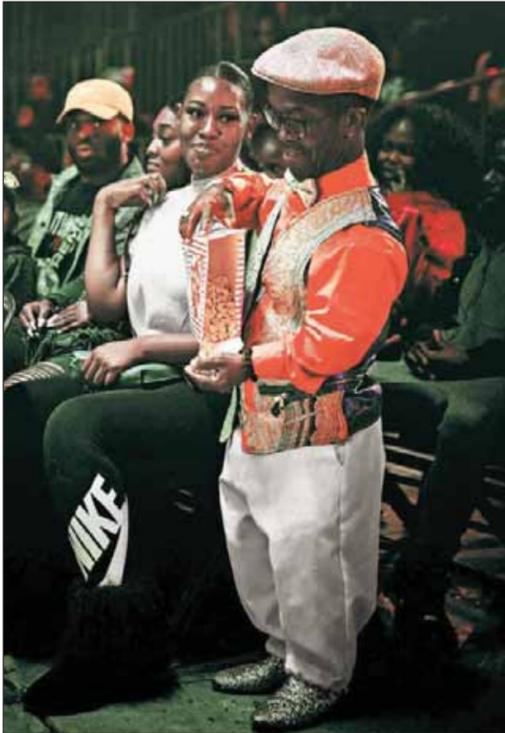
"It's such an honor to be someone that they want to see," Dailey says. "I can be that one to shine a light on people, and that's living the dream, really."

And she does not want to let that audience down.

"I may be tired, I may be sick, I may be hungry or sad," she says. "But when I step out on stage, all that vanishes."

UniverSoul Circus is in Washington Park through Nov. 11.

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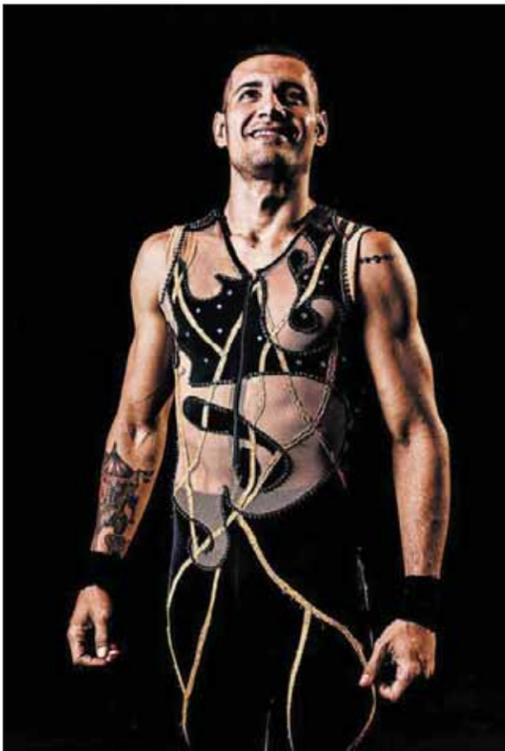


Ringmaster sidekick Zanda "Zeke" Charles

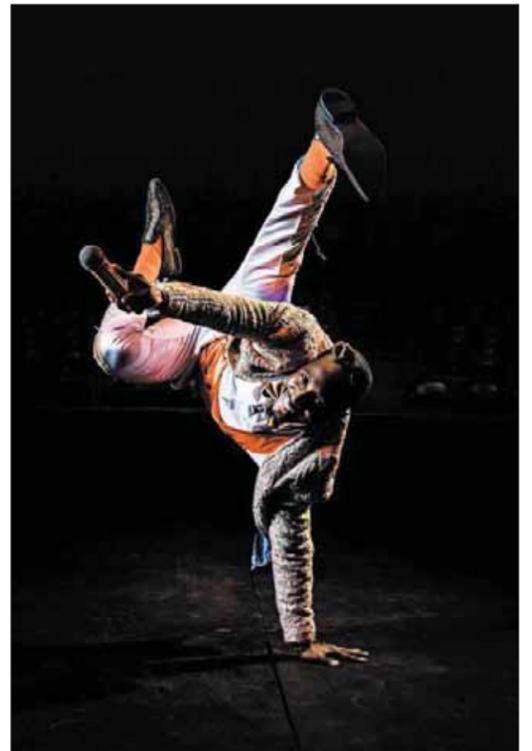


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Freestyle motocross rider Derek Burlew



Aerialist Webert Alves Cavalcante



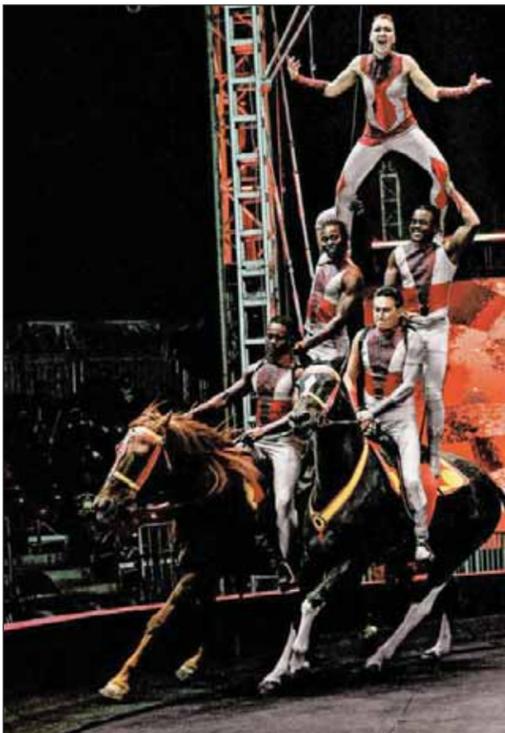
Ringmaster Daniel "Lucky" Malatsi of South Africa



Jorge and Katerina Pompeyo with two of their dogs



Marcel Bonds, from left, Ira Smith and Darryl "Smilez" Harrell.



Acrobatic riders at the UniverSoul Circus



Ringmaster Cheyenne Ross Dailey

WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Leah Lewis

"Nancy Drew" (8 p.m., CW): Belatedly realizing that George (Leah Lewis) has been possessed by Tiffany's spirit, Nancy (Kennedy McMann) moves quickly to free her friend from her ghostly "hitchhiker" before it's too late in the new episode "The Case of the Wayward Spirit." Meanwhile, Owen (Miles Gaston Villanueva), a mysterious stranger, wanders into The Claw and tries to arrange a catering gig at his country club for later that same day.

"The Real Housewives of New Jersey" (7 p.m., 11 p.m., Bravo): As Teresa Giudice tries to prepare herself and her daughters for whatever lies in store for her husband, she struggles to cope with rumors of cheating and lingering tensions within her social group as this long-running unscripted series opens Season 10. Elsewhere, Dolores Catania confronts a hard decision regarding her future with David, and forces the group to choose sides after she has a heated argument with Jackie Goldschneider. Melissa Gorga, Margaret Josephs and Jennifer Aydin also return.

"Image Makers: The Adventures of America's Pioneer Cinematographers" (7 p.m., 11 p.m., TCM): Airing as part of TCM's month-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the American Society of Cinematographers, filmmaker Daniel Raim's new documentary chronicles the saga of early pioneers in that field, who carved out a new art form one image at a time. Among the featured players are trailblazing cameraman Billy Blitzer; Mary Pickford, the first female mogul, and Charles Rosher, her favorite cinematographer; Greta Garbo and her personal lensman, William Daniels; and Oscar winner Gregg Toland, who filmed "Citizen Kane."

"The Apollo" (8 p.m., HBO): Oscar-winning filmmaker Roger Ross Williams' new feature-length documentary chronicles both the unique history and contemporary legacy of this landmark New York theater, interweaving performance clips by musicians, comics and dancers with behind-the-scenes footage of the team that keeps this celebrated venue running. The film also incorporates interviews with Common, Jamie Foxx, Savion Glover, Patti LaBelle, Smokey Robinson and Pharrell Williams, among others.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Conan O'Brien welcomes celebrity guests and draws comedy from poignant news stories and politics.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Henry Golding; actress Noomi Rapace; magician Dan White.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Helen Mirren; actor Ian McKellen.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Shia LaBeouf; actor Lil Rel Howery; Grace Potter performs.*

* Subject to change

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Sean Spicer advances to next round on 'DWTS'

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

Week 8 of "Dancing With the Stars," or as I refer to it now, "Owning the Libs by Voting for a Trump Loyalist Who is a Terrible Dancer Then Complaining When Other TV Shows and Movies and Musicians Address Politics and/or Social Issues — With the Stars." But then that's what ABC wanted, right? Attention drawn to a fading reality series? Now even people not watching "Dancing With the Stars" are bothered by former press secretary Sean Spicer's tick-like talent for self-promotion and preservation on a meaningless dance competition. "Saturday Night Live" made a crack about it, as did John Oliver; Trevor Noah of "The Daily Show," who came in second on the show in his native South Africa, challenged Spicer to a dance-off and accused Spicer of a (benign) election fraud by imploring fans to vote for him many times on multiple platforms, exploiting the system.

All of which reads to Spicer and his supporters as liberals being driven crazy. For evidence, they point to random (tongue-in-cheek) tweets about Russian-driven election fraud on the show. Meanwhile Spicer goes on conservative Breitbart News Network to suggest there's a kind of grassroots cultural movement behind his success — "There's something about everything going on here and everybody out here in Breitbart Nation voting..." — and not just a pretty shrewd, certainly cynical exercise in target marketing.

"Trust me," Noah said, "when it comes to the liberal agenda, dancing does not make the list." He says that fans of the show simply miss a talent competition being about talent.



KELSEY MCNEAL/ABC

Jenna Johnson (subbing for Lindsay Arnold) performs a jazz routine with Sean Spicer on the eighth week of "Dancing With the Stars" Season 28.

But what both sides have forgotten is that dancing is often political, by the nature of who is dancing, who they are dancing for and what they have chosen their dancing to reveal.

Spicer, for instance, moved through Monday like a lead balloon, dressing as Popeye, reminding us he grew up sailing in Rhode Island, and dancing to Styx's "Come Sail Away." He was as bad as ever, but never looked worried about his support. He looked more smug than confident, pleased to play the hated faux-underdog.

"We keep throwing you out of the boat, and the audience keeps throwing a life preserver," said judge Len Goodman, who then said he respected the effort. Judge Bruno Tonioli said he admires the "religion" of Spicer, then corrected himself, saying he meant "resilience," blaming the flub on the microphone.

Meanwhile, Kel Mitchell, the Chicago comedian and actor, danced to "This is How We Do it" by Montell Jordan. He had to teach his partner, Whitney Carson, how to say "Montell." Whereas Spicer lumbers beside his partner, Mitchell and Carson wear the show lightly, and look joyful.

There was one twist on Monday: Each of the stars (except James Van Der

Beek, who has the highest scores so far this season, and landed a perfect 30) entered a dance-off for the chance at a pair of additional points (and the show felt extra long for it). Mitchell, dancing against Brooke, won his bonus challenge, for a total of 30 points Monday; and Spicer, against Kate Flannery, sucked.

The tragedy of this season is that there are some good dancers, yet all the suspense has nothing to do with dancer vs. dancer — only Spicer.

When he was told he would return next week, the other dancers openly gasped. Flannery — who again outshined Spicer during the dance-off — got the boot this time. The judges, clearly frustrated, apologized to everyone that Flannery shouldn't be here.

OK, a radical suggestion: Let's all vote for Spicer, week after week. And let's MAKE CERTAIN he wins. Then all of the spite that his dancing has unleashed would buckle "Dancing With the Stars" to its foundation, and though it might come back, it would never be believed again.

"Dancing With the Stars" airs 7 p.m. Mondays on ABC affiliate WLS-TV.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 6

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Survivor (N) ©		(8:01) SEAL Team (N) ©		S.W.A.T.: "Kingdom." (N) ©		News (N) ♣
	NBC 5	Chicago Med (N) ©		Chicago Fire: "Welcome to Crazytown." (N) ©		Chicago P.D.: "Informant." (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♣
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Stumptown: "Dex, Drugs and Rock & Roll." (N)		News at 10pm (N) ♣
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	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	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.
	Court 9.3	♣ Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan © ♣				
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: "Okavango: River of Dreams -- Inferno." (N)		NOVA: "Dead Sea Scroll Detectives." (N) ©		Life From Above (N) ♣
	CW 26.1	Riverdale (N) ©		Nancy Drew (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		The Steve Wilkos Show		Cops ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "The Man Trap."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♣	
Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Family Time	Last Call	Peeples (PG-13,13) ** © ♣			
FOX 32	The Masked Singer: "Mask-ish." (N) ©		(8:01) Almost Family: "Risky AF." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family	
Ion 38	Blue Bloods: "Two-Faced."		Blue Bloods: "Rectify."		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ♣	
TeleM 44	♣ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)		El final del paraíso (N) ©		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)	
MNT 50	Chicago P.D.: "Fagin."		Dateline: "The Farm." ©		Dateline ©		Chicago ♣	
UniMas 60	Enamorándonos				Noticiero	Apocalipsis		
WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach's Cor.	Paid Prog.	Monument	
Univ 66	La Rosa de Guadalupe		Cuna de lobos		El dragón (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	The First 48 ©		The First 48 ©		(9:01) The First 48 ©		First 48 ♣
	AMC	GoodFellas (R,'90) ****	Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. ©					Departed ♣
	ANIM	Extinct or Alive (N)		Extinct or Alive (N) ©		Little (N)	Little (N)	Little ♣
	BBCA	Planet Earth ©		Planet Earth ©		Planet Earth ©		Earth ♣
	BET	♣ Diary of Mad		Tyler Perry's The Oval (N)		Tyler Perry's Sistat (N)		Copwatch
	BIGTEN	♣ College Basketball (N)		Women's College Volleyball (N)				BIG Show ♣
	BRAVO	Housewives/NJ (Season Premiere) (N)		Real House. (N)		Housewives/NJ (N)		Watch (N)
	CLTV	Larry Potash News (N)		News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♣
	COM	South Park ©		South Park		South Pk (N)	Yankers (N)	Daily (N) ♣
	DISC	Expedition Unknown ©		Expedition Unknown (N)		(9:01) Extinct or Alive (N)		Extinct ♣
	DISN	Raven	Roll With It	Jessie ©	Jessie ©	Coop	Sydney-Max	Raven
	E!	Couples Retreat (PG-13,'09) **	Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman. ©			Couples Retreat ('09) ***		
	ESPN	♣ NBA Basketball: Warriors at Rockets (N)				NBA Basketball: Bucks at Clippers (N)		
	ESPN2	College Football: Miami (Ohio) at Ohio. From Peden Stadium in Athens, Ohio. (N)						SportCtr (N)
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery ♣
	FREE	♣ Monsters	Monsters University (G,'13) ****	Voices of Billy Crystal. ©				700 Club ♣
	FX	♣ (6) War for the Planet of the Apes (PG-13,'17) ***				American Horror Story (N)		1984 ♣
	HALL	Christmas Scavenger Hunt (NR,'19) Kim Shaw. ©				A Wish for Christmas (NR,'16) © ♣		
	HGTV	Property Brothers (N)		Property Brothers (N)		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Property ♣
	HIST	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N) ©				Forged ♣
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	♣ (6) I Love You, Man (R,'09) *** ©		The Longest Yard (PG-13,'05) **	Adam Sandler. ♣			
	LIFE	A Twist of Christmas (NR,'18) Vanessa Lachey. ©				(9:03) Christmas Perfection ('18) © ♣		
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	The Challenge (N) ©		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
NBCSCH	♣ NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Atlanta Hawks. (N)				Postgame	Bulls (N)	North	
NICK	Movie ©				Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♣	
Ovation	♣ (6) Major League (R,'89) **		Young Guns (R,'88) **	Emilio Estevez. ♣				
OWN	Ambitions: "Backstabbers." Ambitions: "Giving Up." Ambitions: "Ex-Factor." Ambitions ♣							
ODY	Snapped ©		Snapped ©		Snapped: "Christine Billis." Snapped ♣			
PARMT	♣ (6) Jurassic Park (PG-13,'93) ****	Sam Neill. ©			The Lost World: Jurassic Park **			
SYFY	R.I.P.D. (PG-13,'13) * Jeff Bridges, Ryan Reynolds. ©				The Losers (PG-13,'10) ** © ♣			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	Conan (N)	
TCM	Image Makers: The Adventures of		(8:45) The Grapes of Wrath (NR,'40) ****	© ♣				
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Lacey's Story." ©				Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding ♣		
TLN	Baptist	King	Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ♣	
TNT	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©				Batman Begins (PG-13,'05) ****			
TOON	We Bare	We Bare	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Mountain Monsters: "Battling the Raven Mocker." (N)				Mountain Monsters (N)		Mystery (N)	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©				Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley ♣	
VH1	Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Black Ink Crew ©		Cartel Crew ©		Black Ink ♣	
WE	Criminal Minds: "Lucky." Criminal Minds ©				Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♣	
WGN America	Dog's Most Wanted ©		Dog's Most Wanted (Season Finale) (N)		Dog's Most Wanted ©		Dog	
PREMIUM	HBO	♣ (5:50) Widows ('18) ****	The Apollo (NR,'19) Ta-Nehisi Coates.		His Dark Materials © ♣			
	HBO2	Catherine the Great ©	Room 104	Silicon	Happy Death Day 2U (PG-13,'19) ***			
	MAX	Fight Club (R,'99) *** Brad Pitt, Edward Norton. ©				(9:20) Tag (R,'18) ***		
	SHO	♣ (6) Misery (R,'90) ***	A Time to Kill (R,'96) *** Sandra Bullock. ©					
	STARZ	♣ (5:59) The Green Hornet	Bowfinger (PG-13,'99) *** Steve Martin.	Barbershop 2: Back ♣				
STZENC	The Good Dinosaur (PG,'15) ***		(8:36) Robots (PG,'05) *** ©				Step Up 3 ♣	

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Nov. 6): This year provides a rich harvest. Organize, connect and coordinate steadily for best results. Enjoy a creative spotlight this winter, motivating a shift in travel or educational priorities. Save to surpass summer financial shortfalls as your exploration blossoms into a delicious discovery.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Quiet contemplations engage and delight. Harmony requires effort. Communications could misfire. Focus on long-term plans and goals.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Adhere to social schedules to keep deadlines and promises. Avoid controversy or confrontation and get productive behind closed doors. Creative design produces valuable efficiencies.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. A work assignment requires focus. Don't gamble with the rent money. Postpone important communications. You make need to make a mess to advance.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Travel or educational costs may be higher than expected. Postpone big decisions for better conditions. Do the homework and imagine achieving the desired results.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Stay practical with finances. Don't stir up jealousies or step on anyone's sensitivities. Keep your side of the bargain to advance shared goals.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Don't be critical with your partner or risk arguments. Instead, show extra patience. Withhold harsh words or impulsive outbursts.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Put in the practice behind the scenes that allows for excellent performance. Prioritize health. Take a refreshing pause and wait for better conditions.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Keep your promises, especially with your sweetheart. Conversation could lead to romance and fun. Talk about dreams and intriguing possibilities. Share thoughts about what you love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Get carried away by a domestic project. Guard against overspending or indulging. Clean and organize a space for beauty and functionality.

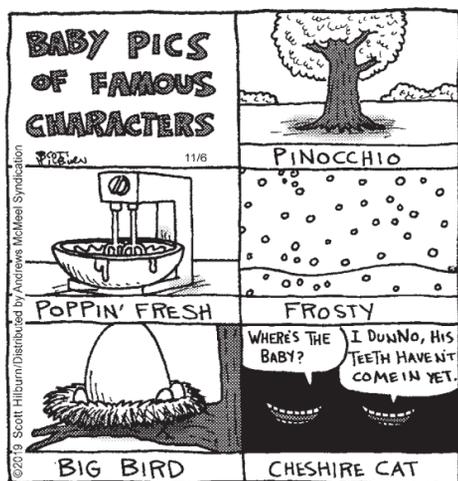
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Learn from another's expertise. Share recipes, ideas and drawings. You see practical implications. Make a short-term mess for long-term benefits.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Maintain your advantage. Learn from the competition. Follow through with promises. Acknowledge your team. Focus your moneymaking efforts for long-term goals. Follow a dream.

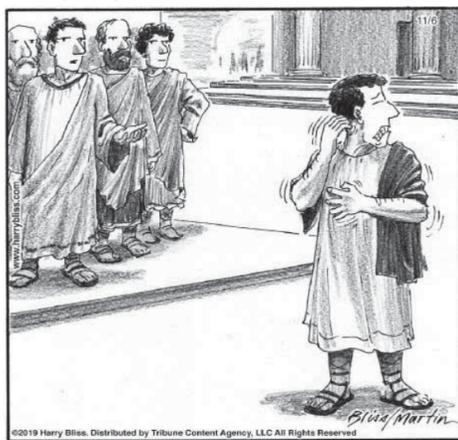
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. You're especially persuasive. Share your dreams and visions, although they don't match current realities. Get creative and imagine long-term solutions.

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The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ J 9 4 3	♥ 9	♠ Q 10 8	♥ 8 6 2
♦ Q 7 6 3	♣ A Q J 4	♦ K 9 4	♣ 8 6 5 2
West		South	
♠ 7 5	♥ K Q J 10 7 4	♠ A K 6 2	♥ A 5 3
♦ A 10 8	♣ K 9	♦ J 5 2	♣ 10 7 3

South's decision to open the bidding would be approved by many and scorned by some. Our guess is that most would approve. Even with this favorable lie of the cards, careful handling was required to bring the contract home.

South won the opening heart lead in his hand with the ace and saw that he needed both a 3-2 trump split plus a winning club finesse. He got started by leading a low club to dummy's queen at trick two. When that held, he crossed back to his hand with the ace of spades and led another low club. West's king appeared, which South captured with dummy's ace.

Declarer led a spade to his king, pleased that both opponents followed, and ruffed a heart in dummy. He led a low club from dummy to his 10, not caring if an opponent ruffed. When the 10 held the trick, he ruffed his last heart in dummy and led the jack of clubs, again not caring if it was ruffed. He discarded a losing diamond. He now had nine tricks in the bag and claimed his contract with another trump trick sure to come.

Note that it was important to start clubs immediately, before pulling any trumps. Also, had South led the 10 of clubs at any point rather than a low club, he would have finished a trick short. Well played!

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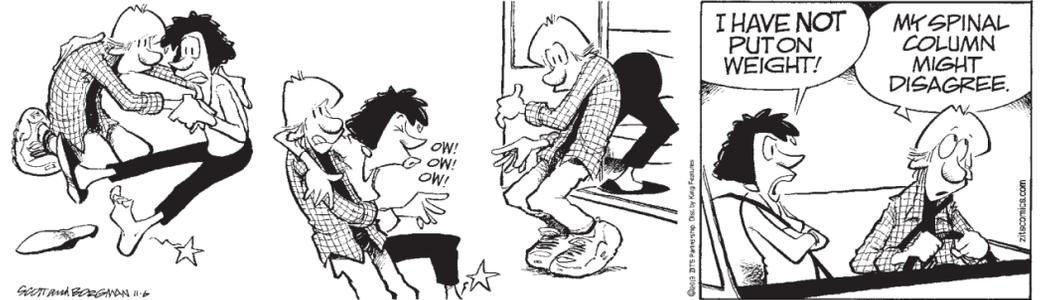
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Baby Blues



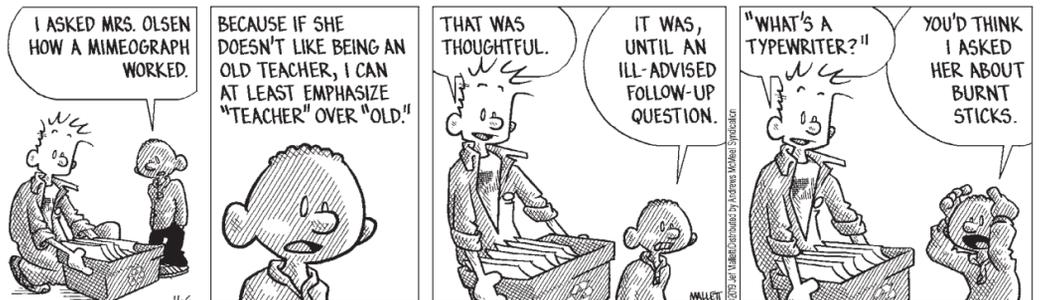
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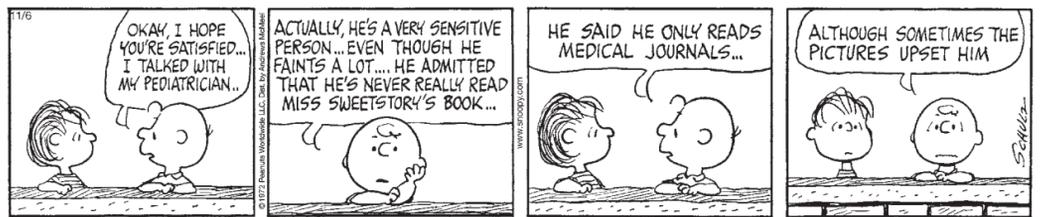
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Frazz



Classic Peanuts



Pickles



Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



Prickly City



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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6 NORMAL HIGH: 53° NORMAL LOW: 37° RECORD HIGH: 75° (1975) RECORD LOW: 19° (1991)

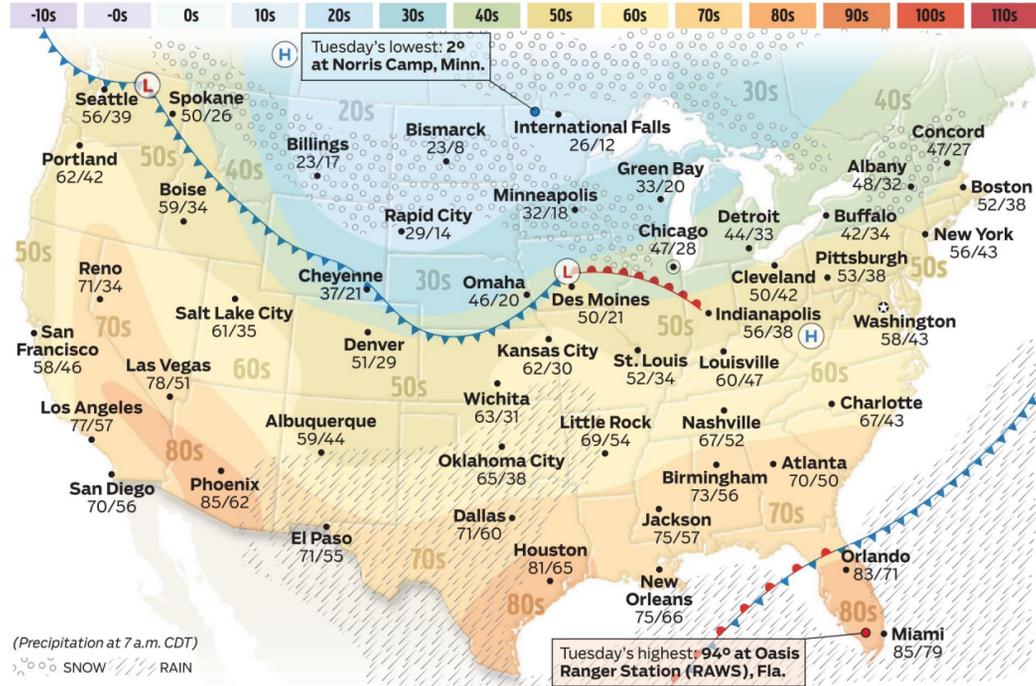
Cold end to work week and colder next week

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 47 **LOW** 28

- Light snow, possibly mixed with freezing drizzle early, then becoming mostly cloudy.
- A little warmer but still below normal with a high in the mid to upper 40s. Light rain or drizzle possible late afternoon.
- SSW winds turn NNW 8-18 mph.
- Nighttime sprinkles, then some flurries or light snow.
- Breezy and turning colder. Low in the upper 20s.
- Overnight winds NNW increase to 15-25 mph.

NATIONAL FORECAST



The coldest air of the season will come in two installments. The first will occur Thursday and Friday with daytime high temperatures only reaching the low 30s. A cold Canadian high pressure system will be located over the Midwest, allowing cold air to reach far south of Chicago. Daytime high temperatures will only reach the 40s in Arkansas and Tennessee on Friday. The second blast of cold air will begin Sunday afternoon with the real punch coming on Monday and Tuesday with highs in the 20s. Record low maximum temperature records could be set or tied early next work week. The record low temperature on Monday may also be in jeopardy of being broken. The cold air will extend even further south on Tuesday morning with lows in the 20s stretching from central Texas to northwest Georgia.

THURSDAY, NOV. 7

HIGH 33 **LOW** 19

Morning flurries possible, then sunny, windy and cold. NNW winds 10-20 mph. High in the low 30s. Some lake effect snow showers possible from La Porte County, IN eastward. Winds diminish after sunset. Partly cloudy overnight.

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

HIGH 33 **LOW** 24

Early morning sun then increasing clouds, becoming partly cloudy. Less windy but unseasonably cold. High in the low 30s. Light west winds turn southwest. Partly cloudy overnight and a few degrees warmer.

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

HIGH 46 **LOW** 29

Partly sunny and warmer with a high in the mid 40s. SW winds 8-12 mph gusting to 20 mph. Clouds increase in the afternoon. Cloudy overnight with light snow possible. Light west nighttime winds and a low near 30°.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10

HIGH 35 **LOW** 19

Rain or snow showers early, then light snow possible. Some breaks in the afternoon clouds. Windy and colder. NW winds 20-30 mph. High in the mid 30s early but falling to the upper 20s. Flurries possible overnight.

MONDAY, NOV. 11

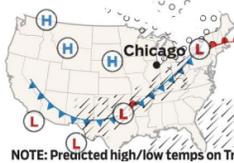
HIGH 27 **LOW** 14

Partly sunny, windy and very cold. High in the mid to upper 20, more than 20 degrees below normal. Coldest daytime temps since March. NW winds 10-20 mph. Lake effect snow showers possible in NW Indian snow belt.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12

HIGH 24 **LOW** 15

Continued cold. Lake effect snow chance in NW Indiana continues. NW winds 10-15 mph. A few flurries possible in NE Illinois near the lake. High only reaches the mid 20s. Mostly cloudy overnight.



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,
Does early-season snow portend an extra-snowy winter?
Thanks,
Tina Gagnon Morris

Dear Tina,
October's snowy exit with 4.6 inches of snow on the last two days of the month made it the city's second snowiest October, runner-up to 1989 with 6.3 inches. While the emotional conclusion would be that a snowy winter is coming, the data does not support that conclusion. Chicago weather historian Frank Wachowski checked out the seasonal snowfall totals that followed the city's five snowiest Octobers and found that all five seasons produced totals below the city's current normal snowfall of 36.7 inches. The largest seasonal snowfall was in the winter of 1989-90 with 33.8 inches and the least was in the 1957-58 season that logged 20.0 inches of snow, despite 1.9 inches in October.

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Unseasonable chill to hold; jet stream pattern the culprit

A COLD TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK FOR CHICAGO
Record temperatures to be broken next week?

FORECAST HIGH/LOW TEMPERATURE	RECORD LOW MAX	RECORD MINIMUM
Nov. 11 (MONDAY) 27°/14°	28° (1894)	14° (1950)
Nov. 12 (TUESDAY) 24°/15°	28° (1995)	8° (1986)

26 states may see record or near record temperatures

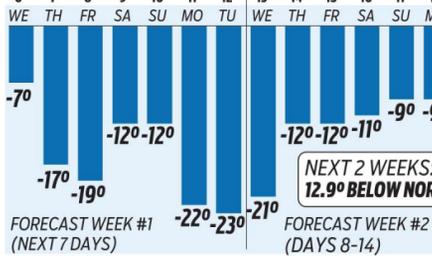
"WAVY" JET STREAM BEHIND THE CHILLY TEMPS



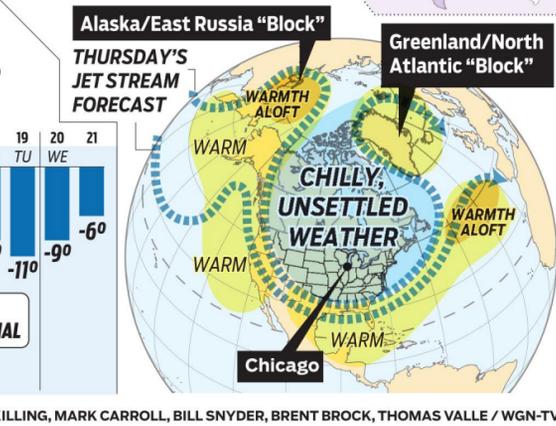
UNSEASONABLE CHILL TO HOLD

Chicago's predicted temperature departures

HOW MUCH BELOW NORMAL?



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives



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CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	40	27	Midway	42	33
Gary	43	34	O'Hare	39	28
Kankakee	45	31	Romeoville	45	28
Lakefront	42	35	Valparaiso	47	33
Lansing	43	29	Waukegan	40	28

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.10"
November to date	0.01"	0.52"
Year to date	16.13"	32.01"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	4.6"	3.3"
Normal to date	0.2"	0.2"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind	SW 10-20 kts. NNW 15-25 kts.
Waves	1-3 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps	49°/48°

U.S. SNOW COVER

NOV. 5	2018	2019
Area covered by snow	7.8%	10.0%
Average snow depth	0.3"	0.3"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sun-32° highs	0 days	0 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Tuesday's reading	Good
Wednesday's forecast	Good
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PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:33 a.m.	5:05 p.m.
Venus	8:25 a.m.	5:43 p.m.
Mars	4:35 a.m.	3:44 p.m.
Jupiter	9:54 a.m.	6:56 p.m.
Saturn	11:22 a.m.	8:32 p.m.

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Dr. Meg Stahulak checks on a patient last week in the emergency room at Amita Health St. Joseph Hospital in Lakeview.

Mental health at the ER

BY KATE THAYER

Chicago-area emergency rooms seek ways of improving psychiatric assessment

Patients seeking mental health care, sitting in emergency rooms for hours as clinical staff conduct physical tests unrelated to their problem. Case managers making scores of phone calls just to find one spot in an inpatient program.

This scenario encountered by mental health patients in their local emergency rooms is less than ideal, experts say, and is even more of a problem as hospitals see an influx of mental health patients, driven by scarce local resources for treatment and a national shortage of psychiatrists.

Noticing a trend of more psychiatric patients coming through emergency room doors, area hospitals have started to revamp how they treat mental health in emergency departments.

Staff members working in one Chicago-area hospital system — Amita Health — are piloting a program at four of its emergency departments to more swiftly deliver treatment for psych patients while also reducing wait times and return visits.

The move represents one way hospitals across Chicago and the country are adjusting

to a cultural shift in care due to an increase in mental health patients in emergency rooms, said Chris Novak, vice president and chief operating officer for Amita Health's behavioral medicine service line.

"Unfortunately (emergency departments) have become the front door for behavioral health care," he said, adding that those who visit emergency rooms more frequently often do so because they have no other way to access care, and aren't necessarily in crisis or having a life-threatening emergency.

Dr. Vidor Friedman, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians, said hospital emergency rooms are often on the front lines of mental health care because there aren't enough psychiatric resources to go around.

"This is not a new problem. It's just a problem that hasn't gone away," he said.

In Chicago, advocates continue to criticize the 2012 decision of then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel to shutter six mental health clinics. Mayor Lori

Lightfoot recently announced a funding increase for existing mental health resources rather than reopening the clinics, drawing further criticism.

In the absence of more local community solutions, patients sometimes have no choice but to visit their local ER, doctors say.

"When psych patients come to the emergency department, there's a range ... from 'I want to hurt myself today' to 'I'm feeling very anxious and I need someone to talk to about those things,'" said Dr. Meg Stahulak, emergency department medical director at Amita Health St. Joseph Hospital in Lakeview — one of the sites piloting Amita's new program. "In the past ... pretty much everyone was treated the same."

That meant requiring blood draws and other procedures that aren't always needed for someone experiencing a lower-risk mental health problem, she said, which only adds to wait times and delays care.

The new program, an assessment tool called Emergency

Psychiatric Intervention, or EPI, was developed by the company Vituity, which staffs the physicians working at Amita Health hospitals.

The tool, Stahulak said, provides emergency room staff with a way to better assess psychiatric patients. Staffers began using it earlier this year at St. Joseph Hospital in Lakeview, as well as Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center in West Town, Mercy Medical Center in Aurora and St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, but it could expand to other Amita hospitals in the future, she said.

The assessment allows lower-risk patients to bypass unnecessary steps in the ER, like bloodwork, which leads to a swifter discharge, Stahulak said. But before they leave, patients receive referrals to outpatient mental health care, as well as refills on prescriptions, if needed. This frees up time for the staff to treat moderate and high-risk patients, who may need in-patient treatment, she said.

Amita also streamlined the

way staff members find a spot in one of its 12 in-patient psychiatric programs by creating a centralized logistics center, so "emergency rooms can make one phone call instead of 12 phone calls," Novak said.

Whether a patient needs an outpatient referral or placement in an inpatient program, the less time spent in the emergency department, the better, he said.

"From a behavioral health standpoint, the emergency department is not the most conducive environment," Novak said. "It's a busy, fast-paced environment, an anxious place to be. The goal is to get them moved from that ... as quickly as possible."

After several months of using the new tool, average wait times for lower-risk patients were cut by 40%, and patients who were assessed using the tool also had yet to revisit the hospital, he said, adding that recidivism often can be high among psych patients.

With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reporting climbing suicide rates, Novak said the improved efficiency is one example of how

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Pet owners should consult with their veterinarians about whether their dogs should be vaccinated against flu.

Canine flu can spread quickly

BY KATE THAYER

As pet owners protect themselves against flu this season, vets say they should also be thinking about their dog.

While canine flu, unlike the influenza that infects humans, is a year-round virus, some veterinarians use the flu season to talk to pet owners about keeping their pets healthy. The highly contagious H3N2 canine flu strain quickly spread throughout the Chicago area in 2015 and was believed to have originated in dogs brought in from

South Korea, said Natalie Marks, medical director at Blum Animal Hospital in Chicago.

The illness can spread "like wildfire" among dogs at parks, boarding facilities, doggy day cares or even in condo elevators, Marks said. Symptoms are mainly respiratory, with coughing, sneezing and a runny nose, followed by fever and sometimes a lack of eating. The virus is not known to infect humans, she added.

There's now a vaccine available for dogs, Marks said, which is effective and, unlike human influenza

vaccines, there are no guessing games on which strains to include.

Pet owners should talk to their vet about whether their dog needs the vaccine, which is administered annually and includes a booster shot in the first year it's given, she said, adding that she recommends one for any dog that's in contact with other dogs at any time.

"The frustrating part for pet owners is sometimes dogs will spread the virus before they even look sick," she said. "That's why

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Many not following safe-sleep advice for babies

Study finds parents aren't aware of safety guidelines

BY AMY NORTON
HealthDay

Many U.S. parents are not heeding recommendations on how to put their babies to sleep safely, a new government study finds.

Most babies are being placed on their backs to sleep — one of the key ways to reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), the study found.

But relatively few parents are following some other recommendations: Less than one-third said they only put their babies to sleep on “approved” surfaces, namely, a crib, bassinet or “pack and play.” And just 42% kept their babies’ sleep area free of blankets, pillows and toys.

Part of the problem may be that parents aren't aware of those guidelines, said lead researcher Ashley Hirai, of the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration.

These guidelines are newer than the long-established message to put babies on their backs to sleep, she noted. And based on study participants' responses, doctors are not always talking about them.

It was back in 1992 that the American Academy of Pediatrics began advising parents to put their babies to sleep on their backs, not their tummies. The federal government launched a “Back to Sleep” campaign to raise public awareness, and by 1998, the national rate of SIDS had dropped by 45%.

However, that decline stalled out. And infant deaths from accidental suffocation or strangulation during sleep have actually inched up over the years, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

All told, about 3,500 infants die suddenly each year in the United States.



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The American Academy of Pediatrics began advising parents to put their babies to sleep on their backs, not their tummies, in 1992.

So in more recent years, additional safe-sleep recommendations have been laid out: Put babies to sleep only in a crib, bassinet or pack and play; keep those areas free of soft bedding, toys and crib bumper pads to help prevent overheating and accidental suffocation or strangulation; and have your baby sleep in your bedroom, but not in your bed.

To see how many parents are heeding the advice, Hirai's team looked at CDC survey data from mothers in 29 U.S. states.

More than three-quarters of moms said they usually put their babies on their backs to sleep. Fewer — 57% — said their babies

slept in their room, but not in their beds. Even fewer were consistently following the advice on sleep surfaces and keeping babies' sleep areas clear.

The vast of majority of mothers — 93% — said their doctor had recommended back-sleeping, and around 84% said they'd received advice on sleep surfaces and what items should be kept out of the crib. But less than half said their doctor had recommended room-sharing but avoiding bed-sharing.

Beyond doctors' advice — or lack thereof — parents may be swayed by various influences, said Dr. Rachel Moon.

She co-wrote an editorial

accompanying the study, which was published online in October in the journal *Pediatrics*.

“We've learned that one's attitudes and the social norms are incredibly powerful forces,” said Moon, who heads general pediatrics at the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville. “Particularly in the internet age, parents are getting information from so many sources besides their doctor.”

And then there's marketing. When parents walk into a store, Moon noted, they see soft bedding and may think they “need to buy it.” When they see pictures of celebrities' nurseries, “stuffed with soft

bedding,” they may be influenced, consciously or not, Moon said.

Bed-sharing — which has increased nationwide since the 1990s — is a particular problem, she noted.

“Many people believe that you cannot successfully breastfeed unless you bed-share,” Moon said. And in some cultures, she added, you're considered a “bad parent” if you don't sleep with your baby.

The study also found racial and ethnic disparities: Black mothers were least likely to report putting their babies on their backs to sleep, while room-sharing without bed-sharing was least common among black and American Indi-

an/Alaskan Native families.

It's not clear why, Hirai said. But, she added, less access to health care and other barriers — like having the space and money for a crib — could be among the factors.

“We need to work on multiple levels to address these disparities,” Moon said. That, she added, includes getting accurate information on safe sleep to everyone — not just new parents — and making neighborhoods and housing safer.

That's “so parents don't feel like they have to bed-share to keep their baby away from rodents in the house or gunfire outside,” Moon explained.

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emergency staff members at many hospitals now think about mental health — that they should treat psychiatric issues “with the same urgency and sensitivity as someone who's come in from a car crash.”

Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital last month launched a “telepsych” program after noticing an increase in emergency patients experiencing a mental health crisis, said Patti Gobel, a social worker and manager of the case management department. Because the hospital does not have a behavioral health unit in the building, there's not always a psychiatrist available on-site for a live consultation. Now the new telepsych option allows patients to conduct a video chat on an iPad with a psychiatrist who is located elsewhere, Gobel said.

“We wanted to meet their needs. One way to do this is this platform,” she said.

Besides talking to the patient, doctors can zoom in and take note of body language, eye contact and other signs they assess during an in-person visit, she said. “The doctor really has full control of how they see the patient ... without that patient feeling like they're being

zoomed in on.”

But while improved mental health care in the emergency room is a step forward, following up with patients afterward is the key to keeping them healthy, said Friedman of the American College of Emergency Physicians. The goal is to make sure patients are accessing the care they need once they leave the hospital, he said.

Yet sometimes that care is not available, or there are barriers, which is a problem that goes beyond the emergency room, Friedman said.

“Emergency physicians are very often the canaries in the coal mines. We see areas in the system that need help. And this is definitely an area that needs help,” he said.

At Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Lakeview, members of a behavioral health crisis team address patients' mental health needs well beyond their visit to the hospital.

The Medically Integrated Crisis Community Support team is like “a little emergency room team out in the community,” said Stacey Brown, a social worker and coordinator of crisis triage. Team members include a psychiatrist, a nurse, a case manager, a chaplain and two social workers.

“We noticed a lot of patients come back (to the hospital),” Brown said. “Outpatient treatment

would fail them, or they would fail it. Something wasn't working.”

The team, created about five years ago, receives referrals from various parts of the hospital, or even from sources outside the hospital, for patients who need help and have a high hospital readmission rate. The team will visit patients anywhere they are — at home, in a shelter, even a park if they're homeless, Brown said.

Besides addressing mental health or other medical needs out in the field, team members will take patients to a doctor's office, or assist in any non-medical barrier to getting healthy, she said. That could include insurance or legal help, family reunification, finding a church or getting assistance with other community resources. For one patient, Brown said, a team member went with him to his bank to figure out why he couldn't cash his checks.

“I think the thing that makes our team really special is we work hard to break down barriers to care,” she said. “And be really creative about how to solve problems.”

Since the hospital created the team, patients they have treated have had a 70% reduction in readmission rates, Brown added.

“We try to get their life back on track.”

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The rousing, roaring aria of a Mammoth Lakes autumn



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. — The lout in the next motel room is up early, so I guess we're all up early. Our neighbor is stomping around, coughing, sputtering, showering.

This is the kind of motel you end up at when you have a pet in tow: cheap compromises made of rice paper and matchsticks.

When the maid service knocks, the workers don't say “housekeeping.” They yell, “Get out while you can!!!”

Listen, I don't mind bargain lodging. For we are back in my forest primeval, the Eastern Sierra, a range of snow and pine that stretches up the 395, California's slender neck.

Lone Pine. Big Pine. No Pine. Highway 395's timeless little towns are roadside attractions. I could make a weekend stopping in every bait and tackle shop, bumming the free coffee in the back.

And finally, at the top of it all: Mammoth Lakes, a snowy masterwork, land of wood smoke and heavy socks.

I am probably too easily charmed, yet I am smitten by the ski village's pre-winter stacks of pine outside almost every cabin. Think of the labor that goes into that, the anticipation, the Puritan spirit.

With me I have a boy, a pet wolf and a phone full of photos. It's our second day here, and the Sierra aspen are turning to gold bullion. Radiant is too weak a word.

White Fang is a magnificent wolf-dog, by the way, blue-eyed and with the hint of an upper-crust upbringing. That's a fate



CHRIS ERSKINE/LOS ANGELES TIMES

A serene Silver Lake in Northern California.

front, but I'm fond of those as well.

Pretense has always been strangely alluring to me, almost a puzzle to be solved. It reveals a tender spot in my character, I'm sure, a soft, mossy flaw. But bony and pretentious Gwyneth Paltrow would be, like, my dream date.

Yet this wolf is a far better person. For one, White Fang doesn't talk about wellness. She'd never scold me for eating a Slim Jim and leaving the wrapper on the dash. She's good company that way, as is my son, who is my sidekick and merely my entire life.

Like him, the temp is in the teens this morning. A mug of coffee feels good against the hand. The boy, legally married now to his cellphone, shudders as we head off for a hike.

Some Saturdays, you just need someone to knock around with, and that's this boy. We are the oddest couple ever, a before-and-after cautionary tale. He is tall and handsome as timber. I am what happens when you spend too much time in your car.

The dog bonds us. As you may remember, she belonged to my late son, and now — as if an angel, as if on some sort of mission of mercy — she splashes across mountain streams, tugs playfully on her leash, bounds along these trails she once shared with him.

The young dog is our

jester — heck, they're both jesters. You should see her giggle when the boy checks her for ticks. Turns out she's a little ticklish just about everywhere.

By late morning, the three of us have threaded our way through the trails of June Lake, down by a lake called Silver, one of California's most magnificent playpens.

At Silver Lake, long corridors of aspen ring the shoreline, and a dark little stream empties out amid some campsites set in high grass.

Campsite No. 18 is the most splendid, but really you can't miss here, if you like to fish or kayak or ponder the freckles on your wrist. It is good for all of that.

On the north shore are these sprawling summer places; legendary director Frank Capra once kept a cabin there. It has the feel of rural Pennsylvania, a Bedford Falls set against the backdrop of Carson Peak, a close cousin of Half Dome (they share the same movie-star chin).

To be sure, it's a cinematic setting that Capra must've loved. The sunlight — California's famed butterscotch beams — flatters everything it touches here.

The trees, the pumpkins, our raw and stubborn souls.

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vaccination is the best strategy.”

While many pets are able to recover from a bout of canine flu, the virus can become fatal if it turns into pneumonia — a risk for less healthy dogs, Marks said.

Unlike human influenza, there is no required, centralized reporting of the illness, which makes it difficult to track outbreaks, Marks said.

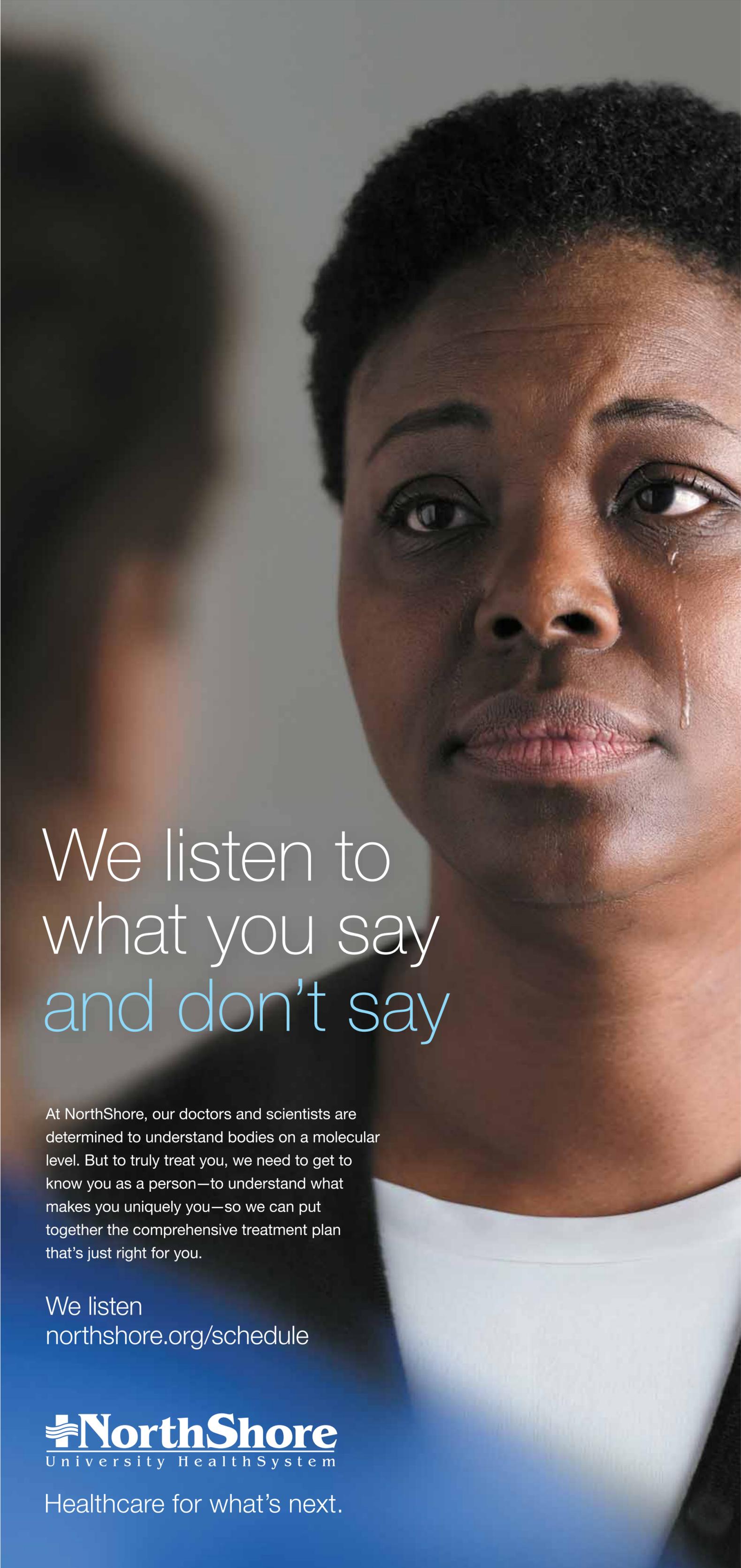
However, animal hospitals can partner with research centers to track any virus spreading throughout the country.

Banfield Pet Hospitals, with locations across the country, including Chicago, recently partnered with Cornell University's Animal Health Diagnostic Center's surveillance network, to track canine flu outbreaks. Heidi Cooley, a veterinarian at a Banfield Pet Hospital in Washington state said it helps for pet owners to track current flu outbreaks, but she also

advises them to check in with their vet about what they are seeing.

The center's data shows Illinois has had the most cases of the H3N2 strain, likely attributed to the 2015 outbreak, which then spread throughout the country, said Colin Parrish, professor of virology at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine. More recent outbreaks were reported in the San Francisco area, he said.

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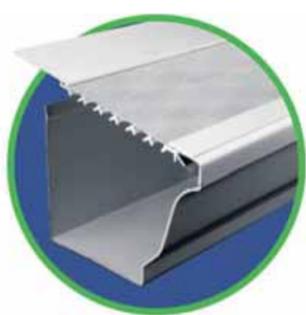
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It's not too late to take steps toward active life

Multiple studies show wide-reaching health benefits from exercising

BY MARISSA CRUZ LEMAR
The Washington Post

Diana Bridger was 59 years old and a self-described “committed couch potato” when she saw a photograph of herself at a birthday party and decided she needed a lifestyle change. “I thought, ‘I need to just move,’” the Fairfax County, Virginia, resident said. “If I lose weight, great. If not, that’s fine. But I need to get moving, just for my health.”

Although she had never been active, Bridger, signed up for a group fitness class at Orange Theory. “I had to force myself to walk in,” she said.

The workout, which involved a treadmill, rowing machine and free weights, was challenging. But she was hooked. And after six months, she was confident enough to try something she had always wanted to do: a 5K race. She hasn’t stopped running since. Her new active lifestyle, she said, has benefited her physically and emotionally.

If you’re a sedentary adult, as Bridger was, meeting the recommended goals of at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity a week may seem overwhelming. You may even think there’s no way you can counter years of inactivity. But Bridger’s experience illustrates what recent research is showing us: It’s never too late to start exercising and reap the health rewards.

Consider a study published this year in JAMA Network Open that looked at the activity levels of 315,059 participants from 50 to 71 years old at four points in their lives (15 to 18; 19 to 29; 35 to 39; and 40 to 61). Researchers found that the participants who were previously inactive

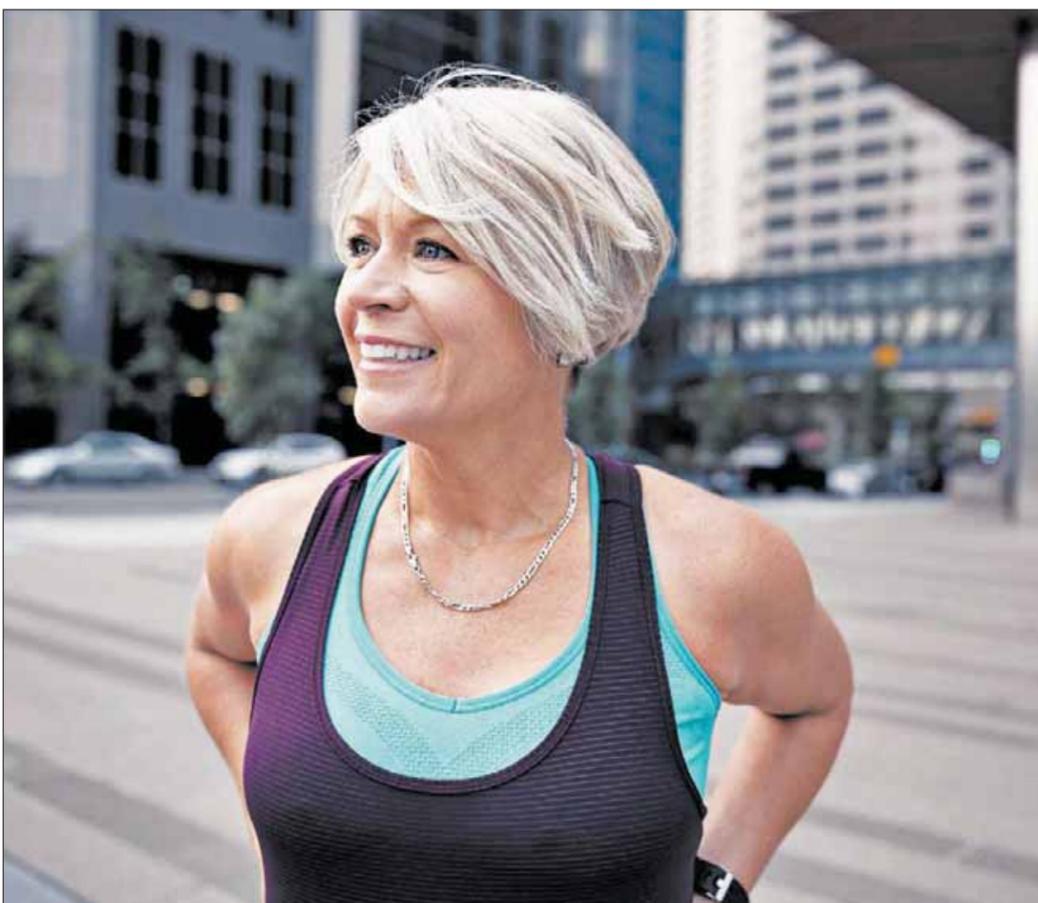
but increased their physical activity in later adulthood (40 to 61 years old) to four to seven hours per week had a 35% lower mortality risk than those who remained inactive. Participants who were already active and maintained their exercise levels into later adulthood achieved a 29% to 36% lower risk.

The fact that older adults who had maintained their exercise levels and older adults who were new to exercise experienced a comparable lower risk of mortality suggests midlife is not too late to start physical activity.

A University of Cambridge study of 14,599 adults ages 40 to 79 published this year reached similar conclusions. Researchers found that adults with cardiovascular disease and cancer gained substantial longevity benefits by becoming more active, regardless of their past physical activity levels. Those who had been inactive at the start and increased to an average of 30 minutes of moderate activity per day showed about 24% lower mortality risk.

“There are clearly benefits at all levels (of activity),” said lead researcher Soren Brage, a principal investigator with the MRC Epidemiology Unit at the University of Cambridge. “The most encouraging is you don’t have to be a super-athlete, and it’s never too late.” And the health benefits were seen no matter a participant’s body mass index, blood pressure or cholesterol. “Even if you have an established risk factor profile, you will still reap the benefits of increasing activity levels,” Brage said.

The health benefits of starting to exercise later in life specifically extend to the heart and muscles, research shows. A 2018 American Heart Associ-



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ation study of 61 healthy but inactive adults ages 45 to 64 found that participants who started exercise were able to reverse the cardiac effects of sedentary aging.

Those who exercised showed a 25% improvement in elasticity of the left ventricular muscle of the heart — the chamber that’s responsible for pumping blood out to the rest of the body, said Benjamin Levine, director of the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine in Dallas. Restoring the heart’s elasticity prevents the increase in cardiac stiffness that’s linked to sedentary aging.

There is one caveat, however. Because the stiffening of the heart starts in

late-middle age, training needs to start before it’s too late, Levine said. That means before age 65, while the heart retains plasticity and the ability to remodel itself. “Older individuals get heart failure not because their hearts stop pumping well, but because the hearts become hard and stiff,” Levine said. “There’s no medication that treats that problem,” so prevention through exercise training is the key.

As for the muscles, researchers from the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom compared “master athletes,” men between 60 and 80 who had undertaken high-level endurance training at least twice a week for at

least 20 years, with men the same age who didn’t have a regular workout routine. The study, published in *Frontiers in Physiology* this year, concluded that both groups had equal ability to build muscle in response to exercise. In a statement, lead researcher and senior lecturer Leigh Breen said: “Our study clearly shows that it doesn’t matter if you haven’t been a regular exerciser throughout your life, you can still derive benefit from exercise whenever you start.”

Here are tips for establishing a safe and sustainable exercise routine.

Start slowly. If you can’t get 30 minutes a day from the beginning, progress

slowly and gradually increase your exercise. Starting slowly is not only safer for a previously inactive body, but it helps keep you from getting discouraged if you try to do too much too fast.

Think beyond formal exercise. Don’t limit yourself to structured workouts.

Mix it up. Include a variety of cardio, strength training and stretching, and include moderate- and high-intensity workouts to get the best impact. Multiple study results demonstrate that there are whole-body impacts to starting exercise, so incorporate all styles of activity to achieve the best results.

Study: Humans can regrow cartilage

BY NANCY CLANTON
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Humans have the ability to regrow cartilage, a new study has found. In a way similar to how salamanders and other creatures can regrow lost limbs, humans have the capacity to repair and regenerate cartilage in their joints, researchers at Duke Health discovered.

“We believe that an understanding of this ‘salamander-like’ regenerative capacity in humans, and the critically missing components of this regulatory circuit, could provide the foundation for new approaches to repair joint tissues and possibly whole human limbs,” said senior author Virginia Byers Kraus, a professor in the departments of medicine, pathology and orthopedic surgery at Duke.

The researchers learned that molecules called microRNA regulate the re-

generation process. These microRNAs are more active in animals known for limb, fin or tail repair, including salamanders, zebrafish, African freshwater fish and lizards.

These microRNAs are also found in humans — an evolutionary artifact that provides the capability in humans for joint tissue repair, according to a press release by Duke Health. “We were excited to learn that the regulators of regeneration in the salamander limb appear to also be the controllers of joint tissue repair in the human limb,” lead author Ming-Feng Hsueh said. “We call it our ‘inner salamander’ capacity.”

The researchers said microRNAs could be developed as treatments to prevent, slow, or reverse arthritis.

“We believe we could boost these regulators to fully regenerate degenerated cartilage of an ar-

thritic joint. If we can figure out what regulators we are missing compared with salamanders, we might even be able to add the missing components back and develop a way someday to regenerate part or all of an injured human limb,” Kraus said. “We believe this is a fundamental mechanism of repair that could be applied to many tissues, not just cartilage.”

The research team also learned the “age” of cartilage depends on where it is in the body. “Cartilage in ankles is young, it’s middle-aged in the knee and old in the hips,” they found.

More than 10% of Americans older than 60 experience knee pain related to osteoarthritis, the most common disease of the knee joint. In osteoarthritis, the cartilage in the knee joint gradually wears away.

The Duke Health study was published in the journal *Science Advances*.

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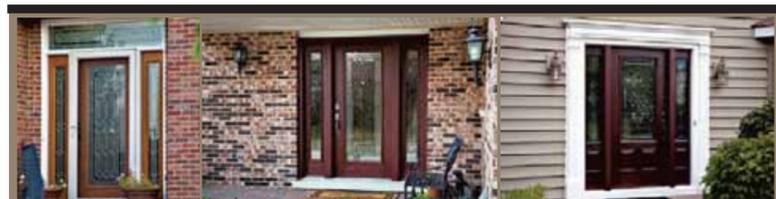
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No, elderberry syrup will not prevent the flu

By JESSICA ROY
Los Angeles Times

Another cold and flu season is upon us. And with it, an onslaught of dubious claims about products that allegedly cut your risk of coming down with something.

Lately, it seems like every single person with some combination of the words “wellness,” “natural” or “herbal” in their Instagram bio has been touting elderberry products — various tinctures from juices and syrups to gummies and teas — as a safe, natural way to ward off a cold or the flu.

More than 150,000 Instagram posts have been tagged #elderberry or #elderberrysyrup. Google searches in the U.S. for “elderberry” have spiked during the last two cold and flu seasons. Even some newspapers have bought into the elderberry-as-flu-prevention craze.

So: Is elderberry juice really something that can replace the flu shot?

“Absolutely not. No,” said Dr. Michael Smit, a physician and the medical director of infection prevention and control at Children’s Hospital LA.

He said colleagues have reported parents asking about elderberry as an alternative treatment for the flu.

“As far as the medical establishment goes, there is no acceptable evidence to date that elderberry is effective for prevention or treatment of influenza,” Smit said.

But that’s not to say elderberry products have no place in your medicine cabinet: “I would say that there might be some value with elderberry products as far as a soothing aspect for it, just like you would get from having a glass of herbal tea.”

Dr. Malcolm Taw, a professor and director of



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the UCLA Center for East-West Medicine in Westlake Village, says there’s a reason elderberry concoctions have been cited as cold and flu fighters in medical history.

“This will not replace the flu vaccine,” he said. But elderberry products “have, I’d say a complementary or adjunctive role.”

In some small-scale studies conducted in Norway, Australia and Israel, taking elderberry products has been shown to reduce the severity and duration of symptoms of colds and influenza. Elderberry products and pharmaceutical medications have never been scientifically tested directly against one another to see which one works better in that regard.

At the Center for East-West Medicine, Taw said they try to integrate the “best of both worlds,” marrying alternative and holistic medicine with Western treatments. When it comes to the flu, “our recommendation at our center would be to get the flu vaccine, but to use elderberry to help manage or mitigate the symptoms,”

he said.

The rise of home-brew elderberry products is also cause for concern, said Deborah Blum, director of the Knight Science Journalism Program at MIT and the author of two books about poisons. On Twitter, Blum responded to a now-deleted tweet from a user who shared a photo of an email allegedly from a Columbia professor who had accidentally been poisoned by homemade elderberry syrup.

“Believe it or not, I have poisoned myself,” the email began. “I am a great believer in natural this and that, and take tincture of elderberry instead of a flu shot.” The professor relates having attempted to make a syrup at home out of unripened and uncooked berries. “It turns out they have cyanide.”

Specifically, elderberries have glycoyanide, which Blum described as a kind of cyanide sugar. The seeds of uncooked elderberries contain this natural poison. Eating an uncooked elderberry can lead to nausea, vomiting and other unpleasant digestive side effects.

PEOPLE’S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Liquid soap alleviated painful restless leg spasms

By JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: I have suffered from restless legs syndrome for years. I got a little relief from bars of soap in the bed. Then, on a road trip where I had to do all the driving, I experienced hours of leg spasms. It was so bad that I was crying from the pain.

In desperation I bought some liquid soap from a roadside service station and tried rubbing it on my calves. I had complete relief within 2 miles.

I have told at least 25 people about this, and every one of them who tried it experienced almost instant relief.

A: Many people laugh at the idea of using soap for leg cramps or restless legs syndrome. It seems like such a silly remedy. Nevertheless, there is some science to support it.

Over a decade ago, an anesthesiologist published the results of a study that tested crushed Ivory soap in skin patches (*Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*, July 2008). The researchers reported positive results for women with menstrual cramps.

In another study, this physician tested soap-scented oil (SSO) in a special skin patch he had created. He reported that “the SSO skin patch consistently and adequately relieved muscular pain” (*Journal of Multidisciplinary Healthcare*, September 2008). The soap-scented oil doesn’t seem that different from the liquid soap you used.

Q: This may sound silly, but we New Zealanders and Australians travel a lot to resorts in



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Though it may seem strange, a few studies do support using soap to relieve leg cramps or restless leg syndrome.

Asia like Thailand, Bali and Vietnam. A favorite anti-diarrhea ploy is to take sachets of pure raspberry fruit powder or raspberry cordial containing not less than 30% raspberry.

I take a dessert spoon of the powder or a 1/4 glass of cordial the night before I leave and then each morning when I wake up. I don’t suffer from the trots during my holidays. This remedy is great for families traveling with kids.

A: Thank you for sharing this intriguing remedy. We could find no research to support your treatment plan, but it does seem benign.

Another low-tech treatment for mild travelers’ diarrhea is bismuth subsalicylate (Pepto-Bismol) (*Journal of Travel Medicine*, April 1, 2017). It will turn the stool black, but that is not something to worry about when used for just a few days.

Q: What is the best vaccine strategy for maximum protection during the flu season? Is the flu worse early in the season or later? How quickly does the shot become effective? How long does it last?

My pharmacy is urging customers to get their flu shot right now! I worry that the benefits might fade before the peak flu season is over in January or February.

A: Influenza is highly variable. There is no way to predict when it will hit, how long it will last or when it will be most virulent. Last year’s flu season persisted for over five months. The nasty H3N2 virus struck late in the season — from mid-February through mid-May. The vaccine did not work well against this strain of influenza.

As for timing, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that: “Vaccinating early — for example, in July or August — may lead to reduced protection against influenza later in the season, particularly among older adults.”

The CDC recommends that most people get vaccinated by the end of October. It takes about two weeks for your body to make antibodies against influenza viruses.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.



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REVIEW Tzucu ★★★

Gaytan's new spot may get him back his Michelin star

BY PHIL VETTEL

If there were a comeback of the year award in Chicago dining, it would undoubtedly be handed to chef Carlos Gaytan. The chef lost his 10-year-old Mexique restaurant last year, returned to his native Mexico and, a mere 18 months later, was back in Chicago with Tzucu, a restaurant that may prove to be more popular than Mexique ever was.

Opened Sept. 16 (Mexican Independence Day, not coincidentally), Tzucu boasts a primitive-contemporary look made up

of wood, fabrics, dried plants and other materials, all sourced from Gaytan's hometown of Huitzuco (from which the restaurant name derives). Mexico City-based designer Ignacio Cadena imprinted terra-cotta slabs with leaves and twigs for a fossil effect, and the sand-colored floors suggest that diners have been transported into a very successful archaeological dig.

All this surrounds a modern, open kitchen, where Gaytan, in his signature red-framed glasses,

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E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Tzucu's "spreads & bread" is an assortment of breads by baker Karen Trejo Garcia, matched to pumpkin butter, chicken-liver pate (with a chile de arbol undercurrent) and pork rillettes cooked with duck fat.



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A sweet potato pie filling was used to test 11 brands of crust that can be found in the refrigerated sections of Chicago-area grocery stores.

Pie crust taste test

We tried 11 brands to find the best choice for your holiday baking

BY GRACE WONG

With Thanksgiving only a few weeks away and Christmas close behind, it's time to start thinking about what you'll be making for your friends and family this holiday season. And what's a holiday meal without pie? As satisfying as it is to say you made an entire pie from scratch, sometimes it's just easier to focus on the filling and lean into the convenience and speed of a store-bought crust.

We all love pie, of course. Or at least 76% of us do, according to Mike Kostyo, trendologist at Datassential. And it turns out, most U.S. consumers eat their pie at home rather than a restaurant — 68% of consumers purchased their last pie at a store or made it from scratch. Of those, 22% used

purchased crust or filling. The crust is the most important factor for consumers when choosing a pie to make or eat at home, with 71% saying that they look for a flaky, high-quality crust.

We decided to help you skip the hassle of choosing that crust by trying 11 brands

that you can find in the refrigerated section at your local grocery store. This taste test — like our others on ranch dressing, sparkling water and hot chocolate — was a blind tasting, which means that participants did not know what brand of pie crust they were trying.

The first round of tastings were just the plain crust with no filling, baked according to package directions. We also included gluten-free crusts in the mix to be inclusive of people who have food sensitivities. Participants were asked to comment on the appearance, aroma and flavor of the pie

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NICK KINDELSPERGER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Whale G&T (\$14) adds floral elderflower tonic to the classic gin and tonic.

REVIEW The Whale
No stars

Looks luxurious, but food is inferior

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER

The Whale is a clip-on tie. It's a cubic zirconia peddled as a diamond. It's a racing spoiler attached to a beat-up 2005 Honda Civic. And it's also one of the most popular new restaurants in Chicago.

The Whale opened in Logan Square with almost no media exposure in early July. According to Ryan S. Marks, the owner and operator of Legacy Hospitality, which also runs The Vig in Old Town, that was by design. "I am extremely protective of my brand," says Marks, "so I rarely do press on our projects." (This may explain why Marks was reluctant on the phone about allowing us to send a photographer, and didn't respond over email. Sadly, I had to use my own iPhone shots for this review.)

But that hasn't stopped the restaurant from pulling in massive crowds. Whenever I go by, I'm impressed by the number of people jammed into the space, which has room for more than 200. It also has a sterling Yelp rating of 4 1/2 stars with more than 200 reviews, a number that trounces the totals of such acclaimed new restaurants as Wherewithall (30 reviews as of publication) and Kumiko (47 reviews).

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Pie crust

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crust, and to also consider how the crust would hold up to a filling.

After the results of the initial plain crust came in, we did a second taste test, trying the top three contenders with a sweet potato pie filling to see how they held up when filled. Tasters examined the structural integrity of the pie, how the crust tasted with a filling and if it would fit the requirements of convenience that we look for in a store-bought crust. Our test kitchen chef, Shannon Kinsella, also provided notes at the very end that helped us determine our final results.

We bought pie crusts from Aldi, Jewel-Osco, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods and Cermak, and the prices listed are what they are priced normally, without any promotions or discounts. The recipe that we used for the filling test was a sweet potato pie from "Son of a Southern Chef: Cook With Soul" (Avery, \$25) by Lazarus Lynch.

Check out the results, listed from worst to best.

And let us know what product we should try next.

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11. Whole Foods Gluten-Free All-Butter Pie Crust

This pie crust received some pretty harsh comments from our tasters, who used words like "nasty," "artificial," "sour" and "lifeless." Even though it was one of the most expensive pie crusts we tried, all the tasters agreed that it was oddly salty with an unpleasant metallic flavor. More like a floppy cracker, this pie crust received criticism for being too dry and looking oddly pale. *\$8.49, one crust*



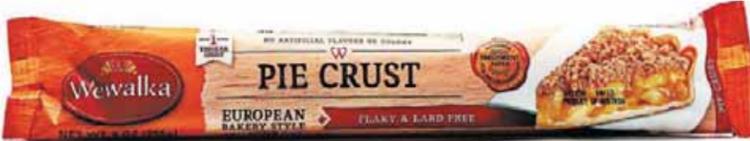
10. Trader Joe's Gluten-Free Pie Crust

"I hate this pie," one taster wrote. Another described the Trader Joe's crust as a sticky, sweet industrial accident, while others complained about a bait-and-switch — looking appetizing but tasting raw and undone despite it being baked according to the package instructions. *\$3.49, one crust*



9. Wholly Gluten-Free Pie Shell

Tasters complimented the shape of the Wholly Gluten-Free Pie Shell and said it met their textural expectations, but this crust from Whole Foods fell short when it came to taste. It was too dry and broke apart easily. One taster even said it got stuck in their throat when they tried it. *\$5.49, one crust*



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8. Wewalka European Bakery Style Pie Crust

While Wewalka's crust received compliments for its flakiness and buttery flavor, some tasters said this contender reminded them of pita bread. It had a yeasty flavor and even had pockets like pita bread. One taster said it smelled like sweat. *\$2.08, one crust*



7. Wholly Wholesome Organic Traditional Pie Shell

This was another pie crust that many described as more cracker than pie crust. One taster said it had a beautiful crimp and held together well, but overall, it was not memorable. Most said that this was the quintessential store-bought pie crust, so you won't be fooling anyone if you pick up this one, but at least it would work well with a filling that had a strong flavor. *\$5.49, one crust*



6. Signature Select Pie Crust

"This smells like your grandmother's shame," one taster wrote. But other tasters enjoyed the Signature Select crust, saying it had a flaky and buttery flavor with a salty finish, despite it looking like a "cheap cracker." Others said it was too brittle and shattered in the pan, but it received compliments for its light browning on the edges. *\$2.99, two crusts*



5. Pillsbury Pie Crusts

Tasters praised Pillsbury's crust for its pretty golden color, flaky layers, lovely smell and buttery flavor. However, others said it was mostly bland with salty edges, like a baked potato skin. Some tasters said the crust looked the most homemade of the bunch, but it wouldn't add anything to the final pie itself. *\$3.29, two crusts*



4. Bake House Creations Pie Crusts

"This has the short crust, crumbly texture I'm looking for in a pie crust," wrote one taster. Some criticized the Bake House Creations crust for smelling like bread and tasting like a cracker, but others complimented it for its sturdiness and its homemade appearance. However, one taster said it looked like it was "trying too hard," and another participant was put off by its odd yellow hue. *\$1.49, two crusts*



3. Pillsbury Deep Dish Pie Crusts

Tasters complimented the Pillsbury Deep Dish crust for looking expensive and handmade and smelling buttery, with a slight sweetness that wasn't offensive. Some tasters had concerns about it breaking apart "like it was put through luggage check at O'Hare," and their concerns proved valid when it came to the final round. Despite being one of the top two contenders, this crust bled into the filling, rendering the overall pie mushy and flaccid with a soggy bottom. *\$3.65, two crusts*



2. Trader Joe's Pie Crusts

Another top contender, Trader Joe's regular crust had a rich, brown appearance and a shortbread sugar cookie finish that was polarizing. Some loved the sweetness and others hated it, saying that it was not a pie crust. "It looks like it would crumble under filling, but who cares when it's so tasty?" one taster said. In the final round filled-pie test, we saw that the pie crust required additional rolling out of the box because it would come shattered in pieces, despite following defrosting instructions. The crust itself was also larger than a standard pie tin. *\$3.99, two crusts*



1. Essential Everyday Regular Pie Crusts

Although this one looked like a "Frisbee meets pie crust," this contender received high marks for its butteriness and flakiness. With a slight sweetness, this pie crust resembled more of a cookie to some tasters, some of who enjoyed the flavor despite its slight gumminess when chewed. This one was the ultimate winner because it was unfussy and had consistent results. Although the pies were smaller than standard pies, one batch of filling would be enough to fill both pie crusts, which we considered a win. *\$2.32, two crusts*

Sweet potato pie with gingersnap-pecan crust

Prep: 20 minutes, plus cooling time **Cook:** 2 hours, 22 minutes **Makes:** 8 servings

This recipe comes from "Son of a Southern Chef: Cook With Soul" (Avery, \$25) by Lazarus Lynch, who gained fame from his Instagram account of the same name and went on to host cooking shows. In the book, he introduces the pie this way: "Have you ever tasted Patti LaBelle's sweet potato pie ... haha? ! I must say, for a store-bought pie, it is legit! Her biggest fan, James Wright, made a video about it on YouTube that went viral (it's worth watching). You can make this pie without the nuts and still be an awesome human! James, if you taste this pie, I welcome your review LMBO!" For our pie crust tasting, we didn't use Lynch's gingersnap crust, of course, but we're providing that here.

4 large orange sweet potatoes, rinsed, see note

2 cups gingersnap cookie crumbs (about 36 cookies)

½ cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar

½ cup pecans (optional)

¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon

½ cup plus 6 tablespoons (1 ¾ sticks) unsalted butter, melted and cooled

½ cup packed light brown sugar

2 large eggs, at room temperature

¼ cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

½ teaspoon freshly grated ginger

⅛ teaspoon ground nutmeg

¼ teaspoon fine sea salt

Topping:

1 cup heavy cream

¼ cup confectioners' sugar, sifted

2 tablespoons maple syrup

1. **Line** the middle oven rack with a sheet of aluminum foil. Heat the oven to 400°F.

2. **Using** a fork, poke several holes in each potato, being careful not to poke yourself. Place the potatoes on a sheet of aluminum foil and place it straight onto the middle rack in your oven. Roast the potatoes for 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes, until tender. Remove the potatoes from the oven and let them cool until you're able to handle them. Reduce the oven temperature to 375°F. Using a knife, slit a line down the center of the potatoes and peel off the skin using your hands. I personally like snacking on the skins, with olive oil and spices. Set the potatoes aside.

3. **In the bowl** of a food processor, pulse the gingersnap crumbs, 2 tablespoons of the granulated sugar, the pecans (if using) and ¼ teaspoon of the cinnamon to combine. Add 6 tablespoons of the melted butter and pulse again until combined. Pat the mixture into the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch baking dish and bake the crust until set, 12 to 15 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 350°F.

4. **In the bowl** of a food processor, combine the sweet potatoes, remaining ½ cup melted butter, the brown sugar and the remaining ½ cup granulated sugar, and process until smooth, scraping the sides down occasionally with a rubber spatula. Add the eggs, cream, vanilla, remaining ½ teaspoon cinnamon, the ginger, nutmeg and salt, and blend until well combined. Scrape down the side of the bowl as needed to combine. Blend until thick and smooth, about 2 minutes.

5. **Pour** the batter into the crust and smooth out the top with a spatula. Bake on the bottom rack of the oven until the center is set and the pie is firm, about 1 hour 10 minutes. Let cool completely on a wire rack for 3 to 4 hours.

6. **Make** the topping: In a large bowl using a handheld mixer or in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, beat the heavy cream, confectioners' sugar and maple syrup, until it holds peaks.

7. **Slice** the pie and serve with a dollop of the whipped topping.

Note: This might seem obvious, but when I say "sweet potatoes," I'm talking about the long oval, brownish-skinned, orange-flesh sweet potatoes; not yams.

Nutrition information per serving: 983 calories, 37 g fat, 18 g saturated fat, 108 mg cholesterol, 152 g carbohydrates, 62 g sugar, 11 g protein, 823 mg sodium, 6 g fiber

Value offerings of Burgundy from France

BY DAVE MCINTYRE
The Washington Post

Burgundy is the lodestar of pinot noir and chardonnay. The region's heartland is the Cote d'Or, and Burgundy fiends love parsing the terroirs of the Cote d'Or's two subregions. The Cote de Nuits to the north includes the storied vineyards of Gevrey-Chambertin, Chambolle-Musigny, Vougeot and Vosne-Romanee. The Cote de Beaune begins just north of the city of Beaune and extends south through Pommard, Volnay, Meursault and the Montrachet sisters, Puligny and Chassagne.

The Cote d'Or, or golden slope, gets its name from the sunlight that bathes the east-facing slopes during the growing season, but it may just as well refer to the price of the wine. Even village wines, bearing just the names of those towns on their labels, command a hefty price. Move up the hierarchy established over the centuries, to single-vineyard wines awarded the status of premier cru or grand cru, and the prices soar accordingly.

Burgundy has other districts, of course. Chablis, to the north, nudging Champagne, specializes in chardonnay. Prices range from quite reasonable to lofty. In the south, the Macon supplies many a French bistro with a house white, delicious chardonnay at comfortable prices.

And just south of the Cote de Beaune is Burgundy's "Third Cote," the Cote Chalonnaise. The villages here — Rully, Givry, Mercurey, Montagny and Bouzeron are the main ones — are peasants compared with the royalty to the north. And yet, they offer terrific wines for the price.

"The Cote Chalonnaise is the best value in Burgundy today," says Decanter magazine columnist Steven Spurrier. He key-



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Some great values in Burgundy: 2016 Laurent Cognard & Co. Montagny 1er Cru Les Bassets; 2016 Louis Jadot Domaine Gagey Bouzeron; 2016 Maison Chanzy Bouzeron Clos de la Fortune Monopole; 2017 Domaine de la Folie Rully Clos la Folie Monopole; and 2016 Maison Louis Latour Mercurey Rouge.

noted a session on the Chalonnaise as Burgundy's Third Cote at this year's International Pinot Noir Celebration in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Spurrier, who helped put California on the world wine map by organizing the famous Judgment of Paris tasting in 1976, noted that Chalonaise winemakers may be benefiting from the warming climate, which is helping grapes ripen more evenly and reliably than in previous vintages.

Don't get me wrong: These wines are not cheap. Chalonnaise bottles cost between \$25 and \$50. Value doesn't always mean inexpensive. While not matching the thrill of top Burgundies, Chalonnaise wines are delicious and relatively affordable. They are great

candidates for your holiday dinner parties, family occasions or even personal vindication celebrations on a really bad day.

They are also hard to find. Their inferior status compared with wines of the Cote de Nuits or Cote de Beaune dampens market demand. Retailers may be skeptical and put these bottles on the lower shelf or the far edges of the Burgundy section. The wines may be easier to find on restaurant lists, at least when sommeliers are searching for relative bargains. So look for these town names on labels, and be willing to explore Burgundy's third slope.

Three major Burgundy producers — Faiveley, Louis Jadot and Louis Latour — have invested heavily in the

Cote Chalonnaise and are names to look for. Maison Chanzy, Domaine de la Folie, Antonin Rodet and Chateau de Chamirey are also making delicious wines.

In my recent tastings, I was most enthusiastic about the whites. I enjoyed a stunning chardonnay from Domaine de la Folie in Rully, in the northern Chalonnaise near Chassagne-Montrachet. Further south, in Montagny, I was blown away by the mineral energy of wines from Louis Latour and Laurent Cognard.

The wines of Bouzeron, an appellation devoted exclusively to the aligote grape, are also standouts. Traditionally blended with cassis to make the aperitif kir, aligote shines in Bouze-

ron, where it exhibits some of the fleshiness of white Burgundy, restrained by a mineral core.

Pinot noir from this region tends to be on the rustic side, a little rough on the edges but with fine flavors of dark cherries and truffles characteristic of the grape. Mercurey is the main appellation for pinot noir, with Faiveley and Louis Latour producing delicious examples that do indeed show sophistication. Givry, just to Mercurey's south, is the smallest of the appellations in the Chalonnaise. The pinots here tend to be juicy and well, fun, for lack of a better word.

I've used the word "peasants" to describe these wines, and I'm not alone in my sentiment. In the newly released eighth edition of

"The World Atlas of Wine," the British writers Hugh Johnson and Jancis Robinson call these wines "undernourished cousins" of the more famous wines of the Cote de Nuits and Cote de Beaune.

But this perspective compares the wine of the Cote Chalonnaise with the very best of Burgundy. Perhaps that's not the best point of view. Compared to wines in the \$10 to \$20 range, these are a definite step up in quality. They give true Burgundy character at a fraction of the price of that storied region's top wines. They are worth seeking out, on retail shelves or restaurant lists. And are worth the splurge.

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Sourdough starters take lots of care and feeding to keep them happy and bubbly — not unlike children.

BY ELIZA MCGRAW
The Washington Post

My oldest child has gone off to college, so when I picked my daughter up from field hockey practice, she was surprised to find the front passenger seat already occupied. A clear, plastic bin sat there, buckled in place by a seat belt. Inside the container, a pale, formless mass muttered and burped.

“You brought the sourdough to the carpool line?” she said.

I’d thought maybe my daughter and her gear could take the back seat, since the dough needed my attention. I like to turn it in a specific way every so often or it won’t rise properly, and I’d loaded it into the translucent container so I could check the air bubbles at red traffic lights. But instead she placed the bin behind her and got into the front seat. At first the dough shimmied and slumped in a way that did not thrill me, but to my relief it settled back into its burbling rhythm.

I made my own sourdough starter about two years ago. I swear I followed the directions, but it never quite got off the ground, so to speak. It added a nice deep flavor to sandwich bread, and I made a million waffles and

Sourdough starter like raising a kid

Attention and nurturing part of the deal

crackers with it, but no matter what I did, the round rustic bread I aspired to — with starter, not yeast, as the only leavening agent — fell flat. Results were dense, gummy-middled, and lopsided. I ruined an expensive enameled Dutch oven torching catawampus loaves at 500 degrees. Sometimes I would use a sprinkle of instant yeast — which, one of my cookbooks assured me, French bakers do all the time — and would get better outcomes, round loaves that looked like the hearth bread of my imagination. But they weren’t the crackly, thick-crust, no-yeast-needed sourdough rounds I wanted.

I craved a sourdough I could count on, such as Augustus McCrae’s in Larry McMurtry’s novel “Lonesome Dove.” “Much

as I’ve missed you,” Gus tells a friend who arrives late for breakfast, “I ain’t overworking my sourdough just because you and Deets couldn’t manage to get here in time.” A starter more valuable than guests! I longed for that level of security.

I didn’t have that yet. My starter (in no danger of overworking itself) enjoyed its indolence, but I kept trying. Then I went away and parked the starter in the refrigerator. (That slows the process, so you don’t have to feed it as often.) When I got home, there was something streaking through it, a gray rivulet. A sickly pink color tinged the starter, which had also developed strange layers. It smelled very bad. Sourdough recipes are full of fragrance adjectives like “vinegary” or “fruity,” but

this was more along the lines of “dead fish in the sun.” It had to go. I suffered as I scraped it out of its white ceramic crock. But I threw it all away.

I learned that sourdough bakers wear our hearts on our sleeves. I wasn’t the only one who had mooned over failed starter. I’d pored over online bakers’ sites and learned the lingo: cloches and oven spring, ears and bubble crowns. A baker on a Reddit forum had lost some starter and grieved. “I’m not ashamed to admit I just cried my eyes out ... my starter experiment really helped me past my most recent struggles with depression so I was more emotionally tied to them than I realized. It’s hard to even want to start a new one right now.” Others offered the baker compassion, and their own starters.

responded. “Kind of a weird shape, but look at the blisters,” I texted. “Very nice,” he wrote.

My bread kept improving. I accomplished the defined ears and the webbed interior I’d wanted. I baked on. Flour caked my watchband, glazed the eyelets of my boots, stuffed my phone’s charging jack. I doled out starter in containers to friends. I froze loaves, thin-sliced them for sandwiches and left them on neighbors’ porches. I fed the new starter a customized mixture of flours twice a day, forced dinner guests to watch it gurgle, and checked on it each dawn, just like Gus McCrae.

One morning, my daughter and a friend were eating pineapple at the kitchen table. I sliced them some of the bread, set down marmalade and jam, and loitered, waiting for praise. “Instead of Simon to feed, you have this sourdough,” my daughter said.

Growing things — children, bread dough — know you better than you may realize. You feed and measure, get your hands really dirty, and read and read. They have to rise on their own.

Eliza McGraw is a freelance writer.

DRINK

Classic bitters and soda combo is now in a can

BY LISA FUTTERMAN
Chicago Tribune

Drink too many hard seltzers last night? Fear not, help is on its way. Help that comes in a can. You can now buy bitters and soda in a can from The Bitter Housewife, an artisanal bitters company out of Portland, Oregon, available online for easy delivery to your bedside or boat dock.

Long a remedy for hangovers, hiccups and general queasiness, the combination of cocktail bitters and bubbly water helps in several ways. First, the bubbles soothe the stomach and cause a bit of healthy burping. Second, the various herbs and botanicals in the tincture fix the rocky digestion. And third, the tiny bit of alcohol in most bitters may be just enough to offset the body’s craving for a touch of booze.

The Bitter Housewife made its own version of the classic combination, dubbing it simply Bitters &

Soda. It reformulated its original Old Fashioned Aromatic bitters recipe, throwing out the alcohol and the sugar, but leaving the cherries, warm spices, fresh ginger and bitter gentian in the mix. The result — a lively, stimulating beverage that tastes like good ol’ Angostura bitters and soda, without the boozy kick.

Genevieve Brazelton founded the Bitter Housewife five years ago with her husband, crafting small-batch bitters in pure, classic flavors. Soon she started noticing that her customers were trying to drink less and were often buying her excellent bitters purely for use with their homemade sparkling water.

“People told me, ‘I keep a bottle of your bitters in my car, in my desk, in my purse so that I can put it in my seltzer,’” says Brazelton. These soda-alternative seekers form a huge part of the canned Bitters & Soda audience. “If you are choosing not to drink, you



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Bitters & Soda tastes like good ol’ Angostura bitters and soda, without the boozy kick.

still get this great craft beverage that doesn’t make you feel like you are sitting at the kiddie table.”

As with any good canned beverage, the temptation to mix a drink with it is present and palpable. (Tempting, that is, if your friends

are like mine and like their La Croix spiked with tequila and their White Claw dosed with flavored vodka.) Brazelton agrees: “People don’t need to be told to mix anything with alcohol.”

If you choose to go that route, Bitter Housewife

Bitters & Soda screams for whiskey. Whatever your brown liquor of choice may be — rye, Irish whiskey or bourbon — mixing it with Bitters & Soda makes a terrific highball before dinner. It might even cure your hiccups.

Find it: Bitters & Soda packs in 12- and 24-packs, at \$36 and \$72, respectively. Order at thebitterhousewife.com.

Lisa Futterman is a freelance writer.



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Jose, left, and Javier Lopez sit near their Casa Humilde Cerveceria tap wall at District Brew Yards. The brothers started by brewing beer at their parents' house in Hermosa. They're one of the few people of color to own a craft beer brand.

Brothers bring heritage to Casa Humilde brewery

BY JOSH NOEL

When they first planned to launch a brewery, brothers Javier and Jose Lopez had a name they thought sounded hip and relevant: Auxiliary Brewing. They even trademarked it.

But the Lopez brothers decided it didn't fit them. As a friend said, "The name makes me picture white bearded guys."

Only one of the Lopez brothers is bearded. But, more relevant, they aren't white.

The Lopez brothers were raised in Chicago's Hermosa neighborhood, the children of Mexican immigrants. Spanish was spoken at home. Their Mexican heritage has imbued their lives. They therefore didn't want their brewery to sound as if it could be anyone's. They wanted it to sound like theirs.

So Auxiliary Brewing became Casa Humilde Cerveceria, which debuted Friday as the final piece of the unique four-in-one taproom concept at District Brew Yards.

The debut of Casa Humilde completes a two-year journey that saw the brothers shifting from home brewing on the second floor of their parents' home (which is still in Hermosa) to becoming one of the relatively few people of color to own a craft beer brand.

"Casa Humilde" translates to "Humble House," which Jose Lopez, 33, said reflects the brothers' upbringing.

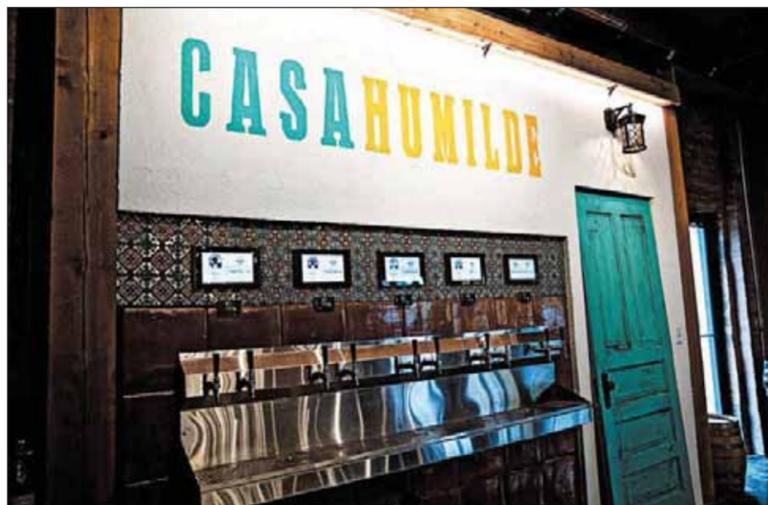
"Our parents raised us to be humble, never try to be a showoff and to help people when you can," he said. "And we got started brewing in our parents' home. So it was perfect."

The name also reflects the heritage the Lopez brothers aim to convey in their beers. Whether in the name or the beers themselves, everything in the portfolio comes with a Latin twist: Maizal (a Mexican lager which, like many mass-market Mexican lagers, is brewed with corn); Nopalli (a farmhouse ale made with prickly pear cactus puree sourced from Mexico); and Neblina (which translates to "mist"), a fruity pale ale.

The opening menu will also include Cafecito (a coffee porter), Mesita (a hibiscus table beer), Campesino (a saison) and Alba (a Vienna-style lager).

The beers range in alcohol from 3.4% to 5.7% — fairly approachable by modern standards — which is key to their goal of bridging modern craft beer and Chicago's Mexican and Mexican American communities, which largely remain loyal to the classic Mexican brands.

Javier and Jose Lopez were also once regular drinkers of Modelo Especial, Modelo Negra and Bohemia. Then they discovered craft beer: Javier first, with his first taste of



Casa Humilde translates to "humble house," which Jose Lopez says reflects their childhood.



Casa Humilde's Mesita, a hibiscus table beer, was one of the seven debut beers at the tap wall's opening.



Maizal is a Mexican lager brewed with corn, like many mass-market Mexican beers of that style.

Goose Island's Bourbon County Stout in 2007 and Jose a couple years later thanks to Three Floyd's Gumballhead.

If they can take that step, they figure, why can't others?

"We're not trying to replace those beers; the idea is more to introduce (that audience) to other beers," Jose Lopez said. "Why can't those guys who enjoy a Modelo also enjoy a Maizal?"

Maizal is in fact a striking example of what they're after. The beer is immediately recognizable as a Mexican lager — bright, crisp, refreshing and a lean 4.7% alcohol — but also offers more body than typical for the style and vague bitterness in the finish.

The Lopez brothers are not the first to seek to become craft beer crossovers with Chicago's Mexican and Mexican American beer drinkers.

Bedford Park's 5 Rabbit Cerveceria had similar plans when launching in 2011. Its audience turned out to be the fairly classic craft beer crowd.

While 5 Rabbit was launched by immigrants from Mexico and Costa Rica, the Lopez brothers hope being Chicago-born and Chicago-raised offers an advantage. So far, at early events and tastings, they say it has.

"These are our people and we want to introduce them to craft beer — a saison, a porter, a Belgian strong ale — and get them beyond the lager," Jose Lopez said. "But we also want to make lagers because we like them too. I'll never stop drinking Modelo and Victoria."

Jose Lopez left his job at a meat company and playing saxophone in a Duranguense band — it's a type of music popularized in Chicago by immigrants from the Mexican state of Durango — to learn the industry at Omega Yeast Labs and then at Hopewell Brewing, where he worked in distribution, warehousing and delivery. Javier Lopez is continuing to work in audiovisual installation while getting Casa Humilde started.

The brothers initially envisioned their own oper-

ation: a small brick-and-mortar space with a cozy taproom. Then they heard about District Brew Yards, which launched earlier this year as a way to boost Burnt City Brewing's production while also offering new beer brands the opportunity to step into a ready-made operation — taproom and audience included.

Casa Humilde joins Burnt City, Around the Bend and Bold Dog, each of which has its own wall of 10 taps. The Lopez brothers brewed Maizal and Nopalli during the summer as a test run, which was sold both on draft and in 16-ounce cans. Both sides were happy with the experiment, especially the fresh perspective and identity Casa Humilde brought to District Brew Yards.

"Diversity is one of the things attractive to everyone — something a little different," Jose Lopez said. "Different ideas, different ingredients."

Burnt City co-founder Steve Soble said "several breweries" inquired about becoming the fourth brewery at District Brew Yards. The Lopez brothers "had a well thought out business plan and branding, so we did a couple of small batches with them. We loved their beer, as did our customers. They also have incredible passion for what they are doing, which resonated with our team. It seemed like the obvious choice."

In addition to the usual beer stores and bars, Casa Humilde hopes to use its niche approach to land the beer in Mexican restaurants, both classic and modern, and seafood restaurants. The brewery's first beer pairing dinner will be Nov. 12 at Unidad, a modern Mexican restaurant in Evergreen Park. It will be a four-beer, four-course meal.

"One of the cool things is at recent events, people ask our story and where we're from," Jose Lopez said. "We say we're from Hermosa, from Chicago, born a mile or two from here. People get excited. They can make a connection with us."

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Tzucu

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directs the culinary action. With all 96 seats filled — which in my experiences has been all the time — there's plenty of action to see.

"It's crazy," Gaytan said. "There's no difference (in numbers) between Saturday and Monday. I'm really happy it's going that way."

Fans of Mexique will recognize two dishes on the menu. The steak tartare, formed atop a disk of guacamole, topped with a lightly poached egg and enlivened with pickled cauliflower and chipotle aioli, was a star appetizer on Chicago Avenue and remains so now. Ditto for the mussels, luxuriating in saffron beurre blanc with dried chorizo and pickled jalapenos.

Everything else is new. Start with the "spreads & bread," an assortment of breads by baker Karen Trejo Garcia (her huitlacoche and blue-corn roll is superb) and matched to pumpkin butter, chicken-liver pate (with a chile de arbol undercurrent) and pork rillettes cooked with duck fat.

Starting courses include a couple of fine ceviches. The tuna with charred tomatillo has a gentle kiss of serrano pepper, and the ceviche verde pairs hamachi with cactus sorbet and a cactus aguachile broth. The avocado flatbread, rich with ricotta cheese, is large enough for four to share; a sprinkling of fried chapulines (grasshoppers) adds an unexpected (for some) touch to the house guacamole.

The must-have starter is the octopus, a long, well-charred tentacle that shares the plate with a melange of potatoes, carrots and peas bound in a tuna aioli. I'd also make room for the tetela, a corn-masa triangle stuffed with shredded chicken, surrounded by spiced tomato sauce with a sour-cream-squiggle border.

Entrees include some hearty keepers. Braised short ribs are rich and tender, helped along by some parsnip puree and contrasted by a baby kale salad with fennel and orange segments. Lamb neck, steamed in maguery leaves, has a similar presentation: a little garbanzo-bean puree on the side, and a bright salad of greens and mint as a palate cleanser.

My favorite is the pork pibil, a hefty pork shank topped with habanero pickled onions and a coarse spread of avocado-infused black beans. Gaytan said this dish is so popular, he's making 30 or more pork shanks per day.

For lighter dishes, look to the guajillo-rubbed skate wing, its golden crust peeking out from a blanket of orange segments, fennel and Brussels sprout leaves; and chicharron de pescado, an artfully composed fried snapper with pickled vegetables and salsa Veracruzano. The trout, baked in a smoked corn husk with vegeta-



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The pulpo enamorado, an essential starter of a well-charred octopus tentacle with potatoes, carrots and peas bound in a tuna aioli.



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The tomahawk rib-eye with oven-roasted tomatoes, fingerling potatoes and a goat cheese and chipotle fondue.



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Carlos Gaytan is back with Tzucu, which may prove to be more popular than was his now-closed Michelin-starred restaurant Mexique.



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The trout, baked in a corn husk with tomato-almond pesto.

bles and tomato-almond pesto, is a superstar.

There are a couple of steaks on the menu, which I'd ordinarily view as sops to the unadventurous guest. But Gaytan said that a good steak, with his goat cheese and chipotle fondue, is what he'd want for his last meal, and the steaks are very good — particularly the dry-aged rib-eye, a 20-ounce, \$69 splurge. Frankly, I'd

enjoy even a tough discount steak if that fondue were included.

Playful desserts include the pinguino, appropriately a black-and-white study featuring a chocolate cake bar filled with chocolate mousse and vanilla creme — a grocery-store pastry writ large. There's also a very nice hazelnut spongecake with chocolate and salted-caramel ice cream. The exciting sweet fea-

Tzucu

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Tribune rating: ★★

Open: Dinner daily; brunch Friday-Sunday (launches Nov. 15)

Prices: Main courses \$21-\$38 (steaks \$52-\$69)

Noise: Conversation-challenged

tures guanabana, a Latin American fruit; it arrives as sorbet, placed over avocado foam surrounded by citrus-infused tapioca pearls. This uncommon mix of tastes and textures is one to try.

The wine list is refreshingly affordable, and includes more than a dozen by-the-glass pours, most ranging from \$11-\$15. Cocktails include an excellent signature margarita, and a smoky Old-Fashioned made with mole syrup and mole bitters.

Service was as precise and friendly as any out-and-about

critic might expect, but I was nevertheless impressed by how well the servers knew the menu and the myriad ingredients contained therein.

At some point — hopefully before the year is out — the chef will unveil Tales of Carlos Gaytan, a 12-seat restaurant-within-a-restaurant with a chef-designed fixed menu. Maybe that's where I'll find pata al tamarindo, the fruity duck breast entree that was one of my favorites at Mexique.

Guests looking for Tzucu may be momentarily puzzled to find the 720 address attached to a bright Mexican bakery. That would be Panango, an adjunct to Tzucu that's producing wonderful baked goods. Tzucu itself is a door north, fronted by a not-yet-operational outdoor patio (see you next May). You'll figure it out.

In its heyday, Mexique earned a Michelin star two consecutive years before inexplicably losing it. I predict that star will be back in place a year from now.

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The Whale

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So how did The Whale successfully break into one of Chicago's hottest and most crowded dining neighborhoods?

It didn't do it by being a nautically themed restaurant. As The Whale makes abundantly clear, it is not named after the sea-dwelling mammal, but the term casinos use for an obscenely wealthy gambler. Here's how the restaurant defines the term on its website: "Whales typically have a budget (front money or a credit line) ranging anywhere from \$1M to \$20M and in a weekend could easily be up or down millions."

Obviously, this excludes me, considering the most I've ever bet is \$100, which I quickly lost at Caesars Palace in 2013. And I'm guessing you, dear reader, probably don't have tens of millions to throw around on a random weekend.

But what's wrong with a little pretend? I may not swim in pools of money, Scrooge McDuck-style, but I'm all for sipping costly cocktails in luxurious hotel bars where I'm not a guest and devouring dry-aged beef at stylish River North steakhouses. If I feel like I'm really being pampered, I occasionally love to splurge.

The Whale looks like some swanky downtown hot spot, making it stick out from the much more modest restaurants in Logan Square. A glimmering chandelier greets you upon entry. Plush booths line up in front of you and polished blue tile gleams on the walls. To reinforce the Vegas vibe, black and white photos of the Rat Pack litter the walls, along with portraits of showgirls in various states of dress.

Perhaps most shocking for a restaurant in Logan Square, the tables at The Whale are large and generously spaced from each



Steak frites at The Whale (\$24) in Logan Square.

other. It's honestly comfortable, which is a bigger deal for the neighborhood than you might think. As I mentioned in my review of Superkhana International, Logan Square restaurants aren't exactly known for their creature comforts. Sometimes dining out at a place like Fat Rice or Giant can feel like a lifesize game of Jenga, where going to the restroom requires you to dexterously slip past other tables and people without knocking anything over.

I'm willing to sit uncomfortably close to a random stranger for an hour or two if I get to experience some of the most thoughtful and creative restaurants in Chicago. The Whale, however, is not a chef-driven project. It doesn't even mention a chef on its website. That explains why the menu seems less like someone's unique culinary vision, and more like a committee's attempt to come up with dishes that merely sound fancy.

Sadly, it's not clear that the owners have any interest in doing the hard work. You can find the first hint that The Whale is not all it claims to be on the first page of the menu. Open it up and you'll come face to face with the

The Whale

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thewhalechicago.com

Tribune rating: No stars

Open: Dinner daily, brunch and late-night menu also offered Saturdays and Sundays

Prices: Large plates \$16-\$39

Noise: Loud

Ratings key: Four stars, outstanding; three stars, excellent; two stars, very good; one star, good; no stars, unsatisfactory. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

"Champagnes & sparkling wine" section, but it should read "a single bottle of Champagne" list, since there's only one real Champagne available, Veuve Clicquot, which you can order for \$149. The rest of the offerings are sparkling wines like prosecco and lambrusco of the quality that you could find at any well-stocked grocery store. As for the rest of the wine list, don't expect any help deciding what to order. When I asked my waitress for a wine suggestion to go with a



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Pan seared mahi mahi in an orange-habanero butter (\$27).

steak, all she said was, "Well, we have red wine."

The beef for the steak frites (\$24) may be dry-aged — Marks claims it has been aged for 48 days — but it was also mushy and cooked past my requested medium-rare. Pan seared mahi mahi (\$27) also arrived overcooked, not to mention swamped in a distracting orange-habanero butter. At these prices, you shouldn't have to worry.

But that's nothing to the gall that goes into the spreads section, where you pay an outrageous \$18 for grilled bread not made in-house and three bland and overly creamy dips. All I can do is think of the care and quality of the cheese and bread served at nearby places like Table, Donkey & Stick and Bungalow by Middle Brow.

The restaurant even stumbles over less ambitious fare. The Southern fried chicken sandwich (\$12) features meat that is so overly brined, each bite tastes watery with a squeaky texture.

As for the desserts, my 6-year-old daughter took a bite of the dry pineapple upside-down cake (\$9) and indignantly demanded that this not count as her dessert for the evening. (I felt the same.)

If you must visit, get a drink. At

its core, The Whale is a competent bar with decent cocktails, like The Whale G&T (\$14), which adds floral elderflower tonic to the classic gin and tonic. It's got nothing on the carefully crafted cocktails at nearby bars like Billy Sunday or Lost Lake, but sipping on one in this room is a fine way to spend an hour.

The issue is that The Whale wants to be more than a bar. As Marks let me know, he wants it to be a "restaurant for everyone" in a neighborhood filled with "niche restaurants."

But for these prices, it's competing against some serious downtown destinations, which have the service and skill to back up the high checks.

So why is it so popular?

Is it just because it's pretty and comfortable? If this is what people want — expensive faux-luxurious food and sports-bar level service with comfy seats — then that's sad news for restaurants that genuinely care about food.

While certainly not the worst restaurant in Chicago, I can't think of one that fills me with such dread.

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Local craft hard seltzer is top-notch

BY JOSH NOEL

It's remarkable it took this long, but here it is: Chicago's first canned, locally made hard seltzer.

After a summer of hard seltzer — ahem, *the* summer of hard seltzer (“Ain’t no laws when you’re drinking Claws!” didn’t become a Facebook sensation by accident) — City Water debuted last week.

It is, in a sense, the anti-White Claw. City Water is craft. It is local. White Claw’s identity is sleek; City Water’s is psychedelic. White Claw comes in hard seltzer’s vessel of choice — slim 12-ounce cans that reflect its “better for you” ethos; City Water is packaged in the classic 12-ounce cans more likely to hold beer.

But here’s the most important factor: Of all the hard seltzers on shelves — and we’ve tasted about 100 of them — City Water is among the very best.

The bar hasn’t exactly been set high, which is why Truly, the industry’s second-biggest player behind White Claw, is reformulating its entire lineup to be “crisper and more refreshing.”

Crisp and refreshing is precisely what makes for quality hard seltzer. City Water has it. Bonus: City Water’s flavors aren’t messy or cloying — another common downfall during hard seltzer’s short tenure as an industry sensation.

City Water comes from an unlikely source, and it’s one you’d only know by examining the fine print of a City Water can: Solemn Oath Brewery, of Naperville, which is opening a Logan Square taproom in early 2020.

Solemn Oath spent eight months tweaking City Water, tasting various flavors from various providers and in different concentrations and combinations, until landing on its lineup: Mixed Berry, Lime Coconut, Grapefruit and Valencia Orange Cranberry. Each is 5% alcohol and 110 calories. (Solemn Oath would like to eventually nudge the calorie count down to White Claw’s 100.)

City Water is less a comment on Solemn Oath’s commitment to beer than what the brewery sees as a nod to reality.

“At different social gatherings, people I wouldn’t expect (to be) drinking seltzer seemed to be



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John Barley is co-founder of Solemn Oath Brewery, which has introduced the hard seltzer City Water.

drinking them,” said Solemn Oath’s chief operating officer, Eric Hobbs. “If I see my sales director drinking seltzer and my neighbors drinking it, and I’m getting on a train to go downtown for a show and all the 20-somethings are drinking it, there’s something to it.”

City Water is not starting small: Starting Monday, it is available throughout the Whole Foods and Binny’s chains, plus at many independent beer and grocery stores, Hobbs said. Each flavor is available in six-packs of 12-ounce cans at the same \$9.99 usually charged for White Claw and Truly.

Solemn Oath is already envisioning growth, including mixed-flavor 12-packs — the engine of the seltzer craze — as well as 19.2-ounce cans.

As big as White Claw has become — variety 12-pack sales are up 181% year to date, according to Chicago market research firm IRI — its success is still something of a mystery. How did it get so big so fast? How did it manage to take share from light beer, craft beer,



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City Water, made by Solemn Oath Brewery, is the Chicago area’s first locally made hard seltzer. The initial lineup comes in four flavors: Mixed Berry, Lime Coconut, Grapefruit and Valencia Orange Cranberry.

wine and spirits? And further, do people want craft and local hard seltzer? We’re about to find out.

Rather than mimic White Claw, City Water is pivoting away from it, and very much by design.

“To have a local option to be pumped about, which obviously is what we’re about in the craft beer movement, that’s a strength, we think,” Solemn Oath co-founder

John Barley said. “We very intentionally wanted to do something else (with the brand). We want it to feel different and to stand out.”

Yet Solemn Oath also felt it was important for City Water not to be too closely aligned with the brewery.

“We’re proud of what we do as a brewery, but we want this to live autonomously because seltzer

lives very separately from craft beer,” Hobbs said.

As it was working on City Water, Solemn Oath wasn’t necessarily trying to release the Chicago area’s first local hard seltzer. But it hopes being first is an advantage.

“Having gone through the process, and understanding how hard it is, I’m guessing other people are trying to make seltzer and not happy yet,” Hobbs said. “It took a long time for us to be happy.”

In addition to retail stores, City Water will be available at bars and restaurants that include Girl & the Goat, Little Goat, Emporium, Jake Melnick’s, Monk’s Pub, Bangers & Lace, Parlor Pizza and Beermission. It is available for \$5 per can (though not on draft) at Solemn Oath’s Naperville taproom.

As for the seltzers themselves, I’d rank two as excellent, one as good and the other as just OK.

My favorites were not flavors I necessarily gravitate toward: Mixed Berry and Lime Coconut. Mixed Berry has a strong berry aroma — sort of SweeTARTS-like. But, like the best hard seltzers, the flavor is clean and true.

A bit of astringency makes Mixed Berry crisp and refreshing. Truly’s has shown how difficult nailing berry flavors can be in hard seltzer — which is why parent company Boston Beer is re-vamping the brand. Solemn Oath, however, shows it can be done.

Lime Coconut may be even more impressive.

Coconut flavors in many alcoholic beverages take on suntan lotion-like notes. This attempt tastes like actual ripe coconut, with well-integrated lime flavor (including hints of lime rind). If a hard seltzer can be deftly balanced, this is it.

There isn’t much cranberry character in Valencia Orange and Cranberry; the orange does most of the heavy lifting. But it does so quite well. It’s dry and, like the others, quite tidy and refreshing.

Grapefruit has a fairly authentic flavor, leaning toward the pith character. It’s drier and more bitter, and could use a touch of “juicy” grapefruit flavor.

Though my least favorite of the four, it’s still better than the average hard seltzer. And it shines with a shot of gin added.

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