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TRUMP IMPEACHMENT HEARING



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Former White House national security aide Fiona Hill, left, and David Holmes, a U.S. diplomat in Ukraine, are sworn in.

Hill: 'A domestic political errand'

Ex-White House expert on Russia tells panel of EU envoy's back-channel efforts

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN AND ELISE VIEBECK
 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — House Democrats on Thursday concluded a 72-hour blitz of impeachment hearings with testimony from two witnesses who reinforced that President Donald Trump likely withheld military aid and a coveted White House meeting

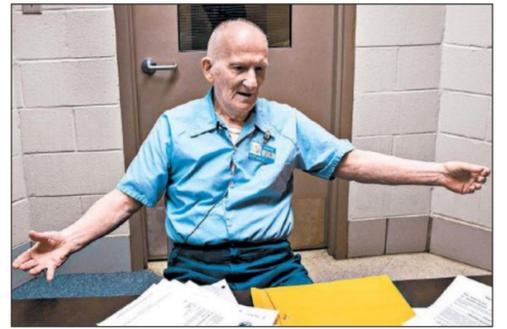
from Ukraine to sway that country to investigate his political rival. The testimony from Fiona Hill, a former White House adviser on Russia, and David Holmes, a counselor in the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine, closed a dramatic week in which lawmakers summoned nine witnesses to describe what Democrats believe was a self-serving effort by Trump and his allies to

coerce Ukraine into announcing an investigation into former Vice President Joe Biden — to the detriment of U.S. national security interests. Their testimony might be the last the House Intelligence Committee takes publicly as part of its impeachment inquiry. The committee has begun writing a report summarizing its findings, according to people familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the Democrats' next moves. Once that has been completed,

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- Bloomberg filed papers declaring himself a candidate for president, a move that could upend Democrats spring nomination fight.
- A group of GOP senators and senior officials met privately Thursday to map out a strategy for a potential impeachment trial of the President Trump. **Nation & World, Page 11**



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Chester Weger was convicted in the 1960 homicide of three Riverside women at Starved Rock State Park.

Board grants Starved Rock killer parole

Freedom looms for the man convicted in an infamous 1960s triple murder

BY CHRISTY GUTOWSKI

SPRINGFIELD — For nearly six decades, Chester Weger has lived his life in prison after confessing to the haunting 1960 Starved Rock State Park murders of three suburban Chicago women who were attacked during a hike in broad daylight. On Thursday, members of the Illinois Prisoner Review Board decided that was long enough, granting the 80-year-old inmate his freedom in a stunning 9-to-4 vote that brought relief to his family but stirred memories of loss and pain for relatives

of the slain women. After the board's decision, a granddaughter of one of the victims crossed the room in the crowded Springfield board office and tearfully embraced Weger's younger sister, Mary Pruett, 77, who said she always has believed her brother's claims of innocence. Though Diane Oetting's grandmother was among the victims and she urged the board to keep Weger behind bars, Oetting said she recognized his family's suffering as well. The two families

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Netanyahu indicted in corruption cases

Israeli PM slams fraud, bribery charges, accuses prosecutors of 'attempted coup'

BY JOSEF FEDERMAN AND ARON HELLER
 Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was indicted Thursday in a series of corruption cases, throwing Israel's paralyzed political system into further disarray and threatening his 10-year grip on power. He rejected calls to resign, angrily accusing prosecutors of staging "an attempted coup." The first-ever charges against a sitting Israeli prime minister capped a three-year investigation, with Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit indicting Netanyahu for fraud, breach of trust and accepting bribes. "A day in which the attorney general decides to serve an indictment

against a seated prime minister for serious crimes of corrupt governance is a heavy and sad day, for the Israeli public and for me personally," Mandelblit, who was appointed by Netanyahu, told reporters. The indictment does not require Netanyahu, 70, to resign, but it weakens him at a time when Israel's political parties appear to be limping toward a third election in under a year. Netanyahu appeared on national TV late Thursday, claiming he was the victim of a conspiracy by police and prosecutors who had intimidated key witnesses into testifying against him. He defiantly claimed the indictment stemmed from "false accusations"

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Catholics grieve parish closures

Chicago archdiocese says consolidation of some 15 parishes set stage for renewal

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

When the schoolchildren, their parents and fellow parishioners at St. Thecla Church began singing an old Christian hymn, something changed. A calm fell over the room. Magnified by the acoustics inside the sanctuary, their voices carried through the church. But the cheerful melo-

dy of the hymn couldn't mask the sorrow many of them felt. A calm may have befallen the church, but some hearts were still aching. "I don't understand it," said Carolyn Palmert, who's been a member of the church for more than 30 years. "This is heart-breaking," she said as her eyes filled with tears. Most of the church



members and St. Thecla students in the pews Tuesday morning for Mass were still flustered after learning days earlier their church would be closing next year.

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Dan Strzoda, 84, prays during Mass at St. Thecla Catholic Church in Chicago, which will close next year and merge with two others to form a new parish.

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- A story on Page 1 Thursday about the official Chicago Christmas tree incorrectly stated the year and location of a donated Christmas tree with contested ownership. According to new information from the city's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, the contested tree was from the town of McHenry in 2010.
- A story on Wednesday's front page inaccurately described how many hours some Cook County food stamp recipients will have to work to maintain benefits. Starting Jan. 1, they will have to work, volunteer or participate in job training for at least 80 hours a month.
- An editorial Tuesday stated that America has 3.2 million math teachers. That is the number of all K-12 public school teachers. Of those, about 1.5 million teach math all or part of each day, according to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, which notes that its number excludes many parochial and other private school teachers. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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JOHN KASS

MR. THANKSGIVING ADVICE MAN

Open the bar before noon, and make sure to get video of the family fight

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man has been busy becoming woke and preparing for the holiday by decolonizing himself to strip away all those nasty "European" influences before the feast. But he did make time to help you with all your Thanksgiving social and culinary needs.

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man, is it justifiable homicide if you kill the guest that you catch hiding in the kitchen, stealing turkey skin? Asking for a friend. Donalee Westler

I have no mercy for turkey skin thieves. But best you make it look like a "kitchen accident" involving lime Jell-O with those floating fruit chunks.

How do you prove that your turkey was murdered when everyone is saying it took its own life? Peggy Meskin Zabicki

C'mon Peggy! Everyone knows that #turkeydidn'tkillhimself.

Why would Liberals even celebrate Thanksgiving? It's symbolic of both America's Judeo-Christian theocratic founding and its inherent oppression of Native American migrants. Eugene Geekie

Don't be rude. The left likes Thanksgiving too, although some forget who they're supposed to thank. But politics has no home at the Thanksgiving table. Don't mock Impeachment Theater until everyone is good and drunk and holding sharp forks. If you feel your guests may find traditional fare too "colonially offensive," then serve Elizabeth Warren's authentic Cherokee dish: cold omelets with crabmeat, from her recipe in "Pow Wow Chow."

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man, do you prefer carving ahead of time with a nice display on a platter, or carving at the table "al fresco" style? Brian Kuhn

I'd rather carve al fresco, which I hope means "wearing clothing." But carving at the table also requires a platter. And platters should be reserved for the pre-meal Thanksgiving ritual, "The Presentation of The Bongos."

Before digging into Thanksgiving dinner, a family I know goes around the table and says what they're thankful for. One of the senior members is always tempted to give thanks he was not given any federal jail time during the past year, and that none of the bodies (metaphorically speaking) have been accidentally dug up. But he's worried how the grandchildren might react. What's your opinion Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man? Should he say how he really feels or mouth the usual platitudes? Asking for a friend. Ray S

Tell the kids the truth Ray. No one else will. Then have them call the feds.



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Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man, my cousin is going to bring fried okra. He's also going to bring a really good pie. Would it be too rude to make him keep the okra on a card table in the garage while we eat the pie in the living room? Mike Hartley

Eat the pie and keep the barbarian in the garage where he belongs. Fried okra? You know what fried okra looks like? I can't even type a description without gagging.

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man, if we get a different president by next Thanksgiving who wants us to "eat the rich" will you still be the go-to-guy on how to cook 'em? Grant Davies

Of course, I'll be the go-to guy. We'll make a nice soup of the heads once AOC lops them off for us. And we'll braise a few hedge fund kings. But the rich are tough to cook, and difficult to catch. They're not like the middle class, which sits patiently without complaint, like frogs in a kettle of cold water, and stays there passively through the boil.

Dear Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man: Now that (U.S. Rep.) Mike Quigley has become a celebrity liberal spokesperson, is it OK to invite him over for holiday dinner? I promise that this year he can sit at the "big kids table." Tom Winike

No, have Quigley sit outside on a cold lawn chair. As your guests leave, they can tell him about the tasty meal. Says reader **Dave Drown**, "This hearsay would be much better than him evidencing it himself."

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man has one more thing to say: Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

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HERE'S TO THE HOLIDAY BIRTHDAY BABIES

WHO GET
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**MARY
SCHMICH**

Let's pause for a moment before the holidays hit high gear to honor a neglected segment of our society: the holiday birthday babies.

We are the people born in the social whirlwind from Thanksgiving week through New Year's week, those patient souls whose birthdays arrive in the holiday hubbub as an afterthought, an inconvenience, an intrusion.

We are Republicans and Democrats, old and young, people of all creeds and colors united by our birthday's placement on the most clogged part of the annual calendar.

Year after year, from childhood through senescence, our birthdays are accompanied by turkeys and fruitcake and mistletoe. It is our fate to celebrate our aging process to the strains of "Santa Baby" when all we really want is a sincere chorus of "Happy Birthday."

But no. A stand-alone birthday celebration is often not the destiny of the holiday baby. Before you fire off that email — "The country is burning and you're whining about birthdays?!" — let me assure you I am not whining. My friends and family reliably

note my late November birthday, and I would never whine that this year it falls on the day after Thanksgiving when no sane person would want further celebration. I am merely describing a phenomenon that may affect you or someone you love.

Here is the fate of many holiday birthday babies:

Their potential birthday festivities are often preempted by someone's holiday party or by Thanksgiving dinner or by the travel needed to get to and from holiday gatherings.

Their holiday presents often double as birthday presents. Ditto for the cards.

Their friends offer to celebrate their birthdays in late January, when everyone is again free and bored, though by then the holiday birthday feels as stale as that uneaten fruitcake.

Consider this testimony from one such man, my colleague Eric Zorn.

"I guess in olden times, the 12th Day of Christmas — January 6, my birthday — was a big whoop-dee-doo with drummers drumming, lords leaping and so on," Eric says. "But in modern times it's become a shabby day on which everyone is suffering from holiday fatigue. It's Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's — and then Make It Stop! No one really wants another party.

Even I don't want another party."

As a consequence, Eric says, he has become a "birthday Scrooge."

"I project the low expectations for my own birthday onto others," he says, "and never can seem to generate the appropriate enthusiasm."

When I ask holiday babies about their experiences, many reply with words like "bummer" or "sigh" or "forgotten." They dream of a birthday in the open fields of May.

To be fair, however, it should be noted that not all holiday birthday babies mind. Some enjoy the holiday crunch, or at least learn to make do.

Rebecca Loda Fortner of Lombard calls herself a "Christmas baby" and has a son whose birthday sometimes falls on Thanksgiving.

"My husband learned quickly to stay away from the 'merry birthday' cards," she says. "I'm 42 and my mom still makes a point to say 'happy birthday' and hand me a card separately."

Katherine O'Brien of La Grange, born on Dec. 30, enjoys her natal proximity to Christmas.

"As a kid," she says, "it was nice to know that the holiday excitement wasn't quite over. A few more presents to unwrap."

For some, like Mary Anne Brown of River Forest, who was born on Dec. 25, being a holiday baby breeds self-reliance.

"As a child with five siblings," she says, "I used to wake up and sing happy birthday loudly so everyone would hear."

Other holiday babies make the best of the seasonal crunch by forgoing birthday celebrations and celebrating their half-birthdays in the quieter times of spring and summer.

Don't misunderstand. We holiday babies are grateful to be born and glad to be alive. Every birthday is its own gift, a recognition that gets clearer as the years pass.

As my friend Susan Berger, born Jan. 3, puts it:

"I often got one bigger gift for Hanukkah and my birthday and always thought that unfair. As I got older, no one was much up for celebrating following Christmas and New Year's. That said, I am a 22-year breast cancer survivor and since my diagnosis never complain about my birthday. Very grateful for every one."

That's the perfect attitude, but it doesn't hurt to say to all the neglected holiday babies out there: Happy birthday and jingle all the way.

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Sexual misconduct in CPS continues amid oversight

Feds: Student-on-student harassment accounts for majority, but all types of cases up this year

BY HANNAH LEONE

Hundreds of new claims of sexual misconduct and gender-based harassment involving Chicago Public Schools students have been made since September, when the U.S. Department of Education announced it would oversee the district's handling of investigations to protect students from sexual violence.

Over a recent yearlong period, 96 adults were pulled or blocked from CPS schools amid sexual misconduct allegations. Of those, 22 have been reinstated, and 57 were fired or quit, according to the inspector general.

CPS Inspector General Nick Schuler, whose office investigates claims against CPS employees and vendors, said the rate of sexual allegations against adults in the district has been fairly consistent since his last report in July, "leveling out at about three cases a day" over the past year in the district of about 355,000 students.

Student-on-student misconduct continues to account for most of the reports coming in to the Office of Student Protections, but there's been a significant increase in all types of cases this year, said Camie Pratt, the district's coordinator for Title IX, the federal law that bans gender discrimination in schools.

During the first two months of the school year, Pratt said the OSP received 620 misconduct cases, a nearly 33% increase from the 417 cases over the same period last year.

Just Thursday morning, Stone Elementary Scholastic Academy families were told that a non-CPS employee who provides transportation for students is accused of inappropriate conduct with a student who attends another district school. The employee has been blocked from working in CPS, the inspector general is investigating and the OSP is connecting the affected student with support services, according to an email to from Principal Jay Brandon.

"Please know that we are taking this situation seriously, and we remain committed to providing our students with a safe, positive learning environment where they can reach their full potential," Brandon wrote in the email. "While I am unable to discuss details regarding the investigation, I am always available to discuss steps the district takes to keep students safe and matters related to your child."

Of allegations reported to the OSP since the start of this school year, 466, or 75%, were against students, including six reports of student-on-adult misconduct. While 90 of those cases involved a CPS employee, there were 54 instances where misconduct was alleged against an adult not affiliated with CPS. There were five allegations against CPS vendors, according to Pratt's report.

By comparison, the first two months of last school year saw 326 student-on-student cases and 91 adult-on-student cases, with 32 of those adults affiliated with CPS.

Even if investigations were held up because the accused was not identified, students are still receiving supports, Pratt said.

The most allegations against students this year involved sexual or gender harassment, with 147 such cases. Of the other claims against students, 121 involved inappropriate touching, 70 related to sexual electronic communication, 77 alleged sexual or dating violence and 25 were alleged instances of exposure, voyeurism or masturbation.

Of the allegations against adults, 46 involved grooming, 42 were alleged sexual violence, 30 alleged sexual or gender harassment and 24 involved inappropriate touching. There were less than six allegations each of electronic communication, gender-based discrimination and exposure, voyeurism or masturbation.

Around the time last year when the Tribune's "Betrayed" series revealed widespread failures to prevent or adequately handle allegations of sexual misconduct committed against CPS students, the Board of Education hired an outside expert to review all related practices and policies. At this week's board meeting, Pratt detailed other changes CPS has since

implemented, including the creation of a Protecting Chicago's Children task force, and the Office of Student Protections and Title IX. CPS also launched a hotline, gave the inspector general responsibility for investigating sexual misconduct involving CPS-affiliated adults and began issuing quarterly reports.

And in September, in what federal officials called a historic enforcement action to protect students from sexual violence, CPS entered into a legally binding agreement with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and pledged extensive reforms in its handling of abuse and assault cases.

The inspector general reported that the office opened 535 sexual misconduct investigations in the 12 months ending on Sept. 30.

Slightly more cases were opened at high schools than elementary schools, with 273 involving upper-grade students and 260 elementary students, but per student, allegations are made about 2.8 times as often in high schools than in elementary schools, Schuler said.

The majority of those cases — 249 — involved "leering, 'creepy' or other potentially concerning behavior." There were 74 grooming cases, 53 sexual abuse cases, 51 touching cases, 41 sexual act cases, 38 in-person sexual comment cases, seven sexual electronic communication cases, and 10 each labeled student-on-staff inappropriate conduct and "outrage about old conduct."

Among those are 228 cases against teachers, 81 against security guards, 33 substitute teachers, 32 special education classroom assistants, 43 vendors, 15 coaches, 14 principals or assistant principals, 10 bus drivers or aides and seven deans.

Of the inspector general cases, 239 remain active investigations, 73 are closing or "substantially complete," and 223 are closed. Of the closed cases, 67 were substantiated and 154 were not.

Since October 2018, criminal charges resulting from CPS-related allegations include nine sexual abuse or assault cases, one aggravated battery case and one indecent solicitation of a minor case, with teachers, a dean and coach, a bus driver, a vendor employee and a security guard among the accused.

Grooming can be difficult to determine, with some seemingly inappropriate communications that "you can't tie ... to a sexual purpose," Schuler said.

Factors affecting how long an investigation takes include police or DCFS investigations, outstanding subpoenas and scheduling interviews, according to the report.

"I think the investigators tend to have pretty high caseloads, and we are trying to close them," Schuler said. "We want to investigate them all as well as we can, so undoubtedly the most serious cases are getting the right amount of attention."

He said investigators seek to make sure they're not overlooking behavior that leads to repeat offenses.

"It's time intensive, and we are really trying to get it right," Schuler said.

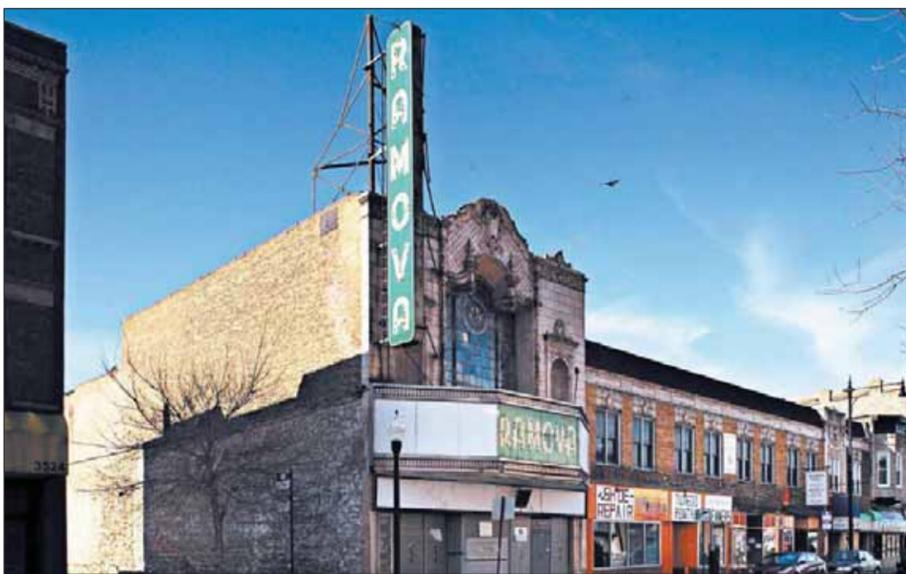
General counsel Joe Moriarty said one of the district's committees is monitoring these types of complaints to determine if there are patterns among employees and students. Schuler said his office is also interested in figuring out if there are "pockets of offenders" but that the problem appears to be spread across many types of schools.

Since the federal oversight began, CPS has updated Title IX policies and procedures, and is also working on training for all students and parents. By July, CPS expects to revise its mandatory training for all staff districtwide, according to the Office of Student Protections.

Board member Lucino Sotelo asked about what else can be done in the future to try to prevent misconduct in the first place.

"Down the road ... what does good look like in terms of prevention?" he asked. "What can we do to prevent this? What would it take to get there?"

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The Ramova Theater is at 3518 S. Halsted St. in the Bridgeport neighborhood.

Face-lift for Ramova

Plan to revive theater recalls days when 'it was like walking into another world'

BY ELAINE CHEN

A long-shuttered historic movie theater building in Bridgeport could soon be revived as a live entertainment venue, restaurant, and brewery.

Plans to redevelop the 90-year-old Ramova Theater at Halsted and 35th streets were announced at a community meeting Tuesday night by Ald. Patrick Daley Thompson, 11th.

The \$23 million planned renovation includes converting the theater, currently owned by the city, into a concert and performance space that can hold 1,600 people, according to the developer, Tyler Nevius.

The developer's plans also include buying a privately-owned parking lot across the street and privately-owned vacant commercial spaces next to the theater. The commercial spaces would be transformed into a new brewery and, with the help of Bridgeport native and chef Kevin Hickey, a revived Ramova Grill, a former restaurant next to the theater that once was known for its chili.

The announcement comes after repeated efforts by the city and community members to redevelop the theater.

Maureen Sullivan, a Bridgeport native who ran for alderman in 2015, began a campaign to restore the theater in 2005, she said. At that time, seeing buildings on 31st through 35th streets and Halsted Street being torn down, "that made me nervous

that my beloved theater that had been empty since 1986 would be next."

She circulated a petition and received 5,000 signatures in a few months, she said. She also got in contact with the late Ray Shephardson, a theater restoration specialist who restored the Chicago Theatre. With a lack of funding, however, her efforts to revive the Ramova stalled.

After renovation plans were revealed Tuesday night, "this is the first time in 15 years that I'm actually really allowing myself to be excited," Sullivan said. "I've been cautiously optimistic the whole time."

Sullivan said her first memory of the theater was when she went to go see "Bambi" as a 4-year-old. Living five blocks from the theater, she constantly visited the theater with friends while growing up. "We'd be there all day."

"It was like walking into another world," she said. "You smelled the popcorn as soon as you walked in, and it was like you were entering into a playground."

The Ramova originally was built as a larger sister of Lakeview's Music Box Theatre and was owned by a Lithuanian family, who named it using a word for "peaceful place."

After the theater closed, the city acquired it in 2001, and has long been in the search of a developer to buy the building. The city has so far spent \$364,000 in masonry, roof and drainage repairs for the building, according to the Department of

Planning and Development.

"A number of different folks that walked through and saw the building got scared off by the conditions, the deterioration over three decades," Thompson said.

But Nevius approached the alderman in 2017 and "was really enthusiastic about it."

Nevius started a development company called One Revival Chicago specifically for the redevelopment, he said. He aims to restore the marquee and his company will "do our best" to restore the lobby.

One Revival Chicago is seeking to get the theater and a neighboring vacant lot from the city for \$1, a Department of Planning and Development spokesman said. The developer is also seeking \$6.6 million in tax-increment financing assistance for the redevelopment.

"I'm in this for the long haul," Nevius said, noting that he's been negotiating with the city on staying on the project for at least 10 years, or else the TIF funds would be repaid to the city.

Because the plan seeks tax assistance, it would go before the Community Development Commission, possibly as early as Dec. 10, a Department of Planning and Development spokesman said. Before going to City Council, the plan would also need to be approved by the Plan Commission for zoning changes and the Commission on Chicago Landmarks, as the terra cotta exterior of the theater could be considered a landmark.

The renovation has been a long time coming for many Bridgeport residents.

'It just didn't feel right to me'

911 caller says of man who died in custody for suspicion of shoplifting

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND ROSEMARY SOBOL

As onlookers gathered around the checkout area of a Lakeview East grocery store Wednesday night, one customer who took video of part of the confrontation said three employees detained a man suspected of shoplifting, including one large man lying for a time on top of the man, who later died.

Surveillance video shows employees brought the man to the ground and handcuffed him after his "being held down for a couple of minutes," then brought to his feet, according to a police source. The man was taken to a security office where he passed out and eventually died, the source said.

An autopsy on the body of the man, whose identity had not been made public Wednesday afternoon, was inconclusive and pending further information, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

Officers were called to the Jewel-Osco store, 3531 N. Broadway, about 6:45 p.m. Wednesday for a report of a retail theft, officials said.

The man "became combative with the store security who had attempted to detain him," police spokeswoman Kellie Bartoli said in an email.

The man had "store merchandise" in a bag and he was seen "walking past the point of sale, at which point he was detained," she said. After dozens of shoppers witnessed the struggle between the man and store employees, he was handcuffed and

"escorted" to a security office, officials said.

Responding officers found the 55-year-old man "sitting in the office, unresponsive," and began to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Bartoli said. Paramedics arrived and pronounced the man dead.

The police source said the man was handcuffed and "slumped backward," when officers arrived. They looked for a pulse and couldn't find one. At that point, they took off the man's handcuffs, called paramedics, and tried unsuccessfully to revive him.

Jacob Velasquez, 32, is a neighborhood resident who was shopping when he heard a commotion and decided to call police and record what he saw. By the time Velasquez saw the confrontation, the man was pinned on the ground by a man wearing a Jewel uniform, who Velasquez estimated weighed about 400 pounds.

"There were two Jewel employees in black shirts standing and there was a man on the ground," Velasquez said by phone Thursday.

"Then finally they handcuffed him."

Bartoli did not have details on how the man had been detained.

The police source said there was surveillance video showing the man was held down on the floor for more than a minute. The man was later walked away from where he had been detained, Velasquez said.

When asked about what Velasquez and others saw, Bartoli said, "two co-workers assisted

the security guard at this time, who put handcuffs on the subject and escorted him to the security office to call 911."

Velasquez had already called 911 himself, worried about the man's treatment.

Reached by phone Thursday, a spokeswoman for Jewel-Osco referred questions about whether the store employs its own guards or uses a security firm and referred all questions to police. Chicago police referred questions back to the company.

Velasquez said he had encountered the man earlier, near the pharmacy, where the man stared at him. Velasquez thought the man was "having some type of episode."

When he saw the man pinned on the ground, he said he "called the police because we're all a community and we have to take care of each other. And I just couldn't believe what I saw."

"I called the police just to say someone needs to get here and make sure that someone's civil rights aren't being violated. Is this guy being taken care of, or is he in Jewel jail?" Velasquez said. "It just didn't feel right to me, just because I was like, you're not the police," he said.

Ben Anson, another a Lakeview East resident, was shopping for dinner when he heard a scuffle and looked toward the front of the store, near a cooler with cheese, and saw what he described in an email as "physical, as all involved were wrestling on the floor."

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County board approves \$6.2B budget

No increase in Cook fees, taxes for '20

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

With only one sole voice of opposition, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved President Toni Preckwinkle's \$6.2 billion 2020 spending plan on Thursday afternoon.

In a special meeting that lasted less than 15 minutes, the budget soared through, in part because it included no tax or fee increases that would be passed on to residents.

"This budget is a great budget," Commissioner John Daley, 11th, told the board before it voted. He emphasized that this budget is one that won't directly affect residents' pocketbooks and that the governing body should be proud of it.

Commissioner Larry Suffredin, 13th, echoed Daley's remarks.

"This budget is a well-crafted budget," Suffredin said. "The fact that our pension is in the best shape ... is a credit to the work that's gone on in the last three years."

"We have made sure that there are significant funds to cover the services that are essential for our constituents. I'm very, very happy to vote on it," he said.

Preckwinkle inherited a \$487 million budget deficit when she took office, a hole that was reduced to around \$18.7 million next year.

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

Preckwinkle and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot have differed over how to reform the criminal bond system and the best way to tackle gun violence.

And unlike Lightfoot, who is grappling to manage an \$838 million budget gap, Preckwinkle used her budget season to tout her decade of making cuts, refinancing debts and implementing systemic changes to reduce spending.

"This budget builds on years of hard work that all of us have done: the difficult decisions, the hard votes that we have taken, the fiscally responsible steps," Preckwinkle said. "This has been possible because we focused on structural solutions rather than quick fixes and one-time solutions. This hasn't been easy. And we faced our challenges by trying to instill sound fiscal discipline."

Preckwinkle's proposed \$6.2 billion budget marks an increase of roughly \$260 million from the current budget plan. Much of the money, \$2.8 billion, is allocated to the county's health and hospital system, which covers medical costs for lower-income, uninsured and underinsured residents.

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

Besides the new jobs and health care centers, the budget will pay more money into pensions, cover charity hospital care, offer grants to agencies that give job training and provide social services to teenagers. The plan also calls for re-designing the Cook County Jail campus.

But while most of the commissioners on Thursday expressed gratefulness and praised the good news budget, Commissioner Sean Morrison, 17th, said the spending plan has allowed the county to grow too quickly while not really addressing aggressively enough a looming pension crisis.

"This budget does not do enough to reduce the county's pension liability and other debt obligations," he said at the meeting. "The 2020 budget continues to grow both the size and scope of the county govern-



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Toni Preckwinkle inherited a \$487 million budget deficit when she took office, reduced to around \$18.7 million next year.

ment. I have a particular concern for the long-term fiscal condition of the health and hospital system. There is much more work to be done there."

Morrison also said the county government has gotten too large and, rather than continuing to size up, should have stabilized and used all surplus dollars to pay down existing debt.

"Cook County's overall operating budget has more than doubled ... this rate of growth and sprint in spending is not sustainable for the long-term fiscal health of our county," he said. "And it is not fair to taxpayers. We can do better. We should strive to do better."

After the meeting, Preckwinkle dismissed Morrison's criticism.

"Commissioner Morrison is a Republican, and he views the challenges the county faces in our budget among them through a different lens," she said. "While I respect his different views, I don't agree with them."

The budget approval comes after a month of public hearings and meetings where the commissioners examined the spending of every single department.

At the hearings, which lasted for hours, nearly every department head asked for more money: Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown said she needed about \$8 million more than Preckwinkle allocated her, and Chief Judge Evans said he needed an additional \$2 million.

But the budget the commissioners approved was almost exactly what Preckwinkle proposed with a few changes that added about \$22 million in spending to her plan.

One change added \$1.5 million for the Access to Care program to treat residents who would normally rely on the health and hospital system. Another amendment set aside \$7.2 million for the juvenile enterprise management system for conference rooms and to obtain office furniture.

Commissioner Alma Anaya convinced the board to set aside about \$140,000 to fund a pilot program to help survivors of domestic violence access county resources. The funding would pay for specialists who would help survivors obtain orders of protection, create a safety plan and navigate the court system.

The money for that amendment comes from Brown's office, even as she objected and suggested finding grant money to cover the costs.

"I'm very glad to see this budget with the smallest deficit that we've seen in recent history," Anaya said.

While Preckwinkle's 2020 budget was mostly optimistic, there are financial pitfalls looming. The Cook County Health and Hospitals System is facing a \$103 million budget gap, which officials blame on both a backlog in state Medicaid application processing and serving an overwhelming number of charity care cases.

Without action, the hospital system could continue to fall into debt.

The county board, meanwhile, also approved a measure that refined how much landlords can consider an applicant's criminal background when deciding to rent an apartment.

The Just Housing ordi-

nance was approved earlier this year and was established to keep landlords from discriminating against citizens returning from jail or prison who were seeking to rent apartments and stabilize their lives. But while

that ordinance was passed, it raised concerns from property owners and managers who worried about how the new rules would be enforced and how the law would be implemented.

The measure approved

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— Toni Preckwinkle, president of the Cook County Board of Commissioners

on Thursday established a grace period so landlords can consider only the most recent criminal convictions for applicants. Any crimes committed more than three years ago shouldn't stop a resident from being able to secure an apartment or house, under the ordinance. It also established a \$100 to \$500 fine for landlords found to be discriminatory.

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Report: Fixing abuse hotline must be DCFS priority

More staff, better tech is said to be needed for volume

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

A long-awaited review of the state's troubled child abuse hotline has found the 24-hour call center needs to hire more staff, revamp its online reporting system and overhaul other procedures so people trying to report maltreatment of a minor don't have to leave a message and wait for a callback.

The report, released Thursday by the state Department of Children and Family Services, examined hotlines in seven other states and found that Illinois had the only one that could not handle its call volume. During busy periods, callers to the Illinois hotline must leave a message with a worker, and it can take hours, and in some cases days, to receive a response from DCFS.

In the new report, researchers from the University of Illinois' School of Social Work concluded that "inefficient processes and insufficient technology have limited the ability of Hotline staff to handle the high volume of calls that they receive. ... Given the critical importance of the Hotline in protecting the safety of children in Illinois, fixing the identified problems must be considered a high priority and the Department should be given adequate resources to im-



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Staffers work the child abuse hotline operated by the Department of Children and Family Services in Springfield.

plement potential solutions."

DCFS and state Sen. Julie Morrison, who chairs the Senate Human Services Committee, requested the recent review after a state audit in May highlighted significant problems at the hotline. The audit found that between 2015 and 2017, nearly half of all first-time hotline callers had to leave messages and waited several days for a callback. The hotline is staffed by licensed social workers, who speak with callers when taking the message and organize the messages by urgency. Only a few people at a time are assigned to return the messages.

Morrison said she met with DCFS Acting Director Marc Smith on Wednesday to go over the report. While she called the discussion productive and noted that Smith recognized the need to improve the hotline, she also said the department should be more transparent about its challenges and

needs.

"DCFS needs to have a guardian angel watching to make sure they actually follow through with this and don't get sidetracked with another issue," she said.

Smith said the agency will adopt all 11 recommendations made in the report, focusing on improving staffing, technology and overall efficiency. Some of the reforms, such as revamping the online reporting system, have already begun, he said.

"This roadmap will help us continue to make impactful improvements to better serve the state's most vulnerable children after years of disinvestment and neglect," Smith said in a statement Thursday.

The hotline, which is based in Springfield, is considered the "front door" of DCFS because it's where all child abuse and neglect investigations begin — with call takers who receive the initial report, assess the

allegation and send the information to a local field office for follow-up. During peak times, the hotline receives more than 100 calls an hour and it handled 268,406 calls in the last fiscal year. With call volume rising in recent years, hotline staff has resorted to taking more messages and is struggling to promptly respond to all reports.

Though messages are supposed to be prioritized by urgency, some reports can fall through the cracks. In August, the Tribune detailed a case in which a suburban police officer waited nearly three days for a hotline worker to call him back. When the call finally came, it was 1:30 a.m. and the officer didn't pick up his phone.

In May 2018, the number of messages requiring a callback exceeded 1,200 and it took weeks for workers to get the number below 1,000, according to the report.

While the report was clear the hotline needs to add more staff, it did not estimate the number of workers needed to bring call volume under control. DCFS has asked researchers to do additional work and make a determination, spokesman Jassen Strokosch said.

As of September, the hotline employed 106 workers to answer calls and nine supervisors, who assist in determining whether an allegation meets the legal criteria for an investigation,

the report said. The ratio of staff to supervisors was higher in Illinois than in any of the other states examined by the researchers. Those states were Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas.

Another major problem in Illinois was the use of mandatory overtime, the report said. Call takers said they were regularly required to work four to five overtime shifts a month, with each shift lasting about four hours, according to the report. The call takers told researchers that mandatory overtime negatively affected their productivity and mental health.

"Many of the call floor workers work hundreds of hours of overtime per year, either voluntarily or because they are mandated, in a mentally demanding job that can take a heavy toll on their personal life," the report said. "The improvements that need to be made at the Hotline cannot be leveraged on the backs of the current staff by mandating additional overtime."

Though DCFS received funding in the 2020 budget to hire 20 more hotline workers, none has started yet. DCFS has posted the jobs and identified a pool of candidates but is still in the process of hiring, Strokosch said.

"We have worked very collaboratively with (the public employees' union) to allow us to hire for these positions much more quickly than normal,"

Strokosch said.

The report also recommended a number of changes to the state's nascent online reporting system, which was launched in June 2018. Though the system is supposed to help workers process reports more quickly, the clunky format and technological limitations make it frustrating and time-consuming, the report said. When people using the online forms did not provide enough information on the forms, workers had to call and ask additional questions.

Since September 2018, more than 12,500 reports have been received through the online system. But in July and August, it was taken offline for about two weeks due to technological problems.

The report recommends that DCFS develop a new online reporting system to replace the current version, which reporters described as "awkward" and "not user-friendly."

States with more advanced online reporting options were able to process four to nine submissions every hour. The rate in Illinois is not clear. Call takers are expected to process about two phone reports by hour, but most workers said they did not meet that benchmark. Workers interviewed by the researchers said the productivity expectations were "unrealistic."

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Parole

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have become friends — residual victims in the crime's aftermath — during his parole board hearings.

"While we may not agree with the decision, we certainly respect it," Oetting, of Montgomery, Alabama, said afterward.

Pruett, of Smithville, Missouri, was able to deliver the news to Weger after reaching him on the phone at Pinckneyville Correctional Center. The family allowed reporters to hear his response by putting the call on speakerphone.

"I'm happy," he said in a soft voice. "I'm happy just to get out, you know?"

In each of the last two years, the board had denied Weger his freedom by one vote, records show. He is the second longest-held inmate in an Illinois prison, corrections officials said, behind a man incarcerated since 1958.

Weger will not be released for at least 90 days at the request of the Illinois attorney general's office. The office is expected to have him evaluated under the state's sexually violent persons law, which allows for civil commitment if a person is deemed too dangerous to be set free.

Weger was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the fatal beating of Lillian Oetting, 50, in March 1960 at the scenic park near Utica. Her remains were found in St. Louis Canyon along with the brutalized bodies of Frances Murphy, 47, and Mildred Lindquist, 50.

The three friends, all from Riverside, were on a short vacation to escape the winter doldrums when, within hours of their arrival, they were attacked during a hike in the canyon, a popular attraction framed by a scenic waterfall and 100-foot wall.

Sara Etz Mendonca, one of Murphy's granddaughters, said she delivered the news about Weger's parole to her 82-year-old mother, Sally, who was pregnant with her first child when Murphy was slain.

"I burst out into tears," Etz Mendonca said. "I said, 'I'm so sorry, mom; I just can't stop crying,' and she said: 'I get it. You were deprived of a grandmother.' I'm sure she'll process it as the days go on. She wants her mother to be remembered and she wants us to know the profound love (our grandmother) would have had for us."

Her sister, Kathy Etz, said the decades-old crime reverberates still. "The legacy of this murder has impacted all of the generations alive today. ... This is a super sad day for our family," she said.

Pruett, Weger's sister, told board members before the vote that her mother promised before she died that "one day we'll see him walking home." She added: "I just hope my brother does not die in prison."

Weger's attorneys, Andrew Hale and Celeste Stack, said the board's decision did not come as a surprise and that Weger had remained hopeful. In addition to the parole efforts, they are researching other post-conviction possibilities, citing improperly preserved evidence and other issues.

"The arrest, interrogations and jury trial included many tactics now banned by the U.S. Supreme Court," Stack said. "He received no Miranda warnings ... he was arrested with no probable cause and he was denied evidence that was beneficial to his trial defense. His case would not make it into the courthouse today."

Weger, who went for years without garnering a single vote until about eight years ago, was not present at Thursday's hearing. Instead, per board procedure, a member interviewed him this year in prison and wrote a report recommending his release.

Since last year's deadlocked decision, three of the seven board members who opposed Weger's parole have left the board. And the trial's lead prosecutor, Anthony Raccuglia, who long urged the board to keep Weger behind bars, died May 18 at 85.

Members who voted in favor of parole Thursday noted Weger's age, fragile health, lengthy incarceration, lack of disciplinary action behind bars and lingering questions of his actual guilt.

Diane Oetting had pleaded with the board to keep him in prison. "We've been fighting this for 40 years," she said.

"It is the state of Illinois' job to make sure that this man has been given the tools so that he can succeed outside and make a peaceful transition to the community," Oetting said. "And if he's not ready and he doesn't succeed, it's on y'all."

Once released, Weger will receive housing and support services through St. Leonard's Ministries of Chicago's Near West Side. The organization, founded



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Chester Weger, center, visits with his daughter Becky, 3, and wife, Jo Ann, during a noon recess at his 1961 murder trial.



Murphy



Lindquist



Oetting



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Mary Pruett, 77, embraces attorney Andrew Hale, thanking him shortly after her brother, Chester Weger, was granted parole.

in 1954, helps up to 500 men and women a year after their incarceration and reports a recidivism rate well below the state average.

"We believe everybody deserves a second chance" said Erwin Mayer, executive director. "While we did not participate in the decision to release Mr. Weger, St. Leonard's is a great place to help him re-enter into a society that he left so many decades ago."

At the long-ago trial, prosecutors argued that Weger, who was working as a dishwasher at the Starved

Rock lodge and had fished and hiked in the park most of his life, killed the women with a frozen tree branch during a botched robbery attempt. Each was bound with twine similar to that used in the lodge's kitchen and bludgeoned to death, suffering injuries consistent with more than 100 blows.

Weger was convicted only in Oetting's murder. Prosecutors, citing Weger's life sentence, opted against trying him in the other two women's deaths and an unrelated 1959 rape in a nearby state park that Weger also

denies committing.

Raccuglia was widely believed to be the last surviving participant in the Starved Rock trial other than Weger himself.

Earlier this week, however, the Tribune located a woman who in 1961 was the jury's youngest member. She recently celebrated her 95th birthday. After all these years, the juror said she still is frightened, and her family asked that her name not be published to protect her privacy.

"I wouldn't think he would even want to get paroled," she said. "He's getting three meals and a bed and has nothing to worry about."

She recalled many details of her six weeks of jury duty but said she rarely thinks about it today. "I did my duty," she said. "I served. I did what I thought was right and never thought about it again."

The juror, convinced of Weger's guilt, said "everything added up."

She said most of the panel supported a death sentence but settled on a life in prison term because of a lone holdout member. The woman said she opposed Weger's parole.

"I think killing three women does deserve a life sentence," she said.

Nearly six decades later, conspiracy theories and morbid fascination still surround the case. The murders occurred before modern DNA testing and other forensic advances, and

Weger has offered various alibis over the years. His later request for genetic tests on hair found on the victims and blood on his fringed leather coat was stymied in state court in 2004 after it turned out the items had not been properly preserved.

Another juror, who died two years ago at age 93, told the Tribune in late 2016 that she regretted the guilty verdict. She found Weger's confession implausible and the idea unlikely that Weger, standing 5 feet 8 inches, could overpower three women. She identified herself as the holdout juror and said she gave in to the will of the rest of the panel.

But the question of guilt or innocence wasn't one of the legal factors before the parole board, which was charged with making a decision based on issues such as whether Weger's release would deprecate the seriousness of the crime or promote a disrespect for the law.

"Everyone in this case and the name Starved Rock is in the public memory of the people of Illinois," said board Chairman Craig Findley, who voted in favor of parole. "Whether Mr. Weger dies in prison or is released, that case can never be forgotten. Our decision is whether we believe he's an acceptable risk and if the punishment is adequate or if it is not."

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— Diane Oetting, granddaughter of Lillian Oetting

Parishes

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Last week, the Archdiocese of Chicago announced that St. Thecla would be merging with St. Tarcissus and St. Cornelius to form a new parish. In all, they announced that 15 parishes would be consolidated into six new parishes, in what was the latest fallout from the diocese's sweeping reorganization of its religious landscape, dubbed Renew My Church.

During Tuesday's Mass, the Rev. Gregory Rom, draped in a red chasuble, took his usual position in the pulpit. Before he delivered his sermon, he took a moment to comfort the students and the congregation.

"I know that all of us have worries in our mind and are upset, angry and sad by the announcements," he said. "But it's important to be thankful. ... Thank God for our school family and church family."

Rom said he, like other priests, is acutely aware of the impact these extensive changes are having on the people they serve.

From Ravenswood to Little Village to the Hegewisch neighborhood, the recent closures are sending shock waves throughout the Catholic community in Cook and Lake counties as the number of parishes declines.

Three years ago, there were 344 parishes. There will be 306 after the latest mergers take effect next year.

Figuring out what's going to happen to parishes has been billed as a collaborative process. But some Catholic laypeople feel the fix is in for their parishes, and the archdiocese already has plans for what's going to happen.

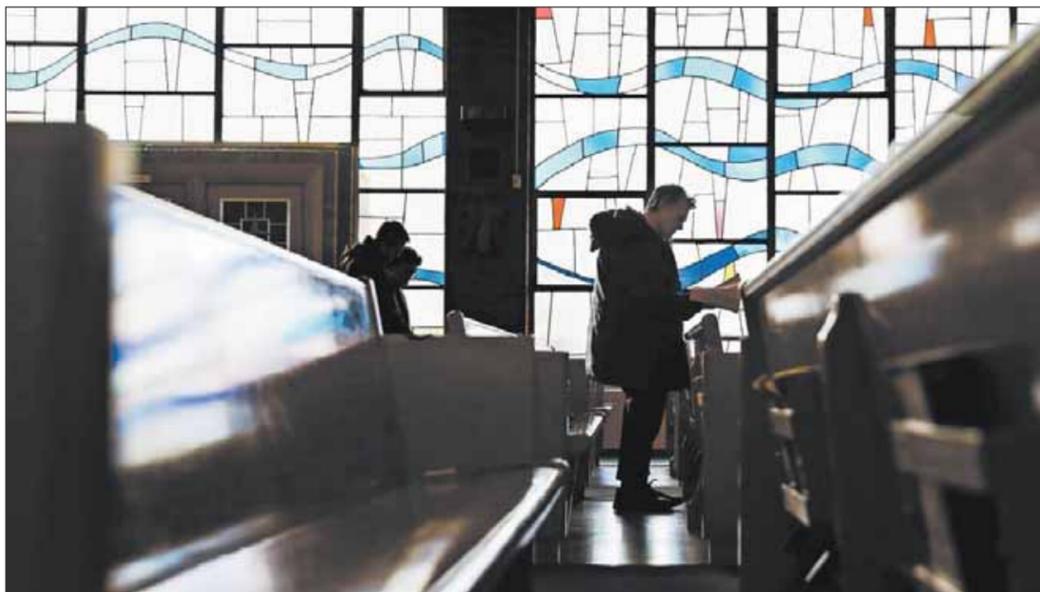
Emotions flared during a Nov. 8 meeting at St. Thecla, where the local bishop and other archdiocesan officials met with parishioners and parents of students who go to the parish school. Some people let their frustrations boil over as they shouted and cursed inside the sanctuary, accusing the archdiocese of making predetermined financial decisions and having a "total lack of care and compassion for the affected families," according to Linda Mitlyng, who has two students at the school.

"It was lively," said St. Thecla parishioner Bill O'Hara.

The vast reorganization announced Nov. 8 is part of a larger, long-term plan intended to address the growing challenges most religious institutions face and spark a spiritual revitalization.

Renew My Church is a deliberate response to a national trend that has plagued most Roman Catholic dioceses across the country, in which fewer Catholics are in the pews for Sunday Mass — and there are fewer priests to serve the ones left. Mass attendance in the Chicago area has steadily declined, dropping about 27% in the last 20 years, according to the archdiocese.

Churches are performing far fewer baptisms, confirmations and marriages, officials said. The number of priests has fallen from 1,150



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Madeline Moriarty, 86, has been coming to St. Thecla Catholic Church for 50 years.



The Rev. Ivica Majstorovic gives Holy Communion at St. Jerome Croatian Church.

in 1990 to fewer than 750 today.

Meanwhile, the archdiocese is paying rising utility bills and maintenance for church buildings, many of which are more than 100 years old. Many of the diocese's parishes have been unable to support themselves and are receiving financial assistance from the archdiocese, officials said.

Between 2012 and 2018, the archdiocese allocated more than \$144 million to parishes, according to diocese documents.

But church officials are adamant that these changes aren't solely about making more prudent financial decisions but also a commitment to the estimated 2.2 million Catholics living in Chicago to establish more vibrant communities.

The genesis of Renew My Church

Less than a year after Cardinal Blase Cupich was appointed archbishop of Chicago, he realized the sobering challenges the nation's third largest diocese faced. The archdiocese formed a committee of priest leaders who formulated ideas and examined how other dioceses responded to the changing landscape.

The problem of declining church attendance isn't exclusive to Chicago and Catholicism. Rather, it's a pervasive issue for the entire country — across all Christian faiths.

Currently, 20% of U.S. adults are Catholic, down from 23% in 2009, according to data collected by the Pew Research Center.

About 40% of millennials said they rarely or never attend a religious service.

As parishes merge across Chicago, schools also have consolidated. School enrollment has declined roughly 29% since 2005, a loss of more than 30,000 students.

Even as Cupich knew the declines would mean consolidations, he and other church leaders have tried to look at the process as an opportunity to rethink church life and respond to changes in American culture.

Two Catholic figures heavily influenced the vision for the archdiocese, officials who worked closely with Cupich to help him develop Renew My Church said.

Cupich was inspired by the story of St. Francis of Assisi, an Italian Catholic who during prayer in an abandoned chapel heard Jesus tell him to "rebuild my church." St. Francis initially took the words literally and thought he was to repair the dilapidated building. However, he later recognized he was being called to rebuild the spiritual life of the church.

Cupich also took as inspiration the vision Pope Francis spelled out in the 2013 Apostolic Exhortation "Evangelii Gaudium," "The Joy of the Gospel." In the introduction to the letter, Francis encouraged "the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization ... while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come."

Three years ago, Cupich began to roll out Renew My Church, which is still in the initial phase of reorganizing parishes.

Archdiocese officials said the current phase, which many parishes are finding painful, is the foundation and will be the springboard for achieving the ultimate goal, reenergizing the archdiocese and spawning a generation of disciples to share the gospel.

"We can't really do some of the vibrant ministerial work if we don't have a strong operational and financial foundation in our dioceses," said Cliff Barber, the archdiocese's chief strategy officer.

"And that's why there's been a need to first look at the foundation to make sure we have the structures that can last into the future," he said.

Detroit could show the way, or be a warning

As Chicagoans grapple with the radical overhaul of their parish structures, similar reorganizations have already taken place at other Midwest and East Coast dioceses — including Pittsburgh, Boston, New York and Detroit.

Chicago church officials looked closely at the Archdiocese of Detroit's movement, Unleash the Gospel, where they are working to bring the gospel outside of the church and into the

community.

"Detroit is now pursuing the spiritual journey in a slightly different way than we are, but the objectives are exactly the same," Barber said.

Detroit is much further along than Chicago its transformation, but the diocese has faced similar obstacles.

When Detroit's Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron arrived 11 years ago, the archdiocese was in a poor financial situation, said Edmundo Reyes, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

With Detroit hemorrhaging population, the city had many fewer Catholics attending church, Reyes said.

Ralph Martin, a professor of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, said because of the empty buildings and church closures, "something radical" had to be done.

Martin called Unleash the Gospel "a very serious effort to change the DNA of the diocese from maintenance to mission."

"We had more buildings than people were attending," Reyes said. "We had to close some buildings and sell some buildings. We had to merge some communities, and that was a very painful process."

So Vigneron began working to stabilize the diocese.

From 2005 to 2018, the Archdiocese of Detroit consolidated 163 parishes into 63 and closed another 19, making 229 parishes out of what had been 306, according to the archdiocese.

Those difficult decisions, according to archdiocese officials, helped the Catholic Church in Detroit better position itself for the future.

From 2010 to 2018, the number of Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit dropped from 1.43 million to 1.12 million. But in the last two years, the diocese has experienced its smallest decline in the last decade, of only about 1,000 people, according to Georgetown University's Center for Ap-

plied Research in the Apostolate.

While Reyes couldn't quantify the amount of success the Unleash the Gospel movement has had in terms of church attendance, he said the positive traction they've had is "very real."

"We see a different spirit now," Reyes said. "We feel people are energized. We see a lot of parishes taking an active role in missionary work and individuals being inspired to share the gospel."

Moving forward, sometimes painfully

In the latest wave of mergers in the Chicago area, the archdiocese announced four North Side parishes will be consolidated into two new parishes by July 2020.

St. Hilary in the Arcadia Terrace neighborhood and Transfiguration of Our Lord in Ravenswood will merge. And Queen of Angels and St. Matthias parishes in Ravenswood will form a new parish.

Three parishes in Little Village, Assumption B.V.M., Our Lady of Tepeyac and St. Roman, are merging. Two parishes on the Far South Side will be uniting with a parish in Burnham.

Back at St. Thecla, as morning Mass concluded on a recent weekday morning and the church emptied, Dan Strzoda dropped to his knees to say another prayer.

Strzoda, 84, is losing his church home, but he said he understands the decision.

"People are not coming to Mass," he said. "We've been losing people in this parish and in all parishes and in all religions for the last 25 years."

Some parishes that already have consolidated could show the way for those going through the painful transition now.

Earlier this year, St. Jerome Croatian and Santa Lucia-Santa Maria Inconornata parishes in Bridgeport combined.

When Santa Lucia congregation had its final Mass in October, they had a procession and carried a statue of St. Lucy into St. Jerome.

And as they approached their new church home, St. Jerome parishioners stood near the entrance, applauding to welcome their new church family.

"It was just a beautiful thing," Arnie Ramirez, 60, said. "They made the transition really nice."

"They helped to dry our tears and mend our broken hearts by making us feel so welcomed," said Patricia Jackowiak, who attended Santa Lucia most of her life.

The statue of St. Lucy is prominently displayed in the front of the sanctuary. Now, during Saturday and Sunday Mass, the pews are full and what used to be two separate parishes worship together as one.



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Judge declares man innocent of murder after 20 years in jail

BY STACY ST. CLAIR AND JEFF COEN

An Illinois judge took the rare step Thursday of declaring a Kankakee man innocent of murder after the state's attorney agreed the man had spent nearly two decades in prison for a crime he didn't commit.

Judge Michael Sabol granted Terrence Haynes a certificate of innocence, a proclamation that signifies Haynes never should have been charged with the fatal shooting of Cezaire Murrell in 1999 and marks an end to his long legal ordeal.

"It still hasn't hit me," Haynes said as he left court, noting he is looking forward to his first real Thanksgiving turkey in nearly 20 years next week. "It's still hard to believe sometimes."

Kankakee County State's Attorney Jim Rowe went as far as clapping Haynes on the back after the hearing and hugging a pastor who had accompanied Haynes to court. Rowe — who was not involved in the original trial — said this was the first time in his career he had joined in a petition for a certificate of innocence.

"Our job as state's attorneys is to seek justice and not just convictions," said Rowe, who has previously offered to help Haynes find a job. Haynes, 42, has since moved to Georgia as he starts a new life.

Wrongful conviction experts said while it's not unusual for prosecutors to take no position on attempts by former defendants to get certificates of innocence, it is rare for a state's attorney to actually advocate for one. Rowe said he made the choice after having an officer from the Kankakee Police Department take a look at the case with fresh eyes.

Haynes' mother, Gail Gray, has been somewhat reserved at prior hearings when her son has appeared in court. That was not the case Thursday, when she

began to cry when the certificate was granted.

"I just wanted to hear them say he was innocent," she said.

A jury convicted Haynes after an 11-year-old witness — a first cousin to one of the prosecutors — testified that Murrell was unarmed when Haynes shot him. The witness recanted his testimony as an adult and now says that his cousin and another Kankakee County assistant state's attorney encouraged him to lie.

The boy was the only eyewitness called by prosecutors, though three adults at the scene told police that Haynes acted in self-defense after Murrell reached for a gun in his waistband. None of those adults, however, testified at Haynes' trial, which ended in his conviction and 45-year prison sentence.

After an appellate court ordered a new trial in light of the recantation and the Tribune raised questions about the troubled case, Rowe in June declared "not a shred of evidence" from the original prosecution remained intact and dropped the charges against Haynes.

The certificate enables Haynes to seek restitution from the state for the time he wrongfully spent in prison. Given his 19 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, he would be entitled to about \$200,000.

He also is suing the prosecutors and police officers involved in the original murder investigation and trial. The federal lawsuit, filed last month in U.S. District Court in Urbana, alleges a combination of sinister motives and incompetence led to his wrongful conviction.

The only blip in the hearing came when it was briefly interrupted by a civil attorney for Kankakee city police officers involved in



Haynes

the federal civil suit, who tried to address the judge. Sabol had a courtroom deputy remove the attorney, who is from the Chicago-area firm of lawyer James Sotos, after telling him several times

to sit down.

Sotos told the Tribune the lawyer was attempting to ask that a full hearing be held and the perspective of the original police officers be heard. Sotos called Haynes' claim of self-defense in the case "preposterous" and said such certificates of innocence are "lethal" in civil cases.

In his federal lawsuit, Haynes accuses both prosecutors and local law enforcement of conspiring against him in the murder case.

Though such allegations are commonplace in wrongful conviction lawsuits, Haynes' complaint is notable because of the unusual — and long undisclosed — relationship between one of the prosecutors and a key witness.

Former Kankakee County Assistant State's Attorney Michael Jeneary, one of the two prosecutors assigned to the case, failed to disclose during the trial that his star witness, 11-year-old Marcus Hammond, was his first cousin. Haynes did not learn the truth about their connection until nearly a decade after his conviction.

Jeneary, who is now an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Michigan, could not be reached for comment.

Haynes' lawyers credited Rowe for helping to speed the process that led to the certificate being granted Thursday, and said they were grateful Haynes can move on.

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NATION & WORLD

Debate clash puts race issue at forefront

Buttigieg, Harris put spotlight on uneasy relationship in Dems' civil rights coalition

BY KATHLEEN RONAYNE AND BILL BARROW
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Democratic presidential candidates put race at the forefront of their primary scramble Thursday, punctuated by a tense exchange between Pete Buttigieg and Kamala Harris after the white mayor connected his experiences as a gay man to black Americans' long struggle against racism.

Harris, one of three black candidates seeking the nomination, criticized Buttigieg in a post-debate event in Atlanta, calling him "naive" and criticizing him for comparing the struggles of the black and LGBTQ communities. A Democrat who wants a winning coalition "should not be in position of saying one group's pain is equal than or greater to another," said Harris, a California senator.

Buttigieg, the white mayor of South Bend, Indiana,

who wed his husband, Chasten, last year, countered that he was not comparing the travails of the LGBTQ community and black America, but instead speaking up for one discriminated class based on his experiences in another.

The exchange highlights the importance of the black vote in the nomination process and both candidates' struggles to win them over. It also threatens to expose an uneasy relationship in the party's civil rights coalition, as the party increasingly recognizes LGBTQ rights as a priority alongside its decadeslong alignment with the civil rights movement for African Americans.

Buttigieg and Harris are among several Democratic candidates trying to dent former Vice President Joe Biden's advantage among black Democrats. Biden was meeting Thursday with a group of prominent black Southern mayors, including



Presidential hopefuls Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg and California Sen. Kamala Harris squared off at Wednesday's debate.



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Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance-Bottoms, who has emerged as one of his top campaign surrogates.

Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts were holding dueling rallies on Atlanta's historically black college campuses, pitching their progressive policies to a younger African American audience that is viewed as up for grabs.

Buttigieg has surged to an apparent lead in overwhelmingly white Iowa, which holds the nation's first caucus Feb. 3, but he and his aides acknowledge that he needs to improve on his negligible support in the black community in other states. Harris is still trying to

crack the top tier in Iowa and beyond, and she used the Atlanta debate Wednesday night to make a direct appeal to black women while pitching herself as the ideal nominee to rebuild the multiracial coalition that twice sent Barack Obama to the Oval Office.

The Buttigieg-Harris flap spun off the mayor saying Wednesday night during a discussion of race that he's often "felt like a stranger" in his own country — a version of a point he makes frequently on the campaign trail when he says he understands what it's like to watch politicians argue over his civil rights.

He clarified his intent Thursday but pushed back

on Harris' characterization of his remarks.

"There's no equating those two experiences — and some people, by the way, live at the intersection of those experiences," he told reporters. "What I do think is important is for each of us to reveal who we are and what motivates us."

Antjuan Seawright, a Democratic consultant in South Carolina, said Buttigieg should expect more scrutiny now that he's a consensus top-tier candidate. But Seawright downplayed any apparent tensions between gay rights and black civil rights.

"I think that our party and our country is made up of the experiences of Ka-

mala Harris and Mayor Pete, so I don't think that Mayor Pete can walk two and a half steps in Kamala's shoes, and I don't know if Sen. Harris could ever walk in the mayor's shoes," he said.

Both Warren and Sanders, each of whom regularly draws large white crowds and sometimes racially mixed crowds, have committed to aggressive outreach for black voters. Sanders won many majority white primaries and caucuses over Hillary Clinton in 2016, but Clinton ran up wide margins in states with significant nonwhite populations, amassing a delegate advantage Sanders never could match.

Major donors fire back against NRA

Turmoil has some keeping their cash while others sue

BY LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

Joe Olson was once such a passionate supporter of the National Rifle Association that he pledged to bequeath several million dollars from his estate to the gun organization upon his death.

But the steady drip of investigations and mispending allegations and a shake-up at the top ranks of the NRA compelled him to alter his will. The NRA will no longer get his money.

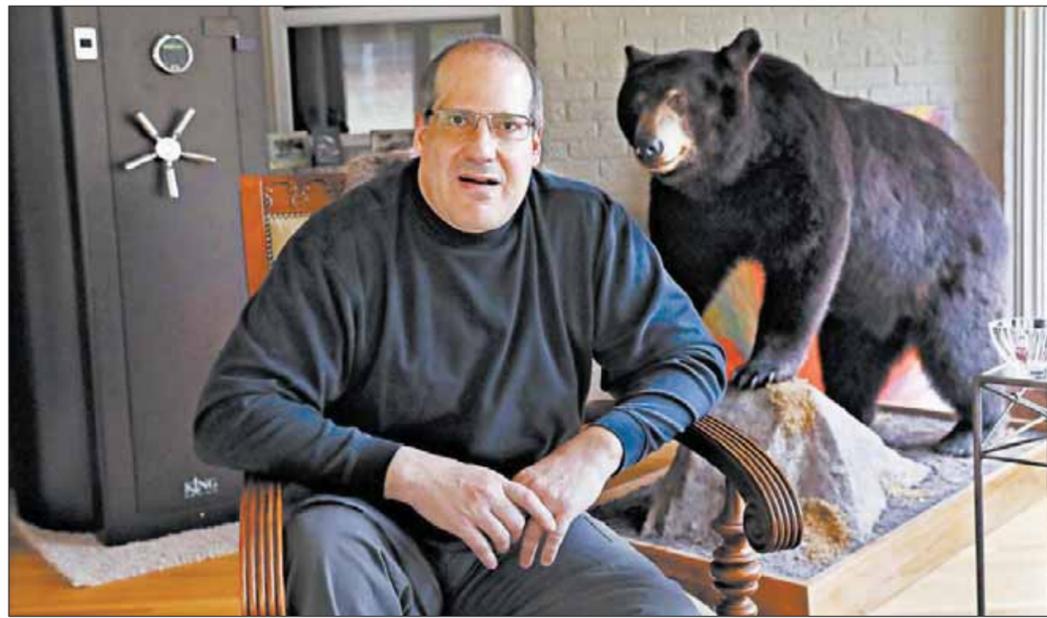
"The rot had gotten worse and I simply decided: No, I'm not giving those people my money," Olson said.

Olson reflects what has become a new challenge for the NRA as its legal and financial issues stack up: the loss of big donors.

The NRA attributes much of its success and power to rank-and-file members who contribute a few dollars here and there throughout the year, but it's the big-ticket donors who fuel the organization's finances. They also play a role in who serves on the board of directors and are active on the NRA social and fundraising scene, whether it's at galas or hunting trips.

And there are signs that some of them are growing uneasy over the NRA's troubles.

One went so far as to file a lawsuit against the NRA claiming misuse of funds and started a website that seeks changes to the NRA — from the ouster of longtime CEO Wayne LaPierre, to halving the size



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

David Dell'Aquila of Nashville, Tenn., is an NRA donor who is suing the gun lobby, alleging misspent funds and donations.

of the 76-member board of directors.

The donor, David Dell'Aquila, also claims that he has gotten others like him to withhold millions of dollars.

Over the years, Dell'Aquila has given about \$100,000 and he and his wife pledged to bequeath several million dollars from an estate he amassed after a career as a technology consultant.

Large donors have long been a reliable source of money for the NRA, helping fuel the clout that it wields in American politics.

In 2017, the NRA received seven donations of more than \$1 million, including one for more than \$18 million, according to tax records. The NRA's 2018 records are not available yet, meaning it's too early to

know how the recent turmoil engulfing the group affected contributions.

Despite the handful of million-dollar-plus donors, the group saw its overall contributions plummet from \$124 million in 2016 to \$98 million in 2017.

An NRA member for about 20 years, Dell'Aquila became more heavily involved after attending an annual meeting for the first time in 2015 in Nashville, Tennessee, where he lives. A longtime hunter, Dell'Aquila said it was after that meeting that he decided to contribute big sums to the NRA, seeing it as an organization that would help preserve gun rights.

He went in with gusto, becoming a member of the Charlton Heston Society, an elite group of NRA faithful. Then, earlier this year, Del-

l'Aquila started to hear the rumors and see media reports of excessive spending by NRA leaders. He witnessed the showdown that spilled out in the public during this year's annual meeting, when then-President Oliver North was denied a second term after seeking LaPierre's resignation.

When Dell'Aquila asked some NRA directors and others at headquarters for more information on how donations were being spent, he said he didn't get sufficient answers.

"I was just getting lip service," he said.

A few months ago, he filed a lawsuit against the NRA claiming it has engaged in fraud and financial misconduct. The lawsuit cites many of the allegations that have emerged in other

legal cases in recent months, including that LaPierre expensed hundreds of thousands of dollars in wardrobe purchases at a high-end clothing store.

Carolyn Meadows, the NRA's new president, called the lawsuit "a misguided and frivolous pursuit."

"Here's all you need to know: This lawsuit parrots claims from an individual who has worked for anti-NRA organizations and openly campaigned against our cause and our Association. End of story," Meadows said.

While some big donors such as Olson and Dell'Aquila have pulled back, other big donors have doubled down.

Janet Nyce, a longtime member who along with her husband has contributed hundreds of thousands

of dollars over the years, said she called up NRA headquarters and felt they were open and honest about the challenges facing the organization, assuring her that the donations were being well spent.

When she got a call one day from another NRA member asking if she wanted to participate in a movement to withhold donations, she and her husband instead pulled out their wallets and wrote out checks to the NRA.

"We are supporting the NRA, there's just no two ways about it," she said.

Joe Gregory, who is the CEO of an investment firm and founder of the NRA's Golden Ring of Freedom — a group of NRA donors who have contributed or pledged at least \$1 million — chalked up the turmoil to internal politics and defended LaPierre's expenses as a necessary part of being a CEO.

The demands pushed by Dell'Aquila, he said, "border on being unrealistic and not serious."

He's especially disappointed to see some of his fellow big donors start to abandon the NRA, particularly as the 2020 presidential election approaches and the NRA's influence in preserving the Second Amendment is at stake.

"It's important that we stick together," he said.

For Dell'Aquila's part, he's not ready to back down from his fight.

He's even planning to attend next year's annual meeting, which will again be held in Nashville. He said he wants to see if LaPierre and others in the inner circle will talk with him.

"I'm not one to back down," he said.

Trump says Navy 'will NOT' remove Gallagher's SEAL designation

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump insisted Thursday that the Navy "will NOT be taking away Warfighter and Navy Seal Eddie Gallagher's Trident Pin," inserting himself into an ongoing legal review of the sailor's ability to hold onto the pin that designates him a SEAL.

The Navy on Wednesday notified Chief Petty Officer Edward Gallagher that he will face a review early next

month to determine if he should remain on the elite force.

Gallagher was acquitted of a murder charge in the stabbing death of an Islamic State militant captive, but a military jury convicted him of posing with the corpse while in Iraq in 2017. He was then demoted to chief.

His lawyers have accused the Navy of trying to remove the SEAL designation in retaliation for Trump's de-



Gallagher

cision last week to restore Gallagher's rank.

Trump tweeted on Thursday that, "This case was handled very badly from the beginning" and he urged those involved to "Get back to business!"

Gallagher filed a complaint with the inspector general accusing a rear admiral of insubordination for defying Trump's actions. Rear Adm. Collin Green is the Naval Special Warfare

commander.

Two U.S. officials familiar with the case but not authorized to speak publicly said Wednesday that discussions about convening a review board began shortly after Gallagher's conviction in July. They said the decision was not in reaction to Trump's decision to restore Gallagher's rank.

It's unclear what effect Trump's tweet could have on the process and whether he can actually block the review from taking place or overturn any decision

made.

Under the review procedure, a five-person board will convene Dec. 2 behind closed doors. It will include one SEAL officer and four senior enlisted SEALs, according to the two U.S. officials. Gallagher can appear once before the board Dec. 4 but without his lawyers. He can dispute the evidence given to the board that will include his conviction and call witnesses.

Gallagher can appeal any final decision that will be made by the Naval Person-

nel Board, which will take into account Green's input and the board's recommendations.

Trump's initial order in Gallagher only referred to restoring his rank, but it did not explicitly pardon the SEAL for any wrongdoing.

Green also notified three SEAL officers who oversaw Gallagher during the deployment — Lt. Cmdr. Robert Breisch, Lt. Jacob Portier and Lt. Thomas MacNeil — that they are also being reviewed, according to the officials.

Protests test Hezbollah image as Shiite champion

Rage at Lebanon's elite now rises at longtime power

BY BASSEM MROUE AND MARIAM FAM
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Young men chanting “people want to bring down the regime” gathered outside the office of Lebanese legislator Mohammed Raad, the powerful head of Hezbollah’s parliamentary bloc. One shirtless man grabbed a metal rod and swung it at the sign bearing Raad’s name, knocking it out of place as others cheered.

It was a rare scene in the southern market town of Nabatiyeh, a Hezbollah stronghold. The protests engulfing Lebanon have united many across sectarian lines and shattered taboos, with some taking aim at leaders from their own sects, illustrating a new, unfamiliar challenge posed to the militant group.

Iranian-backed Hezbollah built a reputation among supporters as a champion of the poor and a defender of Lebanon against Israel’s much more powerful military. It and its Shiite ally, the Amal party, have enjoyed

overwhelming backing among the Shiite community since the end of the 1975-1990 civil war, making them a political powerhouse that, along with allies, has dominated recent governments.

But now many protesters group Hezbollah into the ruling class they are revolting against, blaming it for wrecking the economy with years of corruption and mismanagement.

Protesters want that entire political elite out. Hezbollah’s leader, Hassan Nasrallah, and Amal’s chief, Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, have not been spared. “All of them means all of them, and Nasrallah is one of them,” protesters have chanted at some Beirut rallies. The demonstrations that erupted Oct. 17 spread throughout the country, including predominantly Shiite areas in the south and the eastern Bekaa Valley.

In several instances, men suspected of being Hezbollah and Amal supporters beat up protesters and destroyed their tents. Some of those who had criticized Nasrallah and Berri on social media appeared in videos, after apparently being beaten, to apologize for what they did.

Amal denied any link to those behind the beatings, saying in a statement that they should be arrested and that they violated the movement’s belief in freedom of opinion.

Hezbollah has survived many threats over the past years, including charges by a U.N.-backed tribunal for the killing of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in February 2005 — an accusation Hezbollah strongly denies — a ruinous war with Israel in 2006 and the war in neighboring Syria, where Hezbollah has sent thousands of fighters to back President Bashar Assad, losing an estimated 2,000 men.

But now Hezbollah is being “attacked by the very constituency they purport to speak for,” Heiko Wimmen of the International Crisis Group said.

Hezbollah is “on the defensive for having become part of the ruling elite, which is clearly a disconcerting experience for the leadership,” he said, though he noted anger is far stronger at Amal, whose leader Berri has been directly entrenched in politics for decades.

Protesters in Nabatiyeh have joined those else-



HASSAN AMMAR/AP

Anti-government protesters and Hezbollah supporters clash in Beirut, Lebanon. Lebanon’s protests have shown unusual overt anger at the country’s powerhouse, Hezbollah.

where in the country in banging pots and pans in protest; some cried “Against poverty and against hunger, the people are all in pain,” according to videos posted online.

Hezbollah has sought to show it’s sensitive to the complaints. Last week, Nasrallah said in a speech that authorities investigating corruption should start with looking at Hezbollah members. “Begin with us,” he said.

Hezbollah’s popularity has also stemmed from a vast array of services, through education, health

and social networks. It says it’s still able to maintain that network despite intensified sanctions by Washington, which designates Hezbollah as a terrorist organization.

Wimmen, like other observers, says Hezbollah is strong enough to survive because its base is largely cohesive and “the resistance narrative still works.”

But it can’t ignore the alienation over economic woes, he said, and it is “short on solutions.”

Hardcore Hezbollah supporters and some officials contend that the U.S.,

some Arab Gulf states and other rival nations are trying to take advantage of the protests to undermine the group.

Mohamed Harb said he understood the hardships driving protesters. Everything has become expensive, he said. Working at a hospital, he recently took a second job and still struggles to make ends meet.

But he remains unequivocal in his support for Hezbollah and Nasrallah.

“Hezbollah means everything to me,” he said. If Nasrallah “tells us to go die, we go die.”



ARIEL SCHALIT/AP

An Israeli group voices its support for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday outside his Jerusalem residence.

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and a systematically “tainted investigation,” saying the country was witnessing an “attempted coup” against him.

“Police and investigators are not above the law,” he said. “The time has come to investigate the investigators.”

Netanyahu is desperate to remain in office to fight the charges. Under Israeli law, public officials are required to resign if charged with a crime. But that law does not apply to the prime minister, who can use his office as a bully pulpit against prosecutors and try to push parliament to grant him immunity from prosecution.

As the investigation gained steam in recent months, Netanyahu has repeatedly lashed out at what he sees as a hostile media, police and justice system. Observers have compared his tactics to those of his good friend, U.S. President Donald Trump, who has used similar language to rally his base during an



ARIEL SCHALIT/AP

Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit’s indictments capped a three-year probe.

accelerating impeachment inquiry.

Several dozen supporters and opponents of Netanyahu staged rival demonstrations outside the prime minister’s official residence Thursday night. Police kept the groups apart and there were no reports of violence.

Mandelblit rejected accusations that his decision was politically motivated and said he had acted solely out of professional considerations. He criticized the often-heated pressure campaigns by Netanyahu’s supporters and foes to sway his decision, which came after months of deliberations. Both sides had staged demonstrations outside or near his home.

“This is not a matter of politics,” he said. “This is an obligation placed on us, the people of law enforcement, and upon me personally as the one at its head.”

According to the indictment, Netanyahu accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars of Champagne and cigars from billionaire friends, offered to trade favors with a newspaper publisher and used his influence to help a wealthy telecom magnate in exchange for favorable coverage on a popular news site.

Netanyahu becomes Israel’s first sitting prime minister to be charged with a crime. His predecessor, Ehud Olmert, was forced to resign a decade ago ahead of a corruption indictment that later sent him to prison for 16 months.

The decision comes at a tumultuous time for the country. After an inconclusive election in September, both Netanyahu and former military chief Benny Gantz, leader of the Blue and White party, have failed to form a majority coalition in parliament. It’s

the first time in the nation’s history that that has happened.

The country on Thursday entered an unprecedented 21-day period in which any member of parliament can try to rally a 61-member majority to become prime minister. If that fails, new elections would be triggered, setting the stage for a three-month campaign followed by weeks or months of post-election negotiations.

The only apparent way out of the crisis would be a unity government between the parties, which together control a parliamentary majority. But after Thursday’s indictment, that possibility appeared even more remote.

Blue and White leaders said it was impossible for Netanyahu to rule under indictment and warned that there was a risk his personal considerations could influence his decisions.

“A prime minister up to his neck in corruption allegations has no public or moral mandate to make fateful decisions for the state of Israel,” the party said in a statement.

China warns Trump against signing Hong Kong rights bills

BY SIMON DENYER AND TIFFANY LIANG
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The crisis over Hong Kong’s future took center stage in worsening U.S.-China relations Thursday, as protesters called on President Donald Trump to sign into law two bills intended to protect human rights in the territory over Beijing’s strident objections.

The prospect of a diplomatic showdown between the United States and China grew after Congress passed the bills that pave the way for sanctions against officials involved in the crackdown on pro-democracy protests.

China’s most senior diplomat, Wang Yi, said the U.S. actions severely damage bilateral relations and do not help world peace and stability, while state media urged the United States to “rein in the horse at the edge of the precipice” and stop interfering in China’s internal affairs.

“This bill sends the wrong signal to those violent criminals and its substance seeks to throw Hong Kong into chaos or even to destroy Hong Kong outright,” Wang said. “If the U.S. side obstinately clings to its course, the Chinese side will inevitably adopt forceful measures to take resolute revenge, and all consequences will be borne by the United States,” the People’s Daily, the Communist Party’s newspaper, said in a front-page editorial.

But on the streets of Hong Kong, Washington’s support was welcomed, even if it was not seen as a game changer. Protesters are regrouping after a tough week in which more than 1,000 were arrested and hundreds injured.

“Sign the bill, protect Hong Kong!” a group of more than 100 protesters chanted at an upscale shopping mall.

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One bill, a human rights act, mandates sanctions on Chinese and Hong Kong officials who carry out human rights abuses and requires a review of the favorable trade status by the secretary of state that Washington grants Hong Kong.

Failure to issue that certification would effectively deal a massive blow to Hong Kong’s role as a global financial and trading hub. The American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong has warned of possible “unintended, counterproductive” consequences that could undermine the territory’s unique position.

The other bill prohibits export to Hong Kong police of certain nonlethal munitions, including tear gas, pepper spray, rubber bullets, water cannons, stun guns and Tasers.

Trump has 10 days to sign the legislation. In Washington, the Hong Kong bills brought rare bipartisan cooperation even as the impeachment inquiry had lawmakers deeply divided.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., celebrated the bills’ passage as “a day of mutual respect for democratic freedoms, the courage of the young people there to speak out, and also day of great bipartisanship in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate.”

Associated Press contributed.



STEVE RUARK/AP

Former Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh leaves U.S. District Court in Baltimore on Thursday.

Ex-Baltimore mayor enters guilty pleas in fraud case

BY BRIAN WITTE AND REGINA GARCIA CANO
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The disgraced former mayor of Baltimore pleaded guilty Thursday to federal conspiracy and tax evasion charges in a case involving sales of her self-published children’s books.

Catherine Pugh pleaded guilty in federal court in Baltimore to conspiracy to commit wire fraud, conspiracy to defraud the government and tax evasion. But

she pleaded not guilty to wire fraud. The pleas came a day after an 11-count indictment was unsealed.

The case involves sales of her self-published “Healthy Holly” books to nonprofits and foundations to promote her political career and fund her run for mayor. Pugh, a Democrat who was elected in 2016, resigned under pressure in May.

Pugh faces a maximum of 35 years in prison. U.S. Attorney Robert Hur said that based on sentencing guidelines, she would prob-

ably be sentenced to about five years, but a judge would make the final determination. Her sentencing is set for Feb. 24.

In court Thursday, Pugh only spoke to answer questions from the judge. After the hearing, she silently walked out of the courthouse flanked by attorneys and others and left in a waiting SUV.

Hur said the counts Pugh admitted to “demonstrated that she betrayed the trust placed on her.”

Pugh became Baltimore’s

second mayor in less than a decade to step down because of scandal.

Former Mayor Sheila Dixon left office in 2010 as part of a plea deal for misappropriating about \$500 in gift cards meant for needy families.

The charges against Pugh came as the city has struggled with violent crime and other cases of public corruption, as well as a major police scandal. The city has had more than 300 homicides annually for five consecutive years.

The police department remains under a federal consent decree requiring sweeping reforms. It was authorized in January after the U.S. Justice Department released a scathing report detailing long-standing patterns of racial profiling and excessive force within the city’s police force.

Federal authorities began investigating city police following the April 2015 death of a young black man, Freddie Gray, who was fatally injured while in the custody of officers.



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Former National Security Council adviser Fiona Hill testified Thursday.

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proceedings will move to the House Judiciary Committee, which will draft specific articles of impeachment.

Hill and Holmes detailed tense behind-the-scenes deliberations among Trump administration officials, presenting fresh perspective on how the collective effect of efforts by the president and his allies ultimately benefited Russia, which backs Ukrainian separatists fighting the government in Kyiv.

In addition to pressing for investigations, the pair testified, those aligned with the president — particularly Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani — undercut Marie Yovanovitch, a respected U.S. diplomat who served as the ambassador to Ukraine, and spread unfounded allegations that Ukraine, rather than Russia, interfered in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

"This is a fictional narrative that has been perpetrated and propagated by the Russian security services," Hill said.

The two witnesses were the last who had been formally scheduled for public hearings — though others could be added, and the House Intelligence Committee is still expected to release the remaining transcripts of its private depositions.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., declined to say Thursday whether she has heard enough to move the impeachment process forward, though she asserted that Democrats would not wait on the courts to compel the appearance of several other potential witnesses. Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., seemed to make Democrats' next step clear, saying

Trump's actions were "beyond" even what President Richard Nixon did in the Watergate scandal.

Despite some damaging testimony suggesting the president wanted a foreign power to investigate a U.S. citizen as part of a quid pro quo, Republicans, so far, have been unmoved.

Rep. Devin Nunes of California, the highest ranking Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, asserted that Democrats were making an "attempt to overthrow the president."

Like other witnesses before them, Hill and Holmes said they grew increasingly dismayed, starting in the spring and summer, as their efforts to arrange a meeting between Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy were stymied by Giuliani and others.

The officials said they would come to learn the White House was also withholding roughly \$400 million of security assistance from Ukraine, and Holmes said it was his "clear impression" that was because Zelenskyy would not announce investigations as Trump and Giuliani wanted.

"While we had advised our Ukrainian counterparts to voice a commitment to following the rule of law and generally investigating credible corruption allegations, this was a demand that President Zelenskyy personally commit, on a cable news channel, to a specific investigation of President Trump's political rival," Holmes testified.

Hill and Holmes described how different officials in the U.S. government seemed to be working at different purposes — and with different instructions — in their dealings with Ukraine.

In one of the most notable exchanges of the day, Hill — under questioning from committee Republi-

cans' lawyer — described growing angry with Gordon Sondland, the U.S. ambassador to the European Union, who had told her that Trump tapped him personally to work on Ukraine issues.

In his testimony Wednesday, Sondland explicitly linked Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and other senior officials to what he said he came to believe was a campaign to pressure a foreign government to investigate Biden in exchange for a White House meeting and aid.

Hill said that she confronted Sondland for not coordinating with her and that he responded he already was briefing Trump, acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and national security adviser John Bolton.

"Who else," Hill said Sondland asked her, "do I have to deal with?"

Hill said that watching Sondland's testimony, she came to understand he was "absolutely right."

"He wasn't coordinating with us because we weren't doing the same thing that he was doing," Hill said. "He was being involved in a domestic political errand. And we were being involved in national security foreign policy."

Hill said she told Sondland: "Gordon, I think this is all going to blow up."

"And here we are," Hill said.

Focusing on the notion that Russia interfered in the 2016 election, Hill offered a blunt warning about the 2020 campaign, saying the Kremlin has "geared up to repeat their" attacks and "we are running out of time to stop them."

She said she raised such issues because Russia's goal was to put the U.S. president — no matter who it might be — "under a cloud."

"This," she said, "is exactly what the Russian government was hoping for."

long enough to have credence without dragging on too long.

The scenario assumes the proceedings would end in acquittal in the GOP-controlled Senate.

"I don't want them to believe there's an ability to dismiss the case before it's heard," Graham said Thursday following the meeting with Cipollone. "I think most everybody agreed, there's not 51 votes to dismiss it before the managers get to call the case."

But even a two-week trial could run counter to what Trump has expressed privately.

"No final decision has been made," one senior White House official said.

Cruz, who confirmed he attended the meeting earlier Thursday with top White House officials, stressed that he believed it was imperative that both the House impeachment managers and the president's attorneys get time to make their arguments.

Bloomberg files paperwork in potential step at 2020 run

By MICHAEL SCHERER
The Washington Post

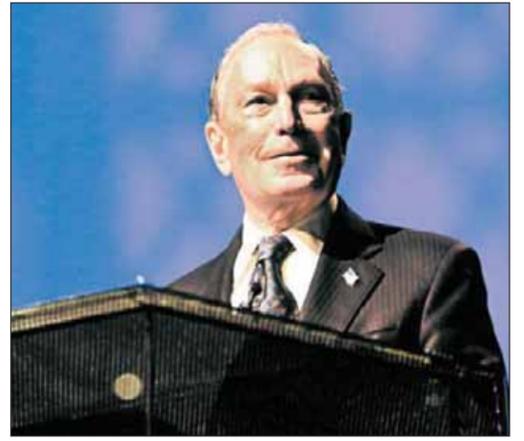
WASHINGTON — Former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg filed federal papers Thursday declaring himself a Democratic candidate for president, a potentially disruptive move that could upend the party's nomination fight.

The filing, coming eight months after Bloomberg ruled out a bid because he believed it would be too hard to win the Democratic nomination, reflects his view that the field of Democratic contenders was not well positioned to win next year and that a candidate with his experience, political moderation and deep pockets would have a better chance of defeating President Donald Trump in a general election.

Advisers said Thursday that the filing was a step toward running for president, following several state ballot registrations, but not an official announcement or public signal that he had made a final decision. An adviser said the timing of the filing was triggered by his earlier application for a spot on the Alabama ballot.

But Bloomberg's team has been moving swiftly over the past two weeks to rebuild a presidential campaign operation that was scuttled after he decided earlier this year not to run.

One of the world's richest men, with a net worth estimated by Forbes to be \$53 billion, Bloomberg is positioned to be a force to counter the candidates who emerge from the first four nominating contests in Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina. In defiance of the traditional nominating calendar, Bloomberg has planned to skip those contests to spend heavily in states that will vote in March, including the 14 states including California and Texas that will award delegates on Super Tuesday.



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Former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg, 77, has not made a final decision whether he is running for president.

As the other candidates focus on the early states, Bloomberg has looked at building his organization in more delegate-rich states while also spending \$115 million or more on ads and voter registration efforts targeting Trump in states such as Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania that are likely to be crucial in the general election.

His bid would be built around his effectively bottomless pockets, since no presidential campaign has ever come close to spending the resources at Bloomberg's disposal. His advisers expect to work without a preset budget or any outside fundraising efforts, a fact that will bar him from participation in the December party debates, which require candidates to meet a donor threshold.

Bloomberg's longtime advertising strategist, Bill Knapp, has signed on to work on the campaign. Mitch Stewart, a senior field organizer for both of Barack Obama's presidential campaigns, has been tapped to plan ground operations, marking an early decision to build an operation that reaches beyond television and digital advertising.

Bloomberg is the financial backer of one of the

largest standing grassroots political efforts in the country to push for more gun regulation. His groups, Moms Demand Action, Students Demand Action and the Everytown Survivor Network, boast hundreds of local groups with representation in every state. The groups made over 100,000 phone calls and knocked on tens of thousands of doors in Virginia to help elect Democrats in the state legislature, according to advisers.

But Bloomberg's campaign will face fierce early headwinds from a party electorate that has shown skepticism in recent years toward self-funding candidates and those with close Wall Street ties. He made his money selling information technology to bankers, traders and others in the finance industry.

For much of his political career, he was a Republican, registering as an independent in 2007 and rejoining the Democratic Party in 2018. As mayor of New York, he endorsed President George W. Bush's reelection in a speech at the 2004 Republican National Convention in New York. In 2016, he spoke at the Democratic nominating convention with a speech warning of a Trump presidency.

Secret Service spent \$250K at Trump sites in 5 months

Taxpayers pay into president's company, 2017 records show

By DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD, JONATHAN O'CONNELL AND JOSHUA PARTLOW
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Secret Service paid more than \$250,000 to President Donald Trump's private businesses in just the first five months of Trump's presidency — paying the president's company an average of nearly \$2,000 per day, according to Secret Service records.

Those records, obtained by the group Property of the People after an open-records lawsuit, detail some of the revenue that Trump derives from U.S. taxpayers.

The president has set up an extraordinary arrangement: He kept ownership of his businesses — and then visited them repeatedly, bringing along aides and security officials and charging the government for what they bought.

Documents released previously had shown \$84,000 in federal spending at Trump properties in the first months of Trump's time in office. These new records, detailing spending on Secret Service credit cards, show an additional \$254,000 by the Secret Service alone.

The documents do not give much detail about the spending: they list only the dates of the purchases, and the name of the Trump property that received the payments. Adding to the confusion: Trump has multiple properties called "Trump National Golf Club" and this list does not distinguish between them.

But in some cases, the spending appears to match up with Trump's visits to his own properties. On April 2, 2017, for instance, Trump played golf at his



BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/GETTY-AFP

The Secret Service paid \$16,000 on May 7, 2017, when President Trump stayed at his club in Bedminster, N.J.

club in suburban Virginia — a short drive from the White House.

That day, the records show, the Secret Service made five separate payments to "Trump National Golf Club" totaling \$26,802, the records show.

Between May 31, 2017, and June 5, 2017, Trump played golf twice at the Virginia course, according to news reports — including once with former NFL quarterback Peyton Manning and then-Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn. The Secret Service reported paying \$29,000 to the Trump golf club then.

On May 7, Trump was staying at his golf club in Bedminster, New Jersey. The Secret Service records show \$16,000 in spending at "Trump National Golf Club" that day.

The records do not show what the Secret Service payments are for.

But Secret Service agents often spend multiple days securing a property and planning on-site before a president's arrival, even if it isn't the president's first time going there. It's unclear how the Secret Service would do this at Trump properties where there are little or no overnight accommodations, including the Virginia golf course.

Some expenditures do

not seem to correlate to Trump's public schedule.

On March 17, Trump was at his Mar-a-Lago Club in Florida. But on that day, the Secret Service recorded spending \$40,000 at a Trump property thousands of miles away: the Trump hotel in Las Vegas.

That spending could relate to a visit by someone else: the Secret Service protects other top officials and Trump family members.

The White House declined to comment for this story. The Trump Organization and the Secret Service did not respond to requests for comment Thursday.

Ryan Shapiro, executive director of Property of the People, said the figures showed "Donald Trump views the American public as a bunch of marks waiting to be fleeced."

"Due to his overt self-dealing and refusal to divest from his sprawling business empire, Donald Trump has turned the American presidency into a racket," Shapiro said.

The Constitution prohibits Presidents from taking "emoluments," or payments, from the U.S. government beyond their official presidential salary. Trump has said this does not prohibit him from charging his own government for services rendered.

White House, GOP discuss limiting trial length in Senate

By SEUNG MIN KIM AND JOSH DAWSEY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A group of Republican senators and senior White House officials met privately Thursday to map out a strategy for a potential impeachment trial of President Donald Trump, including proceedings in the Senate that could be limited to about two weeks, according to multiple officials familiar with the talks.

Sens. Mike Lee, R-Utah, Ron Johnson, R-Wis., John Kennedy, R-La., Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Tom Cotton, R-Ark., met with White House counsel Pat Cipollone, acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, senior adviser Jared Kushner and counselor to the president Kellyanne Conway, according to the officials, some of whom requested anonymity to discuss a private meeting.

The meeting was organ-



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Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, was among those who met at the White House.

ized by White House legislative affairs director Eric Ueland, who was also in attendance along with advisers Pam Bondi and Tony Sayegh, recently hired to guide the White House's impeachment messaging and strategy.

No final decisions were made on strategy for a trial that, if it happens, would come in January at the earliest. But one prominent scenario discussed, according to officials, was a trial that would last for roughly two weeks, which several Senate Republicans view as the ideal option because they believe it would be

NEWS BRIEFING

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Teenager used 'ghost gun' in California high school shooting

LOS ANGELES — The 16-year-old boy who fatally shot two fellow students and wounded three others last week at a Southern California high school used an unregistered, untraceable "ghost gun," Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said Thursday.

Villanueva told media outlets that Nathaniel Berhow's 45-caliber, 1911-model replica semi-automatic pistol was assembled from gun parts and

did not have a serial number.

Such weapons are a growing problem for law enforcement around the country because they are easy to obtain and take limited expertise to build.

It's legal to purchase gun kits and assemble them at home. That method allows the purchaser to avoid background checks required to purchase ready-made guns from licensed dealers.

California justices reject law requiring Trump tax returns

LOS ANGELES — President Donald Trump does not have to disclose his tax returns to appear as a candidate on California's primary ballot next spring, the state Supreme Court ruled unanimously 7-0 on Thursday.

The law, the first of its kind in the nation and aimed squarely at Trump, violates the state constitution's "specification of an inclusive open presidential primary ballot,"

the court said.

A U.S. judge had temporarily blocked the state law in response to a different lawsuit and the high court ruled quickly because the deadline to file tax returns for getting on the primary ballot is next week.

The state Republican Party challenged the bill signed into law this year by Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom because it singled out Trump.

UK Labour Party vows radical changes if it wins Dec. 12 vote

LONDON — Britain's main opposition Labour Party promised Thursday to radically expand public spending and state ownership if it wins the Dec. 12 election, trying to close a persistent opinion-poll gap with the governing Conservatives.

The party said a Labour government would nationalize Britain's railways, energy utilities and postal system, cap rents, hike the minimum wage

and abolish university tuition fees.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn called the platform a "manifesto of hope."

Labour's plan is an attempt to shift the focus of the campaign from Britain's stalled departure from the European Union and onto the country's fraying social fabric, stressed after a decade of austerity measures by Conservative governments.



A woman pays her respects Thursday at a memorial dedicated to people who died in clashes with security forces at Independent Square in Kyiv, Ukraine, to mark the protests that began on Nov. 21, 2013, and led to the ouster of President Victor Yanukovich.

Iran internet outage first to effectively isolate entire nation

BOSTON — Internet connectivity was trickling back in Iran on Thursday after the government shut down access to the rest of the world for more than four days in response to sometimes violent unrest apparently triggered by a gasoline price hike.

The shutdown across a nation of 80 million people was the first to effectively isolate a modern, highly developed domestic network, experts say. That makes it a milestone in efforts by authoritarian governments to censor online communications.

Other governments —

such as Ethiopia's — have imposed longer internet shutdowns. And Russia is exerting more central control over its internet. But nothing to date equals Iran's shutdown in logistical complexity, the experts say.

Despite the open nature of the internet, a combination of technical measures and political pressure in repressive states can isolate large populations from free-flowing information.

Some governments, especially during unrest, have been accused of trying to prevent the spread of videos and images showing

police violence against protesters. They do so by throttling, or slowing down, internet connectivity or blocking access to specific applications such as Google search. It's happened on multiple occasions in Venezuela.

Iran acted to staunch demonstrations in a reported 100 cities and towns.

The Iranian government can throttle or block access because there are just two principal gateways, known as exchanges, that connect the country to the global internet, and the government controls both.

Judge halts 1st federal executions since 2003

WASHINGTON — A judge has halted the first federal executions in 16 years, saying death row inmates scheduled to be executed are likely to win their legal challenge.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan said in a Wednesday evening ruling that the public is not served by

"short-circuiting" legitimate judicial process.

The Justice Department said it will appeal Chutkan's decision.

Attorney General William Barr unexpectedly announced in July that the government would resume executions Dec. 9, ending an informal moratorium on

federal capital punishment as the issue receded from the public domain.

Some of the chosen convicts challenged the new procedures, arguing that the government was circumventing proper methods to wrongly execute inmates quickly.

President signs stopgap bill to avert shutdown

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Thursday signed a short-term funding bill, averting the threat of a government shutdown until next month.

Trump signed the bill, which will extend funding through Dec. 20, hours before government funding was set to expire.

The Senate, by a 74-20 vote, passed the short-term funding bill earlier in the day.

The stopgap spending bill would give negotiators four more weeks to try and break an impasse involving funding for Trump's border wall project that has gridlocked progress on the 12 appropriations measures that fund about one-third of the government.

Trump is demanding up to \$8.6 billion more for the U.S.-Mexico border wall. The administration rejected bipartisan entreaties to add \$5 billion.

In Guatemala: The United States has begun carrying out a landmark policy shift on asylum that's a top priority of President Donald Trump, returning a Honduran immigrant to Guatemala to pursue his asylum case.

Guatemala's Foreign Ministry said Thursday that the Honduran man had reached the U.S. border at El Paso, Texas, but was sent to Guatemala on Thursday.

Guatemalan Interior Ministry said that more flights with returned asylum seekers are expected next week.

Under a July agreement, asylum seekers have to file claims in Guatemala rather than in the United States if they crossed through Guatemala on their way to the U.S. border.

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EDITORIALS

Protecting the lakes

FROM PARCHED PLACES
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The Upper Midwest is to water what Saudi Arabia is to oil. We've got it in enormous quantities: 84% of the country's fresh surface water, and 20% of the world's, all of it stored conveniently in vast containers known as the Great Lakes. In a country where many states face a growing risk of heat, drought and wildfires, Illinois and its neighbors possess a vital resource that will only grow in value.

You'd think we would be taking firm steps to protect that resource, and you would not be entirely wrong. In 2005, eight states, joined by the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec, entered into a compact to facilitate management of the Great Lakes, an agreement later enacted into federal law.

Sorry, California and Texas

One of the compact's chief purposes was to prevent the wholesale diversion of this precious water outside the lakes' drainage basin to thirstier locales.

In recent decades, Midwestern governors have taken this threat of diversion seriously. We've chronicled why, with U.S. population shifting south and west, it's easy to imagine tremendous political pressure — perhaps driven by a killer drought in arid states — to view the Great Lakes not as a regional resource, but as a national one.

Think the notion of siphoning these lakes is preposterous? Congress in 1982 mulled diverting Great Lakes water to parched Great Plains farms and ranches. Another 1980s plan had Lake Superior water piped to Wyoming, laced with semi-liquefied coal and piped back to Midwestern generating plants. In 2007, drought had officials from Alabama to the Carolinas licking their dry lips at the prospect of pirating Yankee water. Also in 2007, Democratic presidential candidate Bill Richardson of New Mexico proposed piping Great Lakes water to population magnets of the American Southwest. The extent of Richardson's analysis: "States like Wisconsin are awash in water."

So far, no such water-grab schemes have succeeded. Sorry, California and Texas. Maybe you can desalinate ocean water?

The Midwest's homegrown threat

But the more immediate threat to this resource is homegrown. Huge blooms of algae have erupted in Lake Erie, giving its water a green tint, a toxic character and a noxious smell.

This summer, as Tribune reporter Tony Briscoe notes in his series, "Climate Change: Great Lakes, High Stakes," algae coated more than 600 square miles of Lake Erie's surface. In 2014, algae contaminated the water systems of Toledo, Ohio, leaving 400,000 residents without drinking water.



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Ed Verhamme, a coastal engineer, collects a concentrated sample of algae and bacteria on Lake Erie in September. Top, a commercial fishing boat returns home on Sandusky Bay after fishing in Lake Erie. The warm, shallow waters of Lake Erie act as an incubator for algae, which gives the lake its trademark green tinge.

Reversing a river, reducing a risk

Lake Michigan has also suffered the occasional algae outbreak, though Chicago did much to head off that problem in 1900 when Sanitary District of Chicago engineers, deploying a series of canal locks, reversed the Chicago River to send our sewage to the Mississippi River. Even Lake Superior — cold, deep and farther north — is susceptible to algae.

The phenomenon results mostly from agricultural runoff in the form of manure and commercial fertilizer, as well as municipal sewage and wastewater. Together they provide the nutrients that stimulate the growth of algae. Since 2005, according to a report by the Environmental Law and Policy Center and the

Environmental Working Group, the number of hog, cattle, dairy and poultry operations in the Maumee River watershed in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan has soared by 42% — and all the feces those livestock produce has to go somewhere.

Weather also contributes: Since 1951, annual precipitation in our region has risen by 14%, and the most intense storms have gotten more frequent. Rainfall can wash manure covering farm fields into streams and rivers, which eventually empty into the Great Lakes. Climate change is likely to aggravate these changes, and warmer temperatures speed the growth of algae.

Where Clean Water Act falls short

Back in the 1970s, the Clean Water Act greatly reduced pollution from municipal and industrial sources — and curbed these blooms. But the act provided exemptions for most farming activities, leaving agricultural runoff largely outside federal control.

Ohio has imposed rules on when manure can be spread on fields, a step that drew the ire of farmers. But well-intentioned regulations haven't solved the problem. On Nov. 13, a federal court allowed a lawsuit to proceed alleging that Ohio is obligated under the Clean Water Act to curb such pollution.

Stricter rules are needed — and not only in Ohio — to ensure the water quality of the Great Lakes. These vast reservoirs can be sweetened with federal or state programs to encourage the planting of cover crops, which help to hold fertilizer in the soil, although they're not commercially lucrative. More ambitious conservation programs to promote restoration and protection of wetlands, which filter pollutants, are also in order.

The challenge for Ill. and neighbors

Some positive and likely inevitable influences won't rely on government actions. Technology promises to help by enabling farmers to target the application of fertilizers with greater precision and less waste. Plant-based alternatives to animal products could eventually reduce the number of manure-producing livestock.

The Trump administration, though, has shown little interest in cracking down on pollution. That means the onus is on state and Canadian provincial governments to recognize the growing threat to the Great Lakes and implement measures to protect the waters that our region has been blessed with.

We wouldn't let outsiders take our water. Why should we let Midwesterners pollute it?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

In over 40 years of American education, a slight increase in student enrollment has brought with it a drastic increase in budgets, an almost doubling of staff and little to no effect on learning outcomes. Much of that increase has come from support staff. ...

At the highest level, the U.S. Department of Education's budgetary request (which covers more than just K-12) has grown from nothing in 1979, the year of its inception, to \$59.9 billion for the 2019 fiscal year without a marked increase in results. ...

I don't mean to attack teaching as a discipline, or public education as a system. I am a teacher. I respect the vocation. I teach in a public school. However, waste has consequences. ...

Thus, when politicians suggest we triple Title I budgets or raise the salary of teachers across the board, I foresee the expansion of an already bloated system. There are a host of reforms I've written about elsewhere that promise results with no additional spending: school choice, merit-based pay, the expansion of charter schools and the like.

Even at a local level, looking at Chicago's strike over class sizes, I wonder what would happen if all those teachers in support roles like my own were instead moved to full-time classroom teaching. Looking at my district, I wonder how it would change if the ineffectual administration were cut in half, giving teachers more freedom.

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PERSPECTIVE



A star denotes a new Real ID driver's license. The deadline for the identification requirement is Oct. 1.

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Real answers for those who are really confused about Real ID driver's licenses



ERIC ZORN

Up front, I'll confess that I still don't have a good answer to the question that is likely to come to dominate the national discussion as the Real ID deadline approaches next fall.

That question is why? As in...

Q. Why, as of Oct. 1, 2020, will the federal government require passengers to show a Real ID-certified driver's license, valid passport or other special form of identification to board a domestic air flight?

A. To show that the Trump administration is extra serious about combating terrorism? That's my best guess as to the reason for this enhanced identification requirement. Congress formalized it in a 2005 law that was born of post-9/11 panic, but it's being implemented only because of a 2017 order from Trump's Department of Homeland Security.

All but one of the 9/11 hijackers would have been able to board their planes had Real ID requirements been in place, and afterward, this nation has seen zero air hijackings *without* Real ID requirements in place.

Since I last wrote about this topic three weeks ago I've not learned of a smart rejoinder to my peevisish conclusion that Real ID is a solution in search of problem.

In fact, it's creating problems of its own — confusion, pique and long lines at driver's license facilities — as many readers reminded me in a flood of questions and complaints. And I do have some answers there.

Q. What forms of identification will still work to get you on an airplane after Oct. 1, 2020, if you don't have a Real ID?

A. A valid U.S. passport or passport card, a Department of Homeland Security Global Entry card, a military ID, a permanent resident or border-crossing card, a foreign passport, a Canadian driver's license and a variety of other documents listed at [tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification](https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification).

If you have one of these and remember to have it with you at the airport or whenever you want to enter a federally secured facility, you can avoid the crowds and all the news coverage and wait until after the deadline to apply.

Q. Since a passport is among the documents that can substitute for a Real ID, can you simply show your passport to be issued a Real ID?

A. Of course not, silly! And a Real ID can't be used as a passport. This is the government we're talking about here. To get a Real ID you need to assemble a small cache of documents that includes proof of identity (such as a passport or birth certificate), proof of Social Security number (such as a Social Security card, tax form or pay stub), proof of current residency (such as utility bills or bank statements) and proof of signature (such as a driver's license or canceled check).

If you do most of your banking and bill paying online and don't have bills and stubs lying around, computer printouts are OK.

The Illinois Secretary of State's office offers a comprehensive, interactive checklist at realid.ilsos.gov/ to

prevent you from making the now common mistake of showing up to apply without your papers in order.

Q. What sort of mistakes are typical?

A. Presenting utility bills, bank statements or canceled checks that are more than 90 days old is one I heard about frequently. Even though the Real ID card will be good for four years, you can't get one by showing old bills.

A problem some people — mostly women — are encountering is that, because of marriage or divorce, their last names don't match the last names on their proof-of-identity documents. Such people have to bring with them certified proof of marriage or proof of dissolution of marriage papers that reconcile the discrepancy.

And finally, don't try to apply for Real ID at driver's license express facilities. They're in Orland Park, Lockport, the Loop and on the North Side and don't usually process Real ID requests.

Q. Why is Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White being so fussy about all this?

A. His office is simply enforcing rules put in place by Congress.

Q. Do minors need to get Real ID cards?

A. Only if they are traveling alone.

Q. Does it cost extra?

A. It's \$5 to replace a current driver's license early, but there's no extra charge if you upgrade to Real ID at your normal renewal time.

Q. Will Real ID be a de facto national identification card?

A. No, says the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its answers to frequently asked questions at dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs. The program "does not create a federal database of driver license information," says DHS. "Each jurisdiction continues to issue its own unique license, maintains its own records, and controls who gets access to those records and under what circumstances."

Q. How long does the process take once you show up at a driver's license facility?

A. It depends on the facility and time of the week, according to many anecdotal reports. It took me 90 minutes, but I've heard everything from 30 minutes to four hours, so bring along reading material. White's office is hiring additional staff and expanding service days and hours to reduce wait times as part of an estimated \$15 million effort to reduce the number of screaming fits at Illinois airports starting next October.

Q. Must you make this, too, about Donald Trump?

A. Yes. Because Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama had the good sense to ignore this ill-advised, unnecessary bit of security theater that's now robbing people of time they'll never get back and will almost certainly ruin untold thousands of vacations and business trips in the future. The current administration decided the requirements are "critically important." Congress passed Real ID 14 years ago, but next October, Trump will own it.

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Cook County forest preserve budget won't meet all the needs

BY LARRY SUFFREDIN

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County is the largest county conservation district in the United States, with more than 70,000 acres of land that include the Brookfield Zoo and Chicago Botanic Garden. Millions of people visit each year for picnicking, hiking, boating, biking, horseback riding, fishing and camping.

All of these activities are funded by the Forest Preserve District, whose budget this year provides only a minimal level of funding for operations.

The budget maintains too little support for the botanic garden and the zoo and does not allow them to adequately serve the public. Millions visit and learn about conservation and the environment from these two jewels that anchor the district's outreach and educational programming. Neither can continue their level of excellence without more money. This budget will force us to take radical actions through increased fees to preserve the garden and the zoo. This will limit our outreach to the poorer members of our community.

I voted against the maintenance 2020 Cook County Forest Preserve District budget this month because it failed to provide resources to protect the work that has been done to protect our land. This budget is the third in a row that does not address the need to protect our land resources and strengthen the commitment to the future. I lost: The final vote was 14-1. Our Forest Preserve land survives be-



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Visitors at Brookfield Zoo in the west suburb in 2018.

cause of the thousands of hours that volunteers give to protect our vast and diverse holdings. They called for us to put a citizen referendum on the March 2020 ballot to increase property taxes to cover necessary expenses. This would give voters a voice to increase funding for the district to do three things: Approve funds to expand restoration services on our land; acquire more land while some still exists, and increase our subsidies to the zoo and botanic garden.

After much discussion, it became clear that there was not enough support on the board to place such a citizen referendum on the ballot. Our failure to act places the

future of the Forest Preserve District in great jeopardy.

As a non-home rule unit of local government, the district can only raise funds through property taxes, fees or any other authorization the Illinois General Assembly may grant. Tax cap limits on non-home rule units of government have crippled the district's ability to keep up with inflation. In addition, unfunded mandates from the state have put a pension burden on the district and limited our ability to properly protect the land.

A citizen referendum would have given the voters the right to decide what level of taxation would have been appropriate. The

campaign would have highlighted the stormwater protection our lands provide to all, the carbon reduction our trees and other vegetation provide to improve our air quality, and the recreational and educational opportunities the land offers. Unfortunately, the positive discussion this campaign would have raised will never happen. The will of the voters will never be known.

For the last three years, I have stated that the budgets were the best we could do. But we must do better. Now the simple need for more financial resources to protect and acquire land will be in the hands of the General Assembly, which must grant us relief from tax caps. This budget is the fifth to have input from the Conservation Council, whose role is to help us create a clear vision for the future. The council has called for the last five years to expand land restoration and land acquisition. This budget fails to meet that vision.

We now need a miracle to allow future generations to enjoy the beauty of our land.

Forest Preserve commissioners are also county commissioners, and this budget shows that their attention is much more focused on the county government over the Forest Preserve government. This is the time to consider separating the two and giving the Forest Preserve a separate governing board.

My "no" vote is my plea to find a miracle.

Larry Suffredin is a Cook County and Forest Preserve District commissioner from Evanston.

PERSPECTIVE

Mother, daughters, doctors

Affirmative action at Harvard makes a generational ripple in improving black health care

BY UCHÉ BLACKSTOCK

Earlier this fall, Harvard University successfully defended itself against the latest and most closely watched attack on university affirmative action. The lawsuit brought by conservative political strategist Edward Blum and his group Students for Fair Admissions claimed that admissions processes unfairly penalized Asian applicants in favor of black and Latino students.

Blum is known for organizing lawsuits against affirmative action policies, including another failed suit to end affirmative action at the University of Texas in 2016.

A byproduct of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, affirmative action policies were originally designed and intended to redress centuries of legal discrimination against black people in this country. However, what lies behind recent anti-affirmative action lawsuits like Blum's is the notion that less qualified black applicants are unfairly taking the seats of more deserving Asian American applicants.

One of the early beneficiaries of these affirmative action policies was a black woman, one of six siblings born to a single mother and raised in poverty and who died when only 47 years old from acute myelogenous leukemia.

As a child, she had developed a love of science and became the first person in her family to graduate from college. During college, she was encouraged by a chemistry professor to apply to medical school. In the fall of 1972, she matriculated early decision at Harvard Medical School. At times, this young woman struggled with coursework and doubted her own abilities. Some of her classmates' parents were Harvard professors, and her own mother had never even completed high school.

But she was determined, and graduated from medical school in 1976. Her residency at Harlem Hospital followed, then a fellowship in Brooklyn, after which she remained to practice medicine in the same Brooklyn neighborhood where she grew up. As she rendered diligent care and attention to her neighbors, other black medical students and junior faculty sought her out for inspiration and advice. She became a mentor to a generation of Brooklyn medical aspirants and a guiding force for local black physicians' organizations.

That woman was my mother, Dr. Dale Gloria Blackstock.

My twin sister, Oni, and I would accompany her to the hospital, meetings and conferences. Growing up, we had assumed most physicians were black because of her and our medical environment, but that assumption was, of course, wrong. The number of black physicians remains stubbornly low. Currently, only 4% of all U.S. physicians



FAMILY PHOTO

Twins Uché and Oni with their mother, Dale Blackstock, at their baptism, circa 1978.

are black, although black people account for 13% of the population.

Our mother's passion for learning, her dogged perseverance and her commitment to serving her community heavily influenced our own decision to become physicians. We are the first black mother-daughter legacy from Harvard Medical School and, although we practice medicine in a different era, our struggles are similar.

Structural racism still inflicts heavy blows on the health status and outcomes of black people in this country. Racial health disparities, compounded by the dearth of black physicians, have stubbornly persisted over the last decades, and we are currently in the midst of a black maternal mortality crisis.

Black physicians and other health care professionals are one of the critical solutions to addressing these profound health disparities. We are more likely to specialize in primary care and practice in underserved communities. Additionally, racial concordance in clinician-patient interactions has been shown to improve health outcomes, particularly among black patients. Yet the erroneous assumption that African Americans are somehow edging out "better qualified" applicants remains a stubborn and damning myth.

The fact is that among the documents

submitted as part of the affirmative action lawsuit was the internal study "Legacy and Athlete Preferences at Harvard," which revealed how, from 2009 until 2014, 43% of all white applicants Harvard accepted were either legacies, athletes or the children of donors and faculty. Without these "white affirmative action" advantages, only 1 in 4 of those students would have been accepted to the school.

Our mother had the talent and drive to become a physician. Affirmative action policies helped to mitigate the structural impediments blocking her path to success, and that of many others like her. Although she died prematurely, her legacy lives on in the patients she cared for, the communities she served, the future physicians she mentored and the organizations she led.

Last month, a group of black alumni from Harvard Medical School gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the school's 1969 diversity initiative, started in response to Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. My twin sister and I attended to represent our class of 2005 and also to represent our mother, class of 1976.

Uché Blackstock, M.D., is a physician and founder and CEO of Advancing Health Equity.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Chicago needs a responsible budget

According to city Budget Director Susie Park, Mayor Lori Lightfoot's budget is precariously balanced in its current form. The slightest change or miscalculation will impact the stability of the entire budget. The question I have is simple: How can any Chicagoan believe a budget is true and balanced when it relies on \$163 million in unrealized reimbursements?

Assuming the city does get those dollars, the administration has not been transparent with its "zero-based budgeting" process. Lightfoot cut approximately 130 full-time and currently vacant positions, thereby saving taxpayers \$19 million. What she refuses to discuss are the 1,900 vacant full-time jobs from the 2019 budget that she is keeping and paying for in the 2020 budget. This will cost Chicago taxpayers an additional \$194 million for jobs Lightfoot has no intention of filling. This issue is critical because it represents maintenance of the status quo at City Hall. It is the true slush fund used by politicians to cover their budget errors or, as is the case here, provide a \$200 million cash flow cushion in the budget.

Beyond the "ifs, ands and maybes" of this budget, there are several concrete things we can do now to generate revenue responsibly.

First, the City Council has until Dec. 31 to put a budget in place — let's slow down the budget process so that departments have time to adequately present to the council their best, most efficient budgets.

Second, we must address the massive number of unfilled positions in our city's budget. Cutting nearly all nonemergency positions would save taxpayers an additional \$94 million.

Third, we should remove the Police Department's \$150 million budget increase and reconsider it when the anticipated \$163 million reimbursement arrives.

Fourth, we must talk with Uber about a \$50 million revenue guarantee for a revised ground transportation tax. We can require it to fund \$25 million in escrow, guaranteeing that which it has committed to while generating \$10 million.

Lastly, Chicago has yet to pull the lever on its own gambling abilities: video gaming. We could net \$20 million to \$35 million immediately in per-machine licensing, with millions more from gambling revenue.

The people of Chicago were promised reform and transparency. Each of us — including Lightfoot — has a responsibility to ensure this budget is a reflection of that.

— *Ald. Raymond Lopez, 15th*

Tireless advocates

I am beyond livid at the editorial about the scheduled University of Chicago Medicine nursing strike ("U. of C. nurses, cancel your strike before ambulances come for these infants," Nov. 20). According to the editorial, the hospital verbalized concern for the patients, the families and community as a whole. The nurses are painted as cold and heartless in the face of critically ill patients and especially babies.

Although I'm sure the hospital is concerned about its patients, it's the nurses who have been tireless advocates for patients all along. That is not to negate our doctors, nurse practitioners, managers and directors, and ancillary staff. They do an amazing job, and they are left to make it work while the hospital punishes us for speaking up. It's unfortunate that upper management does not understand what is needed and won't give us the resources to do our jobs.

Nurses have been telling administration for years that supplies are short and ratios of nurses to patients are unsafe. The hospital counters with "We're fine, make it work."

I work in one of the units affected, the neonatal intensive care. Although I can't tell you what it's like for parents to have their child moved on a cold Chicago day to a hospital they know nothing of, I can tell you what it's like as a nurse who has taken care of these babies since the day they were born. The situation is heart-breaking and shameful.

It's shameful that this hospital that cares about the community would not meet additional days prior to the strike, has canceled other negotiating days and remains intent on casting us in the most negative light possible.

We do not want to strike, but we also want what's best for our patients. Our hope is that the hospital will help us work toward this before more patients are moved out and the South Side is once again underserved.

— *Amy M. Welch-Monahu, Dyer, Indiana*

Why does US diplomacy require all these ... people?

They're essential to relationships and effectiveness in a complex world.

BY IVO DAALDER

The impeachment hearings have given Americans a view into a world rarely seen beyond the Washington beltway and in foreign capitals, namely the work performed by U.S. diplomats and Foreign Service professionals. Much has rightly been made about the elaborate ways the White House sidelined, undermined and contradicted the work of the officials and diplomats charged with managing relations with Ukraine. As a result, Americans and their elected representatives are now grappling with the immediate question of whether President Donald Trump's conduct crossed the high bar of impeachment.

But the hearings have also highlighted another critical question: Why does the United States need diplomats and ambassadors?

With advances in technology, couldn't a U.S. president and a small team of confidants direct most diplomacy from Washington? More than at any time in history, U.S. presidents are calling, meeting, confabbing and submitting with world leaders by phone, video conference or in person. Why not dispense with the large number of overseas embassies, ornate ambassadorial residences and the entire diplomatic system they rely on to function?

Early in his tenure, President Trump asked these very questions when he was briefed by his secretaries of state and defense on America's global military and diplomatic presence around the world. "This is exactly what I don't want," Trump exclaimed, arguing that this large overseas presence was too costly and not working to advance his "America First" foreign policy.

From the very first days of his administration, the president seemed to have it in for the State Department and the Foreign Service officers who are its most important resource. He slashed its budget by a third. Senior officials were forced to resign from their positions. New hiring was

frozen during the first year of the administration. And the intake of new Foreign Service recruits was cut in half.

Many key ambassadorial and other senior jobs were left unfilled. Others went to political appointees with scant experience in diplomacy or the countries and regions in which they were appointed to serve. Even today, three of the six regional bureaus at the State Department are without a Senate-confirmed assistant secretary, and key embassies around the world remain without a permanent ambassador or nominee. Trump has long dismissed concerns about the many empty seats, declaring that "I am the only one that matters."

When it comes to making decisions, the president as the only duly elected official in the executive branch is indeed the only one who matters. But foreign policy is about a whole lot more than making decisions. It's also about building enduring relationships, deepening understanding of how other countries and governments operate, getting real insight into the perspectives of other nations and their leaders, and gauging where collaboration is possible and confrontation is necessary.

It's about advancing complicated negotiations to resolve differences and advance cooperation. It's about demonstrating the strength of our values and of our political and economic system to others around the world. And foreign policy is, critically, about building coalitions, maintaining international institutions and managing critical relationships with allies and adversaries alike.

All this requires knowing the foreign cultures, histories, customs and languages of other nations — a knowledge that can only be truly gained through deep study and day-to-day engagement with foreign peoples and their leaders. That is the job of diplomats. No technology can replace that essential expertise. And no one can pick it up on a whim.

There is room in this system for non-career officials at the top levels of the

State Department and as ambassadors who represent the president's political leanings and preferences. Such officials can bring fresh perspectives and different experiences drawn from decades in business and the private sector or years of specialization in a particular field. The most effective of these political appointees bring not only a close connection to the president but relevant experience to these senior jobs. When I was appointed U.S. ambassador to NATO by President Barack Obama, I had spent 30 years studying and writing about European security and transatlantic relations and had served for two years on the staff of the National Security Council.

But even political appointees must operate within established channels and can be effective only with the support of a full complement of diplomats and career officials. When a president or others in his administration circumvent these channels or cut out knowledgeable career officials, as happened during the Iran-Contra debacle in the 1980s and now seems to have happened in the case of Ukraine, disaster often follows.

Having witnessed firsthand how U.S. diplomacy can run afoul when proper channels aren't followed, Ambassador Gordon Sondland told Congress on Wednesday that "the men and women of the State Department ... should take responsibility for Ukraine matters." It's counsel that's as true of the rest of U.S. foreign policy as it is for Ukraine.

People and process matter in foreign policy. They are essential to effective decision-making and even more to the effective implementation of the decisions that have been made. That is the salutary lesson taught by the extraordinary professionals who testified in the impeachment hearings these past two weeks. And it is a lesson that must stay with us, no matter what the outcome of those hearings.

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New Medicare plan finder has a glitch

Search tool for options could be confusing, costly

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A glitch in Medicare's revamped prescription plan finder can steer unwitting seniors to coverage that costs much more than they need to pay, according to people who help with sign-ups as well as program experts.

Serving some 60 million Medicare recipients, the plan finder is the most commonly used tool on Medicare.gov and just got its first major update in a decade. The Trump administration has hailed the new version, and Medicare Administrator Seema Verma says it will empower beneficiaries to take advantage of their coverage options.

But as open enrollment goes into the home stretch Thanksgiving week, critics say the new tool can create confusion by obscuring out-of-pocket costs that seniors should factor into their decisions.

"I want to make sure people are given the most accurate information and they're making the best decision — because they are the ones stuck with it," said Ann Kayrish, senior program manager for Medicare at the National Council on Aging, a non-partisan organization that advocates for seniors and provides community services.

Government programs mixing health care and technology have faced struggles. Despite billions spent to subsidize elec-

tronic medical records, getting different systems to communicate remains a challenge. The Obama administration's launch of HealthCare.gov resulted in an embarrassing debacle when the website froze up the first day.

The leading Democrat on the Senate Aging Committee said he's hearing concerns from constituents and organizations that assist Medicare beneficiaries. Pennsylvania Sen. Bob Casey said he will ask Medicare to grant seniors who've had problems a second chance to sign up, called a "special enrollment period."

"It's obviously an effort that needs a lot more work to meet the legitimate expectations of seniors," said Casey. "Especially when you launch something new, (it) can go awry. People steered in the wrong direction should get a measure of fairness."

The Medicare plan finder's issue stems from a significant change the agency made for 2020.

The plan with the lowest premium now gets automatically placed on top, with the monthly premium displayed in large type.

Medicare's previous plan finder automatically sorted plans by total cost, not just premiums.

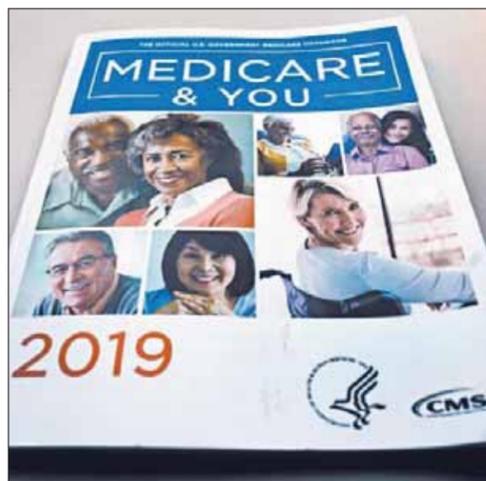
But premiums are only one piece of information.

When out-of-pocket expenses such as copays are factored in, the plan with the lowest total annual cost is often not the first one shown by the plan finder.

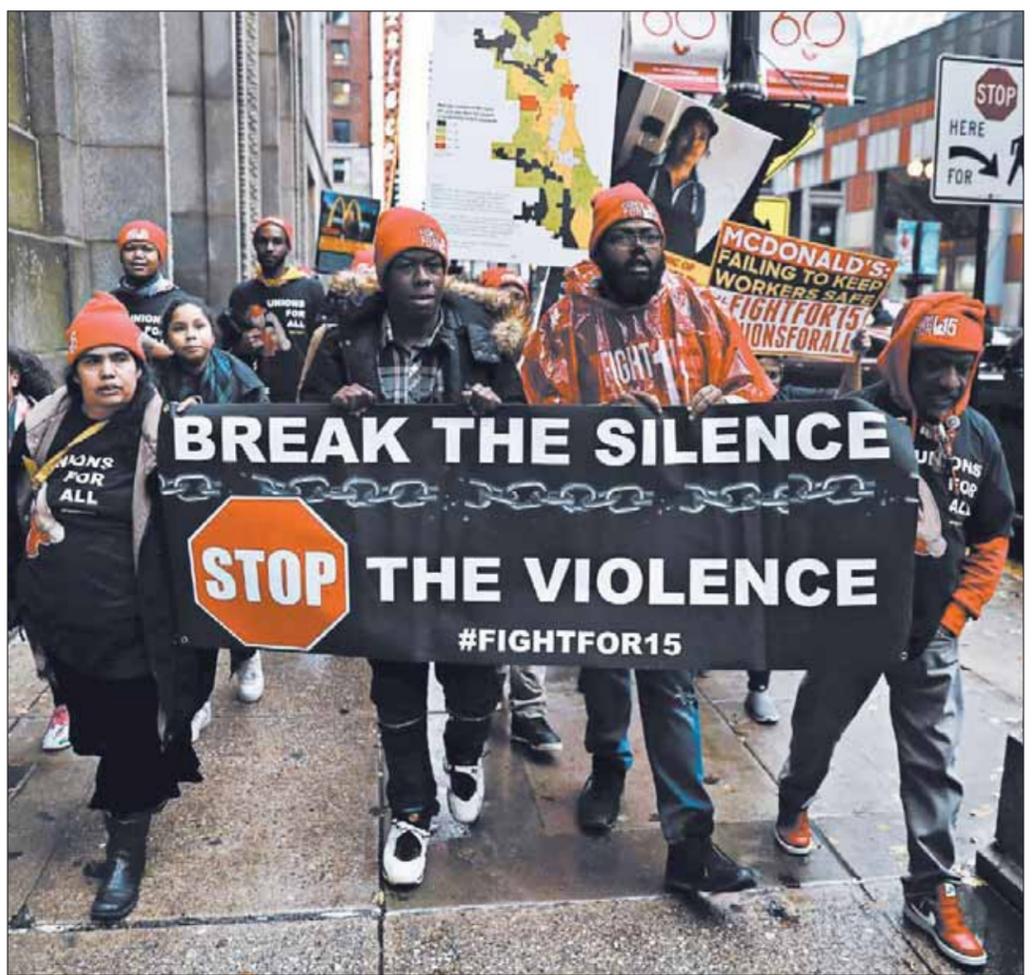
It takes extra work for a Medicare enrollee to discover that.

"If they pick the plan

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McDonald's restaurant workers march to a local McDonald's on Thursday after a news conference at Chicago's City Hall.

Seeking protection

McDonald's workers sue fast-food chain, allege it failed to keep them safe

By ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

CHICAGO — A lawsuit brought by 17 workers at Chicago-area McDonald's restaurants alleges the fast-food giant has failed to protect them from violent incidents they say take place daily at work.

The suit, filed Thursday in state court in Cook County, accuses Chicago-based McDonald's of negligence for making decisions that compromise worker safety, including requiring employees to work overnight hours and recent store redesigns that have reduced barriers between employees and customers.

The current and former workers, backed by the Fight for \$15, describe in the suit numerous incidents of customers attacking or groping them at stores throughout Chicago.

At one store on the South Side, a customer jumped over the counter, took off her clothes and threw kitchen equipment at employees, the lawsuit alleges. At another on the North Side, a customer



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In a new lawsuit, 17 workers at Chicago-area McDonald's restaurants allege the fast-food giant has failed to protect them from violent incidents at work.

yelled at an employee who was mopping outside of a bathroom and hit her with a "wet floor" sign. A worker at the restaurant inside McDonald's headquarters in the West Loop alleges men have exposed themselves to her in a sexual manner while she was cleaning the men's bathroom.

The suit alleges some store managers have laughed off the incidents or

discouraged employees from calling 911. One manager, the suit claims, suggested workers fight back by throwing hot fryer oil at unruly customers.

Josefina Garduno, who works at a McDonald's inside Union Station downtown, said that as she prepared to start her 5 a.m. shift two weeks ago, a man pointed a gun at her and threatened to kill her. Eventually he was arrested,

the suit says, but Garduno was disheartened by her employer's response.

"None of our supervisors asked us if we were OK," Garduno said in Spanish, through a translator, during a conference call with reporters Thursday. "Not only did I feel scared, I felt angry at the fact that people at the company I work for don't do anything to protect us. They don't take our safety seriously."

McDonald's and a dozen franchisees are named as defendants. The suit does not claim McDonald's is a joint employer with its franchisees, who operate more than 90% of the chain's restaurants, but alleges the parent company is liable for negligence because it controls the real estate, mandated the store redesigns and dictates training and other policies, said lead attorney Danny Rosenthal, a partner at the law firm James and Hoffman in Washington, D.C.

"Despite controlling the training offered to workers at McDonald's restaurants,

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Research firm: Illinois could grow 1 million pounds of marijuana by '25

Report predicts that sales would put state among the top 5 pot producers

By ALLY MAROTTI

Illinois could be among the top five states for legal marijuana production within five years, producing more than 1 million pounds of weed by 2025.

A report from cannabis research firm New Frontier Data, released this week, predicted that demand driven by recreational marijuana sales would put Illinois among the upper echelons of weed producers, joining states such as California and Colorado.

Illinois ranked 13th this year, with more than 72,000 pounds of marijuana produced legally.

There's strong demand in Illinois because the state is so populous, said Beau Whitney, executive vice president and senior economist at the Wash-

ington, D.C.-based research firm.

"The demand is already there, it's just being supported by the illicit market," Whitney said. "Once there is a deployed legal, regulated market ... you'll see a precipitous increase in legal sales."

The report comes less than six weeks before recreational sales are set to begin in Illinois on Jan. 1.

It estimated how much marijuana is needed to satisfy customer demand, but it did not factor in how much space and capacity growers have in the state. The industry in Illinois is bracing for a shortage of weed once recreational sales are legal.

There are 21 facilities around the state licensed to grow weed, many of

which are expanding production capabilities to meet next year's anticipated demand. But many say they can't expand fast enough, as construction takes time and a cannabis crop needs about three months to grow.

The state has licensed 12 of those facilities to grow marijuana for recreational sales. Though the state is likely to license more, new growers won't be allowed to open until late next year, at the earliest.

The New Frontier estimate included growers licensed by the state and residents legally growing at home. Illinois residents with medical marijuana cards will be allowed to grow five plants at home.

Other groups also have predicted Illinois could be one of the top marijuana markets in the country in the coming years.

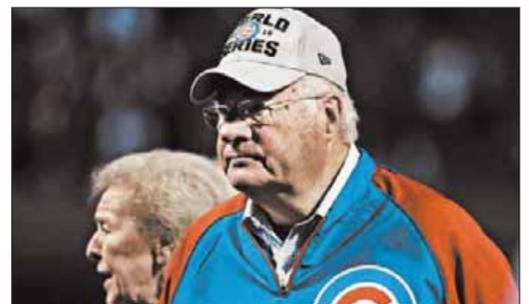
A report released in May by Chicago-based

cannabis research firm Brightfield Group found the top five cannabis markets are west of the Mississippi River, with Colorado, Oregon and Washington making up 42% of total U.S. sales. Sales in Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey and New York together make up 11%.

By 2023, those market shares are expected to flip, Brightfield predicted, with the eastern states making up 34% of the market, and the western states dropping to 20%. Illinois and Michigan's markets are expected to rival Colorado and Nevada.

One of the reasons? Illinois and its fellow Midwestern and Eastern states have greater population density than western states.

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Joe Ricketts, with wife Marlene, is seen before the start of Game 5 of the World Series at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

Rumored Ameritrade acquisition yields boost for Cubs owner

Combination may pose a threat to fund managers

By TOM METCALF
Bloomberg

Charles Schwab's rumored plan to buy TD Ameritrade for \$26 billion is proving a boon for the fortunes anchored by two of

America's biggest brokerages.

TD Ameritrade founder Joe Ricketts is set to add \$400 million to his \$2.4 billion net worth after his firm's shares rose 21% during Thursday trading.

Ricketts sold 34 million shares of TD Ameritrade for about \$403 million to cover

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WeWork lays off nearly 20% of its workforce

BY ALEXANDRA OLSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — WeWork is slashing nearly 20% of its workforce, embarking on a painful restructuring of its money-losing operation that doomed its stock market debut and left the office-sharing company on the brink of bankruptcy.

WeWork said it has laid off 2,400 of its approximately 12,500 employees to “create a more efficient organization.” The job cuts began weeks ago in regions around the world and continued this week in the U.S., the company said in a statement Thursday.

WeWork said the employees who lost their jobs “are incredibly talented professionals,” but gave no details about which roles were cut.

In an email to employees earlier this week, executive chairman Marcelo Claure said jobs would be eliminated in areas that “do not directly support our core business goals,” referring to WeWork’s main office-leasing operations.



A WeWork office site is seen Aug. 14 in Chicago. The shared-office space company laid off 2,400 employees.

Additionally, about 1,000 cleaning and maintenance jobs in the U.S. and Canada are being outsourced to another firm that will contract the workers back to WeWork for the time being.

The New York-based company is scaling back the explosive growth that put its sleekly designed shared office spaces in 122 cities around the world while racking up massive losses that ultimately put off Wall Street investors and doomed its IPO.

WeWork is shedding side business and dumping or scaling back projects started under the grandiose but scattered vision of ousted co-founder Adam Neumann, including a Manhattan elementary school and the shared residential offering WeLive.

WeWork is the largest office tenant in Chicago, a statistic that does not include companies or government agencies that own their space rather than renting. WeWork is also the

largest tenant in other markets, including Manhattan, London and Washington, D.C.

Claure plans to lay out a five-year turnaround plan at a companywide meeting Friday amid employee anger over the mismanagement of a company that until recently had been the darling of the start-up world, valued at \$47 billion in private investment round.

WeWork was saved from financial collapse with a \$9.5 billion bailout from Japanese tech conglomerate Softbank, which now owns 80%. That bailout reportedly valued WeWork at around \$8 billion, devastating for many employees facing a reduction in the value of their stock options. Resentment grew following a \$1.7 billion payout to Neumann, whose controversial corporate governance practices contributed to skepticism in Wall Street about WeWork.

In a letter to management last month, a group of WeWork employees said the unraveling of the IPO re-

vealed “deception, exclusion and selfishness playing out at the company’s highest levels.” The group, calling itself the WeWorkers Coalition, asked that laid-off employees be fairly compensated for lost equity, and that those who remain being given a bigger voice in the future of the company.

Of Neumann’s compensation package, the workers said, “we are not asking for this level of graft.”

“We are asking to be treated with humanity and dignity so we can continue living life while searching to make a living elsewhere,” the letter said.

About 275 employees are participating in the coalition’s private Slack channel, said Alan Friedman, a senior software engineer who started the group with colleagues in New York last month.

In its statement, WeWork said the laid-off employees will “receive severance, continued benefits, and other forms of assistance to aid in their career transition.”

Over the weekend, the

WeWorkers Coalition raised a number of concerns regarding the future of the cleaning and maintenance employees who are being transferred, including what would happen to their stock options and employer’s contribution to the 401(k) retirement savings plans for 2019.

WeWork said the employees would receive a one-time lump sum payment equal to what they would have received as a 401(k) plan for the year, but it remains unclear what will happen to any stock options.

WeWork faces a steep road to transform itself into a self-sustaining operation with a path toward profitability.

Spending ballooned as it geared up toward its doomed IPO, resulting in a record \$1.25 billion in losses in the third quarter of 2019, eclipsing \$934 million in revenue. It added 103 new office-sharing locations during that time period, meaning it is now saddled with the costs of building out many of those properties.

Personal loans ‘growing like a weed,’ a red flag for economy

BY HEATHER LONG
The Washington Post

Americans are hungry for personal loans that they can use as quick cash to pay for anything from vacations to credit card debt, a potential red flag for the economy.

Personal loans are up more than 10% from a year ago, according to data from Equifax, a rapid pace of growth that has not been seen on a sustained basis since shortly before the Great Recession. All three of the major consumer credit agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — report double-digit growth in this market in recent months.

Experts are surprised to see millions of Americans taking on so much personal loan debt at a time when the economy looks healthy and paychecks are growing for many workers, raising questions about why so many people are seeking an extra infusion of cash.

“Definitely yellow flares should be starting to go off,” said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Analytics, which monitors consumer credit. “There’s an old adage in banking: if it’s growing like a weed, it probably is a weed.”

Personal loans are unsecured debt, meaning there is no underlying asset like a home or car that backs the loan if someone cannot repay. The average personal loan balance is now \$16,259, according to Experian, a level that is similar to credit card debt.

Personal loan balances over \$30,000 have jumped 15% in the past five years, Experian found. The trend comes as U.S. consumer debt has reached record levels, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The rapid growth in personal loans in recent years has coincided with a FinTech explosion of apps and websites that have made obtaining these loans an easy process that can be done from the comfort of the living room couch. FinTech companies now account for nearly 40% of personal loan balances, up from just 5% in 2013, according to TransUnion.

Over 20 million Americans now have these unsecured loans, TransUnion found, double the number of people that had this type of debt in 2012.

“You can get these loans very quickly and with a very smooth, sleek experience online,” said Liz Pagel, senior vice president of consumer lending at TransUnion. “We haven’t seen major changes like this in the financial services landscape very often.”

Total outstanding per-

sonal loan debt stood at \$115 billion in October, according to Equifax, far smaller than the auto loan market (\$1.3 trillion) or credit cards (\$880 billion). Economists who watch this debt closely say personal loans are still too small to rock the financial system.

But personal loan debt is now back at levels not far from the January 2008 peak, and most of the FinTech companies issuing this debt were not around during the last crisis, meaning they have not been tested in a downturn.

“The finance industry is always trying to convince us that there are few risks to borrowing and over-leveraging is not a problem,” said Christopher Peterson, a University of Utah law professor and former special adviser to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

The U.S. economy is powered by consumer spending, and debt helps to fuel some of the purchases. Economists are watching closely for signs that Americans are struggling to pay their bills, and personal loans could be one of them.

“The bulk of the industry is really in your mid-600s to high 600s. That’s kind of a sweet spot for FinTech lenders,” said Michael Funderburk, general manager of personal loans at LendingTree. “We see a lot of consumers that have been doing perfectly fine in their financial life. They are gainfully employed. They have a family. They have a mortgage, but something happened. They lost a job. Or a medical emergency ... the net result of that is they missed a bill or ended up with a little bit more credit card debt than they wanted.”

The vast majority of customers go to FinTech providers like SoFi, LendingTree, Lending Club and Marcus by Goldman Sachs for debt consolidation, the lenders say. People run up debt on multiple credit cards or have a medical bill and credit card debt and they are trying to make the payments more manageable. Some seek a lower monthly payment, similar to refinancing a mortgage.

“I have fixed feelings about personal loans. They are superior to credit cards because the payments are fixed,” said Lauren Saunders, associate director of the National Consumer Law Center. “The problem is many people still have their credit card and end up running up their credit card again, so they end up in a worse situation with credit card debt and installment loans on top of it.”

Vegan has a beef with BK

BY KIM BELLWARE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A Georgia man who is vegan has sued Burger King for false advertising alleging the burger chain “duped” customers into eating Impossible Whoppers by not adequately disclosing that the plant-based patties are cooked with beef fat. The lawsuit is seeking class action status.

According to the complaint filed in a federal court in Florida on Monday, Phillip Williams of Georgia said he visited an Atlanta Burger King in August and ordered an Impossible Whopper that, when prepared without mayonnaise, he believed conformed to his “strict vegan diet.”

Williams was unaware that Impossible Whoppers are by default “cooked on the same grills as its traditional meat-based products, creating a meat-free patty that is in fact covered in meat byproduct,” the lawsuit alleges.

It was unclear how Williams became aware of how Impossible Whoppers are prepared. Burger King advertises the plant-based burgers as “100% Whopper, 0% Beef,” and notes on its website for the product that the burger is made with mayonnaise — a non-vegan product that contains eggs.

In smaller print below the description, the company says guests who want a “meat-free option” can request their Impossible Patties not be prepared on



BEN MARGOT/AP

Burger King advertises its Impossible Whopper as “100% Whopper, 0% Beef.”

the broiler where beef and chicken products are cooked.

Williams alleged that the Burger King where he purchased his meal had no signs indicating that Impossible Whopper patties were cooked on the same grill as meat items on the menu or that asking for a non-broiler cooking method was an option.

The lawsuit notes there have been “numerous consumer complaints posted online” from customers similarly angry and surprised by the discovery their meatless patty is cooked in beef or chicken fat.

The lawsuit is seeking a

jury trial, compensatory damages and, among other things, an injunction to stop Burger King from preparing Impossible patties on its regular broiler.

Verónica Nur Valdés, a spokesperson for Burger King’s parent company, Restaurant Brands International, said the company does not comment on pending litigation.

When Burger King rolled out the Impossible Whopper in August, some vegan consumers took notice of the fact Burger King executives confirmed Impossible patties would be cooked on the same broiler as chicken and beef unless a customer asked otherwise. The com-

pany has never labeled the product as vegan in its advertising.

“We use the same cooking method,” Chris Finazzo, Burger King’s president in the Americas, told Bloomberg in August.

“This product tastes exactly like a Whopper. We wouldn’t want to lend our name to just anything,” Finazzo said. “It looks like beef, smells like beef, has the same texture as beef.”

Roughly 90% of diners who ordered the Impossible Whopper during the burger’s trial run are meat eaters, Burger King’s parent company, RBI Inc., told Bloomberg.

Workers

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McDonald’s has failed to provide even basic training that would help workers minimize conflict or respond appropriately when it occurs,” Rosenthal said in the conference call with reporters.

McDonald’s in October introduced a new training program for restaurant supervisors and crew at its 14,000 U.S. stores that includes instructions for mitigating workplace violence, such as how to defuse a difficult situation with customers. The aim is for all franchisees to implement the program, the company has said, though Rosenthal said the plaintiffs had not yet received the training at their stores.

“McDonald’s takes seriously its responsibility to provide and foster a safe working environment for our employees, and along with our franchisees, continue to make investments in training programs that uphold safe environments for customers and crew members,” the company said in a statement. “In addition to training, McDonald’s maintains stringent policies against violence in our restaurants.”

McDonald’s is in the midst of a major redesign,



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Cooks and cashiers call for McDonald’s restaurants to be safer places to work during a news conference Thursday at City Hall in Chicago.

called the “Experience of the Future,” meant to modernize its restaurants. The suit seeks to halt the implementation of certain designs it says make workers more vulnerable, including lower counters and split counters that allow people to walk between the customer area and the kitchen, and to modify restaurants that already have undergone the conversions.

The suit also seeks new drive-thru windows so customers can’t climb through, and other policy changes, such as not requiring stores to place ads in windows that obscure visibility or stay open late without adequate safety procedures.

The suit seeks at least \$50,000 in damages for

each plaintiff. While Illinois worker compensation law prohibits seeking monetary damages from employers, attorneys are arguing McDonald’s can pay because it claims it isn’t an employer of workers at franchised stores.

McDonald’s workers, led by the Fight for \$15, have raised concerns about workplace violence before. In May employees at a South Side McDonald’s, which had seen 31 violent incidents in the first half of the year, filed a complaint with the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration calling for an investigation into violence at the chain’s restaurants across the country.

The National Employ-

ment Law Project, which often partners with worker advocacy groups on research, produced a report in May that said McDonald’s restaurants nationwide had seen more than 700 violent incidents over a three-year period, or one every 36 hours, based on a review of news reports. It blamed it in part on the fact that McDonald’s restaurants are, on average, open later than competitors.

In the Chicago area, where 70% of McDonald’s are open 24 hours a day, there are 20 calls to 911 per day from McDonald’s restaurants, according to the lawsuit.

Activists are spotlighting violence as they also hammer McDonald’s on a purported culture of sexual harassment. Last week a former McDonald’s employee who claims a manager at a Michigan store groped her filed a lawsuit against the chain seeking class-action status.

The company, in response to that suit, said it is working with franchisees to create safe workplaces. Over the past year it has strengthened its anti-harassment policies, established a hotline where people can report incidents and beefed up employee training.

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Ford vies to strike EV lightning

Mustang Mach E starts industry blitz of electric vehicles

By TOM KRISHER
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DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford is unveiling its first all-electric SUV, marking the start of an avalanche of battery-powered vehicles coming from mainstream and luxury automakers during the next two years that industry analysts say will boost electric vehicle sales.

The Mustang Mach E, which will go 230 miles to more 300 miles per charge depending on how it's equipped, was unveiled Sunday night ahead of the Los Angeles Auto Show press days.

There are 18 EVs now for sale in the U.S., and IHS Markit expects that to grow to 80 in 2022, including pickup trucks and SUVs that are in the heart of the American market. Yet last year, pure electric vehicles made up only 1.5% of new vehicle sales worldwide, and the consulting firm LMC Automotive predicts that will rise to 2.2% this year. In the U.S., electric vehicles were only 1.2% of sales in 2018, and it's expected to be about the same this year.

But automakers see opportunity for growth, and with electric vehicles getting 250 miles or more on a single charge, worries about running out of juice on a daily commute are gone. Because of the added models and increased range, LMC predicts that they will make up 17% of global sales and 7% of U.S. sales in 2030.

First-generation electric vehicles, which mainly were retrofitted versions of existing models designed to meet government fuel economy standards, didn't sell well largely because they couldn't travel more than 100 miles between charges. But now, many can



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Ford is hoping to score big with the Mustang Mach E, an electric SUV for daily drivers that sort of looks like a Mustang performance car.

go beyond the distance people drive in one day with plenty of cushion.

"Seeing 250 miles as a real thing has been kind of a game changer in the electric car market," said Jake Fisher, director of auto testing for Consumer Reports. "There haven't been a lot of choices for a vehicle that really could take the place of a mainstream vehicle. It's a whole different animal now."

Stephanie Brinley, principal auto analyst for IHS Markit, said electric vehicle choices may expand before consumer demand does, but eventually people will buy them.

"The increased number of models with an electric drivetrain will contribute to an increase in sales in the U.S.," she said. "However, there is likely to be a period

where the number of options will increase faster than demand and sales for each will be relatively low," she said.

While many electrics coming in the next few years are from luxury brands, mainstream brands like Ford, Chevrolet and Toyota also have them on the production schedule. Brands that have announced new models that will go on sale in the next few years include Mercedes-Benz, Audi, Cadillac, Byton, Rivian, Bollinger, Kia, Faraday Future, Volkswagen, Mazda, Tesla, Aston Martin, Polestar and Volvo, according to the Edmunds.com auto pricing site.

Ford and General Motors have announced plans for all-electric pickups that will compete against gas and diesel trucks that are

the top sellers in the U.S.

For Ford, executives realized in 2017 that they had to offer something more exciting for the first of a new generation of electric vehicles. The company last year promised six battery electric vehicles by 2022. It also has partnerships with VW and startup Rivian to build more.

To sell them, Ford decided to go to the company's strengths: pickup trucks, commercial vans and the Mustang.

"There are going to be plenty of BEV (battery electric) SUVs on the market. Some will have big batteries and double motors and be pretty fast. Some will look really good," said Jason Castriota, the company's brand director for electric vehicles.

"No one can combine all

those elements and create something that will cut right through the clutter," he said. "Mustang is power."

The five-passenger Mach E sort of resembles a Mustang, and Ford says it comes close to matching the car's performance. Engineers say the base model will have a range of about 230 miles per charge, with a long-range option of more than 300 miles. The base version is expected to go from zero to 60 mph in a little over 6 seconds, Ford said, while the performance GT version will do it in about 3.5 seconds.

The base version is rear-wheel-drive, with all-wheel-drive options. It has the Mustang pony badge on the front and rear, a long hood and a fastback look at the rear. Yet designers preserved rear-seat headroom

with a blacked-out glass roof. The Mustang team set up the Mach E's chassis tuning, which determines its handling. Designers also copied the Mustang's triple taillights.

U.S. orders are being taken now, and the SUV will reach showrooms next fall. The base model will start just under \$44,000, with the GT starting around \$65,000. Ford buyers are still eligible for a \$7,500 federal tax credit, which is being phased out at Tesla and General Motors.

Ford has a deal with Electrify America and others for a national network that includes over 12,000 charging stations and 35,000 plugs.

The company also will have 2,100 of its U.S. dealerships certified to service electric vehicles.

Plan

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the equity needed for his family to purchase the Chicago Cubs in 2009. He is the father of Todd Ricketts, a Wilmette resident who is one of the sibling owners of the Cubs and finance chair of the Trump Victory Committee, a joint fundraising venture of the president's reelection campaign and the Republican National Committee.

Charles Schwab's \$8.8 billion fortune will increase by about \$500 million based on his company's gains. The deal is worse news for Thomas Peterffy, chairman of rival Interactive Brokers Group, whose net worth was down about \$100 million at 11:50 a.m. in New York.

The transaction could be announced as early as Thursday, according to a person familiar with the matter. It would create a firm with roughly \$5 trillion in combined assets, consolidating an industry under pressure from a price war that escalated when Schwab last month announced plans to eliminate commissions for U.S. stocks, exchange

traded funds and options.

The combination may pose a threat to fund managers such as Vanguard Group and BlackRock, according to Bill Capuzzi, chief executive officer of Apex Clearing, a custodian that focuses on fintech firms.

"It signals Schwab is going to continue to lean really hard into the advisory side," he said. "A gigantic percentage of the advisory world will be leveraging one firm for passive custody and clearing services."

For Schwab, the net worth gain may be particularly sweet. In an October interview, he criticized wealth taxes like those proposed by Democratic presidential hopefuls Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren as a "negative reward for success."

Other winners from the potential acquisition include Toronto-Dominion Bank, which owns 43% of TD Ameritrade, and Canadian insurer Sun Life Financial with a 3.9% position as of Sept. 30. Generation Investment Management, the firm co-founded by former Vice President Al Gore, owned a 2% stake in Schwab at the end of the third quarter.

prominently display premiums because user testing showed that's what consumers are familiar with. The total annual cost is included, but in smaller type.

That's puzzling to Kayrish. "The default sort right now is by lowest premium, but that doesn't necessarily translate to lowest cost over the year," she explained.

Consumers using the plan finder first enter their medications and dosages. To get it to find plans by lowest total annual cost, they must take a few more steps, said Kayrish.

After the screen displays initial search results, consumers should look for the drop-down menu on the right of the screen. Next, she said, select the feature that lets you re-sort plans by "lowest drug + premium cost."

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based solely on the premium, they are likely getting a plan that could cost them thousands more in a calendar year," said Christina Reeg of the Ohio Department of Insurance. She heads a program that helps Medicare enrollees try to find the right plan.

In a statement, Medicare said the monthly premium is a cost that consumers understand and will always be an important decision factor. But the agency also said total cost paid out-of-pocket is at least equally, if not more important, particularly for people who take prescription drugs — as do most seniors.

Medicare said it chose to

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			30 yr FHA	3.500	0.000	\$495	3.5%	3.502		
Gateway Capital Mortgage Inc.	30yr Fixed APR	Fees: \$495	Get Approved In Minutes		Free Mortgage Comparison Tool		Lowest Rates With Lowest Closing Costs		www.gwcmortgage.com	LIC# 6700411
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Liberty Bank for Savings	3.731%	Points: 0.000	20 yr fixed	3.500	0.000	\$999	20%	3.648	847-737-9020	NMLS# 787575
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			10 yr fixed	3.000	0.000	\$999	20%	3.274		
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			30 Yr Fixed Jumbo	3.875	0.000	\$1,250	25%	3.932		
			7-1 Arm Jumbo	3.375	0.000	\$1,250	20%	3.430		
			15 Yr Fixed	3.375	0.000	\$800	20%	3.423		
			30 Yr Fixed	3.750	0.000	\$800	5%	3.825		
			10-1 Jumbo	3.625	0.000	\$1,250	20%	3.720		
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3 Things To Do Before Applying for a Mortgage

If you're considering buying a new home, first ask yourself where you stand financially. How strong or shaky you are on three factors lenders care about — your credit score, cash on hand, and debt — will determine how favorable (or not) a mortgage you'll be offered, or if you're approved at all. So you may want to bolster these before applying.

Start by looking up your credit score, as well as that of anyone else who will be on the mortgage. Unless you're already above 760, boosting your score can land you better rate offers from lenders.

Raising your score can generally be done by making all of your payments on time, paying down debt, and not opening any new cards or loans shortly before applying for a mortgage.

Reducing debt is doubly important because it also lowers your debt-to-income ratio. Lenders use this calculation to compare your income to your total debt (including car loans, student loans, credit

cards, and any other debt), and the lower your monthly debt obligation, the stronger your application.

Although paying off a loan or card entirely is great, any debt reduction will improve your ratio. Consolidating multiple debts into one lower monthly payment can also help.

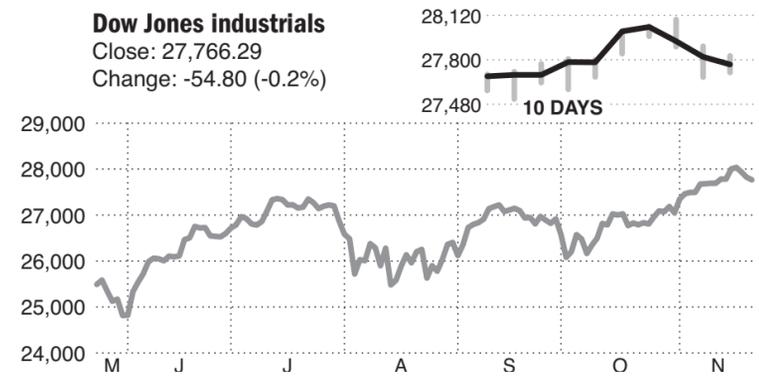
The third critical lender consideration is how much cash you have. In addition to wanting to see you'll have funds in reserve after making your down payment, they'll also look at how much you had two months ago, not just today. So save as much money as you possibly can, and don't rely on a large cash gift from a relative right before applying.

When aiming to maximize the size and rate of your new mortgage, fortifying your credit score and savings, while reducing your debt, are surefire ways to put your best application forward.

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Dow High: 27,828.33 Low: 27,708.34 Previous: 27,821.09



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-20.52 (-.24%)	-4.92 (-.16%)	-7.65 (-.48%)
Close: 8,506.21	Close: 3,103.54	Close: 1,583.96
High: 8,530.73	High: 3,110.11	High: 1,595.61
Low: 8,487.29	Low: 3,094.55	Low: 1,581.04
Previous: 8,526.73	Previous: 3,108.46	Previous: 1,591.61

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.03 to 1.77%	-10.20 to \$1,463.10	+0.02 to 108.66/\$1	+0.0010 to .9043/\$1	+1.57 to \$58.58

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-06	+32	+22	+3.58	+3.91	+3.10	+13.50	+22.00	+17.12

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	515	519.50	508.25	509	-6.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	366.75	369.75	366.25	368.50	+1.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 20	905.25	909.25	900.25	901	-4
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 19	31.20	31.25	30.57	30.69	-.51
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 19	299.80	302.60	299.70	301.00	+1.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Jan 20	57.00	58.67	56.60	58.58	+1.57
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Dec 19	2.566	2.595	2.526	2.567	+0.08
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Dec 19	1.6551	1.7060	1.6431	1.7044	+0.481

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	83.68	-21	Envestnet Inc	N	65.22	-05	McDonalds Corp	N	192.35	-1.78
AbbVie Inc	N	86.52	-68	Equity Commonwith	N	32.67	-58	Middleby Corp	O	114.34	+0.09
Allstate Corp	N	110.20	-20	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	65.62	-1.53	Morningstar Intl	O	52.07	-0.34
Aptargroup Inc	N	111.30	+50	Equity Residential	N	85.05	-1.61	Morningstar Inc	O	155.55	-1.31
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.82	+23	Exelon Corp	O	44.39	-97	Motorola Solutions	N	165.06	-1.30
Baxter Intl	N	82.25	+25	First Intl RT	O	41.78	-64	NISource Inc	N	26.22	+1.16
Boeing Co	N	366.44	-4.47	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	62.56	+61	Nthn Trust Cp	O	106.81	+5.1
Brunswick Corp	N	57.73	+38	Gallagher AJ	N	92.10	-1.00	Old Republic	N	22.35	-4.45
CBOE Global Markets	N	123.15	-17	Grainger WW	N	312.63	+28	Packaging Corp Am	N	110.67	-1.45
CDK Global Inc	O	53.03	+34	GrubHub Inc	N	41.74	+1.17	Payloadcity Hldg	O	115.38	+9.0
CDW Corp	O	137.59	-11	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	103.52	-1.99	RLI Corp	N	97.21	-1.29
CF Industries	N	45.40	+30	IAA Inc	N	44.36	+1.2	Stericycle Inc	O	62.47	+7.3
CME Group	O	205.49	-1.15	IDEX Corp	N	160.94	-1.07	TransUnion	N	84.96	-1.19
CNA Financial	N	43.96	-48	ITW	N	172.62	+1.8	US Foods Holding	N	38.99	+1.9
Cabot Microelect	O	126.95	-5.95	Ingredion Inc	N	83.93	+29	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	228.49	-5.80
Caterpillar Inc	N	143.36	+1.84	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	165.20	+25	United Airlines Hldg	O	90.97	-7.3
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.22	-1.27	Kemper Corp	N	72.99	-5.9	Ventas Inc	N	57.49	-0.9
Deere Co	N	176.03	+3.96	Kraft Heinz Co	O	30.24	-85	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	60.62	-7.2
Discover Fin Svcs	N	82.92	+0.6	LQ Corporation	O	34.89	-26	Wintrust Financial	O	66.50	+4.8
Dover Corp	N	109.10	+5.3	Littelfuse Inc	O	179.14	-7.1	Zebra Tech	O	242.62	+1.6

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Aurora Cannabis Inc	3.12	+4.8
Chesapck Engy	58	+1.01
Obey Technologies	29.46	+1.43
Gerdau SA	3.89	+2.29
Bank of America	32.84	+1.15
Schwab Corp	48.03	+3.28
Macy's Inc	14.67	-3.35
Gen Electric	11.53	+1.14
Canopy Growth Corp	20.29	+2.65
McDermott Intl	.82	+2.1
Ford Motor	8.71	-0.2
Banco Bradesco ADS	7.89	+1.2
AT&T Inc	37.60	+4.2
Invitation Homes Inc	29.32	-7.4
Qudian Inc	4.10	-4.9
L Brands Inc	17.17	+1.58
Petrobras	15.20	+3.3
Twitter Inc	29.79	+6.2
Energy Transfer L.P.	11.91	+5.5
Brist Myr Sqb	56.85	+4.4
Callon Petrol	3.71	+0.9
Snap Inc A	15.08	-2.3
Nokia Corp	3.38	+0.3
Sthwstn Energy	1.85	+0.2

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.60	+4.2
Alibaba Group Hldg	184.86	+2.51
Alphabet Inc C	1301.35	-1.70
Alphabet Inc A	1300.14	-1.72
Amazon.com Inc	1734.71	-10.8
Apple Inc	262.01	-1.18
Bank of America	32.84	+1.15
Berkshire Hath B	216.63	-8.5
Disney	146.90	-0.3
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.67	+1.64
Facebook Inc	197.93	+4.2
JPMorgan Chase	129.93	+3.0
Johnson & Johnson	136.44	+5.0
MasterCard Inc	284.45	-9.3
Microsoft Corp	149.48	-1.4
Procter & Gamble	120.34	-1.95
Taiwan Semicon	52.98	-5.2
Visa Inc	179.89	-1.77
WalMart Strs	119.86	+7.3

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.38	-0.4	+15.7
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	28.49	-0.7	+13.4
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	m50.51	-1.4	+16.2
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	62.63	-1.2	+11.8
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	62.81	-0.7	+17.2
American Funds GrfAmrca m	52.43	-0.6	+18.0
American Funds IncAmrca m	23.29	-0.3	+12.1
American Funds InvCAMrca m	39.78	+0.3	+13.9
American Funds NwPspctvA m	46.80	-1.4	+20.9
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	48.26	-0.3	+16.1
DFA IntlCorEqIn	13.32	-0.3	+10.5
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.14	-0.1	+10.5
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.04	...	+10.2
Dodge & Cox Stk	197.04	+9.4	+10.4
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.74	...	+8.0
Fidelity 500dixmsPrm	108.13	-1.6	+19.5
Fidelity Contrafund	13.56	-0.5	+20.8
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.59	-0.1	+11.4
Fidelity TlMktDixmsPrm	88.20	-1.9	+18.5
Fidelity US3dixmsPrm	11.95	-0.2	+10.8
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.28	-0.1	+7.8
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	11.06	...	+11.2
PIMCO Inc2	11.98	...	+7.6
PIMCO IncInstl	11.98	...	+7.7
PIMCO TRRetns	10.47	-0.1	+9.9
Schwab SP500dix	48.28	-0.7	+19.5
T. Rowe Price BCGR	119.79	-2.8	+22.1
T. Rowe Price GrStk	71.78	-0.8	+23.3
Vanguard 500dixAdmrl	287.21	-4.3	+19.5
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	38.54	-0.7	+15.8
Vanguard DivGrnv	30.62	-1.2	+20.1
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	78.52	...	+13.9
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	89.82	-3.5	+25.6
Vanguard HCAAdmrl	89.96	+2.5	+11.6
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	14.44	...	+8.2
Vanguard Insdixms	281.63	-4.3	+19.5
Vanguard InsdixmsPlus	281.65	-4.3	+19.5
Vanguard InstSMlInPls	66.76	-1.3	+18.5
Vanguard MdCpldxAdmrl	213.73	-1.11	+17.4
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	146.98	+0.1	+15.1
Vanguard STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.73	-0.1	+6.4
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	76.50	-0.9	+12.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.93	-0.6	+13.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.83	-0.4	+14.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	36.24	-0.7	+14.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	26.20	-0.5	+14.7
Vanguard TtBMDixAdmrl	11.09	-0.1	+10.9
Vanguard TtBMDixms	11.09	-0.1	+11.0
Vanguard TtinBdixAdmrl	23.23	-0.3	+9.7
Vanguard TtinBdixms	34.86	-0.5	+9.8
Vanguard TtinSdixAdmrl	28.87	-0.8	+12.1
Vanguard TtinSdixms	115.45	-3.3	+12.1
Vanguard TtinSdixmsPlus	115.48	-3.3	+12.1
Vanguard TtinSdixInv	17.26	-0.5	+12.0
Vanguard TtSMdixAdmrl	76.82	-1.6	+18.5
Vanguard TtSMdixms	76.84	-1.6	+18.5
Vanguard TtSMdixInv	76.79	-1.6	+18.3
Vanguard WngntAdmrl	75.06	-0.6	+15.9
Vanguard WlslyInvAdmrl	66.37	-1.0	+13.5
Vanguard WndrllAdmrl	68.20	...	+16.3

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.53	1.53
6-month disc	1.54	1.53
2-year	1.59	1.55
10-year	1.77	1.74
30-year	2.23	2.20

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1463.10	\$1473.30
Silver	\$17.050	\$17.100
Platinum	\$917.50	\$920.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.57

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

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Argentina (Peso)	59.8015
Australia (Dollar)	1.4736
Brazil (Real)	4.1929
Britain (Pound)	.7749
Canada (Dollar)	1.3278
China (Yuan)	7.0292
Euro	.9043
India (Rupee)	71.757
Israel (Shekel)	3.4609
Japan (Yen)	108.66
Mexico (Peso)	19.3714
Poland (Zloty)	3.89
So. Korea (Won)	1176.93
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.53
Thailand (Baht)	30.22

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2903.64	-7.4/-3
Stoxx600	402.22	-1.6/-4
Nikkei	23038.58	-110.0/-5
MSCI-EAFE	1969.07	-12.1/-6
Bovespa	107496.80	+1632.6/+1.5
FTSE 100	7238.55	-23.9/-3
CAC-40	5881.21	-12.8/-2

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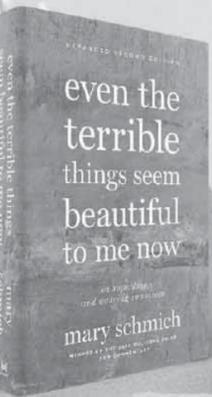
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OBITUARIES

WALTER MINTON 1923-2019

Putnam publisher released the scandalous 'Lolita' in US

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NEW YORK — Walter J. Minton, 96, a publishing scion and risk taker with a self-described “nasty streak” who as head of G.P. Putnam’s Sons released works by Norman Mailer and Terry Southern among others and signed up Vladimir Nabokov’s scandalous “Lolita,” has died.

Minton’s wife, Marion, said he died Tuesday at their home in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. She cited no specific cause of death.

The son of longtime Putnam President Melville Minton, Walter Minton was in his early 30s when he inherited the position in 1955 after his father’s death and remained until he was forced out in 1978 by corporate parent MCA. (Putnam is now part of Penguin Random House). Minton presided over an era of profit and growth, including the acquisition of the Berkley Publishing Corp., although his abrupt style didn’t gain him affection.

Mailer paid an offhand compliment when he called Minton “the only publisher I ever met who would make a good general.” In the 1950s, Mailer’s novel “Barbary Shore” had flopped and raised questions about whether the author of “The Naked and the Dead” would have a lasting career. After Rinehart & Co. dropped Mailer’s Hollywood saga “The Deer Park” because of concerns about obscenity, Minton offered Mailer a \$10,000 advance, a record for Putnam at the time. “The Deer Park” became a bestseller, and Mailer would release several other works through Putnam, including his landmark “Advertisements for Myself,” the essay collection “The Presidential Papers” and the novel “Why

“The only publisher I ever met who would make a good general.”

— Norman Mailer

Are We in Vietnam?”

Other Putnam successes under Minton’s leadership included Merle Miller’s oral biography of Harry Truman, “Plain Speaking,” and a pair of risqué novels: “Candy,” by Southern and Mason Hoffenberg, and a reissue of the 18th century erotic shocker “Fanny Hill,” the object of court battles in Massachusetts and New York in the mid-1960s.

One of Minton’s most lucrative decisions came soon after he started as Putnam’s president.

“Lolita,” Nabokov’s classic about a literature professor’s obsession with a 12-year-old girl, inspired shock and admiration when released in Europe in 1955. But it remained without a publisher in the U.S. Several companies turned the novel down, and an editor at Viking worried that anyone releasing “Lolita” could be jailed.

Minton’s interest was accidental. Married at the time to Pauline Ehst, he became involved with a Copacabana dancer named Rosemary Ridgewell. As noted in Sarah Weinman’s “The Real Lolita,” published in 2018, Minton offered differing accounts on when and where he first heard of the novel, but made it clear that Ridgewell encouraged him to read it.

“Dear Mr. Nabokov,” Minton wrote to the author in 1957, “being a rather backward example of that rather backward species, the American publisher, it was only recently I began to hear about a book called

‘Lolita.’ I am wondering if the book is available for publication.”

Nabokov’s European publisher, Maurice Girardos, was convinced that Minton never got around to reading “Lolita,” but in 1958, Putnam released the novel, which sold millions of copies despite being panned as “repulsive” by The New York Times and shunned by other newspaper reviewers.

“There was no prosecution, except by the critics,” Stacy Schiff, author of a Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of Nabokov’s wife, Vera, later wrote.

Minton was married two times — once to Ehst and most recently to Marion Whitehorn in 1970 — and had three children with each wife. After leaving Putnam, he received a law degree from Columbia University and joked that he hoped to use his education to “audit the returns to paperback houses.”

Walter Joseph Minton joined Putnam in 1947, serving as a salesman and director of promotion and publicity before succeeding his father as president.

A Minton gimmick helped Putnam land one of the bestselling books of recent times.

In the early 1960s, he started a contest for the best unreleased novel in English, with the winner receiving a six-figure advance. Putnam received piles of entries and signed up numerous young authors to traditional contracts, hoping one of those books might take the prize.

Contest judges never found a winner, but among the books Putnam acquired was a crime story by an indebted, middle-aged novelist who needed money for his family after his previous works flopped. The manuscript, published in 1969, was Mario Puzo’s “The Godfather.”

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ON NOVEMBER 22 ...

In 1718, English pirate Edward Teach, better known as Blackbeard, was killed during a battle off the North Carolina coast.

In 1906, the SOS signal for ships in distress was adopted at the International Radio Telegraphic Convention in Berlin.

In 1928, in Paris, Maurice Ravel’s “Bolero” was performed for the first time.

In 1935, a flying boat, the “China Clipper,” took off from Alameda, Calif., carrying more than 100,000 pieces of mail on the first trans-Pacific airmail flight.

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek met in Cairo to discuss measures to defeat Japan in World War II.

In 1954, the Humane Society of the United States was incorporated as the National Humane Society.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated as he rode in a motorcade in Dallas, and Vice President Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as his successor.

In 1967, the U.N. Security Council approved Resolution 242, which called for Israel to withdraw from territories it captured in 1967, and implicitly called on adversaries to recognize Israel’s right to exist.

In 1975, Juan Carlos was proclaimed king of Spain.

In 1977, regular passenger service between New York and Europe on the supersonic Concorde began on a trial basis.

In 1990, Margaret Thatcher resigned as Britain’s prime minister after failing to win re-election to the Conservative Party leadership on the first ballot.

In 1993, Mexico’s Senate overwhelmingly approved the North American Free Trade Agreement.

In 1994, a gunman opened fire inside the District of Columbia’s police headquarters; the resulting gunbattle left two FBI agents, a city detective and the gunman dead.

In 1995, acting swiftly to boost the Balkan peace accord, the U.N. Security Council suspended economic sanctions against Serbia and eased the arms embargo

against the states of the former Yugoslavia.

In 1998, the CBS News program “60 Minutes” aired videotape of Dr. Jack Kevorkian administering lethal drugs to a terminally ill patient.

In 2000, amid the Florida recount battle, Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney was hospitalized with what doctors called a “very slight” heart attack.

In 2003, the Medicare prescription-drug bill narrowly passed the House, 220-215, following a dusk-to-dawn debate.

In 2004, tens of thousands of demonstrators jammed downtown Kiev, denouncing Ukraine’s presidential runoff election as fraudulent and chanting the name of their reformist candidate, Viktor Yushchenko, who ended up winning a revote the following month.

In 2013, ceremonies were held nationwide to observe the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy’s assassination. In Dallas, thousands packed Dealey Plaza as the city held its first official ceremony of the 1963 killing.

In 2014, 32 horses died after a fire broke out at Valley View Acres horse stable in McHenry County.

In 2015, Chicago got its first look at Spike Lee’s film “Chi-Raq” at a Hollywood-style premiere at the Chicago Theatre.

In 2016, coastal residents in Japan were ordered to flee to higher ground after a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck off the coast of Fukushima prefecture, home to the nuclear plant that was destroyed by a huge tsunami following an earthquake in 2011 that killed about 18,000 people.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
Nov. 21
Lotto 13 16 17 47 51 52 / 07
Lotto Jackpot: \$11.75M
Pick 3 midday 869 / 6
Pick 4 midday 8086 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto midday 14 16 17 20 40
Pick 3 evening 631 / 4
Pick 4 evening 4775 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening 16 19 26 27 44
Nov. 22 Mega Millions: \$208M
Nov. 23 Powerball: \$90M

WISCONSIN
Nov. 21
Pick 3 897
Pick 4 9534
Badger 5 03 05 06 22 27
SuperCash 17 18 21 25 30 38

INDIANA
Nov. 21
Daily 3 midday 862 / 3
Daily 4 midday 3404 / 3
Daily 3 evening 125 / 6
Daily 4 evening 2946 / 6
Cash 5 03 06 11 20 23

MICHIGAN
Nov. 21
Daily 3 midday 940
Daily 4 midday 3317
Daily 3 evening 073
Daily 4 evening 9390
Fantasy 5 02 04 13 14 18
Keno 05 09 14 19 26 33
34 39 41 48 51 53 54 56
59 60 61 62 70 75 78 80

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Death Notices

Abels, Hope

Hope Abels, née Brown, 77, beloved daughter of the late Ira and Ruth Brown, devoted wife and best friend for 54 years of Robert Abels, dedicated and loving mother of David (Heather) Abels and the late Ben Abels, proud Nonny of Emmett and Brooke, dear sister of Lois Klein and Martha Taylor (Herb Friedson), and a treasured friend to many. Hope excelled in her real estate career and was a founding partner of Prairie Shore Properties in Evanston, where she continued to be active for many years. Hope always wanted to help others, and as a cancer survivor, she worked to support patients and their families by serving on the board of directors of the Cancer Wellness Center. As a student at Ohio State University, she was voted president of Sigma Delta Tau Sorority. Following college, Hope worked as a speech therapist for Chicago Public Schools. She continued to take an active part in her community throughout her retirement, and took great pleasure serving on the board of the Women’s Cultural Alliance of Naples. Hope will be greatly missed by her family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Wellness Center, <https://www.cancerwellness.org/ways-to-donate/>. A funeral service will be held on Monday, November 25th, at 10:00 am at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL. Interment to follow at Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, IL. For info: call **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** at 847-256-5700.

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Berger, Fern S.

Fern S. Berger, nee Schar, 79, best friend and beloved Mother of Robert A. Berger, “nanny” to Roscoe, cherished companion of Sidney Axelrod, loving Aunt, Great Aunt and dear friend to many, preceded in death by parents Sophie and Morey Schar and sister Joan K. DeGraaff. Fern will be remembered as an amazing and proud woman with a beautiful smile and a warm heart. Donations may be made to Amfar, Cancer Research or American Heart Association. Graveside services at Shalom Memorial Park on Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Private Interment.

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Bergschneider, Ann

Ann Bergschneider (nee Allison), age 84, a resident of Naperville, IL, since 1976, formerly of Mound City, MO, passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at her home. She was born November 20, 1935 in Davis City, IA.

Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Dikelsky, Burton E. 'Burt'

Burton “Burt” E. Dikelsky, age 74, was born February 18, 1945, in Chicago, and died November 2, 2019, in Crete, Illinois. Beloved husband of 36 years to Mayo (nee Schlenburg) Dikelsky. Loving father to Michael (Carol) Dikelsky and Sheryl Dikelsky. Cherished grandfather of Alexander and Jacob Dikelsky. Dear brother of Esther (Bruce) Dodt and uncle to Gwendolyn (Shawn) Parsin. Preceded in death by his parents Samuel and Helene Dikelsky, brother Norman and nephew Benjamin Dodt.

Burt’s career reflected his passion for theater and the performing arts. After teaching speech and drama at Naperville Central and Naperville North High Schools from 1968 to 1979, Burt worked as a theater administrator for the Albuquerque Little Theater, Barn Dinner Theater (Albuquerque), Albuquerque Civic Light Opera Association (now Musical Theater Southwest), Paramount Arts Center/Aurora Civic Center Authority Theater Complex (Aurora, IL) and the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University (GSU), where he served as executive director from 1997 until he retired in 2011.

Burt tirelessly promoted arts in education, ensuring that local schoolchildren had access to programs that were relevant to their lives and supportive of their learning and development. At GSU and post-retirement, at Rialto Square Theatre (Joliet), he enjoyed welcoming students from the Chicago Southland to attend live performances. Ever a teacher, Burt was also a generous mentor and supportive colleague to many professionals in the arts community.

Burt was a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs. As a teenager, he worked as a concessions vendor at Wrigley Field and Comiskey Park. He enjoyed traveling and was a model train enthusiast. Burt’s one-of-a-kind perspectives and enduring warmth and wisdom were blessings to those who knew him.

Burt’s family and the Center for Performing Arts at GSU will host an event in memory of his life and legacy at 11:30 am on Sat., November 30, at the Center for Performing Arts, Governors State University, 1 University Pkwy, University Park, IL 60484. In lieu of flowers & in honor of Burt’s contributions to arts in education, donations are appreciated to: Burton E. Dikelsky Memorial Access to Arts Fund (www.govst.edu/dikelskyfund/). Share your memories on Facebook @RememberingBurtDikelsky.

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Dworzak, Thomas S.

Thomas S. Dworzak, 78, of Northbrook, passed away November 20, 2019. Beloved husband for 33 years of Judy Dworzak nee Ratcliffe; loving brother of Bernie (late Jerry) Hennig; dear uncle of several nieces and nephews. Mr. Dworzak was a veteran of the US Navy and Air Force. He worked as a businessman and instructor at Naval Station Great Lakes. He was the Past Commander of Northbrook American Legion, George W. Benjamin Post 791 and a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Divine Word Council # 7331, Techny. Visitation Saturday, November 23 from 11 am until time of the Mass 12 noon at St. Norbert Church, 1809 Walters Ave., Northbrook. Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Patrick High School, 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL 60634 or Bella Terra Nursing Home, 730 W. Hintz, Wheeling, IL 60090. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Dyer, Joan Noah

1/2/41 - 11/19/19 Daughter of Yetta Yarmat. Step daughter of Abraham Noah. Born in Chicago. Graduate of Lewis Sullivan HS. Attended Wright College. Graduate of Pair School of Business. Worked at A.C. Nielsen Co. for 25yrs. Married to Darrel Dyer for 29yrs. Joan is survived by two step children, Janice Dempster and Jim Dyer.

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Hallberg, Robert J. 'Bob'

Devoted husband of Linda, nee Throuw, for 52 years; Loving father of Bob, Bill (Deanna), and Brian (Joy); Cherished grandfather of Nathan, Grace, Ben, Sofia, Gavin, Evan, Jason, and Jake; Beloved brother of Jack (Hickey), Tom (Judy), Jim (Pat), Den (Paula), and Mary Kay (Skip) Malham; Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews; Proud Leo High School Alum; Dedicated Basketball Coach for almost 50 years at Kennedy High School, Chicago State University, University of Illinois at Chicago and Saint Xavier University with over 1,000 wins; Coach Hallberg had the ability to touch thousands of lives through his coaching and mentoring of student athletes for five decades. He will be dearly missed by all; Visitation Sunday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Monday, 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge to Our Lady of Loretto Church, 8925 S. Kostner Ave., Homewood; Mass 10:00 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Hasil, Joseph

Joseph Hasil of Berwyn, age 95. Beloved husband of the late Elsie, nee Pokorny; loving father of Josef (Vera) Vavra of the Czech Republic, Jean (Larry) Hodek, Linda (Dale) Bueghly and the late Joanne (late William) Ebeling; proud grandfather of 11; great-grandfather of 17; dear brother of Anezka and six deceased siblings; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; also survived by his caregiver Hana and many friends. Mr. Hasil was the recipient of a Medal of Honor for Heroism from President Vaclav Havel on behalf of the Czech Republic in 2001. A Memorial Visitation will be held at Saints Cyril & Methodius Czech Mission Church, 9415 Rochester, Brookfield, IL 60513 on Monday, November 25, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment private. Memorials to the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Czech Mission Church or Alexian Brothers Hospice Residence, Elk Grove Village appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Marik-Baken Funeral Services Ltd, Barbara Marik-Baken, Director. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L or 773-910-3400

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Heitz, Jane A.

Jane A. Heitz, née Galloway, beloved wife of the late Bill Heitz; loving mother of Amie (Rod) Richardson; dear grandmother to Claire Emmaline, Jack Henry, and William Mark. Funeral services Saturday November 30 at 11:00 am at Church of Our Savior, 116 E Church St., Elmhurst, IL 60126, www.oursaviorielmhurst.org. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association are appreciated.

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Karacic, Anthony

Anne Karacic, nee Sanfilippo, 89, of Lake in the Hills. Loving mother of Dr. Joseph (Barbara) Karacic, Roseanne (Lewis) Christman, Elaine (Timothy) Donovan and the late Gregory T. (Barbara Jo) Karacic; cherished grandmother of Dr. Steven (Dr. Sarah Craft) Karacic, Christopher Karacic, Michael Karacic, Troy Christman, Alexandra Christman, Jack (Nila) Donovan, Kara Donovan, Maggie Donovan, Luke Donovan, Anne Donovan and Brandon Hornsby. Visitation, Sunday, November 24, 2019 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at **Morizzo Funeral Home** and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169, Family and Friends will meet Monday, November 25, 2019 at St. Anne Catholic Church, 120 North Ela Street, Barrington, IL. 60010 from 9:00 A.M. to time of Mass 10:00 A.M. Entombment will follow at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Cemetery, Palatine. Donations can be made online at www.beagiffoundation.org or can be mailed c/o of Elaine Donovan at 12948 E. Mountain View Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85259. This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos and videos. For further information call 847.752.6444.

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Kolbusz, Anna Catherine

Anna Catherine Kolbusz (Moll), known to friends as “Squeegy”, passed away on November 17, 2019, at the age of 89. A native of Chicago, Anna moved to Florida in 1978 with her late husband, Eugene “Skinny” Kolbusz. Anna will be lovingly remembered by her daughter, Karen Estill; son Richard Kolbusz and wife Ana; grandson Christopher Estill; sister Victoria Biel; and her loyal pets Buddy and ShadowKat. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 23rd, at 11:00am from Malec & Sons Funeral Home, 6000 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646, to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church for a funeral mass at 12:00pm. Interment St. Adalbert Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 22nd, from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information, please call (773) 774-4100 or visit www.malecandsonsfnh.com

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Malysiak, Sr., Edward J.

Edward J. Malysiak, Sr., WWII Air Force Veteran, age 94, of McCook. Beloved husband of the late Matilda “Tillie” Malysiak (nee Zdunich). Devoted father of Edward J. Jr. (Clare) and Steve (Rose) Malysiak. Cherished grandfather of Kari (Tim) Beyer, Kelly (Chris) Henry, John (Leslie) and MaryEllen (Josh) Sherwood. Proud great-grandfather of Lily, Sam and Owen Beyer; Cecilia and Charley Henry; and Frank and Evelyn Malysiak. Fond uncle and friend of many. Visitation 3:00pm to 9:00pm Sunday, November 24th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Chapel prayers 9:15am Monday, November 25th from the funeral home to 10:00am Mass at St. Cletus Church, LaGrange. Interment to follow at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Community Nutrition Network (a Meals on Wheels partner) sent to 9022 31st St., Brookfield, IL 60513 or at cnssa.org. For further information: 708-352-6500 or Hfunerals.com

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Mandziara, Michael

Michael Mandziara, age 58, passed away peacefully on Nov. 18, 2019; beloved husband of Annie Millar; loving father of Molly and Charlie; dedicated son of Stanley and May; cherished brother of Donna (George) Fithian, Teri (Dennis) Pitts and Liz (Stas) Twardowski; fond uncle of many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great nephews; devoted life-long friend to many in the United States and Canada. Funeral Monday 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Private. Visitation Sunday 2-8 P.M. For funeral info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.



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McCloskey, Delores Ann

Delores Ann McCloskey, nee Luckey, passed away November 19, 2019. Delores was born August 4, 1939, in Streator, IL, to the late Percy and late Lucy (Miller) Luckey. She married the love of her life, the late William C. McCloskey also of Streator, in 1960, and together devoted their time to raising five children, the late Ken (Barb), Janet (Mark) LoVerde, Ed (Pam), Steve (Tara), and Susan (Carl) Barnett; cherished grandmother of 11; proud-great-grandmother of 9; and dearest sister, sister-in-law, and aunt to many. An avid reader and believer in education, it is no surprise that she spent more than 20 years of her career working in the library at Saint Xavier University. She will be fondly remembered for valuing family and faith and was an active member of St. John Fisher Parish, Chicago, for nearly 40 years. Delores loved to travel, visiting family and friends with Bill by her side. She was a devoted wife and mother, who truly loved to take care of her family. Visitation Sunday, November 24, 2019, from 3 – 7 p.m. at **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.** 108 Illinois St. Lemont. Funeral services Monday, November 25, 2019, 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Patrick Church, Lemont, for Mass at 10 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Saint Xavier University Library. Visit <https://connect.sxu.edu/giving> and select library in the designation menu. Checks can also be mailed to SXU, University Advancement, 3700 W. 103rd Street, Chicago, IL 60655. Info: 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

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Misetic, Marlene T.

(nee Menig) Born and raised in the Chicago area. Beloved wife of the late Vlado "Walter" Misetic; beloved daughter of the late William J. and Margaret M. Menig; loving sister of the late William J. (Shirley), the late Donald F. (Diane), and Ronald E. (Galena) of Florida; beloved sister in law of Ivan (Iva) and Stjepan Misetic; loving aunt to Luka (Eleni), Ana, and Steve (Regina) Misetic, and Donald, William, Scott (Beth), Gregory (Erin), Elizabeth and Michelle Menig. She was a friend to many and loved by all. Dedicated volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago. Visitation Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at **Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home** 544 W. 31st St. (Chicago) to St. Jerome Croatian Church Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For info (312)225-8500 or colettasonsfuneralhome.com

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Niekelski, Philip J.

Philip J. Niekelski, age seventy-two of Warrenville, passed away Wednesday, November 6th. Beloved husband of Judith for forty-six years; loving father of Kaitlin Niekelski, dear grandfather of Olivia Niekelski. Memorial Visitation Saturday November 23 11 AM – 2 PM at Leonard Memorial Home, 565 Duane St., Glen Ellyn, IL with a Memorial Service to follow at 2 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CASA (court appointed special advocates for children). <https://give.casaforchildren.org/give/207486/#/donation/checkout>

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Piha, Maxine M.

(nee Buechler), Teacher for 36 years in the Chicago, Oak Lawn & Orland Park communities. Active member of the Daughter's of the American Revolution & Mayflower Society. Beloved wife of the late Ralph F. Piha. Loving mother of Valerie (William) Inglis & Vivian (Charles) Janik. Cherished grandmother of April, Melanie (fiancé Patrick), Mitchell & Connor. Adoring great grandmother of "future baby" Lynch. Dear aunt of many, especially Thomas Funke. Visitation Sunday, November 24th from 3 until 8 p.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Family & Friends will gather Monday, November 25th for a lying-in-state from 10 a.m. until time of service 11 a.m. at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 7800 W. McCarthy Road, Palos Heights. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery in Orland Park. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral



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Pringle Fields, Kelli J.

Age 49. Devoted mother of Geoffrey Fields and Megan Fields. Loving daughter of Barbara and the late "Chip" Pringle. Dear sister of Doug (Kristy) Pringle, and Zack (Marianna) Pringle. Beloved niece and aunt of many. Visitation Saturday 1:00 p.m. until time of Service 7:00 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Interment private. There will be a Memorial Mass of the Resurrection for Kelli on Saturday, December 7, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st Street, Orland Park, IL. In lieu of flowers just prayers would be greatly appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Schaeffer, Sandra P.

Sandra P. Schaeffer. Beloved wife of the late Marshall Irwin Schaeffer. Loving mother to Tammy (Terry) Max. Proud Nana to Adam, Michael, David, and Joshua. Daughter of the late Samuel and Ann Siegal. Sandra spent many happy years at "The Video Store" in Glenview. Service, Sunday, 2:30PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, www.diabetes.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com



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Yates, Shirley "Lee"

Shirley "Lee" Yates nee Warfield. Beloved wife for 67 years of the late Sol. Loving mother of Beryll "BJ" (Jay) Heiferman, Barbara (David) Slivnick and Beth Hunter. Adoring grandmother of Jeremy (Sarah) Slivnick and Elyssa Slivnick. Great-grandmother of Jack Slivnick. Service Sunday, 10:00 am at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Waldheim Jewish Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the National Council of Jewish Women Chicago North Shore, 5 Revere Drive, Suite 200, Northbrook, IL 60062 www.ncjwncs.org and Hadassah Chicago North Shore, 60 Revere Drive, Suite 800 Northbrook, IL 60062 www.hadassah.org/cns would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com



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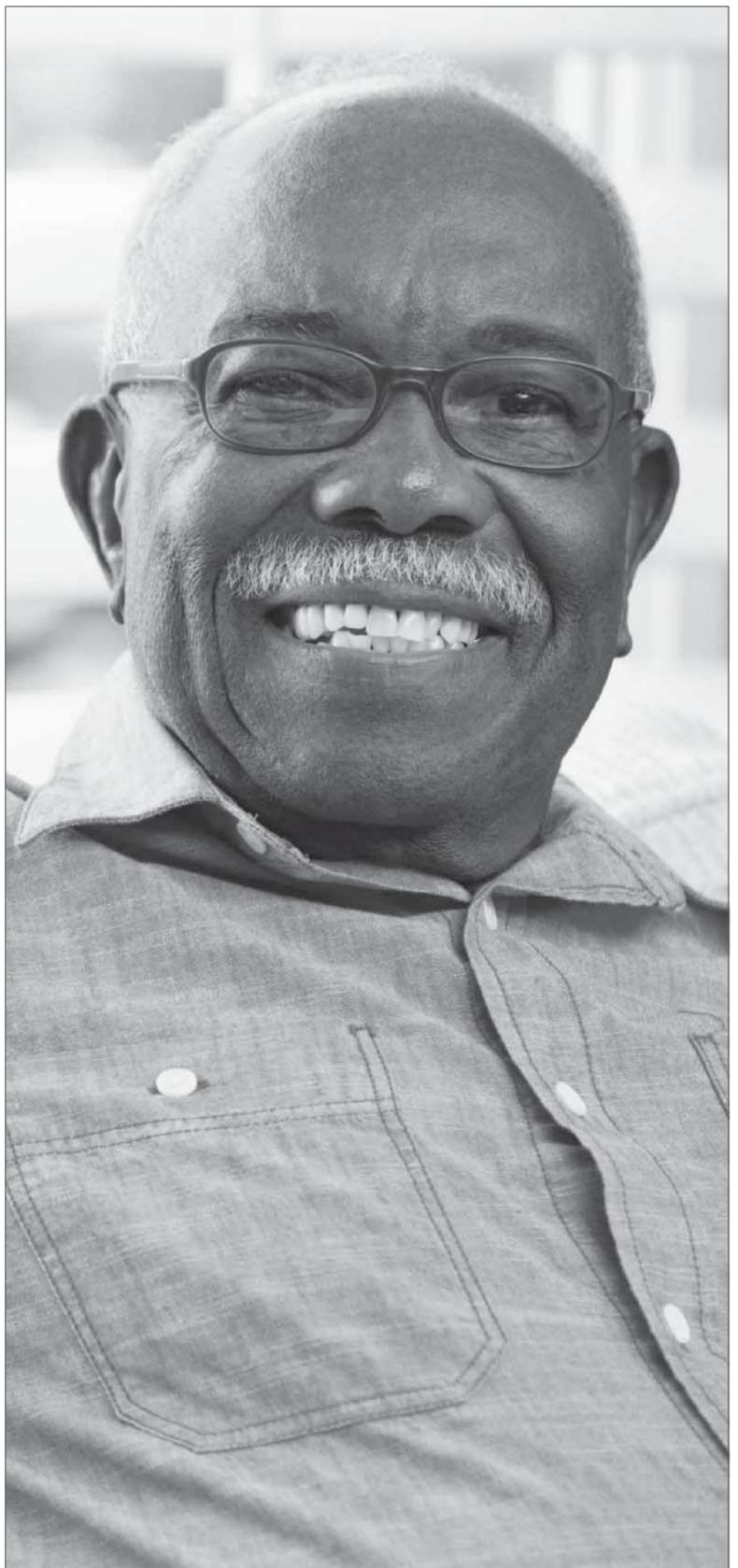


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Spenders

Sox GM Rick Hahn on Yasmani Grandal:
'An elite add at a premium position'

Also Hahn: 'Now it's on to the next one'

BY LAMOND POPE

The White Sox had Yasmani Grandal toward the top of their list of offseason priorities.

They checked that job off the list Thursday.

Grandal and the Sox agreed to a four-year, \$73 million deal, the largest contract in team history. The switch-hitting All-Star catcher will receive \$18.25 million per year from 2020 to 2023.

"Just seeing the direction that the program is going in and talking to them a little bit about what their future plans are and what their goals were, it kind of got to me a little bit," Grandal said during a conference call.

"I started thinking about it, seeing exactly what they had. Their pitching staff excites me a lot just because there are a lot of good, young arms that can be great.

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Yasmani Grandal comes to the Sox after playing the 2019 season with the Brewers.

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Bears inside linebacker Roquan Smith yells after the defense makes a play.

BEARS

Smith making resurgence

Defense getting boost from second-year linebacker

BY DAN WIEDERER

Roquan Smith didn't have an elaborate explanation for how he came up with his first takeaway of the season in the first half against the Rams on Sunday. With speed and vision, he simply tracked receiver Josh Reynolds across the field, then cut in front of an ill-advised pass from Jared Goff.

"Pretty much a bad throw by the quarterback," the second-year linebacker said. "It was just a crossing route. I saw it and luckily I caught it. So it was just a routine play."

Still, it was the kind of routine play the Bears could use more of in the weeks ahead. That it came on a night when Smith seemed to be flying around all game is also meaningful, a sign he can finish the season on an upswing.

In 51 snaps against the Rams, Smith recorded a game-high 11 tackles. That included a critical third-and-1 stop on running back Todd Gurley, an instinctive burst into the backfield and a textbook tackle to finish off a 1-yard loss.

"That," defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano said, "was a great play."

With six games left and the playoffs now a pipe dream for the Bears, the development of young core pieces such as Smith has great meaning and will attract significant focus. To that end, Smith's performance on the Sunday night stage energized Pagano.

"He played a whale of a game," Pagano said. "He played fast. He was decisive. He was physical."

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ILLINOIS BASKETBALL

Illini score a big-time commitment

Morgan Park guard Miller a top 40 national recruit

BY SHANNON RYAN

After a six-minute black-and-white video of Adam Miller standing dramatically in front of Chicago's skyline and shooting hoops in a gritty Peoria rec center, the Morgan Park senior announced he will play next season at Illinois.

A cannon blasted orange-and-blue confetti into the room as family and friends applauded during a ceremony Thursday night at the Jordan Store on South State Street.

"Being able to do it at home" was a major influence in Miller's choice, he said.

The 6-foot-3 Miller, a Peoria native who transferred to Morgan Park two years ago, is the second-ranked senior in the state and the No. 32 recruit in the nation in the 247Sports.com composite rankings. He said he decided on Illinois over Arizona and Louisville about a week ago.

And while his announcement made fans in Champaign rejoice, they'll have to wait until the spring signing period to fully exhale.

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TOP OF THE SECOND

SCOTT FOWLER

Johnson 1 of NASCAR's good guys

CONCORD, N.C. — To understand exactly how Jimmie Johnson was at one point as a NASCAR driver, you should remember the verb that his name inspired. Unflappable, confident and brimming with California cool, Johnson rocketed to a record five straight series championships from 2006-10. So people started wondering how they could “Jimmie-proof” the Cup series. Change the playoff format? Modify the spoiler? What could stop the No. 48 Chevrolet?

It turns out nobody was going to “Jimmie-proof” anything, other than Father Time. Johnson, 44, hasn't won much the past couple of years, didn't make the playoffs in 2019, so now he has decided he's finally going to slow himself down.

Johnson said Wednesday he is going to stop driving full-time after the 2020 NASCAR season, which means he's about to have a 38-race retirement party next year and then go on to whatever comes next.

What will that be? He's not exactly sure, but he does know how he'd like to be remembered as a driver.

“For being one of the good guys out there on the track,” Johnson said Thursday, “not for standing up and holding a trophy somewhere. More of that heartfelt thing than the stats.”

Fair enough. It's impossible to dislike Johnson if you know him even a little bit. He was — and is — one of the good guys.

But it would also do Johnson a disservice to recite the most important statistic of his career — he has won seven Cup series championships overall, which ties him with Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt Sr. for the most ever. If you're putting four drivers atop NASCAR's Mount Rushmore, those are three of them. You can argue among yourselves about the fourth.

When Johnson was at his best, he was “a computer in the car,” as his longtime team owner Rick Hendrick said Thursday during a news conference to explain why Johnson would no longer be a full-time driver after the 2020 NASCAR season.

“Jimmie was a machine who could really dissect a car like I'd never seen before,” Hendrick said.

Johnson was a lot more than that, of course — a husband, a doting father, a charitable dynamo, a marathon runner and a guy who climbed on top of a golf cart once and broke his wrist horsing around.

People didn't remember that last one too often, though. Johnson was widely thought to be perfect, so perfect that people sometimes couldn't stand it.



Jimmie Johnson celebrates his NASCAR Sprint Cup championship in 2016.

Bruton Smith, the owner of Charlotte Motor Speedway and also a neighbor of Johnson's for many years, once told me that the best thing that could happen to NASCAR would be for Johnson to get out of his race car, haul off and slap somebody.

“I just think it would help him maybe get away from that vanilla part of Jimmie,” Smith said.

That wasn't Johnson's style, though he could be aggressive on the track when he needed to be. He has won 83 Cup Series races, although the last one came in 2017. His seventh Cup championship came in 2016, but he fell to 14th in 2018 and then missed the playoffs for the first time in 2019 with an 18th-place series finish.

Still, Johnson said his poor results for the past two seasons weren't the reason he will step away. Instead, he said, he felt it in his gut. He knew it was time, he said, in much the same way he knew long ago it was time to ask his future wife to marry him.

And spending time with his two daughters, ages 9 and 6, also played a part. His 9-year-old, Genevieve, drew the biggest applause of Johnson's retirement news conference when she introduced her father along with her younger sister, Lydia.

The biggest NASCAR drivers have these long-runway retirements, allowing their race teams to go on a search for their successor and their sponsors to get a lot of bang for the final-year buck. Johnson will undoubtedly compete for some victories next year, too, especially at his favorite tracks.

“Next year is not a mail-it-in year,” Johnson said. “We're going to win races and compete for a championship.”

Johnson was never as beloved a figure as Dale Earnhardt Jr., but his results were a whole lot better. It was Gordon who succeeded Earnhardt as the dominant driver in the sport in the late 1990s, and then it was Johnson who succeeded Gordon in that role.

“I thought I had things figured out,” said Gordon, who is a close friend of Johnson's and was in attendance at the news conference. “And then Jimmie Johnson started beating me on a regular basis.”

Johnson did that to everyone — for years. And no matter who replaces Johnson, they won't be winning five championships in a row. We'll never see something like that again.

Scott Fowler writes for the Charlotte Observer.

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New name, new crest and new era for Fire FC

BY JEREMY MIKULA

The list of changes to the Chicago Fire is growing larger ahead of the 2020 season. And now come two of the biggest changes yet: a new crest and a tweaked name.

The Fire on Thursday unveiled the new crest, ditching their previous logo for a complete overhaul, one day after trademark applications became public.

Additionally, the Fire, formally the Chicago Fire Soccer Club, will switch to Chicago Fire Football Club.

The name change is minor compared with the crest the Fire had since 1997.

The old crest was a fire department-like blue, red and gray Florian cross with a stylized “C” encircled in the middle and “CHICAGO” and “FIRE” inside the cross. The new crest is a dark blue oval with two sets of three triangles — one gold, one red — divided by a line. “CHICAGO” appears at the top and “FIRE FC” at the bottom.

In a news release, the Fire dubbed the center icon the “Fire Crown,” saying the “flames inverted to become a crown” to represent Chicago's transformation from the Great Fire of 1871.

“As a Chicagoan, it was important to me that our new brand identity reflect the power of our city's origin,” owner Joe Mansueto said in a statement. “I've always loved the Chicago Fire name. I think of the people who rolled up their sleeves and committed to rebuild what would become a world-class city, one that my family and I love so much. The new badge including the Fire Crown represents that spirit.”

The Fire partnered with the New York and Los Angeles-based creative agency Doubleday & Cartwright — which has done branding for Inter Miami CF, the Milwaukee Bucks and the Brooklyn Nets — to create the new look. The Fire said they've been working on a rebrand for about 18 months, exploring potential changes through research and fan surveys.

One rumored change is switching the team's home uniforms from red to blue. The Fire said that change hasn't been decided, but the club has adopted gold as one of its colors. Ivory and Chicago flag blue are secondary colors.

“The club's pillars — Be Chicago. Be Football. Be a Club. — are fused into the new badge,” Fire President and general manager Nelson Rodriguez said in a statement. “We appreciate all the fans, partners and staff who contributed to helping us evolve the identity of the club.”

While some fans like the change, the initial Twitter reaction was not positive. Some criticized the team for not incorporating the old crest in some way or cited



The Chicago Fire FC have a new name and a new crest. Below is the old crest.



similarities to Real Salt Lake's color scheme, while others posted concerns the crown icon could be confused for a Latin Kings logo.

The Fire said the icon should be viewed as one whole instead of halves.

“As a part of the design process, we made the assessment that the ‘Fire Crown,’ in its entirety, is distinguishable and unique,” the club said in a statement.

Meanwhile, fellow Major League Soccer side Vancouver Whitecaps chimed in, implying the “Fire Crown” is similar to their crest, which features mountains.

The Fire responded to the negativity Thursday evening in a statement.

“New brands take time and repetition to build meaning. They will be judged in years, not days,” the Fire said.

Several other soccer clubs have gone through rebrands or crest changes, including Serie A's Juventus and a number of MLS clubs. D.C. United and the Columbus Crew changed their crests in recent years, while Sporting Kansas City rebranded from the Kansas City Wizards in 2011.

In some cases, negative fan reaction caused clubs to make changes.

Cardiff City ditched its old crest and switched from blue kits to red in 2012, only to reverse course a few years later after die-hard fans and neutrals widely panned the change.

Last year, La Liga giant FC Barcelona unveiled plans to introduce a new crest that dropped “FCB” among other tweaks. Reaction was so fierce, however, Barcelona President Josep Bartomeu indefinitely postponed a vote on adopting the proposed crest.

The Fire, however, said there are no plans to alter their new crest.

“The club always values fan feedback but we're excited about our new badge and so we are not considering any changes at this time,” they said in a statement.

BLACKHAWKS & BULLS



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LIGHTNING 4, BLACKHAWKS 2

After Hurricanes, there's Lightning

The Lightning scored three third-period goals to secure a 4-2 victory over the Blackhawks on Thursday night at the United Center. For the second straight game, the Hawks went into the third period without a goal, and for the second straight game they couldn't pull out a win despite a pair of goals as they dropped to 9-9-4. Brent Seabrook tied the game at 1-1 with 11 minutes, 33 seconds left in the third on a tremendous shot from nearly behind the net that bounced off the back of Lightning goalie Curtis McElhinney. But 1:17 later Anthony Cirelli tipped in a shot that went through Corey Crawford's legs and slowly slid into the net. A few minutes later, Brayden Point scored his fifth goal of the season to make it 3-1. After the Hawks pulled Crawford, Dylan Strome pushed back a rebound to get the Hawks within a goal with 2:43 remaining, but they couldn't get the equalizer. Cedric Paquette added an empty-net goal in the final minute to secure the Lightning's win. Patrick Kane assisted on Strome's goal to extend his point streak to 11 games. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Healthy scratches don't bother upbeat defenseman Koekkoek

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Slater Koekkoek isn't trying to hide from his role on the Blackhawks, not that he could if he wanted to do so.

Anybody looking at this season's box scores would see Koekkoek's name repeatedly listed as a healthy scratch. He knows most nights he'll wind up watching in the press box, and he knows the situation isn't likely to change anytime soon.

The 25-year-old Koekkoek — who played in only his ninth game this season Thursday night against the Lightning, his former team — also knows how to handle it.

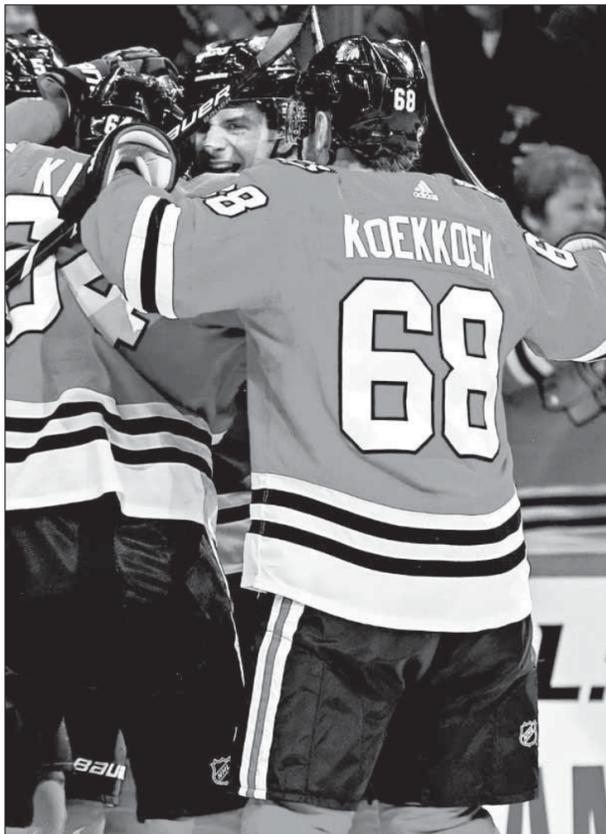
"One thing I actually try to do is, even if I'm not playing, I'll mimic a game day where I'm napping at the same time I would if I was playing or I'm warming up the same way as if I was playing," he said. "If I'm taking warmups, I do the same things in warmup that I would do (if I'm playing). Then whenever you do get to play, it's just another day. It's like you've been out there the whole time."

This is the behavior of somebody who hasn't quit on his dream of being an everyday NHL player. That's understandable for someone taken No. 10 in the 2012 draft ahead of Filip Forsberg, Tomas Hertl and Teuvo Teravainen, who have combined for 830 career points and are never healthy scratches.

But even more so, it's the behavior of a good teammate and professional who understands the ramifications of not embracing his role.

"It's a difficult job," Koekkoek said. "People don't really think about that extra D-man or extra forward on teams, but they actually play quite a crucial role. If you have a guy that's a seventh (defenseman) or a 13th forward who is upset all the time or creating a down energy in the room, it's actually harmful to the team."

"He might not be out there for the games, but if you have that rusty link in the chain, it's going to affect things. And it takes a lot of work. I work just as hard mentally as I do physically in making sure I'm ready, making sure I'm being a positive influence around the rink. So it's actually a pretty hard job."



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"There's nowhere else I'd rather be," says Slater Koekkoek.

Koekkoek isn't playing much, but that doesn't mean he's not producing. When Erik Gustafsson came into the locker room Tuesday after what he felt was a poor game against the Hurricanes — a game in which Gustafsson scored a goal — Koekkoek was there to point out the things he did well and to encourage him not to get down on himself.

Keep in mind, the Hawks have only one reserve defenseman. If Gustafsson sits, Koekkoek plays. That's the epitome of unselfishness, and it doesn't go unnoticed.

"It's very important," Gustafsson said. "He hasn't played in a while, but he's a guy that always talks in the locker room and puts a smile on his face. It's fun to see when he's coming into the locker room even if he's not playing. He's always making other guys feel more confident."

"It's pretty tough to be the seventh (defenseman) and on the bench. I've been in that spot too.

It's so important to be cheering for the other guys and being positive."

After Koekkoek came to the Hawks in January in a trade for Jan Rutta, he played 22 of 35 games in a rotation with Gustav Forsling and Carl Dahlstrom. The Hawks traded Forsling in the offseason and lost Dahlstrom to the Jets before the season when they tried to squeeze him through waivers.

Only Koekkoek, who signed a one-year deal in the offseason for \$925,000, remains. And he hasn't given up on never being a healthy scratch again.

"I just try (to) live life positively," Koekkoek said. "If I was a negative person, I don't think I could be around very long. It's tough coming in and not seeing your name on the board or doing the bag skate (doing sprints at top speed) by yourself when there's only one scratch."

"It's tough. But there's nowhere else I'd rather be."

BULLS TAKEAWAYS

Markkanen breaks through vs. Pistons

BY PHIL THOMPSON

The Bulls improved to 5-10 Wednesday night by beating the Pistons for the second time this season, 109-89.

The Bulls held the Pistons to 24% shooting from 3-point range and outrebounded them 55-46. The team also honored former Bulls star Luol Deng with a video tribute and a standing ovation.

The game was marked by star performances by Lauri Markkanen, who broke a slump with a game-high 24 points, and Shaquille Harrison, who shined as a replacement for starting small forward Chandler Hutchison, who was out with shin soreness. Harrison racked up 15 points, 11 rebounds and three steals.

Harrison also played nearly three times as many minutes Wednesday (26) as he did in the previous five games combined (nine).

"I definitely had fresh legs. I felt like a rabbit out there, just running around," Harrison said and laughed. "It felt good to be out there."

The win felt good too. "We've been struggling a little bit lately," he said, "and for us to get this win tonight has been huge for us, especially against a division opponent."

Here are three takeaways from the win against the Pistons.

1. You can stop giving Lauri Markkanen advice about his shot.

Lauri Markkanen told reporters that he welcomes advice, and he listens, but he has discovered that not every tip applies to him.

"Everybody tries to help and I really appreciate it," he said. "There's been a lot of people that try to figure out (the problem), but I think it's just (doing) the work and obviously working with coaches pre-practices (and) post-practices. They're doing a really good job with helping me. We've been watching film with them too."

Markkanen said the mental part of a slump is just as big a component.

The quirky nature of Markkanen's first-quarter 3-pointer turned out to be a confidence booster. It bounced high off the back iron and dropped in.

It was about time he got a lucky bounce

"I had a lot of in-and-outs," he said. "Shot feels good and then hits the rim eight times and comes out."

"I'm glad that went in." He hit three of his four attempts from behind the arc.

2. Coby White joined elite company.

Rookie Coby White fought off a tweaked ankle during warmups to put up 12 points, five rebounds and an assist, bringing his career totals to 196 points, 58 rebounds, 35 assists and 12 steals after 15 games.

According to the Bulls, only four other rookies in franchise history have had those kind of numbers (at least 190 points, 50 rebounds, 35 assists and 10 steals) in their first 15 games: Derrick Rose (2008-09), Toni Kukoc ('93-94), Michael Jordan ('84-85) and Mitchell Wiggins ('83-84).

There was another milestone White and Daniel Gafford achieved during Monday night's loss to the Bucks.

They became the first pair of Bulls rookie backups to score at least 20 points since Luol Deng and Ben Gordon did it in 2004-05. Deng, who retired last month, was honored during Wednesday's game and Gordon was one of several former teammates in attendance.

"It means a lot, those are two great players," White said before the game.

Coincidentally, Deng and Gordon's '04-05 team struggled, too — starting 0-9 and then 2-13 after 15 games — but they had winning streaks of five, seven and nine games and made the playoffs.

White took inspiration from that.

"They just fought back," he said before Wednesday's 109-89 win against the Pistons. "I got a feeling we're going to fight back."

3. Luol Deng really wanted Andres Nocioni to be there.

After the game, Derrick Rose joined Luol Deng and several former Bulls teammates in a room near the Bulls locker room and took pictures together, according to a Pistons official.

Deng said he tried to get in touch with close friend and former teammate Andres Nocioni so he could be there, too, but couldn't track him down.

"I spoke to him a few years ago when he was still playing," Deng said. "I think he's back in Argentina and we couldn't get ahold of him."

The Bulls signed Nocioni as a free agent in Deng's rookie season.

"Yeah, it was weird," Deng said. "Not only were we rookies together, but he was so much older than me that I was looking up to him. We played the same position, and he played so hard that I was learning from him. And later on, young guys are telling me how hard I play and I always credited it to Noce, seeing him play."

Diving inside the Bulls' early-season numbers

BY PHIL THOMPSON

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The Bulls have 15 games in the books and a 5-10 record. It's too small a sample to draw broad conclusions about whether they're a young team going through early growing pains or a stagnant franchise whose playoff hopes are likely futile.

But a few insights have emerged. Here's a by-the-numbers look at the first 15 games.

15, 246

Every Bulls opponent has committed at least 15 turnovers, and the Bulls have made 246 deflections. Both statistics represent the fruits of a philosophical overhaul on defense.

If the Bulls can make it 16 games in a row with at least 15 turnovers Friday against the Heat, it would be the first time an NBA team pulled off the feat since the Magic did it in 19 straight games from Oct. 31 to Dec. 5, 2000, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

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The Bulls have scored 236 fast-break points, third in the NBA.

In the offseason, the Bulls pledged to try to score more in transition and take shots earlier in the clock before defenses can catch up. It wasn't working consistently early in the season because, well, you have to actually make the shots.

But in recent games, teammates have had success setting up Coby White, Tomas Satoransky, Lauri Markkanen and others for buckets off screens, drive-and-kicks and other methods.

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The coaches take a step back after every five games and evaluate that stretch through film and analytics and speak to the players about adjustments.

"I did it this morning after 15 (games), so that's three five-game sets," Boylen said. "And if there's something to speak to a guy on from that, I will do it."

He added that he shares the evaluations with executive vice president of basketball operations John Paxson.

"John and I have those conversations after every five games," Boylen said.

103.7

The Heat, Friday's opponent, are allowing 103.7 points per game, which ranks sixth in the league.

The Bulls, who have held opponents to 109.8 points per game (15th), have repeatedly said they aspire to be a top-10 defensive team.

WHITE SOX



JAMIE SCHWABEROW/GETTY

Getting to know a little more about newest arrival Grandal

BY TIM BANNON

The White Sox on Thursday paid good money for a talented catcher — and one with a fascinating backstory.

The team signed 31-year-old Yasmani Grandal to a four-year, \$73 million contract, the richest deal in franchise history.

So who is this guy, this two-time All Star who has played for the Padres, Dodgers and Brewers? Here are a few things you should know.

1. In Cuba, his family won the lottery.

Grandal was born in Havana on Nov. 8, 1988. When he was 10, his mother, Maria Gomez, applied to the Cuban Migration program. And the family — Grandal, his mother, his stepfather and his maternal grandparents — won that national lottery (which has since been discontinued) that allowed them to immigrate to the United States.

They arrived on July 3, 1999.

"In Cuba, we woke up in the morning wondering what we were going to eat in the afternoon," Gomez told the Palm Beach Post. "He got here where you could watch television all day in a nice air-conditioned house with tons of goodies to eat. And Yasmani loves to eat."

"Being a kid, it wasn't really a big change for me," Grandal said. "I think it was a big change for my parents because they'd lived (in Cuba for so long). I think I adjusted really well."

The family moved to Florida.

"Lucky for me, I got to Miami, where 75% of people speak Spanish," Grandal said. "So it wasn't a big difference."

2. His tattoos tell a story.

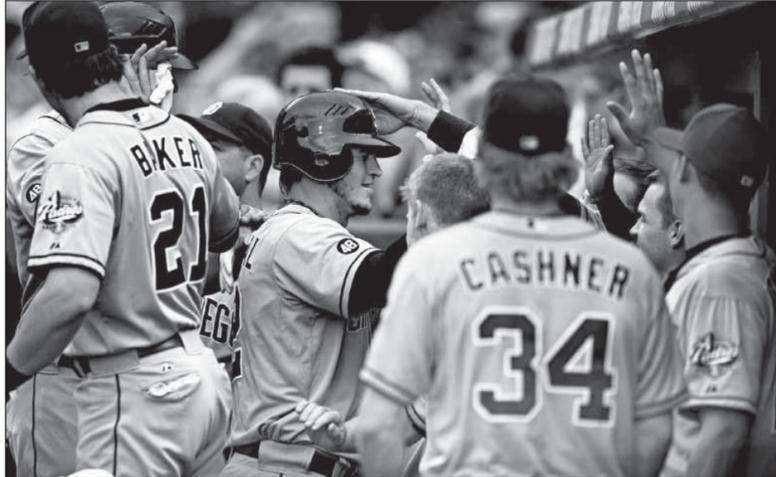
"I like to put my story on my body," he told mlb.com last year. "Every time I got a tattoo, I would do well that year. Then the next year I would get one and do well again."

"It just seemed like I had to, but I didn't want to get a tattoo of whatever I saw. I had to figure out a way to come up with something that had meaning."

Several of Grandal's tattoos represent the Zodiac calendar. He told the Los Angeles Times that he was drawn to the symbols because his mother often read him his horoscope.

He also has a tattoo of his nickname "Yaz" on his back.

"I got my nickname on my back with eyes, actually red eyes, because in Cuba red means how you battle (envy) from other people and my mom says, 'Well, since you are always giving your back to the crowd, you must have eyes on your back, especially red, just for those people who envy you,'" Grandal told the Los Angeles Times.



DUSTIN BRADFORD/GETTY

Yasmani Grandal receives congratulations from Padres teammates after hitting his second homer in his major-league debut, a 2012 game against the Rockies in Colorado.

But why "Yaz"?

"One of the coaches I had coming up through Little League had no idea how to say my name," he told mlb.com. "I've had teachers who just crushed my name, and they called me 'Ya-Swannny' and 'Manny,' all sorts of things. But this coach was a huge Boston Red Sox fan, and obviously Carl Yastrzemski is a big name over there. He figured if he couldn't get my name right, he might as well call me 'Yaz.'"

"So ever since I was 12 years old, I've been called Yaz. I had no idea why. I didn't find out about Carl Yastrzemski until I was 16 or 17. People called me Yaz from when I was 12, through high school to college to the minor leagues to here. So I figured I might as well just own it on my body."

3. He's a rare breed: a switch-hitting catcher.

"I started switch hitting full time when I was about 15," he told mlb.com.

"Around the same time, I started catching. I was always a third baseman and one day my stepdad ... he made me a catcher. I had to do the job, started liking it, and I just stayed there. Right then, I figured I didn't like hitting against lefties. I started hitting righty and it stuck."

4. His first two hits were remarkable.

On June 30, 2012, Grandal made his major-league debut with the Padres against the Rockies at Coors Field.

In the fourth inning, batting righty, he hit a solo homer to center field.

In the sixth, batting lefty, Grandal hit a two-run homer to left.

It was the first, and still only, time a player's first two hits were home runs hit from opposite sides of the plate.

"I can't describe how remarkable this is," Grandal said. "To hit two homers for my first two hits is incredible."

5. He was suspended in 2012.

On Nov. 7, 2012, Major League Baseball hit Grandal with a 50-game suspension for using testosterone. He did not appeal the suspension and sat out the start of the 2013 season. The violation was later linked to the South Florida anti-aging clinic/performance-enhancing drug hub Biogenesis.

"I apologize to the fans, my teammates and to the San Diego Padres," Grandal said in his statement. "I was disappointed to learn of my positive test and under the Joint Drug Program I am responsible for what I put into my body."

6. He has played in the last 5 postseasons.

Grandal has been in the postseason each of the last five years: 2015 with the Dodgers, losing to the Mets in the National League Division Series; 2016 with the Dodgers, losing to the Cubs in the NL Championship Series; 2017 with the Dodgers, losing to the Astros in the World Series; 2018 with the Dodgers, losing in the World Series again, this time to the Red Sox; and in 2019 with the Brewers, losing to the Nationals in the wild-card game.

Over those 10 playoff series, Grandal played in 33 games, making 96 plate appearance. His postseason stats line is .115/.274/.244.

7. During the 2016 NLCS, he accused the Cubs of stealing signs.

Grandal, then with the Dodgers, said the Cubs were stealing his signs during the 2016 NLCS — although they allegedly did it the old-fashioned way.

For instance, in Game 1, Ben Zobrist was on second base and Addison Russell was batting.

"All the sudden, Russell is not taking good swings at sliders, looking like he's looking for a fastball and in a certain location," Grandal said, according to the Los Angeles Times. "Did we know Zobrist had the signs and was doing something for it? Yeah, we did. That's why we do it."

"We are literally paranoid when it comes to men on second and they are trying to get signs. We know who is getting the signs. We know what they're doing. We know what they do to get it."

"In the playoffs, one relayed sign could mean the difference between winning the World Series and not getting there. That's why we have four or five different sets of signs, and we're constantly changing."

8. He made postseason history, but not in a good way.

In Game 1 of the 2018 NLCS, Grandal became the first catcher in postseason history to commit two errors and allow two passed balls — and he did it in the first three innings.

He appeared in Game 2 as a pinch hitter. And then in Game 3, he gave up his third passed ball and couldn't control pitcher Walker Buehler's breaking ball that allowed a Brewers runner to score from third.

A sellout crowd at Dodger Stadium booed Grandal throughout the night.

"I think it's driving you guys nuts more than it's driving me," he told reporters after the game. "Any person in baseball understands what it is to be able to block a ball like that. I don't really hear the noise outside."

9. He and his son have a World Series bond.

Grandal's son, Yasmani Ryker Grandal, was born Oct. 23, 2017, a day before the World Series started.

Grandal was with his wife, Heather, for the birth, then rejoined the Dodgers for Game 1 against the Astros.

Grandal was born in 1988, days after the Dodgers won their last World Series title.

"It's kind of weird how one thing can relate to another," Grandal told USA Today. "The fact that he's born right before we start, I get to tell him that it's something special we get to share."

Sources: Chicago Tribune reports, Los Angeles Times, Baseball-reference.com, Palm Beach Post, mlb.com, USA Today

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"Hopefully I can help them out to be the best that they can be. Hopefully by the end of the four years, we've made a deep run in the postseason and, God willing, we were able to win a championship."

The previous largest contract in Sox history was Jose Abreu's six-year, \$68 million deal in 2013.

Grandal, 31, had a .246/.380/.468 stats line in 153 games with the Brewers in 2019 with 28 home runs, 77 RBIs, 79 runs, 109 walks and 139 strikeouts. He finished fourth in the majors in walks.

"I try to put as much pressure as possible on a pitcher," Grandal said. "The more pressure I put on him and make him throw, the better it's going to be at the end of the day for my team."

He was an All-Star last season and in 2015 with the Dodgers. He's a career .241 hitter with 136 doubles, 141 home runs, 416

RBIs and 374 runs in 879 games in eight major-league seasons with the Padres (2012-14), Dodgers (2015-18) and Brewers (2019).

To make room for Grandal on the 40-man roster, the Sox designated outfielder Daniel Palka for assignment.

General manager Rick Hahn said the team met with Grandal last week in Arizona.

"Everything that we learned from that meeting reinforced what we had learned about him from afar and through various sources," Hahn said. "Not only is he an outstanding contributor between the lines, but he's a tireless worker, a great preparer, a great game planner and someone who's going to fit very well into our clubhouse."

Grandal said the young pitching led by Lucas Giolito, played a pivotal role in his decision.

"I don't care where I'm going as long as I see a future in the pitching staff," Grandal said. "If I see that I can help that pitching staff, for me that's pretty much No. 1. So their sales pitch was that: 'Look at the

young arms we have, look at the guys we have coming up. We have an opportunity here to win, and we think you can help them out."

"To tell you the truth, with the White Sox, I hadn't really checked their pitching staff out too much. I heard of Giolito and (Reynaldo) Lopez, so once I started getting into it, it was pretty much an easy decision for me."

Grandal made an impact behind the plate last season, ranking second in the majors in framing runs, according to Baseball Prospectus (194), and tied for second in runs from extra strikes, according to Statcast (13).

"Obviously Yasmani is very strong in the framing area, and that's the huge positive for our pitchers and it's a good portion of the benefit that he brings," Hahn said. "But there's also the game planning, there's also pitch blocking and the ability to throw and handle a staff. Those are all elements of the catcher defensive profile that have always been important to us."

In addition to catching, Grandal will help at designated hitter. The Sox roster also

includes catchers James McCann, who was also an All-Star last season, and Zack Collins, their 2016 first-round draft pick. They also added minor-leaguer Yermín Mercedes to the 40-man roster Wednesday.

"Yasmani provides us with some flexibility," Hahn said. "While he certainly is a tremendous asset behind the plate and I expect him to spend a lot of his time there, he does provide us with flexibility to have that bat in the lineup at DH and at first base."

"James in certain matchups can DH as well. So having too many guys who are quality big-leaguers is a good thing, not something we view as a problem. We want to provide (manager) Rick (Renteria) with enough flexibility and different options to set a quality lineup each day."

Grandal was the top free-agent catcher on the market. The Sox also are looking to add pitching — starting and relief — and a right fielder.

"From our perspective, this is an elite add at a premium position," Hahn said. "That's a real good thing. And now it's on to the next one."

BEARS

WHAT WE HEARD

Pineiro
scuffles with
fundamentals

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Here are five things we heard from Bears coordinators Thursday as the team continued preparing for its game against the Giants on Sunday at Soldier Field.

1. Eddy Pineiro's fundamentals escaped him on two missed field goals in the loss to the Rams.

The rookie kicker missed left from 48 yards on the opening drive and right from 47 on the third drive. That helped keep the Bears off the scoreboard in the first half of a 17-7 defeat.

Special teams coordinator Chris Tabor was asked for his diagnoses of the misses.

"First one, he's just trying to swing too hard," Tabor said. "Classic example of a cold-weather kicker going to a warm place, and you kind of get mesmerized with: 'I'm going to have a big night. Conditions are perfect.'"

Tabor explained that Pineiro missed only two field goals during pregame warm-ups and made 60-yarders toward each end zone.

"The second one, he just overcompensated," Tabor said. "He went left on the first one, then, young mistake, goes right. ... The second one did not have enough speed on the ball, either, so that tells you a little bit that he's placing it instead of kicking it. He'll come through that. Lesson learned."

2. Chris Tabor senses Eddy Pineiro is mentally capable of emerging from this 'bit of a rut.'

Pineiro, holder Pat O'Donnell and snapper Patrick Scales practiced at Soldier Field on Wednesday, as is usual before home games. Pineiro made 21 of 23 field goals.

That's the weekly process Tabor believes in and falls back on when responding to in-game struggles as Pineiro is having now.

"We've had a little bit of adversity this year, and he has come over on the other side each and every time," Tabor said. "But he's a confident kid. And I don't see any bugs in there or snakes in his head that I'm worried about."

Pineiro declined interview requests Wednesday and Thursday.

3. Drops by Bears receivers have reached problematic levels.

The Bears' 17 drops are second-most in the NFL behind the Dolphins (18). It's a subjective stat, but the Bears' place near the top of those rankings is enough cause for concern.

The Rams got credit from Bears players and coaches for contesting catches and recording six pass breakups Sunday. But the Bears recognize their role in that.

"Our drops generally have been ... stone-cold drops," offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich said. "Clean drops. And that's not good. Every day, they're doing drills that are working to correct that."

One that stood out was a fourth-and-9 incompleteness in the first quarter. Taylor Gabriel got his hands on the ball for what would have been a first down. But two-time Pro Bowl cornerback Jalen Ramsey punched it out.

Gabriel credited Ramsey with a good play, and it certainly was. But there's a flip side to that, coach Matt Nagy explained.

"A lot of guys can catch balls when they're not contested," Nagy said. "That's one of the big things that separate the great wide receivers. When you have contested catches, you want to come down with those."

4. Tarik Cohen can build upon his season highs of 14 touches and 74 scrimmage yards against the Rams.

Nine of those 14 were carries. Handing the ball off, as Helfrich pointed out, is a surefire way to get a player touches. In the passing game, the defense has a say in it.

"Every team is aware of him," Helfrich said. "Every team is changing their pass-rush pattern based on how he releases and trying to be physical with him at the line of scrimmage and re-route him. So you've got to work with that."

The Bears try to get Cohen a free release by lining him up wide or motioning him out of the backfield. The Bears did well with Cohen in that regard last season against the Giants. He posted career highs in receptions (12) and yards (156).

5. The Bears are determined not to let Saquon Barkley beat them Sunday.

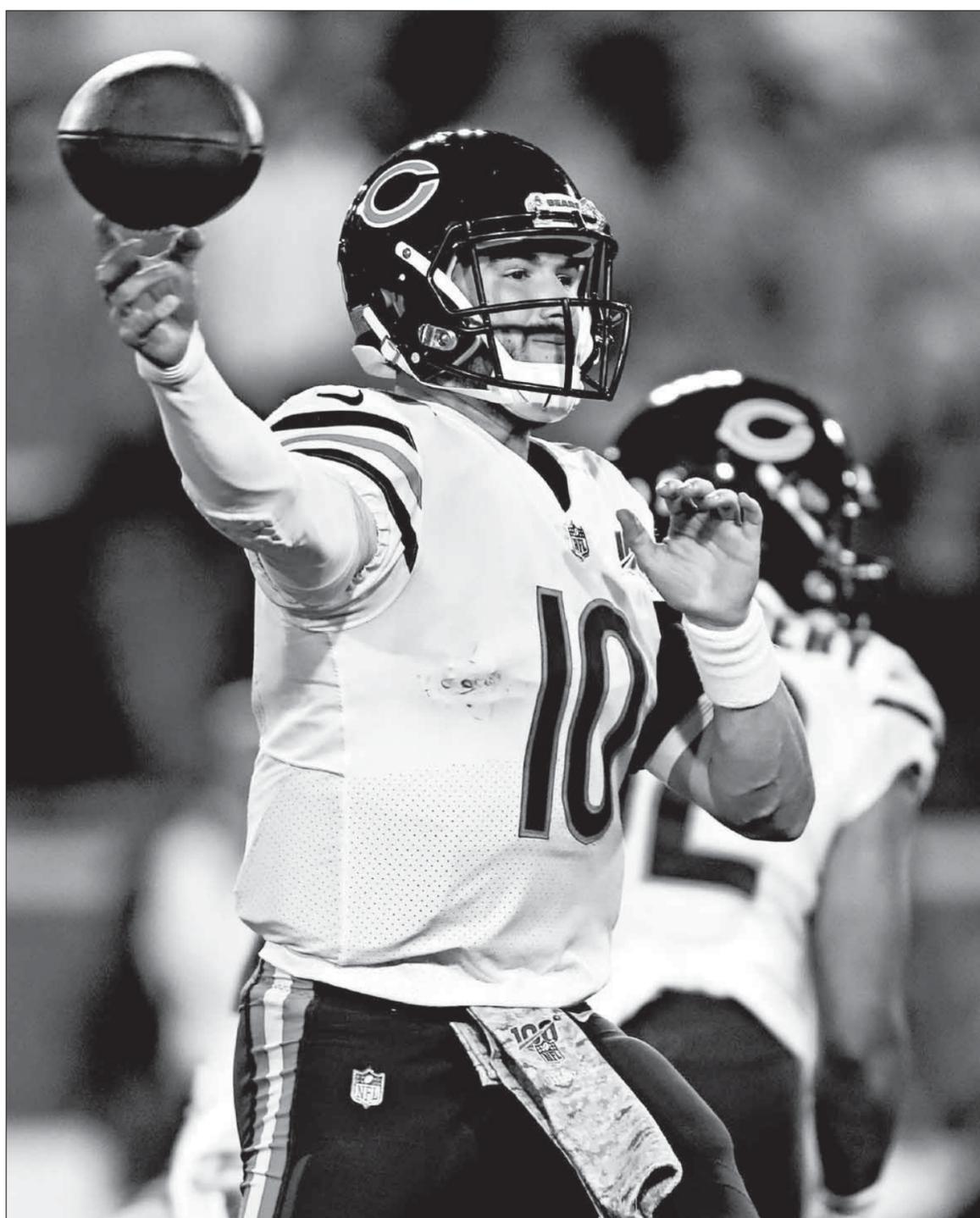
Barkley's rushing average is down to 4.0 yards per carry this season from 4.7 as a rookie, in large part because of an ankle injury. The Giants, though, are coming off their open date, and the star running back will be rested.

Barkley's skill set is loaded. Defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano lauded his speed, power, vision, patience, stiff-arm and stop-start acceleration.

"If you don't set an edge — no edge, no chance," Pagano said. "If he gets in the open field, he can take it the distance. He's effective out of the backfield as a pass receiver as well, so he's a three-down player."

"The only thing is pretty much the ankles on everyone are the same size, so you better get this guy wrapped up. We have to gang tackle, slide down and try and slide those ankles together. Usually if you do that, most guys will go down. Even this guy. He's going to be a huge challenge for our defense."

Even without defensive tackle Akiem Hicks for seven of 10 games, the Bears are allowing 3.6 yards per carry, fourth in the NFL.



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Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky, who was hampered by a hip injury, throws a pass during the fourth quarter against the Rams.

Trubisky still on track
to start Sunday's game

BY COLLEEN KANE

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky practiced in full for the second straight day Thursday at Halas Hall as he recovers from a right hip pointer.

Bears coach Matt Nagy, who speaks to the media before practice, said Wednesday's practice was light, and it was difficult to see how Trubisky's mechanics looked during what he described as "half-speed" work. Nagy expected to have a better idea of Trubisky's status after Thursday's session.

"It's kind of hard to see exactly (where he's at), just because of that," Nagy said. "But I liked the way he looked. ... We want to do everything we possibly can to get him right. We'll see how today goes and then see how (Friday) goes and then see how Saturday goes."

Nagy said Trubisky said he felt pretty good, and Nagy thought that was "a step in the right direction" as the Bears gear up for Sunday's game against the Giants at Soldier Field.

Backup quarterback Chase Daniel spoke after practice and said he thought Trubisky moved and threw "really well."

"I actually told him, and I wasn't just trying to build his confidence up, I thought today he threw the ball as best as I've ever seen him on a Thursday," Daniel said. "That's 100% truth. Our whole team felt that today. He had something else about him today, a pop to him, whatever it may be. Not that he didn't always have that, but it just looked really good today, and it felt good. We didn't have many balls on the ground today."

Trubisky suffered the hip injury during a second-quarter sack against the Rams on Sunday night, and Nagy pulled him in favor of Daniel with just more than 3 minutes to play. Daniel said he knew at halftime Trubisky wasn't feeling at his best and tried to stay loose throughout the second half of the 17-7 loss.

"He cares so much, and he felt like his



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Rams receiver Cooper Kupp, left, talks with Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky on Sunday.

team down, so of course he was a little upset (after the game)," Daniel said. "I think that's why he was a little bit down after the game. Losing, not playing as well as he wanted to, all of that compounded, so that's pretty normal. We've got to let him know, 'Hey, listen, if you're hurt, you're hurt. You didn't let the team down.' He has understood that, and he's had a good week of practice so far."

Daniel played most of two games this season in place of Trubisky, who missed time with a dislocated left shoulder. Daniel

also started last season against the Lions and Giants when Trubisky was dealing with a right shoulder injury. But perhaps the Bears will not need him this time.

Right tackle Bobby Massie, who suffered a back injury against the Rams, also practiced in full.

Tight end Adam Shaheen remained out of practice with a foot injury, while inside linebacker Danny Trevathan was absent with an elbow injury. Outside linebacker Isaiah Irving, who has missed the last three games with a quad injury, was limited.

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"He played with emotion, played with fire and did a lot of great things."

Smith's self-assessment?

"I felt like I played pretty solid," he said, "but it's still not the standard. We did not get a win, so that's the thing. That's what we're graded on around here."

Smith was drafted with the No. 8 pick in 2018 for a reason.

The Bears not only believe he can be a reliable long-term starter in the middle of

their defense, but they are certain he has All-Pro talent.

Efforts such as last week's give the coaching staff greater confidence in their vision for what he can become.

Pagano stressed Thursday that he was impressed with Smith's start to this season. But in Week 4, Smith was a surprise scratch against the Vikings because of what the team labeled "personal reasons," and even when he returned, something was missing for several weeks.

Said Pagano: "(He) had the one or two games where he just wasn't himself for whatever reason, and now he's back doing this."

Pagano has praised Smith's behind-the-scenes focus and attention to detail as catalysts for his recent growth. Now the Bears are hoping to benefit from more of the production as well.

"I've watched his preparation, his practice, his attention to detail in meetings," Pagano said. "And I told him he's doing a great job with everything. The meetings and the walk-throughs and certainly practice. Usually when that happens and you do well during the week, chances are you're going to play well."

Now it's up to Smith to follow up last week's big game with another one Sunday against the Giants.

NFL

NOTES

Garrett's suspension will stand

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Myles Garrett's goal was to be NFL's top defensive player this season. He won't finish it.

Garrett's indefinite suspension for smashing Steelers quarterback Mason Rudolph over the head with a helmet was upheld Thursday by an appeals officer who decided the severe penalty on the Browns star defensive end is fair.

One of the league's most dominant edge rushers, Garrett, 24, is banned for the final six regular-season games and playoffs for pulling off Rudolph's helmet and cracking him with it in the closing seconds of the Browns' 21-7 win over their AFC North rival last week.

On Wednesday, Garrett attended his appeals hearing in New York and made his case to former player James Thrash for a reduction of his penalty.

Thrash didn't find enough compelling evidence to lessen Garrett's punishment, which will keep him off the field until 2020 — at the earliest.

As part of his historic suspension for using his helmet "as a weapon," Garrett must also meet with Commissioner Roger Goodell's office before he can be reinstated. He's been fined \$45,623.

Appeals officer Derrick Brooks, a Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker, did reduce the suspension for Steelers center Maurkice Pouncey from three games to two for punching and kicking Garrett following the shocking assault on Rudolph, who earlier this week said he "should have done a better job keeping my composure in that situation."

Brooks also upheld a \$35,096 fine for Pouncey, who will miss the Steelers' rematch with the Browns on Dec. 1 in Pittsburgh.

Garrett's violent act — he pulled Rudolph's helmet off and clobbered him with it — on national TV and its aftermath have been a dominant topic since it happened.

The story took a new twist when ESPN, using anonymous sources, first reported that Garrett told the league during his meeting with Thrash that Rudolph used a racial slur just before the brawl erupted.

Steelers spokesman Burt Lauten said Rudolph "vehemently denies" the report.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the league investigated Garrett's claim and "found no such evidence."

Texans win, lead AFC South: Deshaun Watson threw two touchdown passes to DeAndre Hopkins and finished with 298 yards to help the host Texans beat the Colts 20-17 on Thursday night to take the AFC South lead.

The Texans (7-4), who were embarrassed by the Ravens 41-7 on Sunday, trailed by four early in the fourth when Hopkins got in front of Pierre Desir and stretched out to haul in a 30-yard reception to give the Texans a 20-17 lead.

The Texans defense stepped up after that, forcing a punt on the next drive before stopping the Colts (6-5) on fourth-and-7 with 3 minutes left.

Will Fuller, who returned after sitting out three games with a hamstring injury, had seven catches for 140 yards to help the Texans to the victory.

Extra points: Pro Bowl linebacker Leighton Vander Esch will miss the Cowboys' road game against the Patriots on Sunday because of a neck injury and he's considered week to week, according to reports. ... Former kicker Fred Cox, the Vikings' all-time leading scorer and the inventor of the Nerf football, died Wednesday. He was 80.

COLLEGES



Illinois

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Miller did not sign a letter of intent with Illinois during the early signing period, which ended Wednesday, so his commitment is nonbinding until the regular period begins April 15.

Even at his announcement ceremony, he sounded like his options remain open.

"I'm 100 percent committed to Illinois, but I'm still looking at everything," he said. "This is a big factor for me in my life. It's not just about the university. It's about me benefiting from the team and the team benefiting from me. I just want to know everything is in place for me when the time comes."

He said he could see himself at nearly every school that offered him a scholarship.

"I'm not even going to lie, all of them (were tempting)," he said. "Arizona State, I cut them out, but I was really tempted to go there."

Michigan coach Juwan Howard visited him in Chicago just two days ago, he said, and impressed.

"He showed me the game plan and he some of the players and I was like, 'Yo, I would fit in this offense,'" Miller said. "It was a really hard decision. But being able to do this from home, that's what I really want to do."

Assuming Miller stays true to his commitment, the four-star shooting guard's decision to stay in state continues the reversal of a trend of top local recruits spurning Illinois.

Ayo Dosunmu, now a sophomore guard for the Illini and a teammate of Miller's for one season at Morgan Park, also had a commitment ceremony at the Jordan Store on South State Street in October 2017.

"I learned from Ayo, 'Be a pro,'" Miller said. "Watching him, I'll be a better player and a better person. I just think about it like, if you're a good player, you know Duke and Kentucky and North Carolina, they're going to get their fair share of players. If you're a great player and you know you are, and you're not as highly touted, why not stay home and do it? You're only going to get better."

Miller is the third member of Illinois'



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Orange and blue confetti flies around Morgan Park's Adam Miller as he hugs his mother.

2020 recruiting class, joining four-star point guard Andre Curbelo from Long Island Lutheran in Glen Head, N.Y., and three-star power forward Coleman Hawkins of Prolific Prep in Napa, Calif. Curbelo and Hawkins signed with Illinois during the early period.

Locking down the backcourt duo of Miller and Curbelo, who's ranked 55th nationally, was vital for Illinois coach Brad Underwood. The Illini will lose point guard Andres Feliz after this season, and Dosunmu might leave early for the NBA.

Miller transferred from Peoria Manual to Morgan Park before his sophomore year, and the Mustangs won a second straight Class 3A state title that season, the only one Dosunmu and Miller were teammates.

Miller averaged 28.4 points, 7.8 re-

bounds, 5.7 assists and 3.1 steals as a junior last season.

His commitment ceremony often referenced "Ace Wolf," his self-proclaimed "superhero" nickname. The tops of his shoes were embossed with an image of a wolf. And when he announced he's headed to Illinois, he didn't pull a ballcap from under the table but a blue-and-orange wolf mask.

"As a little kid, I always wanted to be a superhero. I always wanted to be the greatest player in the NBA," he said. "Me being Ace Wolf, it's like me being a superhero hooper."

Illinois fans certainly will howl if he changes his mind.

"I'm still looking at every choice," he said, "but I feel like I'm settled at Illinois."

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SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	11	3	.786	—
Toronto	10	4	.714	1
Philadelphia	9	5	.643	2
Brooklyn	6	8	.429	5
New York	4	11	.267	7½
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	10	3	.769	—
Orlando	6	8	.429	4½
Charlotte	6	9	.400	5
Washington	4	8	.333	5½
Atlanta	4	10	.286	6½
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	12	3	.800	—
Indiana	8	6	.571	3½
Chicago	5	10	.333	7
Cleveland	4	10	.286	7½
Detroit	4	10	.286	7½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Houston	11	4	.733	—
Dallas	9	5	.643	2½
New Orleans	6	9	.400	6
Memphis	5	9	.357	6½
San Antonio	5	10	.333	7
NORTHWEST				
Denver	10	3	.769	—
Utah	9	5	.643	1½
Minnesota	8	7	.533	3
Oklahoma City	5	9	.357	5½
Portland	5	11	.313	6½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	12	2	.857	—
L.A. Clippers	10	5	.667	2½
Phoenix	7	7	.500	5
Sacramento	7	7	.500	5
Golden State	3	13	.188	10

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Milwaukee 137, Portland 129
New Orleans 124, Phoenix 121

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Washington, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 8 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

BUCKS 137, TRAIL BLAZERS 129

PORTLAND: Hood 5-5 0-0 11, Anthony 6-15 3-4 18, Tolliver 3-9 0-0 8, Trent Jr. 5-7 0-0 13, McCollum 15-29 2-2 37, Hezonia 0-0 0-0 0, Little 3-5 5-6 12, Labissiere 10-16 0-22, Bazemore 1-8 0-0 2, Simons 2-9 2-2 6. Totals 50-103 12-14 129.

MILWAUKEE: Matthews 4-9 0-0 12, G.Antetokounmpo 9-27 5-10 24, B.Lopez 4-7 0-0 10, Bledsoe 11-21 6-30, DiVincenzo 7-15 0-0 16, Iyiasova 1-3 4-4 6, R.Lopez 2-5 2-2 6, Hill 2-4 2-2 7, Connaughton 7-10 2-2 18, S.Brown 3-5 0-0 8. Totals 50-106 21-37 137.

Portland	27	31	40	31	—129
Milwaukee	37	35	35	30	—137

3-Point Goals—Portland 17-39 (McCullum 5-10, Trent Jr. 3-4, Anthony 3-5, Labissiere 2-4, Tolliver 2-6, Hood 1-1, Little 1-2, Bazemore 0-3, Simons 0-4), Milwaukee 16-43 (Matthews 4-7, Connaughton 2-3, S.Brown 2-3, B.Lopez 2-5, Bledsoe 2-6, DiVincenzo 2-6, Hill 1-3, G.Antetokounmpo 1-7, Iyiasova 0-1, R.Lopez 0-2). **Rebounds**—Portland 41 (Labissiere 12), Milwaukee 58 (G.Antetokounmpo 19). **Assists**—Portland 32 (McCullum 10), Milwaukee 32 (G.Antetokounmpo 15). **Fouls**—Portland 27, Milwaukee 20. **A**—17,385 (17,500).

ODDS

NBA	pregame.com	SP	O/U	FRIDAY
at Detroit	5½	233		Atlanta
at Washington	5½	233		Charlotte
at Brooklyn	off	off		Sacramento
at Phila.	7½	224½		San Antonio
Miami	4½	214½		at Chicago
L.A. Lakers	4½	214½		at Okla. City
at Dallas	10	220		Cleveland
at Denver	4½	206		Boston
at Utah	off	off		at Houston
at L.A. Clippers	4½	227		

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

at Maryland <th>17½</th> <th>George Mason <th>FRIDAY</th> </th>	17½	George Mason <th>FRIDAY</th>	FRIDAY
at Ohio State	24½	IPFW	
at Butler	18	Morehead State	
at Davidson	9	Wake Forest	
at Oklahoma St	19	W. Michigan	
at Arkansas	14½	South Dakota	
at Creighton	25	Cal Poly	
at Oregon	8½	Houston	
at Santa Clara	15½	Idaho State	
at S Diego St	18½	LIU Brooklyn	
at Washington	14	Montana	
at USC	9½	Temple	
Liberty	14½	Morgan State	
Rice	1½	Milwaukee	
George Wash	1½	Umkc	
Evansville	7½	East Carolina	
UMBC	1	E. Michigan	
LSU	1	Utah St	
Rhode Island	6½	North Texas	
Nicholls State	9	at NC A&T	
Florida	9	Miami	
St. Joseph's	off	Missouri St	
Tulane	off	Mid. Tenn.	
Miss. St.	off	Villanova	
Grand Canyon	1	Valparaiso	
Nevada	6	Fordham	
Cincinnati	13	Illinois St	
W Kentucky	2½	Bowling Green	
UC-Wilim.	7½	Cleveland St	
FIU	7½	E Kentucky	
Loyola Marymt	off	Indiana St	
Air Force	off	at Duquesne	
Georgia St	7	Pr View A&M	
at Cal Baptist	10	C Arkansas	

NHL		FRIDAY
at Pittsburgh	off	New Jersey
at Ottawa	-115	NY Rangers

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WEEK 13	SP	O/U	FRIDAY
at Wyoming	6½	51	Colorado St
WEEK 13	SP	O/U	SATURDAY
Nebraska	5	61½	at Maryland
Ball State	3½	67½	at Kent State
Memphis	14½	59½	at S Florida
Michigan	9½	54½	at Indiana
at Texas Tech	2½	55	Kansas St
at Georgia	13	44	Kansas A&M
at Wake Forest	7	49	Duke
Oklahoma St	5	55	at W. Virginia
East Carolina	14½	66	at UConn
BYU	39½	69½	at UMass
at Cincinnati	10½	45½	Temple
at Oklahoma	18	65½	TCU
at LA-Laf.	14	71	Troy
at Virginia	16½	55	Liberty
at Iowa	5½	47½	Illinois
at Wisconsin	24½	48	Purdue
at Iowa St	24½	58½	Kansas
Minnesota	13½	39	at Northwestern
Oregon	14	52½	at Arizona St
Utah	22½	57	at Arizona
at Georgia St	10	56	S. Alabama
Washington	14½	52½	at Colorado
at Ap. St.	29½	51	Texas State
at Notre Dame	20	64	Boston Coll.
at Fresno St	14	51	Nevada
at USC	13½	66	UCLA
at Stanford	1½	40	California
at Wash. St.	10½	76½	Oregon St
at Ark. St.	1½	55½	Ga. So.
at So. Miss	4	51½	W Kentucky
Marshall	7	55½	at Charlotte
at Baylor	6½	58½	Texas
UCF	6	70	at Tulane
at Navy	3½	67½	SMU
Michigan St	20½	43	at Rutgers
North Texas	6½	55½	at Rice
at Va Tech	4	45	Pittsburgh
at UAB	6½	44	La Tech
at Louisville	9½	62½	Syracuse
at Tulsa	2½	58	Houston
at Missouri	4	45½	Tennessee
at LSU	43½	69	Arkansas
San Jose St	7	65½	at UNLV
at N Mex. St	7½	55½	UTEP
at Mid. Tenn.	15	47	Old Dominion
at La-Monroe	5½	64	C. Carolina
Fla Atlantic	20½	57	at UTSA
Miami	18	57½	Penn Int'l
at Ohio State	29½	51	at Utah State
at Hawaii	3	48½	S. Diego St
Air Force	22½	55	at N. Mexico

NFL

WEEK 12	SP	O/U	SUNDAY
at Cleveland	10½	44½	Miami
at Buffalo	4	37½	Denver
Pittsburgh	6½	38½	at Cincinnati
at Chicago	6½	40½	NY Giants
Oakland	3	46½	at NY Jets
at New Or.	9½	47	Carolina
at Atlanta	4	51	Tampa Bay
Troit	3½	41½	at Wash.
at Tennessee	3	42	Jacksonville
at New Eng.	6½	45½	Dallas
at San Fran.	3	48	Green Bay
at Phila.	1	48	Seattle
SP	O/U	MONDAY	
Baltimore	3	46½	at LA Rams

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	14	3	5	33	78	56
Florida	12	5	5	29	84	80
Montreal	11	6	5	27	75	69
Toronto	10	10	4	24	76	82
Buffalo	10	9	3	23	62	66
Tampa Bay	10	7	2	22	69	64
Ottawa	10	11	1	21	61	70
Detroit	7	14	3	17	58	91

METRO.						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	16	4	4	36	90	73
N.Y. Islanders	16	3	1	33	67	49
Carolina	13	8	1	27	77	66
Pittsburgh	11	7	4	26	74	59
Philadelphia	11	7	4	26	68	68
Columbus	9	8	4	22	55	69
N.Y. Rangers	9	8	2	20	64	67
New Jersey	7	9	4	18	51	74

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
St. Louis	14	4	5	33	70	62
Colorado	13	8	2	28	80	67
Dallas	13	8	2	28	66	56
Winnipeg	13	9	1	27	64	70
Chicago	9	9	4	22	65	67
Minnesota	10	11	2	22	63	74
Nashville	9	9	3	21	74	74

PACIFIC						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Edmonton	14	7	3	31	77	68
Arizona	13	8	2	28	65	52
Vancouver	11	8	4	26	76	68
Vegas	11	9	4	26	73	69
San Jose	11	11	1	23	67	79
Anaheim	10	10	3	23	63	69
Calgary	10	12	3	23	62	78
Los Angeles	9	12	1	19	58	76

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 3, Buffalo 2
Columbus 5, Detroit 4
N.Y. Islanders 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT
Philadelphia 5, Carolina 3
Florida 5, Anaheim 4, OT
St. Louis 5, Calgary 0
Vancouver 5, Nashville 3
Minnesota 3, Colorado 2
Tampa Bay 4, Chicago 2
Dallas 5, Winnipeg 3
Toronto 3, Arizona 1
San Jose 2, Vegas 1 (OT)
Los Angeles 5, Edmonton 1

LIGHTNING 4, BLACKHAWKS 2

Tampa Bay	1	0	3	— 4
Chicago	0	0	2	— 2

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Tampa Bay, Sergachev 1 (Gourde, Maroon), 16:10 (pp). **Penalties:** Killorn, TB, (cross checking), 12:56; Keith, CHI, (interference), 15:00; Cernak, TB, (interference), 19:45. **SECOND PERIOD:** None. **Penalties:** Rutta, TB, (slashing), 16:03.

THIRD PERIOD: 2, Chicago, Seabrook 3

(Saad, Toews), 8:27. 3, Tampa Bay, Cirelli 4 (Hedman, Killorn), 9:44. 4, Tampa Bay, Point 5 (Palat), 12:23. 5, Chicago, Strome 5 (Kane, Shaw), 17:17. 6, Tampa Bay, Paquette 2 (Cirelli, Killorn), 19:00. **Penalties:** Kampf, CHI, (boarding), 2:43; Saad, CHI, (hooking), 14:52.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Tampa Bay 14-10-11

— 35. Chicago 12-8-14—34.

POWER PLAYS: Tampa Bay 1 of 3; Chi-

ago 0 of 3.

GOALIES: Tampa Bay, McElhinney 3-1-2 (34 shots-32 saves). Chicago, Crawford 4-5-2 (34-31).

A: 21,336 (19,717). **T:** 2:23.

Referees: Marc Joannette, Michael Markovic.

Linesmen: Scott Cherrey, Ryan Gibbons.

GOLF

LPGA CME GROUP TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

1st of 4 rds; Ritz Carlton Golf Resort, Tiburone GC; Naples, Fla.; 6,556 yds; Par 72 65 (-7)

Sei Young Kim	67	32-33
Nelly Korda	68	34-33
So Yeon Ryu	68	34-33
Georgia Hall	68	34-33

Brooke M. Henderson	68	34-34
Lizette Salas	68	35-35
Caroline Masson	68	35-33
Marina Alex	68	34-34

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

ROAD TO THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

With final two weeks of the regular season, conference title-game situation and probability of reaching the playoff

									
1 LSU (10-0)	2 Ohio State (10-0)	3 Clemson (11-0)	4 Georgia (9-1)	5 Alabama (9-1)	6 Oregon (9-1)	7 Utah (9-1)	8 Penn State (9-1)	9 Oklahoma (9-1)	10 Minnesota (9-1)
Arkansas Texas A&M	Penn State @Michigan	Off @S. Carolina	Texas A&M @Ga. Tech	W. Carolina @Auburn	@Arizona St. Oregon St.	@Arizona Colorado	@Ohio State Rutgers	TCU @Okla. St.	@NU Wisconsin
Magic number to reach SEC title game: One	Magic number to reach Big 10 title game: One	Clinched ACC Atlantic title and spot in ACC title game	Clinched SEC East title and spot in SEC title game	Needs win vs. Auburn and two LSU losses to reach SEC title game	Clinched Pac-12 North title and spot in Pac-12 title game	Needs two wins OR win and USC loss to reach Pac-12 title game	Needs two wins OR win vs. OSU and OSU loss to reach Mich. to reach B10 title game	Magic number to reach Big 12 title game: One	Needs win vs. NU and Wis. loss to Purdue OR win vs. Wis. to reach B10 title game
68%	58%	61%	43%	39%	34%	31%	23%	15%	17%

Playoff probabilities according to playoffstatus.com

Aggies spoiling for a fight

Texas A&M can ruin Georgia's, LSU's shots at CFP semifinals

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas A&M has yet to become a power in the Southeastern Conference in its eighth season in the league. With trips to No. 4 Georgia and top-ranked LSU to end the regular season, the Aggies could thrust their way into the spotlight by playing spoiler.

The 24th-ranked Aggies aren't yet among the SEC's elite in coach Jimbo Fisher's second year, but they're still a formidable foe. They've won four in a row and their three losses have come against No. 3 Clemson, No. 16 Auburn and No. 5 Alabama. The Tigers were ranked No. 1 at the time of their game.

"This team will probably be one of the most talented teams we've played against," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. "We all know who their three losses are against. I feel like the three losses are against Top 10 teams that are really, really good football teams. And they have an immense amount of talent."

Fisher, who won a national title in 2013 at Florida State, said he's much more worried about improving his team than spoiling anyone's season.

"We want to affect the outcome of our own program and how we play and what we do and what we get out of that we've played well this last month, and we can keep November rolling and play well, play good football," he said. "It's important for our program. The playoffs are wonderful, but I'm worried about what's going on at A&M."

Auburn was in a similar situation in 2017 when the team beat No. 2 Georgia and No. 1 Alabama late in the season to rise from No. 16 in the polls to fourth and reach the SEC title game for the first time since 2013. Auburn's late push ended a streak of three straight SEC titles for the Crimson Tide. The Tigers ended up losing to Georgia in the rematch for the conference championship.

The Bulldogs know people would love to ruin their title hopes. But they're confident that they can finish the season strong after bouncing back from a double-overtime loss to South Carolina with four straight victories to win the East and land in the top four of the College Football Playoff rankings.

"We always knew we controlled our own destiny, knew we could be back in this position and just continue to work and do what we have to do to get back,"



LOGAN RIELY/GETTY

Texas A&M is currently riding a four-game winning streak. The Aggies' three losses came against powerhouses Clemson, Auburn and Alabama.

linebacker Azeez Ojulari said.

Smart is aware that he can't shield his players from talk of the playoff, so he doesn't try to tell them to ignore it. Instead, he just implores them to focus on paying attention to details on the field.

"What you try to emphasize is the facts," he said. "Here are the facts if we block and tackle people, if we do simple better, we're pretty good. If we don't and we turn the ball over and we don't play well on special teams and we give up big, explosive plays, we're not very good."

LSU, meanwhile, is looking to reach the SEC title game for the first time since 2011, though the Tigers also have national championship hopes.

In last year's meeting in College Station, Texas A&M snapped a seven-game skid in the LSU series with an epic 72-70 win in seven overtimes.

LSU coach Ed Orgeron is pleased with how his team has grown in his third full season in

charge in Baton Rouge after taking over for Les Miles after four games in 2016.

"It seems like this year it's come all together," he said. "It has taken us three years. Yes, it is a process. Maybe that's too long. Maybe that's a short time. I don't know but I always knew at LSU you have to win. I know the expectations at LSU is you have to win. My goal has always been to win at LSU."

And that's what he and the Tigers have done this year. And at 10-0, they're the SEC's only undefeated team and are ranked No. 1 in the AP poll and the CFB rankings with two games to go before conference title games.

They face Arkansas this week before the visit from A&M two days after Thanksgiving. The Tigers are certainly not looking past these games, but know the SEC championship game awaits if they handle business.

"It's something when you come to LSU that you want to do," Orgeron said. "Our players want to

do it. We don't talk about it, we really don't. (It's) the next game up. We said we're going to look at where we're at at the end of the season. We want to win every game, that's one of the things we did want to do. Arkansas is our next game. This is game number 11. Our goal is to beat Arkansas."

After being the standard bearer for this league for much of the last decade, Alabama is now on the outside looking in at the CFB. The Crimson Tide are ranked fifth in both the AP poll and the CFB rankings. Alabama and Georgia both have just one loss, but the Bulldogs have the coveted No. 4 spot in the CFB rankings and would get a spot in the playoffs if the season ended today.

Alabama would need to win out and get some help to crack the playoffs this season. They have chance to regroup after the season-ending hip injury to quarterback Tua Tagovailoa when they step out of conference play to host Western Carolina before wrap-



Georgia coach Kirby Smart and LSU coach Ed Orgeron both know the threat Texas A&M poses.

ping up the regular season with a trip to Auburn.

"I don't think there's any way that any of us can say we won't miss that spirit that he has," Alabama coach Nick Saban said.

They'll now have to try and make a late push to move up in the rankings with backup quarterback Mac Jones, who Saban called very capable and said he has a lot of confidence in.

If Alabama isn't able to catch up to LSU in the next two weeks it will be the just the third time in eight years that the Crimson Tide won't be in the SEC title game.

GAMES TO WATCH

BY MATT MURSCHEL | Orlando Sentinel



No. 8 Penn State (9-1, 6-1 Big Ten) at No. 2 Ohio State (10-0, 7-0)
11 a.m. Saturday, FOX-32
Ohio State can clinch the Big Ten East title and a spot in the conference championship game with a win. The Buckeyes have won six of the last seven in the series. Ohio State leads the nation in scoring (51.5 points per game) and scoring defense (9.8). The team welcomes back defensive end Chase Young, who sat out the previous two games during an NCAA investigation.



Texas (6-4, 4-3 Big 12) at No. 14 Baylor (9-1, 6-1)
2:30 p.m. Saturday, FS1
Baylor looks to bounce back from its demoralizing loss last week to Oklahoma with a chance to clinch a spot in the Big 12 Championship Game. The Bears surrendered a 25-point halftime lead against the Sooners, eventually losing 34-31 on a last-minute field goal. After starting the season 4-1, Texas has dropped three of its last five games, including last week's last-second loss to Iowa State.



Texas A&M (7-3, 4-2 SEC) at No. 4 Georgia (9-1, 6-1)
2:30 p.m. Saturday, CBS-2
Georgia has wrapped up a spot in the SEC Championship Game, but the Bulldogs must avoid a letdown against Texas A&M and Georgia Tech to stay in the College Football Playoff mix. The Aggies have won four straight and five of their last six games, but none of those wins came against a team with a winning record. This is the first conference game between these programs since Texas A&M joined the SEC in 2012.



TCU (5-5, 3-4 Big 12) at No. 9 Oklahoma (9-1, 6-1)
7 p.m. Saturday, FOX-32
Fresh off a come-from-behind win over Baylor, Oklahoma looks to wrap up a spot in the Big 12 Championship Game with a win over TCU. The Sooners have won five straight games in the series. OU quarterback Jalen Hurts has amassed 4,022 yards and 43 total touchdowns this season, more than any of the previous Oklahoma Heisman Trophy-winning quarterbacks through 10 games.



No. 6 Oregon (9-1, 7-0 Pac-12) at Arizona State (5-5, 2-5)
6:30 p.m. Saturday, ABC-7
Oregon has clinched the Pac-12 North title and a spot in the conference championship game, but the Ducks must avoid a slip-up during the final two weeks. A victory Saturday would give Oregon its first double-digit win season since 2014. It also would give the program its first 8-0 start to a Pac-12 season since 2010. After a 5-1 start, Arizona State has lost four consecutive games.

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



JACQUES BOISSINOT/AP

Raptors GM Bobby Webster looks on while coach Nick Nurse, center, talks to team president Masai Ujiri during an early October practice.

Future rooted in the past

Raptors GM draws on mixed upbringing in building team's post-Leonard identity

BY BEN GOLLIVER
The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — When Bobby Webster took the stage as a guest speaker at the U.S.-Japan Council's annual conference earlier this month, the moderator introduced him as a world champion and a hapa.

The first label was self-evident: Webster is the Raptors GM, a low-key strategic planner and salary cap specialist who reports to Masai Ujiri, the organization's brash, larger-than-life president.

The second term — a Hawaiian phrase that means “part” and refers to people of mixed race — described Webster's Japanese-American background. Webster's mother, Jean, descended from Japanese immigrants who came to work in the stables at a Hawaiian sugar plantation around the turn of the 20th century. Webster's father, Bob, a redheaded Chicago native, moved to Hawaii in his late 20s and never left.

While Webster is the only general manager with Asian heritage in a league where fewer than 1% of players are Asian, he rejects any notion that he's an outlier. Instead, the easygoing, media-averse executive views his mixed background as a core strength. His exposure to multiple cultures in the small beach town of Kailua, Oahu, honed a work ethic that made him the NBA's youngest GM, at age 32, when he was promoted in 2017. It also instilled an open-minded philosophy that has helped guide the Raptors through a major transition following Kawhi Leonard's departure.

“In our household, it was never so explicit: this is Asian, this is white,” Webster said. “There were never limits placed on me. If you're a white kid, that's a different experience. If you're a full Asian kid, you're like everyone else (in Kailua). If you're mixed, you're cool. We had Jeremy (Lin) on the Raptors and I talk to him a lot. He looks Asian, and (dealing with stereotypes or bias) was much more on someone like him. I don't think I look super Asian or white. Being both was freeing. Both communities always accepted me. I had the best of both worlds.”

Identity is no simple concept. Webster doesn't speak Japanese, and he was listed as “Other (Pacific Islander)” rather than “Asian” on the NBA's 2019 Racial and Gender Report Card.

Yet Japanese culture and cus-



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toms remain a major part of his life: He counts fried rice among his favorite foods, he removes his shoes in the house and he took the Raptors to Japan for preseason exhibitions in October. While honeymooning with his wife, Lauren, in Tokyo in 2015, Webster was struck by a lifelong tempura chef's “humility, perseverance and standard of excellence,” and how he could see his family's “mannerisms and demeanor” reflected throughout a city thousands of miles from his home.

As it happens, the central professional challenge facing Webster this season is a matter of organizational identity. After betting big on a 2018 trade for Leonard, the Raptors claimed their first title in franchise history. A few weeks after the championship parade, Leonard, the Finals MVP and Toronto's most accomplished player, bolted for the Clippers as a free agent.

When a player of Leonard's caliber leaves for nothing, bad things usually happen.

LeBron James' 2010 departure plunged the Cavaliers into the lottery, a process that repeated when he left the Heat in 2014 and the Cavaliers again in 2018.

Kevin Durant's Achilles injury and subsequent exit have played a major role in the Warriors' collapse this season.

But Toronto is rolling along in its first season without Leonard, posting a 9-4 record and a strong plus-7.2 point differential. The Raptors have a split personality — battle-tested veterans mixed with hungry youngsters — but have meshed well to play a relentless, entertaining style of basketball. Pascal Siakam, the reigning Most Improved Player, has taken another leap, emerging as a franchise player with a more developed offensive game than he displayed last season.

Meticulous planning helped the Raptors shift gears. Webster, who was recruited by Ujiri from the NBA league office, where he spent seven years working on Collective Bargaining Agreement and salary cap matters, said that Toronto began thinking through the implications of Leonard's departure before they even acquired him.

When Leonard delivered his verdict in the early morning hours of July 6, the Raptors turned to their contingency plan, which eventually involved re-signing

point guard Kyle Lowry to an extension and inking Siakam to a max deal. Those moves helped solidify Toronto's base and sent the message to veterans such as Marc Gasol and Serge Ibaka that winning, not rebuilding, would be the priority.

“These guys earned the right to make another run at it,” Webster said. “We knew we had a core that could compete. Even if you subtract Kawhi and Danny (Green), we're still a really good team. There was a lot of (trade) speculation but the plan all along was to keep this team together. Could the arrangement have worked out any better? We won a championship and (Leonard) got to go home (to Southern California).”

Siakam's development has been an essential driver for the post-Leonard Raptors. The 25-year-old forward from Cameroon was a bit player on offense as recently as 2018. This year, he is averaging 25.7 points per game — 10th in the NBA — and looking comfortable as both a 3-point shooter and a ballhandler. A late-first round pick in 2016 who flew under the radar at New Mexico State, Siakam possesses energy, length and improved polish that should make

the Raptors a tough out in the playoffs.

For Toronto's front office, Siakam's growth is added justification for their decision to gamble on the Leonard trade. Leonard not only delivered a title, Webster reasoned, but he left a “legacy (of knowing) what it takes to win on that level” for a franchise that had previously been defined by its postseason shortcomings.

“I took a lot from (Leonard),” Siakam said, already sounding comfortable in his new, expanded role less than a month into the season. “His poise, how he doesn't really get rattled. I tried to add that to my game. ... When you get to shoot the ball a little bit more, it gets you excited a little bit. I like that.”

As their future begins to take shape around Siakam and OG Anunoby, an athletic 22-year-old forward, the Raptors aren't rushing. Toronto has won more games than every team besides the Golden State Warriors and San Antonio Spurs since the start of the 2014-15 season thanks to a front office whose style has been defined by tactical strikes rather than wild swings.

Eventually, Toronto will need to phase out Gasol and Ibaka in favor of a younger front line. Lowry, at 33, isn't a long-term solution at this stage of his career either. To some executives, this might feel like an uncomfortable purgatory: trapped between being a top-shelf title favorite and an inevitable retooling effort.

Webster, though, is wired to reject false dichotomies. Onstage at the U.S.-Japan Council, he warned about “debilitating mental constructs” that can arise when people buy into “specific ideals or limitations” placed on them by their families, friends or even themselves. His message to the young Japanese-Americans in the audience: pursue excellence, and don't be afraid to be part of a “generation that's trying to say that you can do what you want and go into a field that is typically dominated by one or two ethnicities.”

The Raptors, in his view, should be similarly unencumbered, capable of learning from the Leonard era while also succeeding outside of its shadow.

“You build a team and staff based on values and principles that you want to live by,” Webster said. “Once you win, you have a shared experience about what (competitive) matters and what doesn't. How many guys on this team have a ring? There's a ton of pride in this locker room. (Following a title) is a difficult position to fill, but our guys are competitive as hell.”

“You always take (competing) versus the alternative.”

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Down this road before

In Curry's rookie season Warriors also injured mess

BY WES GOLDBERG
The San Jose Mercury News

NEW ORLEANS — As Stephen Curry addressed the media with an amalgamation of bandages and braces around his hand, he recalled his rookie season, when he led an injury-plagued, 26-win Warriors team in minutes.

"I think it's the best thing in the world for a young player to come in and get the opportunity to just play every single night," Curry said. "You learn so much through these experiences. Especially when I was a rookie when we had nothing to play for and, when we looked at the standings, we were only playing for (former head coach) Don Nelson's (all-time wins) record. But every night it was always 'How can we get better and take a step in the right direction?'"

Like in Curry's rookie season, injuries have opened up opportunities for Golden State's young players. Two-way contract player Ky Bowman, originally intended to spend most of his time in the G League, has spent all of one morning in Santa Cruz this season. Rookie forward Eric Paschall has become a go-to scorer. Rookie guard Jordan Poole, despite a slump, is being given the runway to shoot his way out of it.

However, there's a key difference between the 2009-2010 Warriors and the 2019-2020 Warriors. The former had made the playoffs just once in the previous 15 years and didn't have the championship experience of the current edition. Those Warriors had no way to anticipate the success that would eventually come their way.

These Warriors can confidently look forward to being contenders when they are healthy next season. The young players getting an opportunity now can only hope to be a part of it.

With Curry (hand surgery), Klay Thompson (knee surgery), Kevon Looney (neuropathic condition), Jacob Evans (adductor), Alen Smailagic (ankle), Damion Lee (hand) and D'Angelo Russell (thumb) all out, coach Steve Kerr's Warriors aren't far from the status of Nelson's 2010 squad. The Warriors (3-13) are limping through a season struggling to win games and stay healthy.

The Warriors have just nine healthy players, and won't know more about potential reinforcements until Wednesday. In the midst of a four-game trip, Kerr doesn't even have enough players for a five-on-five scrimmage, instead having to insert assistant coaches to run drills in practice.

The league requires teams to dress eight players for games. A couple more nicks and bruises could put the Warriors in a tough position, but one they've been in before.

On April 14, 2010, Nelson's Warriors were in Portland to play the final game of a season derailed by injuries and resulting in a draft lottery appearance.

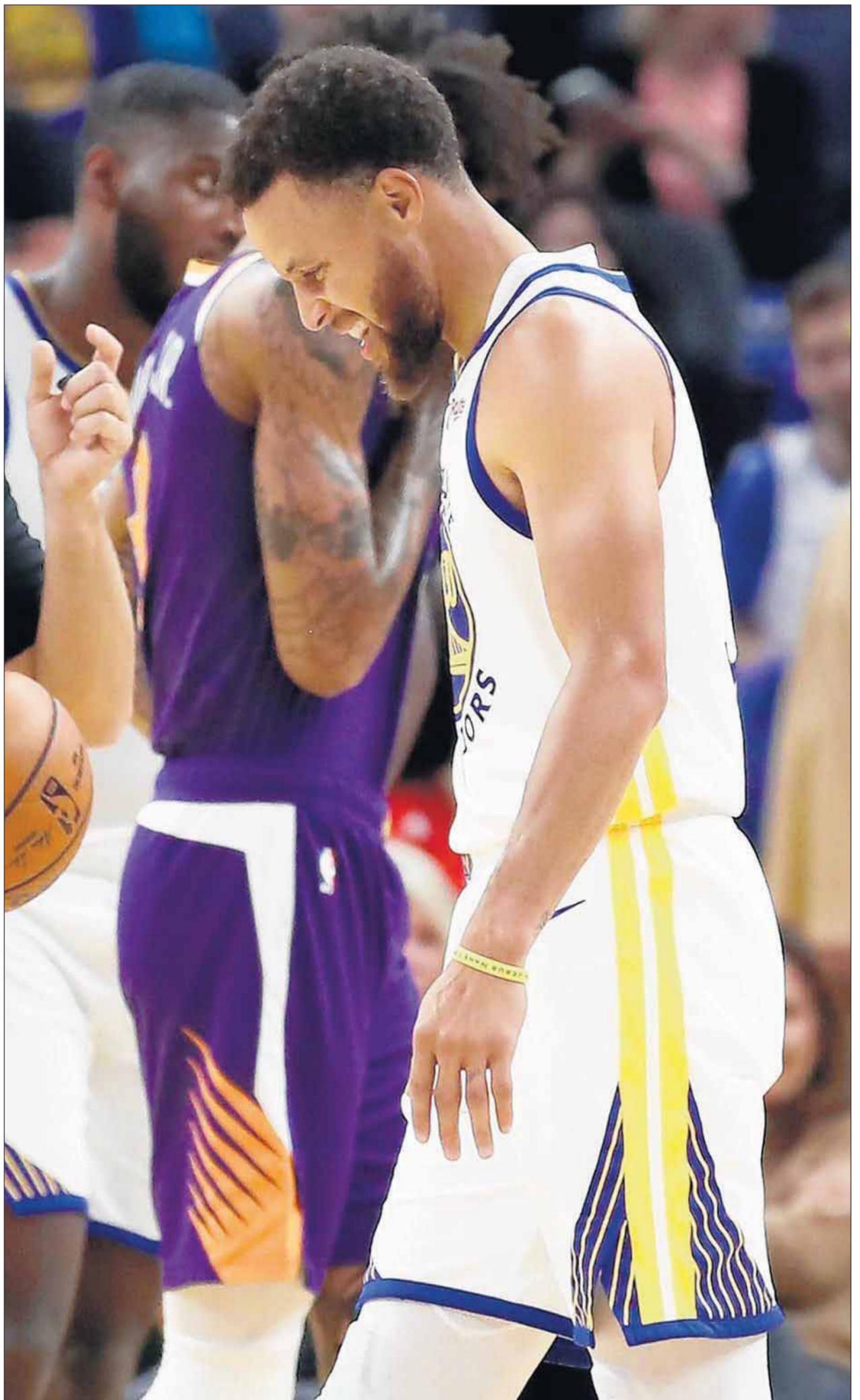
The Warriors had only six players available for the season finale against the Trail Blazers, two fewer than the league minimum. So injured players Ronny Turiaf and Anthony Morrow dressed and sat on the bench, technically active, but with no intent to play. The plan was for the five starters to play the entire game. That plan didn't last long.

Five minutes and 27 seconds into the game, starting center Chris Hunter hurt his knee and went to the bench. Golden State's sixth player, forward Devean George, checked in. Midway through the first quarter, the Warriors had no more room for error. No foul outs, no ejections, no more injuries.

Somehow, the Warriors played a competitive game against the 50-win Trail Blazers. The rookie Curry would finish with 42 points and guard Monta Ellis 34. With five minutes left in the game, the Warriors led 108-104. That's when things got weird.

With 4:47 left, George fouled Portland forward Martell Webster. It was his sixth and final foul, an automatic disqualification. Only the Warriors had no healthy players who could play. The other three players on the bench were all injured — Turiaf and Morrow were listed as active, but they were actually injured, while Hunter got hurt in the first quarter.

NBA rules dictate "if a player in the game receives his sixth per-



EZRA SHAW/GETTY

Stephen Curry knows how injuries can affect a team's season. In his rookie campaign of 2009-10, Curry led the 26-win Warriors in minutes played.

sonal foul and all substitutes have already been disqualified, said player shall remain in the game."

Nelson pleaded with the officials to allow George to stay in the game under this rule. However, the officials disagreed with Nelson's interpretation, and forced Nelson to substitute a player. Hunter entered the game but limped badly. After drawing a charge, he could hardly get up and walk. Nelson took him out of the game and pleaded with the officials again, to no avail. So he got creative.

Turiaf checked in for all of seven seconds before committing a foul and claiming an injury. He went to the locker room. Then Morrow checked in, playing nine seconds before claiming his own injury and leaving the game. That allowed George, who had fouled out, to check back into the game.

With the bench emptied the Warriors went on a 14-4 run in the final 3:19, with Curry scoring 11 of those points. They won 122-116.

Should any of the nine healthy players — Bowman, Glenn Robinson III, Draymond Green, Poole, Alec Burks, Omari Spellman, Marquese Chriss, Paschall and Willie Cauley-Stein — get hurt, the Warriors would be in an even more difficult position than when

they were in Portland in 2010.

Because of the hard cap triggered due to the sign-and-trade for Russell, the Warriors have carried 14 players — not counting the two two-way contract players — on the roster all season, one shy of the maximum 15.

Normally when missing half the roster due to injury, a team could apply for the NBA's hardship exception in order to temporarily create an additional roster spot. However, because the Warriors technically have an open roster spot but don't have room under the hard cap to sign another player, the exception would not apply to them. This situation is unprecedented.

Should the Warriors be short of the eight-player minimum, general manager Bob Myers would have to talk to the league office and ask for an exception to the hard-cap rule.

Losers of seven straight games, the injury-plagued Warriors are headed to a similar fate as they were a decade ago.

"I've never seen one team as banged up as we are," Kerr said. "Counting our two-way guys, we have 16 roster players, and only nine available, so seven guys unavailable to play. That's almost unheard of."



BEN MARGOT/AP

Some have speculated that Curry's broken left hand will keep him from a return this season. Curry has said he's aiming for the early spring.

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'FROZEN 2' ★★★

Into the mist with Elsa and Anna



DISNEY

In "Frozen 2," Elsa (voiced by Idina Menzel) and friends travel to a place that is trapped in autumn in hopes that she will learn more about her powers and how to save her kingdom. With the voices of Kristen Bell, Josh Gad, Jonathan Groff and Evan Rachel Wood.

More of a hairy quest deal, more emotionally knotty than first movie

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Sequels are tough! Especially with musicals. Hollywood, Broadway, either way. "Grease 2," "Love Never Dies" (the "Phantom of the Opera" add-on), the epically lousy 16-performance flop "Best Little Whorehouse Goes Public," the un-lamented "Bring Back Birdie" — tough, tough, tough.

The good-enough success of "Frozen 2," then, deserves medium thanks and your allotted

Disney money. The story pulls Elsa the Snow Queen and her less magical but nonetheless charismatic younger sister, Anna, into a murky web of Shakespearean political intrigue, with a large dose of Scandinavian pagan mythology; late-'80s/early-'90s-style power ballads from songwriters Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez; and just enough Olaf (snowman) and Sven (reindeer) to please younger viewers who, for years, after the first "Frozen" conquered the world in 2013, went to bed and then woke up singing "Let It Go."

In one surefire comic interlude, at top speed Olaf recaps the narrative events of the first

"Frozen." And the lightning-quick "Let It Go" reference proves that the Lopez duo hasn't lost its comic instinct.

That said, "Frozen 2" is more of a hairy quest deal, and knottier emotionally than the first. All's well in the kingdom of Arendelle long enough for a generic happy-townsfolk number. Then Elsa (voiced and belted by Idina Menzel) starts hearing a siren-song female vocalist emanating from somewhere up north, beckoning, waiting to reveal the truth behind her magical snow-sculpture powers, and the sisters' parents' death by shipwreck (another

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Two-year-old Henry Brenan walks through the "Feast of Light," part of Chicago Botanic Garden's Lightscape installation.

All of the lights

Chicago Botanic Garden joins the big winter shows with artsy British import

BY STEVE JOHNSON

It was probably inevitable that Chicago Botanic Garden would join its fellow area nature parks in mounting a holiday lights display. These outdoor homages to the allure of artificial light have been a seasonal fixture in Chicago for decades now, drawing humans out of

doors and through the gates of normally quiet venues.

What was not assured was that the first effort would be as engaging as the presentation the north suburban garden is calling "Lightscape," which opens Friday (the day before "Illumination" at west suburban Morton Arboretum. The holiday lights at Lincoln Park and Brookfield zoos get turned on next week. Details on all below.)

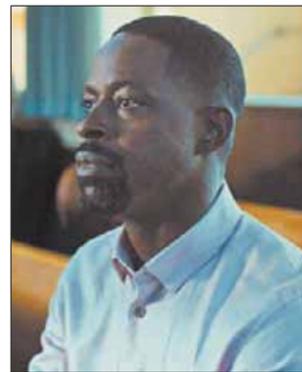
Along a 1-mile trail through the horticulture refuge, designers have staged a series of captivating light-based set pieces, ranging from an almost spiritual

110-foot-long, 100,000-light cathedral arch to a frilly gauntlet of more than 50 crab apples festooned in pink petal bulbs to a stand of giant evergreens, each singing a distinctive, wordless vocal part in time to blinking bulbs.

The primal *piece de resistance*, though, is the fire garden that adorns what is, in more temperate times, CBG's Rose Garden.

It is pagan. It is unexpected, seeing this destructive force tamed into a decorative array when you thought you would

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A24

Sterling K. Brown portrays a Florida construction worker tested by family tragedy in "Waves."

'WAVES' ★★★ 1/2

A gripping family odyssey of tragedy

What happens is the stuff of everyday parental nightmares

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

"No second chances! No second acts!" bellows the high school wrestling coach played by Bill Wise, a regular supporting player in the work of filmmaker Trey Edward Shults, in the gripping new drama "Waves."

It's a familiar aria in movies and in life, exhorting young athletes to win at any cost. One of the wrestlers, a 17-year-old senior named Tyler, played by Kelvin Harrison Jr., follows that credo and pushes himself to a nerve-racking point of no return. Shults' third feature, both unpredictable and powerful in its impact, careens steadily toward tragedy and then comes out the other side in a way few modern American movies ever attempt, or manage.

What happens to Shults' characters when Tyler's life unravels slowly, then very, very quickly, is the stuff of everyday parental nightmares, black, white, brown, whatever. But Tyler's father, a stern but loving construction worker portrayed by the excellent Sterling K. Brown, has been black in America long enough to know that his son and his teenage daughter (Taylor Russell, a terrifically honest presence) begin each new day in a vulnerable state.

Set in sun-drenched South Florida, "Waves" opens with high school kids driving fast in a car, while Shults' camera executes stunning 360-degree twirls inside the vehicle, so that we're right there, heads swiveling, with them. Eyeing a college wrestling scholarship, Tyler has a girlfriend (Alexa Demie), and a caring stepmom (Renee Elise Goldsberry, very strong), and his tight-knit life starts most mornings before dawn when he and his unofficial coach, his father, jog along quiet streets.

For a time we don't know if Tyler's an affable, sociable kid, or if there's something else going on. Following a wrestling injury, his father's painkillers start disap-

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'KNIVES OUT' ★★★ 1/2

A sleuth plays a ripping game of Clue

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Writer-director Rian Johnson's fizzy Agatha Christie riff "Knives Out" succeeds as a throwback with more than mere nostalgia on its mind. Against our current wash of grim Scandinavian serial-killer binge-watches, gory yet bloodless American police procedurals and endlessly streaming reruns of "Columbo" and "Murder, She Wrote," this one's a good time, period. That's all it's trying for. And when a shrewd commercial storyteller provides such a thing, we do the result no favors by overinflating the achievement.

The opening shots of "Knives Out" pay loving tribute to the memorabilia-crammed interiors of the 1972 film adaptation of "Sleuth." As with that self-aware examination of murder mystery tropes, this one puts us in the company of a famous and famously reclusive mystery novelist played by Christopher Plummer. The novelist comes



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Katherine Langford, from left, Toni Collette, Jamie Lee Curtis, Don Johnson, Michael Shannon, Riki Lindhome and Jaeden Lieberher.

with the blood-clot-tinged name of Harlan Thrombey. (Johnson's script indulges in word games with several characters, in more than one language.)

Harlan's grown children, sycophants and weasels all, have

gathered for the patriarch's 85th birthday celebration. Harlan's sympathetic home nurse, Marta Cabrera (Ana de Armas), is the conspicuous outsider at the gathering. "Anything you need, you're a part of this family," she

keeps hearing, though nobody in this money-lined nest of vipers can correctly recall the Latin American nation from which her family hails.

"Knives Out" starts with Harlan's corpse, then backs up to the night of the party. The extended family has its left and right flanks, politically, and the knives are out, metaphorically, early and often. For years Harlan's offspring have lived in fear of disinheritance. The movie sets up familiar dramatic situations in fresh ways, and even when it doesn't, Johnson's script sneaks in little self-referential jabs. Prior to a reading of the Thrombey will, for example, the drawling Southern detective played by Daniel Craig compares a typical reading-of-the-will scene to "a community theater production of a tax return." That's a typical Johnson line — quippy, not quite human speech, but not trying to be.

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Tanya Tucker performs during the CMA Awards last week.

'Shocked' Tucker ready for a win at Grammys

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The first time Tanya Tucker was nominated for a Grammy Award, it was 1972, it was for her breakout country hit, "Delta Dawn," and she was just a teen. Now more than 45 years later, Tucker finds herself nominated for four Grammys, including song of the year for "Bring My Flowers Now," competing against Lady Gaga and Taylor Swift. "I'm beyond shocked. I'm very, very surprised," Tucker said after nominations were announced. She was also nominated for best country album for "While I'm Livin'," best country solo performance and best country song for "Bring My Flowers Now."

Although some may call her first album of new material in 17 years and her first Grammy nominations since a 1993 comeback, Tucker prefers to call the recognition "a start."

"I'm very grateful that I could represent the music that brought me to the dance, the country music I was raised on," Tucker said. "But it's a start for me to do a lot of other kinds of music, and that's what I've been wanting to do."

The aptly titled song was co-written by her producer, Grammy-winner Brandi Carlile, along with Phil and Tim Hanseroth. The tune has Tucker reflecting on the long shadow of the miles she's traveled, and the regrets and joys of a life well-lived. The album was also produced by Shooter Jennings.

"I remember my dad telling me, maybe even before I got started, he told me, 'Tanya, the biggest song you're gonna have is the one you write yourself,'" Tucker said. "And here it is. It's happened."

Tucker now has 14 nominations over her career, but no wins. Now 61, Tucker said she's ready for a win.

"I hope we get lucky this time," Tucker said. "If I don't, I'm still a winner. I'm still here. So I win."

— Associated Press



REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

Taking a stand: Coldplay frontman Chris Martin told the BBC that the band is not going on tour to promote its latest album, "Everyday Life," because it wants to take time to determine how a tour can be beneficial to the environment. "We would be disappointed if it's not carbon neutral," he said. He says the band has had a number of major tours and wants to find a way to make the next tour more about giving than taking.

Denied: Kanye West has been denied a permit to build an amphitheater on his ranch in Wyoming. The Park County Planning and Zoning Commission made the decision Tuesday after the rapper changed his plans for the structure near Cody. West told county officials he now wants to include residential space. West bought the ranch this year and plans to move the headquarters of his shoe and clothing company, Adidas Yeezy, to Cody.

National Book Awards: Susan Choi's novel "Trust Exercise," in which a high school romance is spun out into a web of memories and perspectives, has won the National Book Award for fiction. Sarah M. Broom's family memoir "The Yellow House" won in nonfiction, and Martin W. Sandler's "1919 The Year That Changed America" won for young people's literature.

Nov. 22 birthdays: Actor-director Terry Gilliam is 79. Actor Tom Conti is 78. Guitarist-actor Steven Van Zandt is 69. Actor Richard Kind is 63. Actress Jamie Lee Curtis is 61. Actor Michael Kenneth Williams is 53. Actor Mark Ruffalo is 52. Actress Scarlett Johansson is 35. Actor Dacre Montgomery is 25.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Couple 'breaks up' by backing away

Dear Amy: I know it's very painful to be on the receiving end of a friend breakup, but there must be more appropriate ways of doing it than how my wife and I have done it, twice.

They were friendships with two couples, and both friendships were relatively recent. One couple had a wife who could make sudden, unexpected insults. They used to be occasional, but when it happened four times over four weeks, we decided that that was enough. Done. Without explanation, we cut them out from our social events.

We had problems with the husband and the wife of the other couple. His racist and homophobic comments over several years became too much. (I know we should never have accepted them in the first place, but that was a learning experience for us, too.) The wife's know-it-all attitude was exhausting. We cut them out of social events, again without explanation.

Both of our decisions seem very passive-aggressive. I know it's not a good thing to do. But what would you suggest as a more proper way to cut people out of our lives?

— Former Friends

Dear Former: In the case of the first couple, the wife might have a medical issue that has made her behavior increasingly erratic. It would have been kinder to ask her or her husband: "Are you OK? You don't seem to enjoy our company the way you used to."

And yes, you should respond — in the moment — to comments that are obnoxious, unkind or

deliberately insulting to you or others, but many of us don't. In this case, you could convey a version of: "We've listened to you insult and degrade other people over the years and haven't spoken up. But our core values are just too different to continue our friendship."

The quality of the friendship will determine the nature of the breakup. If you spend time with people in a routine manner (where you belong to the same organizations, for instance), you would have to establish the fact that you are breaking up, because you would continue to run into them. Otherwise, quietly withdrawing from the relationship and politely turning down contact would telegraph that you've moved on.

Dear Amy: Every year, we celebrate Christmas at the home of my husband's wonderful parents. His siblings and their spouses are all pretty great — we're all in our late 20s, early 30s. His parents are in their late 50s and healthy.

His parents put out a wonderful spread, but once the meal is over, all the "kids" retire to the other room to talk, play games or — worse — look at their phones. I understand his parents WANT to be the hosts and WANT us to spend time together, but I find it ridiculous that none of the kids offer to help. In my family, cleanup is a team effort.

I've offered and tried to help, but they tell me to go enjoy everyone's company. I don't want to be "that" in-law who tells people what to do with their own family, but I think it's rude

that adult children lounge around while their parents are cleaning up after a big meal that they already worked hard to prepare.

I hope the kids will step up more as the parents age, but this doesn't seem to be happening. What do you think?

— Clean Sweeping Guest

Dear Guest: I think you're a dream-machine of an in-law. However, you do have to read the room. Many people do not want others in the kitchen. They have their own system and they know how to work it. It gives them pleasure to entertain in this way.

You should always help to clear the table and find other little jobs to do that don't interfere with the hosts' operations. And always send a note of appreciation afterward.

I also think you should do your best not to judge this other family. These generous parents have raised their children to behave as they are behaving now. If you have children, you will do things differently.

Dear Amy: "Sad in Silicon Valley" was saddled with serious cancer and a seriously jerky husband.

I was shocked, but happy, when you told her to "Thelma and Louise the heck out of this." I hope she runs fast and far.

— A Fan

Dear Fan: I hope she chooses to finally live for herself.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'The Simon & Garfunkel Story' ★★ 1/2

Just the songs, Cecilia, but oh those songs

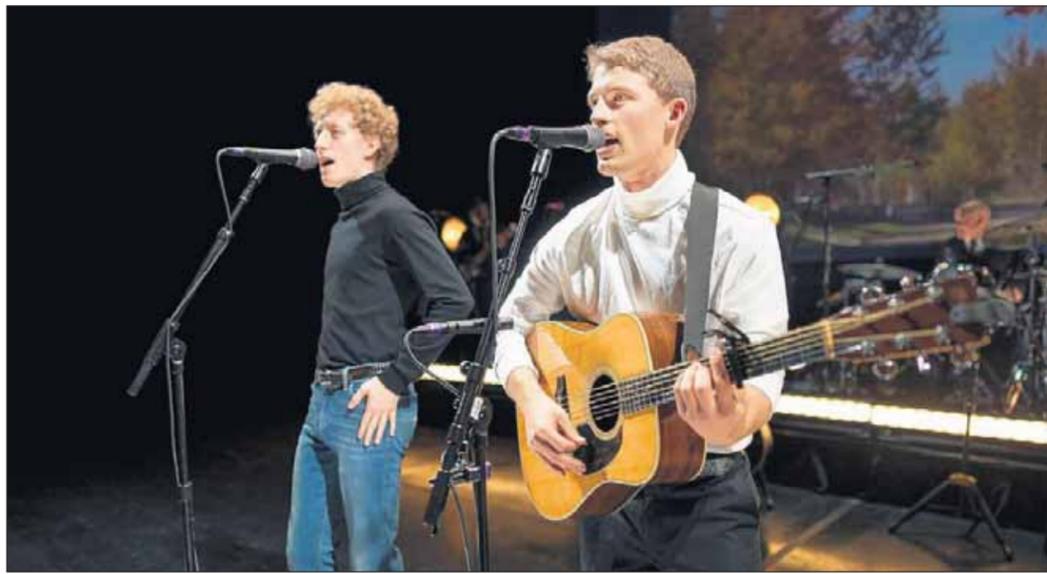
If folk duo's music is what you want, that's what you get

By CHRIS JONES

Let us be clear about what you are purchasing if you squander your resistance, turn your collar to the cold and damp, and buy a ticket for your destination of the Broadway Playhouse, just so you can lay yourself down in a bath of parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme. (Dee dee dee)

You are buying tickets to "The Simon & Garfunkel Story," a concert-style presentation by two young singers, Taylor Bloom and Ben Cooley, who look and sound quite a bit like Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. Over the course of a couple of hours, these genial fellows (with a four-piece band) sing their way through all of the greatest hits of two of the most beloved and fiscally successful recording artists of the latter half of the 20th century, inarguably the most successful folk duo, if that's what they were, of all time.

In Las Vegas and elsewhere, this is what long has been known as a tribute act. You are not buying the



LANE PETERS

Ben Cooley and Taylor Bloom in "The Simon & Garfunkel Story" at the Broadway Playhouse.

"story" of Simon and Garfunkel in the sense that, say, you are buying the "story" of Tina Turner if you go and see "Tina: The Tina Turner Musical" on Broadway or even "Summer: The Donna Summer Musical" when it arrives here on tour. Those higher-end jukebox shows are created with the blessing and input from the artists themselves (or their estates, although that can be a mixed blessing). In the

case of "Tina," you see Adrienne Warren playing Turner. Ike shows up too. The dialogue re-creates their lives in real time.

"The Simon & Garfunkel Story" cannot do that because the show lacks the so-called grand rights to these iconic musical figures, and thus it must tread very carefully to avoid being sued. At no point do Bloom and Cooley pretend to be Simon or Garfunkel;

they can look like them, but they can't say, "Hi, I'm Art," or "Paul, let's break up now." They cannot say, "Hi, you 500,000 people in Central Park." All they can do is sing the songs and narrate in the third person. Like a book report. All they needed was a clicker.

And despite an extensive video backdrop at the show, at no point during the show do you see a single image of the real guys. No album

covers. No visible lyrics. Just stock footage of Vietnam, Woodstock, Dallas and the other trippy detritus of the 1960s and 1970s.

So, you might be thinking, is Chris Jones telling me not to go? Not necessarily. It actually is not so easy any more to hear this music performed live, especially in a show that gives you such a broad and well-chosen swath of material, mostly sung in something

When: Through Dec. 8
Where: Broadway Playhouse, 175 E. Chestnut St.
Running time: 2 hours, 15 minutes
Tickets: \$35-\$100 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com

close to originally recorded form. If you bought and loved these platinum and double-platinum albums, as I did, I wager you will have a fine time reliving your memories. Bloom is a fine guitarist, and Cooley has both a sweet voice and a lovely sense of that laconic Garfunkel cool. That's all there is, but, hey.

The place was packed, making me realize anew how much pent-up demand there is right now for this particular catalog, mostly because its creators have never allowed it to be overexploited or exposed.

Most in attendance were of a certain age; white-haired boomers were clapping and boppin' and Li La Li'ing, and that's perfectly OK.

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Clue

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The widow of Harlan's deceased son runs a line of "wellness" products named "Flam." She's played by Toni Collette, mistress of the unnerving side-eye. *Everyone* busts out the side-eye in "Knives Out." Jamie Lee Curtis swans around imperiously as Linda, Harlan's real estate mogul daughter. In a dig at our current president, Linda brags about

her self-made wealth, only to concede she would've been nowhere without the first million or so from dad.

The cast could sell "Knives Out" even if it were "Spoons Out," or "Sporks Out." Michael Shannon plays Walt, who runs dad's publishing empire with an ambiguous set of business skills. Don Johnson plays the MAGA-loving conservative married to Linda. These and others make up the Thrombey socio-economic bubble. The detective on the prowl, who goes by the

color-coded name Benoit Blanc, knows he's surrounded by deceit and at least one killer. While Craig's dialect is plummy enough to make you wonder if it'll eventually become a plot development, or a franchise spinoff, he's the rock-solid center this confection needs.

The last 20 minutes do the job, but the goods delivered are the expected ones. The script may be too political for some and not pointed enough for others. The filmmaker has been there before; two years ago,

with "The Last Jedi," Johnson enraged countless hordes of internet trolls whose reverence for the older, whiter, maler "Star Wars" movies turned them *blanc* with rage. (One of the characters in "Knives Out," a budding white nationalist played by Jaeden Lieberher, amounts to a droll composite of seething "Star Wars" obsessives.)

Johnson's best move as screenwriter turns out to be pretty simple. He holds back a key character, the louche playboy grandson

played by a clearly stoked Chris Evans, for a mid-movie entrance. How this brazen charmer intersects with the plot already in motion turns "Knives Out" into a novelty both old-school and newfangled. Even with some padding, it's a whodunit canny enough to take the human stakes inside the artifice seriously. And that allows a fine ensemble of side-eye champs the leeway to make "Knives Out" funny too.

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MPAA rating: PG-13 (for thematic elements including brief violence, some strong language, sexual references and drug material)

Running time: 2:10

Opens: Tuesday evening, following 7 p.m. screenings Friday and Saturday

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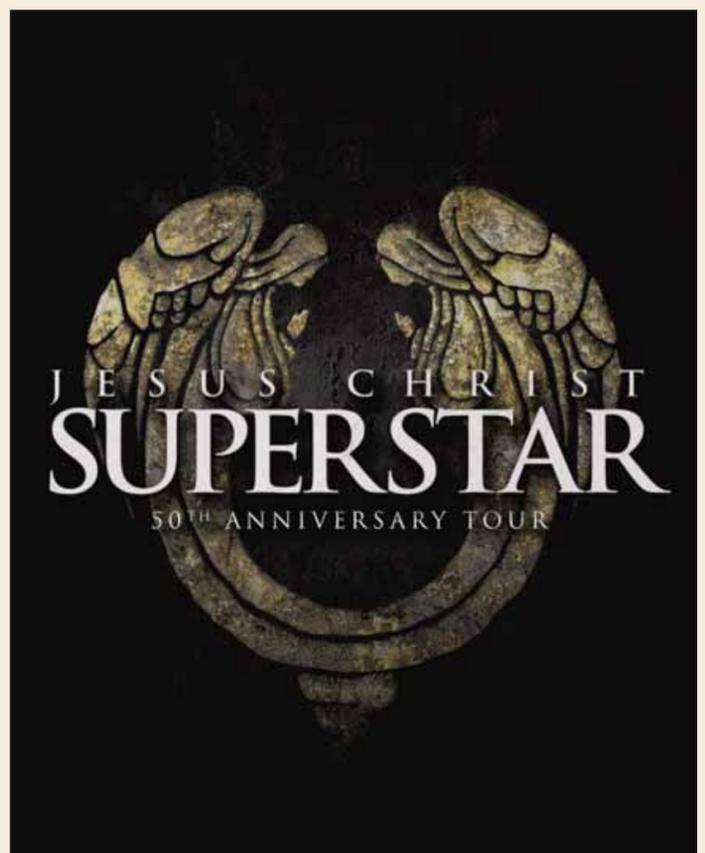
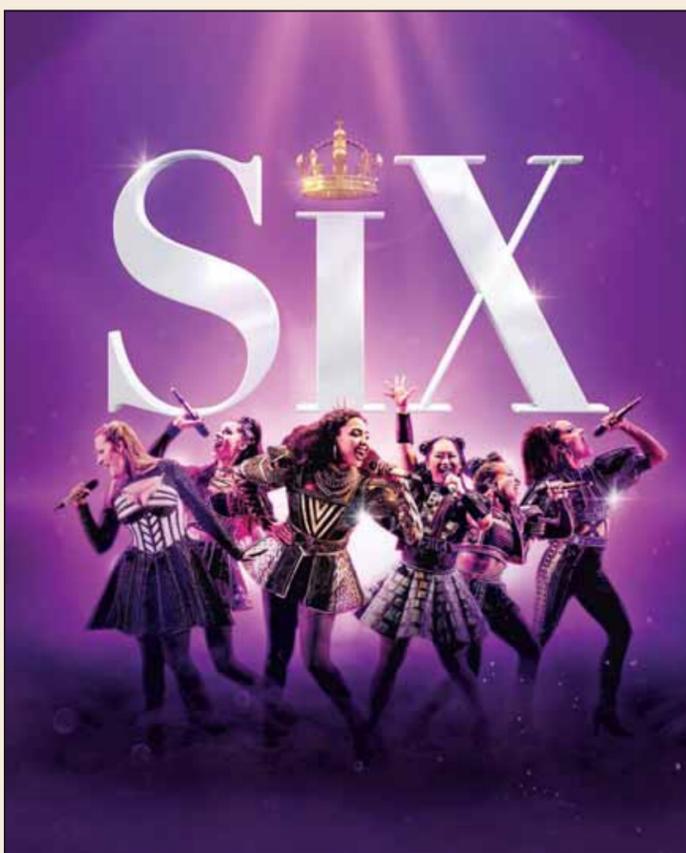
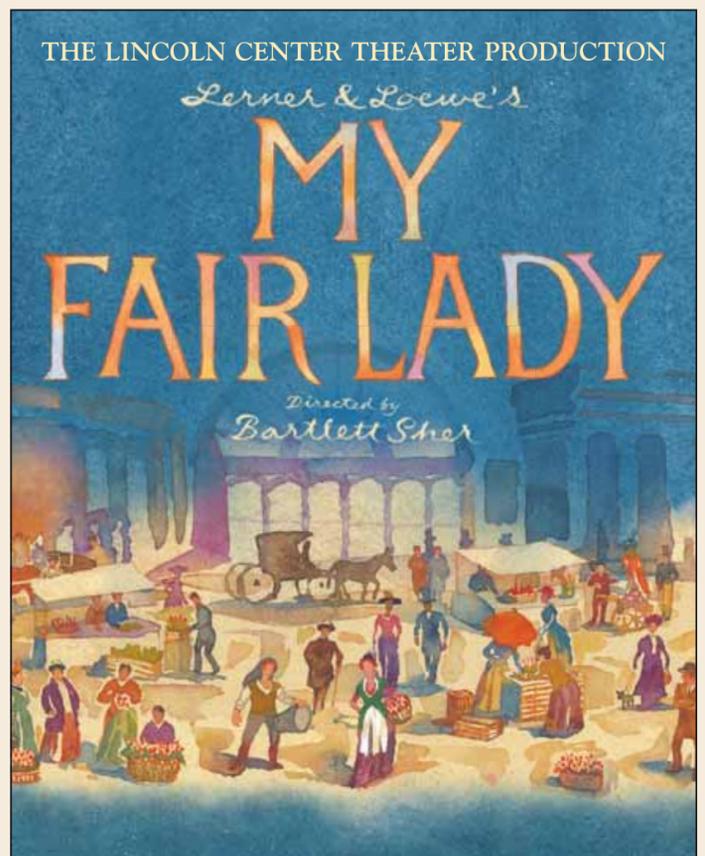
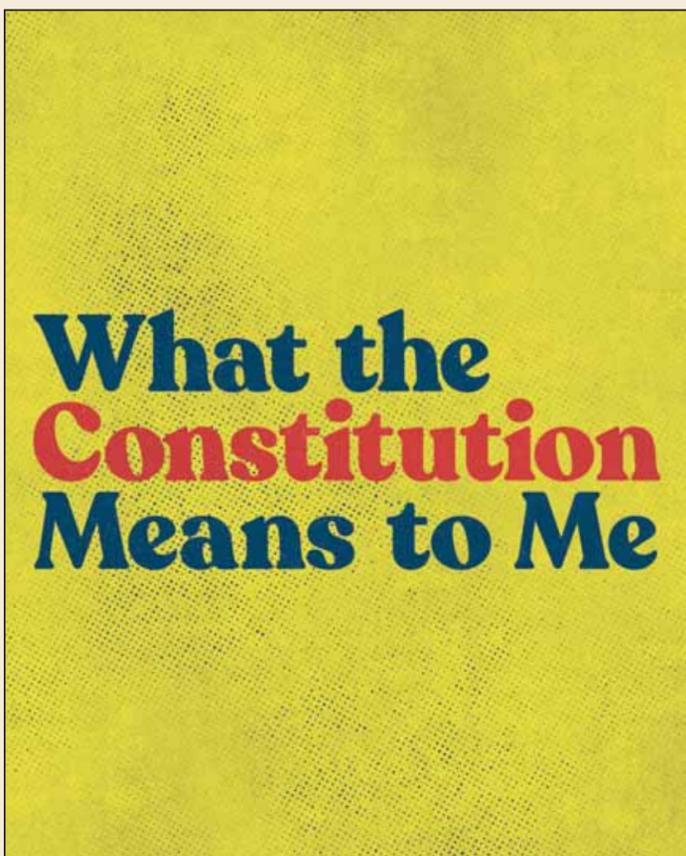
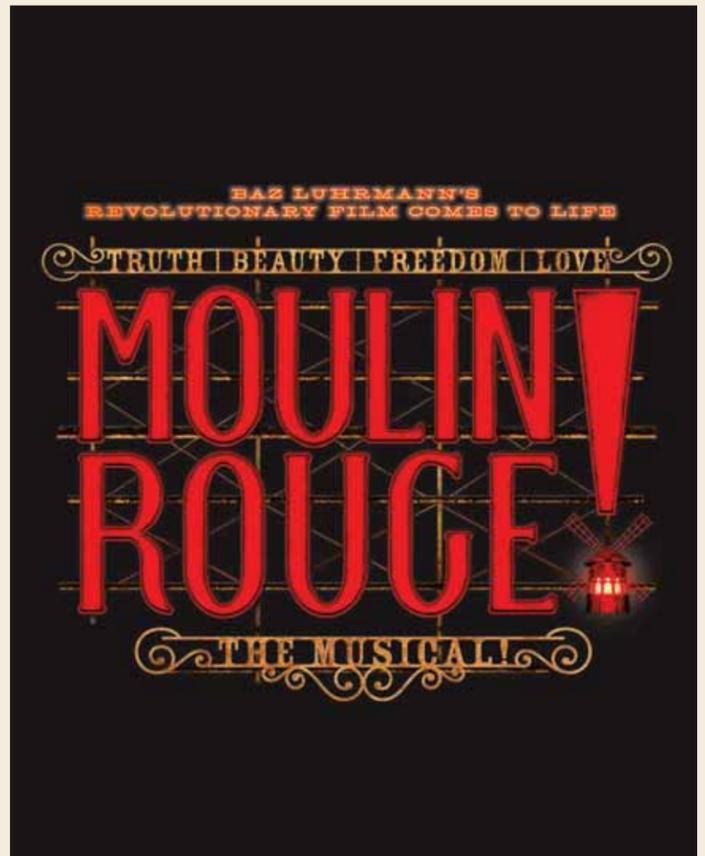
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'A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD' ★★★

Tom Hanks is great, but...

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

"A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" is not primarily about Fred Rogers, or "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," and it isn't a traditional biopic, not even a traditional two-headed biopic. You should know these things going into this eccentric, often moving third feature from director Marielle Heller, whose previous films — "The Diary of a Teenage Girl" and "Can You Ever Forgive Me?" — were seriously wonderful. This one's more of a ruminative mixed bag worth seeing, and debating.

It focuses on the moral character development of a cynical magazine writer, played by Matthew Rhys ("The Americans"), assigned by Esquire magazine in 1998 to interview his temperamental polar opposite, the famously gentle, searching, reassuring and resoundingly kind public TV children's show host.

Tom Hanks plays Rogers and, as you may have guessed, he's wonderful. With subtle but clearly well-researched care, he makes Rogers his own, neither sending him up or saint-ing it up. Hanks makes every interaction with an adoring fan, each diagrammatic step toward friendship with the writer, here named Lloyd Vogel, a lesson in listening and in truly filling a pause — crucial, because Rogers spoke with great, kindly deliberation.

"Oh, God, Lloyd, please. Don't ruin my childhood." In the script by Micah Fitzerman-Blue and Noah Harpster, Lloyd's wife, Andrea (Susan Kelechi Watson), urges her grudge-prone husband to avoid writing a hit piece on a man who does not deserve such treatment.

In the movie Lloyd, a heavily fictionalized and renamed version of real-life writer Tom Junod, is a brand-new and heavily



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Tom Hanks portrays Fred Rogers in "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood."

doubt-filled father, not much good within his own family unit, stuck in a miserable standoff with his own wastrel father (Chris Cooper). Lloyd carries an invisible load of childhood baggage around with him, everywhere he goes. His dad left the family, and Lloyd's dying mother, at a profoundly selfish time. At the beginning of the film, an argument between drunken father and rage-filled son leads to a fistfight

and a very bad odor.

This provides the backdrop for the Mister Rogers element, which is why people are interested in "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," after all. Assigned by his editor (Christine Lahti, doing a lot with a little) to write a quick 400-word profile for Esquire's issue devoted to American heroes, Lloyd visits the "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" set in Pittsburgh. Much of the movie

proceeds by way of the subsequent conversations between interviewer and interviewee. The film presents Rogers as somewhat less religion-forward than the real man, an ordained Presbyterian minister, though it's more a matter of the story structure leaving somewhere between 47 and 51 percent of the running time for the Rogers portion.

The movie takes a while to locate its preferred mix-

MPAA rating: PG (for some strong thematic material, a brief fight and some mild language)

Running time: 1:48

ture of wry whimsy and earnest, quietly anguished drama. It begins as an imagined episode of the program, with the familiar Rogers intro, the change of shoes, the cardigan sweater and then the news that we'll be learning about Rogers' new friend, Lloyd, a man in pain with some problems to solve.

The movie has the unavoidable misfortune of following in the footsteps of last year's documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" This excellent Morgan Neville portrait of Rogers became a gratifying crossover commercial success. Now there are two Rogers movies in the world. Heller's is the odder, riskier and potentially bait-and-switch-ier of the two. But Hanks, especially, keeps the trolley on the rails, and everything Heller is after in this film comes together in a remarkable final shot depicting Rogers alone in the TV studio, having made another friend.

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Lights

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only be getting bulbs. It is multisensual, with the smell of burning wax augmenting the eternal, flickering allure of fire. And it comes into view more than once on the "Lightscape" trail.

"I love all my children," said curator Zoe Bottrell, managing director of Culture Creative, the British firm hired to design the display, referring to the light installations done by a range of artists.

"The thing that is the right thing in the right place is the fire garden. It just is the showstopper."

"Lightscape" replaces at CBG "Wonderland Express," the holiday train exhibition that ran for over a decade. A garden executive said it was time to do something more ambitious, especially in light of the success other institutions have had.

The botanic garden's approach is more subtle than what you'll see at the zoos, which mostly aim to wow visitors with candlepower. For decades now, their lighted animal shapes and abundantly lit trees have hit the public approval target, judging by the lines of cars you'll see waiting to park.

"Lightscape" has more in common with Morton's "Illumination," also a more targeted, artistic installation that turns the park's trees into stars spotlighted by the light show. Indeed, Bottrell — who was hired after botanic garden staff went to visit her firm's successful annual lights show at London's Kew Gardens — sounds a lot like Morton lighting designer John Featherstone when she talks about her aims.

Bottrell uses words such as "flow" and "reveal" and speaks of holding ideas back so there'll be new things to offer next year.

"There are a lot of light experiences, but what we do is very much more about telling the story of this place," she said. "That doesn't have to be literal, but it has to be about celebrating the aspects of the garden that can only be about Chicago Botanic Garden."



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People walk through the "Cathedral of Light," one of the exhibits presented during the holidays at Chicago Botanic Garden's Lightscape.

So one of the light installations employs the island in the Japanese Garden section that does not allow people; you view the rings of white light surrounding red-decorated trees from across the pond. Another turns the garden waterfalls, turned off for the winter, into lightfalls, with the white bulbs cascading over the rocks.

There is holiday music throughout the trail, ranging from secular Christmas favorites to choral, in the "Cathedral of Light" section, something that sounded a little liturgical. Snack stands sell a range of hot chocolates, plus beer and wine, pretzels and s'mores ingredients you can bring over to a couple of fire pits.

One word of caution: Some of the trail is packed dirt, so maybe don't wear your pristine, original Air Jordans.

And if you buy your parking in advance, it's \$10 instead of the \$20 you'll pay at the gate.

Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glenview; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Dec. 4-8, Dec. 11-15, Dec. 18-Jan. 5 (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas); tickets are timed entry and for adults cost \$20 to \$25; 847-835-6801 or chicagobotanic.org.

'Illumination: Tree Lights,' opening Saturday

Now in its seventh year, Morton Arboretum's contemplative version of a holiday lights display has been consistently rewarding even as it constantly tweaks its presentation to give visitors more of what they like.

A big change this year is that a good chunk of the mile-long pathway through the arboretum's central grounds will be on a road instead of a path, to help eliminate bottlenecks in the early stages, said Featherstone, whose firm is called "Lightswitch."

"They told us last year they'd like a bit more space, room to roam," said the lighting designer.

There's also now a second projection using a grove of trees as the screen, this one actually about the thing that scientists at the arboretum do: studying trees. But many of the set pieces from previous years return, including huggable trees, the light chandeliers in the forest and the Symphony Woods, where lights dance in sync to symphonic music. It too features refreshments and fire pits along the walk.

And as for the new competition from the park up

north, Featherstone says to bring it on: "I embraced good-natured competition. I'm very excited to see what they have going on."

And while the disparate locations seem to indicate a natural audience division, he suggested people go to both to compare.

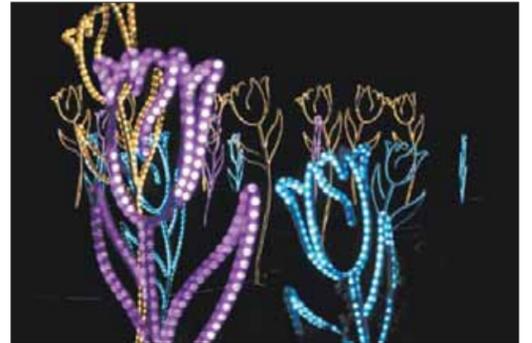
"It's a win for all of us," he said. "What 'Illumination' is all about is getting people out of their homes in the winter to engage in the natural environment."

Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle; Saturday through Jan. 5 (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, and Mondays except for Dec. 23 and 30); timed-entry tickets \$18-\$23 at 630-725-2066 or www.mortonarb.org.

'ZooLights,' opening Nov. 29

Lincoln Park Zoo's annual lightfest marks its silver anniversary this year with a wide range of special events and adult- and kid-focused options.

But the most important thing to say about the event at the north side animal facility is that it is, on most nights, free of charge. This is your budget-friendly option, assuming you don't park in the exorbitantly priced city lot on Cannon Drive immediately east of the zoo.



At one of the Chicago Botanic Garden's Lightscape exhibits, tulip lights change color.



Small lanterns burn in the "Fire Garden," another display at Chicago Botanic Garden's Lightscape presentation.

For those who don't enjoy the stroller brigade, there are adults-only nights Dec. 5 and New Year's Eve, plus the "Brew-Lights" beerfest Dec. 12. There are upcharges for all these events.

In counterpoint stand three ZooLights Family Nights on Dec. 16, 23 and 30. Kids get free train and carousel rides, plus free food options at the Park Place Cafe if adults buy a meal.

There's also a holiday market Dec. 3, featuring the wares of local artisans (\$10). And at the zoo's Cafe Brauer on Dec. 15 you can hear the Chris White Trio pay jazz tribute to "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (\$25).

Oh yeah. And there are a whole lot of lights.

That's a lot to take in so be sure to check the website, below, for further information.

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2200 N. Cannon Drive; Friday, Saturday and Sunday Nov. 29-Dec. 15, then nightly Dec. 16-Jan. 5 except Christmas Eve and Christmas; free, except for special ticketed events; more information at 312-742-2000 or www.lpzoo.org.

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'Holiday Lights,' opening Nov. 30

The granddaddy of the local lights fests, Brookfield Zoo's "Holiday Lights" in its 38th year adds a new, 600-foot above-ground tunnel with lights dancing to synchronized music and a display of "hexagon-shaped trees, mirror balls and 'dancing' holiday trees on the West Mall," according to the zoo.

That's in addition to the almost 600 community-decorated trees, searchlights and giant LED animal sculptures.

The event also features a skating rink on the East Mall and, as at Lincoln Park, access to view the animals.

Details: "Holiday Magic" at Brookfield Zoo, 8400 31st St., Brookfield; Nov. 30-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 and 26-31; included in \$21.95 general admission at 708-688-8000 or www.czs.org.

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Family

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pearing. Then Tyler's girlfriend skips a period. Then the doctor tells Tyler he must — *must* — quit the team or else risk permanent damage to his young body.

I don't want to discuss too much narrative in a film that some, inevitably, will find lacking in that department because

MPAA rating: R (for language throughout, drug and alcohol use, some sexual content and brief violence — all involving teens)

Running time: 2:15

Shults' work lacks the usual story beats and resolutions. (His earlier features are the brazenly intimate "Krisha" and the brooding, seriously misadvised horror film, "It Comes at Night.")

At the midpoint "Waves" hands the narrative from Tyler to Tyler's sister, Emily, and to Emily's boyfriend, played by "Manchester by the Sea" ringer Lucas Hedges. If you saw "The Place Beyond the Pines," you may remember the way that excellent picture embarked on a new story path when most films wouldn't dare a such a thing. "Waves" does the same, and for me, it works.

The picture's gliding energy is something to

behold, and when Tyler's predicaments turn to panic, and then worse, the suspense becomes nearly oppressive. In the second half, it's a different style and a different focus entirely. There's a scene in that half, a reconciliation of sorts between Brown and Russell father and daughter, that's just about perfect. And that scene is not alone.

Michael Phillips is a Tribune critic.



Kelvin Harrison Jr., from left, Taylor Russell, Sterling K. Brown and Renee Elise Goldsberry star in "Waves." Trey Edward Shults' riveting Florida drama.

WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Rafael de la Fuente

"Dynasty" (8 p.m., CW): Blake (Grant Show) tries to prepare his family to celebrate what may well turn out to be his last Thanksgiving with them, which includes a plea for Adam and Cristal (Sam Underwood, Daniella Alonso) to call at least a temporary truce in the new episode "Shoot From the Hip." Liam (Adam Huber) bumps into an old friend. Elsewhere, Sam and Anders (Rafael de la Fuente, Alan Dale) get outside assistance with the hotel.

"The Magical Christmas Shoes" (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): Her name may conjure up happy mental images of Christmas figurines, but for some reason, Kayla Hummel (Erin Karpluk, "Rookie Blue") is just not feeling the yuletide season this year as the holidays approach. Thankfully, however, that changes when a pair of magical shoes dance their way into Kayla's holidays, rekindling her usual vivacious Christmas spirit and even leading her to find love. Damon Runyan also stars in this 2019 fantasy.

"Carole's Christmas" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., OWN): In this new yuletide fantasy, Kimberly Elise stars as overworked businesswoman Carole Jordan, who finds her everyday reality turned upside down after casually wishing she had taken a different path in life. As this new life fills her days with "excitement" that keeps Carole from devoting any time to meaningful things like family, friends and the joys of Christmas, her only confidante is Iris (Jackée Harry), a woman Carole recognizes from her previous life. Cayden K. Williams ("David Makes Man") co-stars.

"Ready for War" (8 p.m., Showtime): The recording artist Drake is an executive producer for this 2019 documentary from director Andrew Renzi, which explores the current politically charged phenomenon of deporting U.S. military veterans. The film follows three green card-holding soldiers at various stages in the process, including one in Tijuana fighting to come home to be reunited with his family in the United States. Another has been lost in the clutches of a drug cartel in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

"Comedy Central Stand-Up Presents..." (10 p.m., Comedy Central): Season 3 concludes with two final back-to-back episodes, starting with a half-hour set from Charles Gould, who also has appeared as an actor in the acclaimed dramedy "The Big Sick" and the TV sitcoms "Superstore" and "Search Party." Gould's comedy style unfolds like a conversation with a close friend who has just gone through a day that went horribly wrong. Sara Schaefer, who won an Emmy for her interactive media work on "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon," follows in the season finale.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): John Legend talks and performs; filmmaker M. Night Shyamalan.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Daniel Craig; actress Lena Waithe; Stephen Colbert: The Newest Zealander.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Ray Romano ("The Irishman"); actor Don Johnson ("Knives Out"); singer Maren Morris; Zac Brown Band performs.*

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PREMIUM	HBO	† (6:45) The Town (R, '10) *** Ben Affleck. ©				Watchmen ©		Room 104
	HBO2	† (6:10) Very Ralph ©		Barry ©	Barry ©	Barry ©		The Hate U Give *** †
	MAX	The Meg (PG-13, '18) ** Jason Statham. ©				(8:55) Devil (PG-13, '10) ** ©		
	SHO	† (5:30) Den of Thieves **		Ready for War (NR, '19) ©				Ray Donovan ©
	STARZ	† Sicario-Soldado		(7:59) Dublin Murders		Leavenworth ©		Mamma †
STZNC	† (5:51) State of Play ***		Happy Gilmore (PG-13, '96) **				(9:34) Balls of Fury *** †	

'21 BRIDGES' ★★

Boseman takes Manhattan — I'd rather be in Wakanda

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

Chadwick Boseman should get 'em in the door, and in the elevator after the "21 Bridges" promo screening, a female consensus of two agreed that the movie "wasn't bad," and that it was nice to see the "Black Panther" star try on a Denzel Washington "Equalizer 2" role for size.

I'll go with that. It's enough for passable couch viewing after a beer. Not a great beer. Some cheap lager. A few stale chips. Maybe an almond or two. Whatever's around.

"21 Bridges" is the movie equivalent of whatever's around.

Boseman plays unerringly instinctive and unfailingly righteous NYPD detective Andre Davis, whose policeman father was gunned down when Andre was 13. Nineteen years later, Andre's taking care of his widowed, addled mother (Adriane Lenox) and wrangling with internal affairs investigations into his conduct. His reputation, stated plainly by narcotics detective Frankie Burns (Sienna Miller), precedes him: He's "a cop who kills cop-killers."

So he's in the right story. One late afternoon in Brooklyn, psychotic Ray (Taylor Kitsch) and scared tagalong Michael (Stephan



MATT KENNEDY/STXFILMS

Chadwick Boseman plays "the cop that kills the cop-killers" in the manhunt thriller "21 Bridges."

James), bust into a wine bar, guns drawn, to boost a few kilos of cocaine stashed in the freezer. Oddly, several police officers are there too. Seven dead cops and one life-support case later, the thieves are on the run, scrambling to sell the cocaine and get out of town.

"21 Bridges" takes place across what should be 12 ever-tightening hours, with all of Manhattan Island bridges and tunnels blocked off so the manhunt,

led by Andre, can wrap up in time for the morning rush. Miller's narcotics detective character joins the hunt, at the orders of a tough-as-nails NYPD precinct captain played by J.K. Simmons.

This is a feature directorial debut for Brian Kirk, who has worked a lot on television ("Game of Thrones," "Penny Dreadful") and knows how to arrange a steady supply of gamer-style "kills" and

setups for the next bloody shootout. "21 Bridges" showcases close-range gun violence: guy shot in the eye while looking through a peephole, guy getting his fingers shot off, guy after guy after guy getting a digital blood spritz out the back of his head.

Each time screenwriters Adam Mervis and Matthew Michael Carnahan arrive at a pistol-to-the-head standoff, the cops and/or perps act as if they have all year to

talk about it. There's strangely little urgency to the internal rhythms and pacing of "21 Bridges." It's not so much a ticking-clock thriller. It's more like: "Is this clock still working? Why didn't I get a digital

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Running time: 1:39

clock?"

As the vulnerable, scared half of the cop-killer duo, James' Michael emerges as the one character to care about. Boseman's, by contrast, settles for supercool, one-note avenging angel. The audience gets way out ahead of the script's revelations. And before long in "21 Bridges," the extent of the corruption becomes the top line of a vision test — far too easy to spot from a distance.

Postscript: Aside from a few establishing shots and a familiar NYC landmark or two, "21 Bridges" was shot in Philadelphia. With hardly any extras. And some very un-New York streets and alleys, wide enough to park a mobile home sideways.

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Elsa

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Shakespearean flourish).

With Anna (Kristen Bell), Anna's amiable, supportive boyfriend Kristoff (Jonathan Groff) and Olaf (Josh Gad) in tow, Elsa discovers a mist-shrouded land and a new set of human characters. One of many intriguing notions in "Frozen 2"

deals with the memory properties of water, so that water, in various forms, manifests a series of visual clues to the sisters' fraught childhood. It's like Emily in "Our Town," revisiting her past, if Emily had ever learned to sing "Let It Go" in her more repressive era.

The moral here is clear and repeated frequently: Always do "the next right thing." That includes letting a couple of Disney princesses wear pants

when they trek to lands unknown. The Lopez songs do the job without unearthing another *enough, already* earworm on the order of "Let It Go." But one of those is probably enough. Since Kristoff didn't get to sing much in "Frozen," the lovelorn lunk treats himself this time to a wry music video of his own, delivering a power anthem titled "Lost in the Woods." The movie itself occa-

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sionally gets lost in those woods, but finds its way back out again.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Nov. 22): This is your year. Financial discipline pays fine dividends. Hit a winter jackpot before a shift in family finances. Make a personal change next summer, leading to a golden phase with shared accounts. Discover satisfying new layers of a personal passion.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. For the next month with the sun in Sagittarius, it's easier to explore new terrain. Shift your attention toward educational advancement.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Manage resources. This month benefits your shared investments, business and endeavors under the Sagittarius sun. Work and contribute for the future you're building together.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Romance flowers naturally. Begin a month-long partnership phase with the sun in Sagittarius. Creative collaborations produce satisfying results. Share and connect with someone you admire.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Prioritize physical health, fitness and performance for the next four weeks. Your workload could get intense under the Sagittarius sun.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Romance, fun and games are favored this month. With the sun in Sagittarius, you're especially lucky in love. Enjoy gatherings with family and friends.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Fix up your place. Household renovations and repairs produce satisfying results this month. Domestic arts, crafts and pleasures are favored with the Sagittarius sun.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. You're gaining strength with practice. Writing and communications projects flower this month with the sun in Sagittarius. Follow your curiosity.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Consider and plan. It's easier to make money with the Sagittarius sun this month. Take advantage of your golden touch to save for the future.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Teamwork wins the game. You have a personal advantage this month with the sun in your sign. Use confidence and power to propel a bigger possibility.

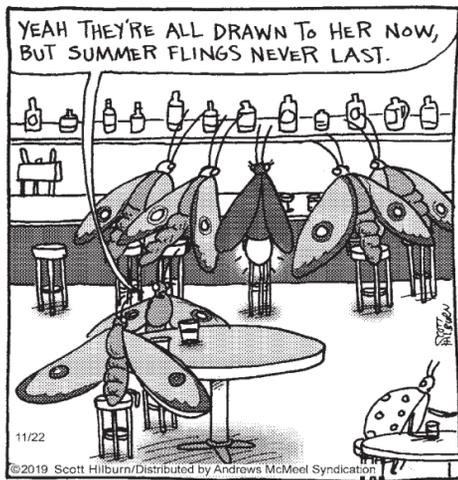
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Begin a four-week contemplative phase. The month under Sagittarius sun favors completing old projects and preparing for what's next. Align your heart, mind and spirit.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Travel, network and connect. Power your team to victory this month. With the Sagittarius sun, you're especially popular and effective with groups.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Manage budgets and numbers. Professional opportunities offer rising influence and status this month. Focus on your career with the sun in Sagittarius.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, West deals

North	♠ 52	♥ 63	♦ A 32	♣ A K J 10 4 2
West	♠ A Q J 8	♥ A K 9	♦ Q 7 4	♣ 8 7 6
East	♠ 10 9 3	♥ 8 7 5 2	♦ J 10 9 8 6	♣ 3
South	♠ K 7 6 4	♥ Q J 10 4	♦ K 5	♣ Q 9 5

Many would pass with the East hand over North's double. The double was conventional and not for penalties, so why not stay out of the way and let the opponents bid? The reason is that South wasn't forced to bid. Had South passed, converting North's double into a penalty double, the defense would have had no trouble holding West to four tricks for a big penalty.

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
INT	Dbl*	Redbl**	2NT
Pass	3NT	All pass	

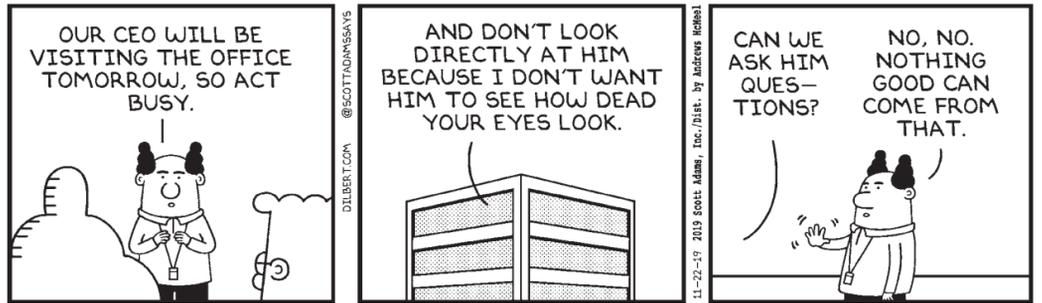
*one-suited hand, any suit
**Weak with a minor
Opening lead: Four of ♠

The opening diamond lead went to East's eight and South's king. This marked West with the queen of diamonds. West needed one diamond honor to make up his minimum of 15 points, and East would have played the queen at trick one if he held that card without the jack. The normal technique for these types of hands is for declarer to run his long suit. The forced discards by the defenders will often lead to a favorable position for declarer. In this case, however, South would have to make three discards himself, coming down to a six-card ending. South couldn't envision an end position that the defense couldn't handle.

Rather than running his long suit, South led the queen of hearts at trick two. West won with his king and continued with the queen of diamonds. South carefully ducked this, won the next diamond, and led a heart to his jack. West won with his ace but could do no damage to declarer. South had built his ninth trick while keeping East off lead. Well done!

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FRIDAY, NOV. 22

NORMAL HIGH: 45°

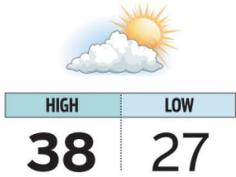
NORMAL LOW: 30°

RECORD HIGH: 69° (1913)

RECORD LOW: 4° (1880)

Colder temps with some sunshine Friday

LOCAL FORECAST



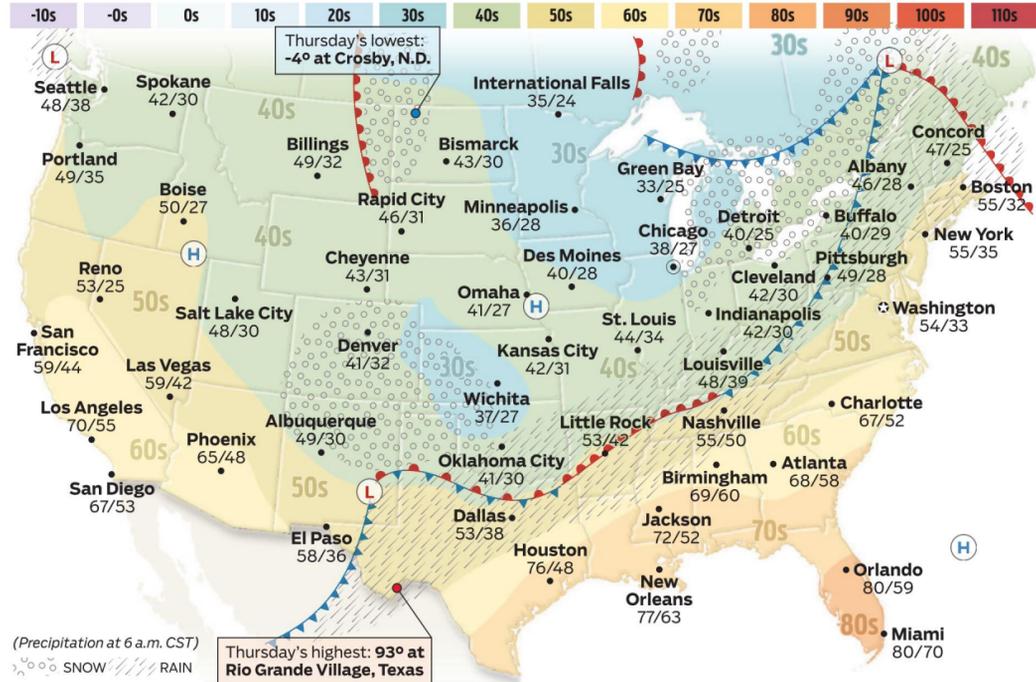
■ As yesterday's cold front moves far east into New England, cold high pressure follows over our area.

■ Partly cloudy, breezy, and colder. NW winds 8-15 mph diminish in the afternoon.

■ High in the upper 30s, more than 5 degrees below normal.

■ As a center of low pressure moves east along the Ohio River Valley, associated clouds spread north into our area overnight with even a chance of some light snow in southernmost sections.

NATIONAL FORECAST

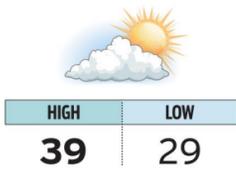


Colder high pressure followed yesterday's cold front into our area. Sunshine returns but temps will likely stay below the 40 degree mark this Friday afternoon.

High pressure will continue to hover over our area Friday night and Saturday. Low pressure moving east up the Ohio River Valley could spread clouds as far north as Chicago and even some light snow into our southernmost sections. The sun should prevail in northernmost sections Saturday and could to the south as well, depending on that Ohio Valley low pressure.

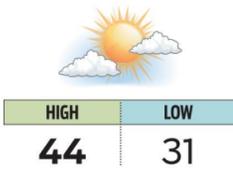
Generally dry conditions should then prevail through Sunday into Monday with our next chance of rain possibly developing in advance of an approaching cold front later Monday night or early Tuesday.

SATURDAY, NOV. 23



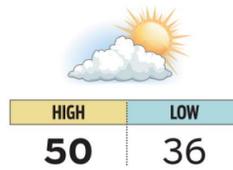
Some early morning cloudiness, especially the city south — even a chance for light snow southernmost sections. Becoming partly sunny in the afternoon, high in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Mostly clear skies overnight. Light winds.

SUNDAY, NOV. 24



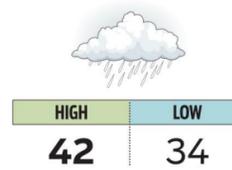
Mostly sunny and a little milder. A seasonable high in the mid 40s. Dry over most of the central U.S. SW winds 8-15 mph. Partly cloudy overnight.

MONDAY, NOV. 25



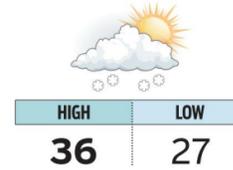
Sunny start with increasing high and mid-level clouds in the afternoon. High temps in the middle 40s. Clouds thicken with rain likely spreading into the area from the west overnight. Southwest winds.

TUESDAY, NOV. 26



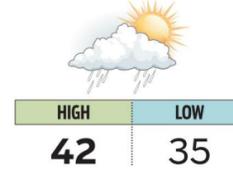
Cloudy and windy. Rain much of the day possibly turning over to wet snow especially northern portions. High temps upper 30s to mid 40s. Diminishing light snow or flurries overnight. SW winds early shift NW 15-30 mph.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27



Mostly cloudy, gusty northwest winds and colder — a few snow showers possible in the morning, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. High temps in the mid to upper 30s. Partly cloudy overnight with diminishing winds.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28



Thanksgiving Day. Clouding over with an increasing chance of light rain especially later in the day. High temps around the 40 degree mark. Clouds and a chance of rain overnight. Southeast winds.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I just read your response to someone who asked what the lowest recorded temperatures in the Chicago area were. Can you also address the highest temperatures? Thanks.
Drake Van Beek

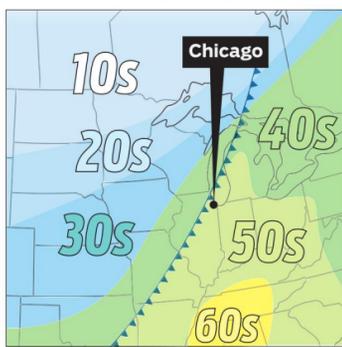
Dear Drake,
The vast majority of the highest temperatures in the Chicago area were recorded during the "Dust Bowl" summers of the 1930s and the hot summers in the 1950s. Chicago's official highest temperature is 105 degrees, reached on July 24, 1934, while unofficially, Midway recorded a high of 109, a day earlier, on July 23, 1934. July 1936 ranks as Illinois' hottest month and produced scorching Chicago-area highs: Aurora III, Joliet 109, Kankakee 109, Morris 109, Ottawa 112 and Rockford 112. The highest temp ever recorded in Illinois was in East St. Louis on July 14, 1954 which saw 117 degrees.

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Chicago, IL 60618
asktomwhy@wgntv.com

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Thursday's cold front moves east—high pressure builds in

THURSDAY 3 P.M. SNAPSHOT
Cold front moving through Chicago

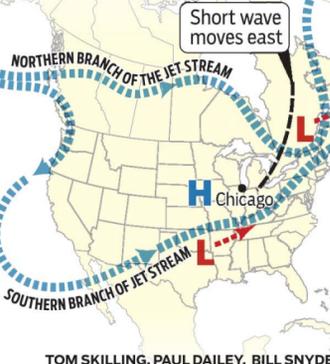


THURSDAY'S PEAK WIND GUSTS

Midway	52 mph	Valparaiso, Ind.	42 mph
O'Hare	50 mph	Kenosha, Wis.	44 mph
Gary, Ind.	47 mph	Milwaukee, Wis.	40 mph

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives

FRIDAY FORECAST
Upper-level 30,000 ft. jet stream and high/low pressure systems
Upper steering winds move low pressure out of Texas toward the Ohio River Valley as eastward-moving short wave pushes cold front east through New England and over the Appalachians; high pressure settles over the Midwest and Chicago



DECEMBER OUTLOOK
Cold pattern predicted as December 2019 opens
Predicted upper air pattern in the opening week of December



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MIDWEST CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	sh	46	36	sh	44	30
Carbondale	pc	40	28	rs	37	28
Champaign	pc	41	30	rs	39	28
Decatur	su	38	26	pc	44	29
Peoria	su	39	29	pc	40	29
Quincy	pc	42	31	pc	43	30
Rockford	su	38	24	pc	41	28
Springfield	pc	41	30	pc	41	28
Sterling	su	39	24	pc	42	27
Indiana	pc	44	32	rs	39	30
Bloomington	cl	47	38	rs	41	31
Evansville	pc	41	26	rs	40	29
Fort Wayne	pc	42	30	rs	39	30
Indianapolis	pc	41	28	rs	40	29
Lafayette	pc	39	26	pc	42	30
South Bend	pc	39	26	pc	42	30
Wisconsin	su	33	25	pc	40	27
Green Bay	su	37	25	pc	42	29
Kenosha	su	37	25	pc	44	31
La Crosse	su	37	25	pc	42	29
Madison	su	37	24	pc	44	31
Milwaukee	su	37	24	pc	44	31
Wausau	su	33	21	pc	39	26
Michigan	pc	40	25	cl	42	30
Detroit	pc	40	25	cl	42	30
Grand Rapids	pc	38	27	pc	41	33
Marquette	pc	35	28	pc	39	30
St. Ste. Marie	pc	32	27	pc	41	30
Traverse City	pc	35	29	pc	42	32
Iowa	su	39	24	pc	45	28
Ames	su	39	24	pc	45	28
Cedar Rapids	su	37	24	pc	43	26
Des Moines	pc	40	28	pc	46	29
Dubuque	su	36	23	pc	43	26

OTHER U.S. CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	50	34	su	62	37
Albuquerque	pc	49	30	su	62	37
Albany	sh	46	28	pc	45	33
Amarillo	pc	39	29	su	56	28
Anchorage	sh	42	32	ss	37	30
Asheville	sh	63	49	rs	55	37
Aspen	ss	36	12	su	43	15
Atlanta	cl	68	58	rs	63	43
Atlantic City	rs	55	32	cl	47	43
Austin	ts	65	42	su	68	44
Baltimore	rs	55	33	rs	47	43
Billings	su	49	32	pc	51	40
Birmingham	sh	69	60	rs	63	39
Bismarck	pc	43	30	pc	47	33
Boise	su	50	27	pc	49	31
Boston	sh	55	32	pc	47	37
Brownsville	pc	87	63	pc	73	56
Buffalo	pc	40	29	pc	42	34
Burlington	sh	44	24	pc	39	31
Charlotte	cl	67	52	rs	59	45
Charlottesville	pc	70	56	cl	64	41
Charlottesville	pc	50	32	pc	54	33
Chattanooga	sh	63	56	rs	64	41
Cheyenne	pc	43	31	su	49	36
Cincinnati	sh	47	31	rs	42	31
Cleveland	pc	42	30	sh	45	36
Colo. Spgs	ss	35	24	su	51	29
Columbia MO	cl	45	32	pc	45	30
Columbia SC	pc	70	54	rs	70	48
Columbus	pc	44	29	rs	41	31
Concord	sh	47	25	pc	43	37
Corpus Christi	cl	62	51	pc	70	52
Cross	rs	53	38	su	58	40
Dallas	rs	57	38	su	58	40
Daytona Bch.	pc	53	38	rs	79	63
Denver	su	41	32	su	56	34
Des Moines	su	36	27	pc	38	30
Duluth	su	58	36	pc	61	36
El Paso	su	58	36	pc	61	36
Fairbanks	cl	29	19	ss	23	11
Fargo	pc	40	29	pc	42	29
Flagstaff	pc	82	62	pc	82	70
Fort Myers	sh	50	36	pc	52	32
Fresno	su	68	43	su	68	41
Great Falls	su	47	33	pc	48	42
Harrisburg	sh	54	30	rs	49	40
Hartford	sh	52	29	pc	47	35
Helena	su	46	30	pc	46	30
Honolulu	cl	84	75	sh	83	75
Houston	ts	76	48	rs	65	48
Int'l Falls	pc	35	24	cl	35	27
Jackson	ts	72	52	pc	56	38
Jacksonville	pc	77	58	pc	80	57
Janeau	rs	45	40	rs	42	36
Juneau	rs	42	31	pc	47	32
Kansas City	su	59	42	su	61	41
Las Vegas	su	49	32	pc	61	41
Lexington	rs	51	39	rs	49	34
Lincoln	cl	41	23	su	51	30
Louisville	rs	53	42	pc	50	34
Los Angeles	pc	70	55	su	74	51
Louisville	rs	48	39	rs	44	35
Louisville	cl	41	23	su	51	30
Macon	cl	71	56	sh	71	46
Memphis	pc	56	42	pc	49	34
Miami	pc	80	70	pc	81	71
Minneapolis	su	36	28	pc	42	31
Mobile	cl	75	66	sh	71	46
Montgomery	sh	73	61	rs	68	44
Nashville	rs	55	40	sh	57	37
New Orleans	su	72	63	ts	68	48
New York	su	55	35	pc	58	42
Norfolk	cl	60	41	sh	51	49
Oklahoma City	cl	41	30	su	53	32
Omaha	su	41	27	pc	48	30
Orlando	pc	80	59	pc	82	66
Palm Beach	cl	78	67	sh	80	68
Palm Springs	pc	69	54	sh	69	54
Philadelphia	sh	55	31	cl	48	40
Phoenix	pc	65	48	pc	69	47
Pittsburgh	sh	49	28	rs	47	35
Portland, ME	sh	50	26	su	43	31
Portland, OR	su	49	35	pc	51	42
Providence	sh	56	29	pc	46	34
Raleigh	cl	67	48	sh	58	48
Rapid City	pc	46	31	pc	54	38
Reno	su	53	25	pc	54	27
Richmond	sh	58	35	rs	46	43
Rochester	pc	43	28	pc	46	33
Sacramento	su	68	39	pc	68	36
Salmon, Ore.	su	50	31	pc	51	39
Salt Lake City	pc	48	30	pc	47	29
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San Diego	pc	67	53	su	70	50
San Francisco	su	59	44	su	62	45
San Juan	pc	83	76	pc	84	74
Santa Fe	pc	39	25	su	44	25
Savannah	pc	74	55	pc	75	50
Seattle	pc	48	38	sh	53	47
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ON THE TOWN



JHUNY-BOY BORJA

Australia's Bangarra Dance Theatre performs in Chicago this weekend at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance.

Expanding horizons

Bangarra Dance Theatre comes to Chicago, bringing the dance of indigenous Australians



LAUREN WARNECKE
Dance Card

At the tail end of a five-city Canadian tour celebrating its 30th anniversary, Australia's Bangarra Dance Theatre is stopping in Chicago for the first time. Among the leading indigenous performing arts organizations in the world, Bangarra's mission is to share 65,000 years

of culture through contemporary dance theater. This weekend, Bangarra will share stories with us in two shows at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance.

"They are so committed to the art form," Harris president and CEO Patricia Barretto said in an interview last week, "and so committed to making sure people all over the world get to experience it. I'm always looking for the holes, things we have not represented on our stage yet, and things that we should be representing."

In planning the theater's 2019-20 season, Barretto was thinking about how to bring indigenous stories to

the Harris. "Bangarra was the top of the list internationally," she said. A chance meeting more than two years ago was the start of a long process to bring Bangarra to Chicago.

Headquartered in Sydney, the company was predominantly comprised of First Nations people from urban regions in Southern Australia when Steven Page became artistic director in 1991. But as more families and elders from across the continent began to engage with Bangarra, the catalog of stories and indigenous cultures represented expanded. "There was this beautiful sense of this exchange between

urban and traditional," said Page in a phone interview from Canada. "As the years have gone on, we are now one of the major performing arts companies in the country," he said. Of Australia's 29 major performing arts organizations, Page said Bangarra is the only First Nations organization of its size and stature on the continent, employing 18 full-time dancers who are all of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

It's an astounding evolution. The company now presents an annual series at the Sydney Opera House

Turn to **Warnecke, Page 5**

Take 10

BY ADAM LUKACH

1. It's lit: Chicago will illuminate its annual Christmas tree for the 106th time. The festivities also include live musical performances, as well as an appearance from Mr. and Mrs. Claus to finish the evening. *6 p.m. Friday, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St., free; chicago.gov*

2. It actually is cold outside: If you're attending this weekend's Lights Festival on the Mag Mile and in need of a warm-up, try the nearby Museum of Contemporary Art, whose Unwrapped holiday market will be hosting local vendors, music and other activities for the day. *10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave., free; mcachicago.org*

3. All wintergreen(s): Grab some seasonal greenery at this weekend's Hello, Beverly! Holiday pop-up by City Grange. The urban-gardening specialists will have Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands and gifts. *10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, then Fridays-Sundays through Dec. 15., Joplin Marley Studios, 9911 S. Walden Parkway, free; eventbrite.com*

4. '80s glam: Enjoy a slice of the 1980s at Chicas de Hoy/Chicas de



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Thousands of people brave the cold to attend the annual Christmas tree lighting at Millennium Park.

Ayer this weekend. Your ticket to the dance includes drinks, while a beauty bar and taco truck will have items for purchase. *6:30-10 p.m. Saturday, National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th St., \$30, eventbrite.com*

5. Garden lights: The Chicago Botanic Garden hosts its first

Lightscape event, an immersive light installation from international artists. The massive spectacle also includes seasonal bites and drink for purchase. *4:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, then select dates through Jan. 5, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, \$17-\$25 for adults, \$8-\$13 for kids; chicagobotanic.org*

6. Something completely different: The Chicago Experimental Music Festival showcases a variety of avant-garde and innovative musical acts, plus mixed media artists, in one of the city's oldest churches. *2-11:59 p.m. Saturday, Epworth United Methodist Church, 5253 N. Kenmore Ave., \$12 cover, \$10 with two nonperishable*

foods, cash only; facebook.com/events

7. Food and tunes: Latin alternative musician Joslyn-Marie will perform in her hometown Chicago this weekend, serenading the audience with her soulful blend of sounds. *8-10 p.m. Saturday, Tack Room, 1807 S. Allport St., no cover; facebook.com/events*

8. Wanna make out?: Brush your teeth and head to a Make Out Party this weekend — it is what it sounds like! The party includes live DJs and is hosted by Nark Magazine and A Queer Pride. *10 p.m. Friday-2 a.m. Saturday, Le Nocturne, 4810 N. Broadway, \$15; universe.com*

9. Chillwave forever: Neon Indian — aka Alan Palomo — will bring his diverse catalog of sounds to Chicago this weekend. He's mostly been touring since 2016's "VEGA INTL." album. *8 p.m. Saturday, Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., \$25; etix.com*

10. I don't know them: Forget the Bears. Enjoy some Premier League futbol with Sounds by DJ Step during a pair of Breakaway Brunches this weekend. *11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Alulu Brewery, 2011 S. Laflin St., no cover; facebook.com/events*

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TURN IT UP

Chicago rapper Valee has had a wild ride

BY DAN HYMAN

It's been a wild, life-changing ride for Valee these past few years, and now, with the firestorm of newfound fame in the rearview, the 31-year-old Chicago rapper finally has the necessary distance to reflect on the madness that's become his new life. "It was just a big cluster of things that all came at once," he said of meeting Kanye West in 2017, getting signed to his G.O.O.D. Music label early the following year, quickly releasing a critically acclaimed EP, "GOOD Job, You Found Me," that led to his quiet-yet-complex, whisperlike flow being dubbed the most imitated in hip-hop and, on top of it all, building out a brand new warehouse-cum-recording studio on the Far South Side with his bare hands. "It's all great though," Valee says with a laugh at his nonstop existence. "Sure, I'm learning the ins and outs of this music thing and at the same time doing maybe six or seven other things, but all the time never letting it bother me. As I think about it, it never was overwhelming. I just like to sponge everything up."

Calling from his home studio one afternoon, Valee, who performs at Concord Music Hall on Tuesday with Tierra Whack as part of Red Bull Music Festival, speaks much like he raps: steady, deliberate, self-assured. Where many hot new rappers swiftly buy into their own hype, the workmanlike Valee is by contrast decidedly humble. To that end, even in recent times as the world swirled around him, so much so that he near-overnight found himself playing to ever-increasing crowds and logging guest verses on high-profile projects like West's "Ye" and YG's "4Real," he kept his head down and continued working.

"While going through all this stuff I'm on purpose trying to be modest and having this attitude about being grateful for the moment," Valee explained of his approach. "It's about being modest about it at all times and never big-headed. Because I think that's the only way that it keeps me fighting within myself to beat the last thing I've said or done." To hear him tell it, where other emcees are self-congratulatory, and some even go so far as to shout out their accomplishments long before they come to fruition, Valee is forever looking at what or who remains in front of him.

"I look at everything like I'm in a stairwell in a skyscraper," he said of an apt metaphor for his career. "I'm on Floor 36 but I know someone on 99." Valee points to his respected peers like 2 Chainz and Fu-



MANNY CAMACHO

It's been a wild multi-year ride for Valee, but the Chicago rapper remains as steadfast as ever in his even-keeled approach to stardom.

ture as examples of artists with the sort of career longevity he admires. In particular, he looks up to them not necessarily for their technical skills as rappers but for the way in which they value quality over quantity and how they respectively embrace creative rollout strategies for their music and visual content. It's why even as those

around Valee clamor for him to finish his forthcoming full-length debut album, he said he's hardly worried about taking his time. Yes, even if on paper it might be more advantageous for his career to rush the album, he said, it would be entirely counter to his creative process.

"I don't record songs just to do it. I don't

When: 8 p.m. Tuesday (with Tierra Whack)

Where: Concord Music Hall, 2051 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Tickets: \$25; 773-570-4000 or www.concordmusic hall.com

go to the studio and just say, 'Put a beat on,' " he explained. "I can't do that. Each and every time I record it has to be the beat that's making me say something I've never said before." To that end, to date he's recorded with a slew of top-tier rappers, stashed nearly all of those songs and doesn't plan to release them until the time is right. So methodical is Valee's musicmaking process, in fact, that he described how when his go-to producer, Chasethemoney, sends him a collection of new beats, which he calls "a damn present every time," he almost never listens to them until he's back in his home studio, armed with lyrics and ready to record at a moment's notice. "It could be 5 or 6 in the morning and then I'll finally play the beats when I feel like I have everything I want to say to them," he said. "It's really weird but it's all part of the art of it."

Much like his unorthodox musicmaking process, Valee has learned to embrace his instinct when it comes to live performance. He acknowledged that many rappers are expected — or at minimum encouraged — to get rowdy whenever they take a stage. But that's never felt right to him. If anything, Valee said, his music is often so smooth and slick and "a bit trappy," so "I have to match my show to the music I make." It's why Valee often appears nothing if not decidedly mellow when onstage. There he'll be, moving slowly, rapping with precision, taking his time with every word and step. When asked if he's ever considered succumbing to performance expectations, he shook it off and then proceeded to recall one particular show last month at the famed New York City hip-hop venue SOB's. There, he said, a fan pulled him aside immediately following his performance. "And he's like, 'Oh man. The way you are, bro, onstage, don't change a thing! It's different.'" For Valee, this was all the proof he needed that what he was doing, no matter how nontraditional, was working. Says the rapper, "Hearing that from him tells me to keep living my existence the way I want to."

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LOCAL SOUNDS

'Lymphomania' is more than just a pop music happening

BY BRITT JULIOUS

"To be quite honest, I've never done something like this before, and that makes it even more exciting for me," said Kiernan Miller. The "something" Miller is talking about is "Lymphomania," a disco-themed music, dance and art event she created in support of her younger brother, Lukas. "Lymphomania" takes place Saturday at the Logan Square Auditorium.

Miller, who works as a graphic designer and art director for CB2 by day, wanted to create an event to honor Lucas, who was diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma this past June, two weeks before graduating high school.

Throwing an event is not the most conventional method of offering support, but Miller had many goals in mind. Having never known anyone with cancer, the costs and physical and mental toll it takes on an individual were a shock for Miller. "It has opened my eyes to how excruciating this process is and how expensive it is," Miller admitted. Enter "Lymphomania." Besides serving as a fun, celebratory night, the party is also a fundraiser to help offset the costs of Lukas' treatments.

But besides the fundraising, Miller aimed to create something harnessing joy rather than focusing on the negative. Her outlook emerged as soon as her brother was diagnosed. "I just remember telling my parents there's no choice but to have positive vibes. There's no choice. That is the only option right now," Miller recalled. "There's going to be that anxiety and worry, but you've got to keep lifting him up."

Most of Miller's family lives in Vancouver, Washington, but Miller, who has been based in Chicago for eight years, decided to throw the event here to reach out to as many of her resources and connections as she could. "I still wanted to do something to support him that I could channel my energy in a positive way and help, even though I was across the country from him," Miller said. Although she originally planned "Lymphomania" as a surprise for Lukas, Miller eventually welcomed him into the planning process. "Lukas is the most chill, wise 18-year-old I have ever met. He is so sweet," she said. "It's more worthwhile for him to be a part of the journey of creating the event."

And on the local front, the response from those within the artistic communities in Chicago was immense. A photographer will be on hand to document the event both for guests and for Lukas, so he can be a part of the event even though he can't physically be there. Performers vary



DREA GONZALEZ

Kiernan Miller holding a cutout of her brother, Lukas Miller, in front of the Logan Square Auditorium.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday

Where: Logan Square Auditorium, 2539 N. Kedzie Blvd.

Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. logansquareauditorium.com

across musical genres and include The Crustations, Blush Scars, Elton, and dance company Boom Crack!. Guests may also purchase raffle tickets for prizes from KOVAL Distillery and Little Goat, among others. Miller hopes to raise \$5,500 during the evening.

"I needed to feel community going through this, and to me, that community is art and friends and music and dance and expression," Miller began. "I just really love the idea of people coming together, being able to party together and have fun and listen to great music and shop local artists and also support this great cause."

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Paterson brings his '50s style to the Beatles



HOWARD REICH
On Music

Two years ago, Chicagoan Joel Paterson released his "Hi-Fi Christmas Guitar" album and realized he had a problem: He couldn't keep up with demand.

"I was kind of taken aback by that," says Paterson.

"I didn't have a publicist or anything. Word of mouth went crazy on it. It was kind of amazing."

Or maybe not, considering the sleek sound and unabashedly 1950s aesthetic at the core of this music. Listen to that album or to practically any Paterson show, and you're encountering the era of Les Paul, Chet Atkins and other mid-20th century guitar masters celebrated warmly and without nostalgia or irony.

That Paul's music also happens to be gently melodic and technically virtuosic only enhances its appeal.

Which brings us to "Let It Be Guitar! Joel Paterson Plays the Beatles," the new album he'll celebrate Friday and Saturday nights at the Green Mill Jazz Club, where he more typically plays the "Soul Jazz Night" sets 11 p.m. Sundays with organist Chris Foreman and drummer Mike Schlick.

"I felt I needed a good

sequel to the Christmas record," says Paterson. "And I thought the Beatles could be kind of a similar treatment: Take the Beatles' songs, and use them as a tribute to my favorite players and styles."

That would include Paul and Atkins, of course, but also some unexpected influences, such as the Jamaican sessions guitarist Ernest Raglin. Yes, Paterson has brought touches of ska to his Beatles homage, as well as country, rockabilly, jazz and more.

What ties it all together is the authenticity of Paterson's approach and the 1950s time frame in which he seems to flourish best.

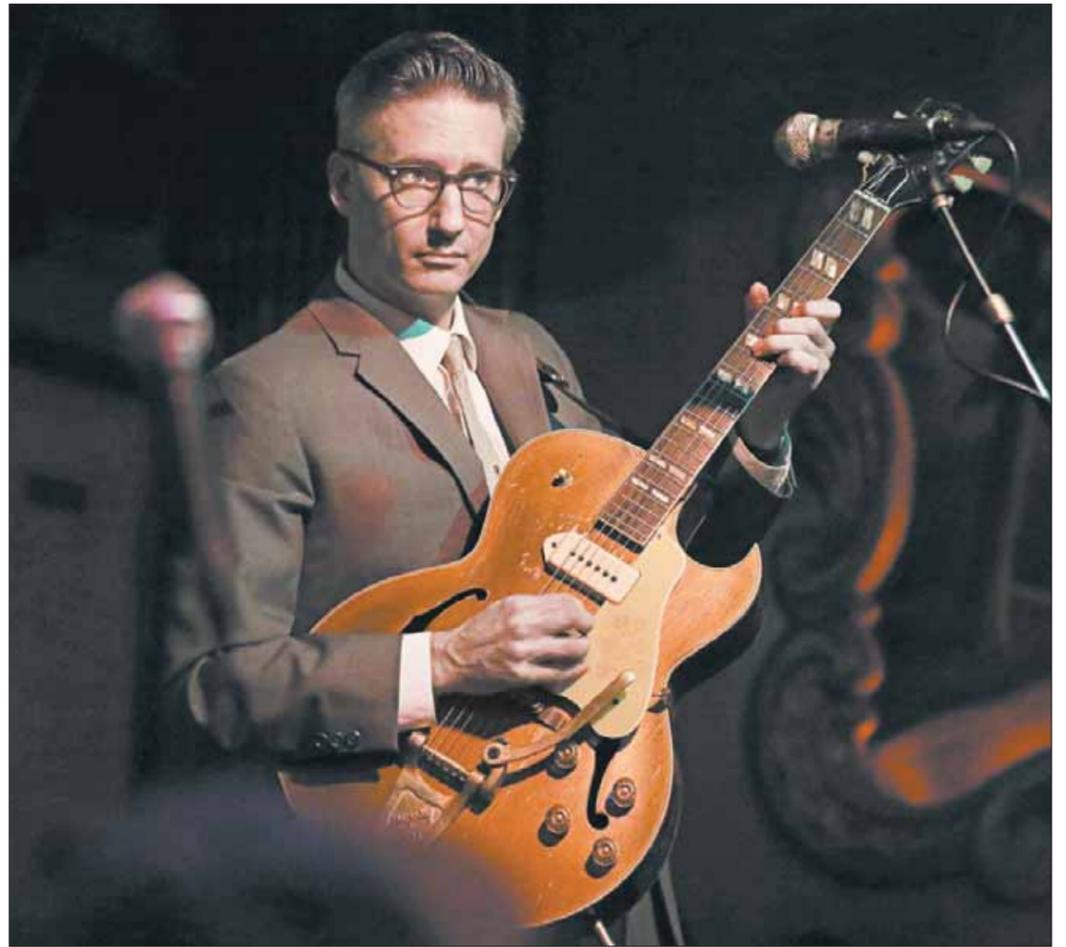
Why his love for an era often mocked as a monument to postwar American conformity?

"I think maybe it's just that that's how I got into guitar," says Paterson, whose horn-rimmed glasses, slicked back hair, white shirt and narrow tie evoke a kind of Buddy Holly chic.

"I love everything from the '20s into the late '60s, really, but it just seems to suit my style. There are so many great things that happened quality-wise in the '50s with jazz, with blues. It was kind of the height of all the musicianship of the era. ... And I love the early hi-fi sound of the '50s."

For the Beatles album, Paterson — who considers himself "a real geek about recording techniques and sounds in the studio" — decided to use a mono sound mix.

"I usually listen to nothing but old '50s jazz re-



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Jazz guitarist Joel Paterson has fulfilled a lifelong ambition to take on music of the Beatles.

records, and all of those were mono till about 1958," he says. "I think you get a direct, clear sound that way. And most people listen to music on headphones these days. ... Mono sounds better on headphones, for sure, and it doesn't sound cheaper. Just different."

Still, one might not think that a musician focused on jazz, blues and pop during the Eisenhower administration would take up music by the Beatles.

"It's something I've always wanted to do — I've had it in the back of my mind," explains Paterson.

"I remember hearing their songs at a young age — they're so ubiquitous. I feel it's just part of life to know the Beatles songs. It was great kids' music when I was young, and when you

get older, you react to music differently. The harmonies are really so amazing, and (so are) the song structures.

"And the fact that they were always trying to do something differently, and that they never rested on anything. They weren't always just trying to make hit records. They were trying to make good records. And that's pretty rare."

Inevitably, Paterson has noticed that the Beatles songbook isn't quite as ubiquitous as in the old days. As he was making the new album and telling everyone about it, "I thought people would know every Beatles song, but they don't these days," he says.

"Things are different

these days, how people listen to music. You never know what people will know. I think people know the early Beatles, but I like the whole catalog."

Joel Paterson and the Modern Sounds play 9 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; \$15; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.

Music of the Baroque

Nicholas Kraemer conducts the ensemble in music of "Bach & the Italians," featuring scores by the evening's featured composer, plus Scarlatti, Marcello, Vivaldi and Geminiani. 7:30 p.m. Sunday at North Shore Center for the

Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (sold out); and 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph St.; 312-551-1414 or www.baroque.org.

Bella Voce

The ensemble performs Handel's "Messiah" with its new period instrument orchestra, Bella Voce Sinfonia. 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 W. Adams St.; and 3:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston; \$10-\$65; 312-479-1096 or www.bellavoce.org.

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

Dual nature of a life in music

Ben Zaidi's electro pop came to life in the solitude of a cabin in the woods

BY CHRISSE DICKINSON

Singer-songwriter Ben Zaidi wrote much of his new album in a friend's cabin deep in the woods of Vermont. His writer's solitude was interrupted one day when he woke to the boisterous sounds of his friend's family arriving to celebrate the Fourth of July.

"It was a big family with kids and they were all out on the lawn and starting to cook and listen to music," Zaidi recalls. "It's a day that tricks you into thinking it's about independence, but in reality, like all holidays, it's about togetherness. But I was the only one there without family."

"I had no cell service. I had no one to share the day with and that was a little shock. I had to ask myself, Am I really guarding my free spirit out here making art and following that path, or am I letting go of things that really matter?"

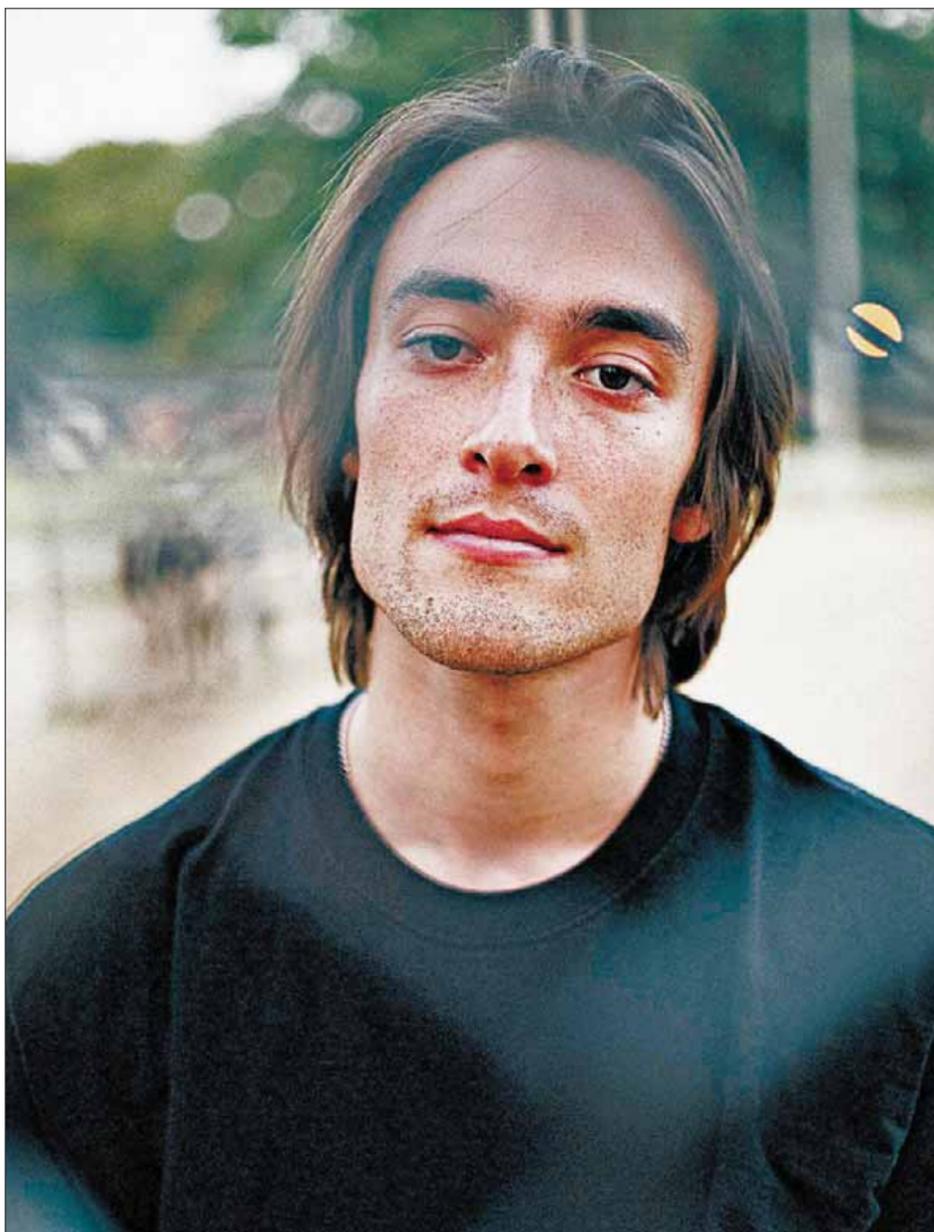
It's a question that permeates Zaidi's sophomore release "Abandonism" (AntiFragile Music), an album that blends his rainy-day electro-pop music with intimate, confessional lyrics. Throughout the 11 tracks, the singer and keyboardist explores the emotional push and pull of life. On the bittersweet "Independence Day" he sings: "So many years I've been gone / running away from your help / trying to write this song / but I'm never enough for myself."

Zaidi performs at Schubas on Monday. He'll be backed on stage by trumpet player Tree Palmedo and drummer Jake Gambitsky.

There's a grainy texture to Zaidi's low-key vocals, lending an earthy vibe to even the most atmospheric tracks.

A sweet sax riff and bell-like accents punctuate the pulsating rhythm of "I Ain't Ever Gonna Die." Rap and R&B intertwine on "Shambles." The singer Parissa Tosif (of the electronic music duo Vallis Alps) lends her ethereal vocals to the sweet delicate rhythms of "Set In Stone."

The album was born out of long conversations Zaidi had with his friend and collaborator, Seattle-based producer Josh Karp, who works under the stage name Budo. The two men were at different stages in their professional lives, and that contrast threw into stark relief the ups and downs of pursuing a career in music.



JEFFREY ROSE

Electronic artist Ben Zaidi is touring with his new album "Abandonism" and plays Schubas on Monday.

"Budo was coming off a decade in the music-touring world," Zaidi says. "I was just coming into that world and feeling the first emotional consequences of such a nomadic existence. We talked about how it's a difficult thing that takes a toll on your life, but there are also beautiful things about it that you can't quite get in a more stable (line of work)."

As the two collaborators discussed the dual nature of a life in music, Zaidi thought about a way to capture that concept. The word "abandon" stuck in his mind. He came up with the coinage "abandonism" as a way to emphasize

the word's different meanings.

"The noun 'abandon' is usually used in a positive context, meaning youthful, (a) free spirit," Zaidi explains. "But the verb 'abandon' can be negative, like you're letting your responsibilities fall to the wayside. I think 'abandonism' captures both sides of it."

Zaidi was entranced by words from the start. He grew up a shy kid in Seattle and found solace in writing poems and making art in the privacy of his bedroom. He was drawn to his parents' album collection, dazzled by word-smiths such as Cat Stevens, Jackson Browne and Paul Simon. He

soon mixed his own musical loves into the playlist.

"Like any preteen growing up in the early 2000s, it was hip-hop," he says. "I listened to a lot of rap from that era, and rap obviously has a huge lyrical focus."

Zaidi was also deeply moved by the music of hometown hero Chris Cornell, the frontman of seminal grunge band Soundgarden who also released solo albums. Cornell — who suffered from lifelong depression and committed suicide in 2017 — wrote songs that resonated with Zaidi and helped him navigate his own dark days as a teenager.

When: 7 p.m. Monday

Where: Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave.

Tickets: \$13-\$15 (all ages); 773-525-2508 or www.schubas.com

Zaidi excelled at drawing and painting and thought he would pursue a career in visual arts. But in his junior year of high school, he took a digital media arts course and learned the recording software Logic. Able to record his own music on his laptop, Zaidi saw a new world open up.

"That software is the reason I'm on this path and making music," he says. "I think the reason I liked painting and writing poems is that I could be holed up by myself as I worked. I didn't necessarily have to show anybody."

"If I had been born in a different decade and had to go to a recording studio and rent time, I don't think I ever would have done it. But with Logic, I could open the computer and record myself. That was so huge for me."

After high school, Zaidi attended Harvard University and graduated in 2015 with a degree in creative writing. By the end of college, he knew he wanted to seriously pursue music. He returned to Seattle, moved back in with his parents and spent the next year recording songs, promoting his music and booking his own shows.

In his hometown he made friends and collaborated with other musicians. The experience helped Zaidi overcome his shyness and learn the ropes of the business. He was particularly inspired by the do-it-yourself ethic of the people in the scene.

"I've met a lot of amazing indie artists who have made their own careers and built independent livelihoods," he says. "I got to meet them in the studio and watch how all the pieces move when a song is coming out. They would build big moments — have a record-release party, make a video, premiere it at a venue and bring people together."

"I learned how to work with different producers and recording engineers and make creative decisions when it's not just me alone in a bedroom."

Zaidi still composes poems but notes that lyrics currently take precedence in his world.

"I love all kinds of writing," he says, "but there's something special about songs."

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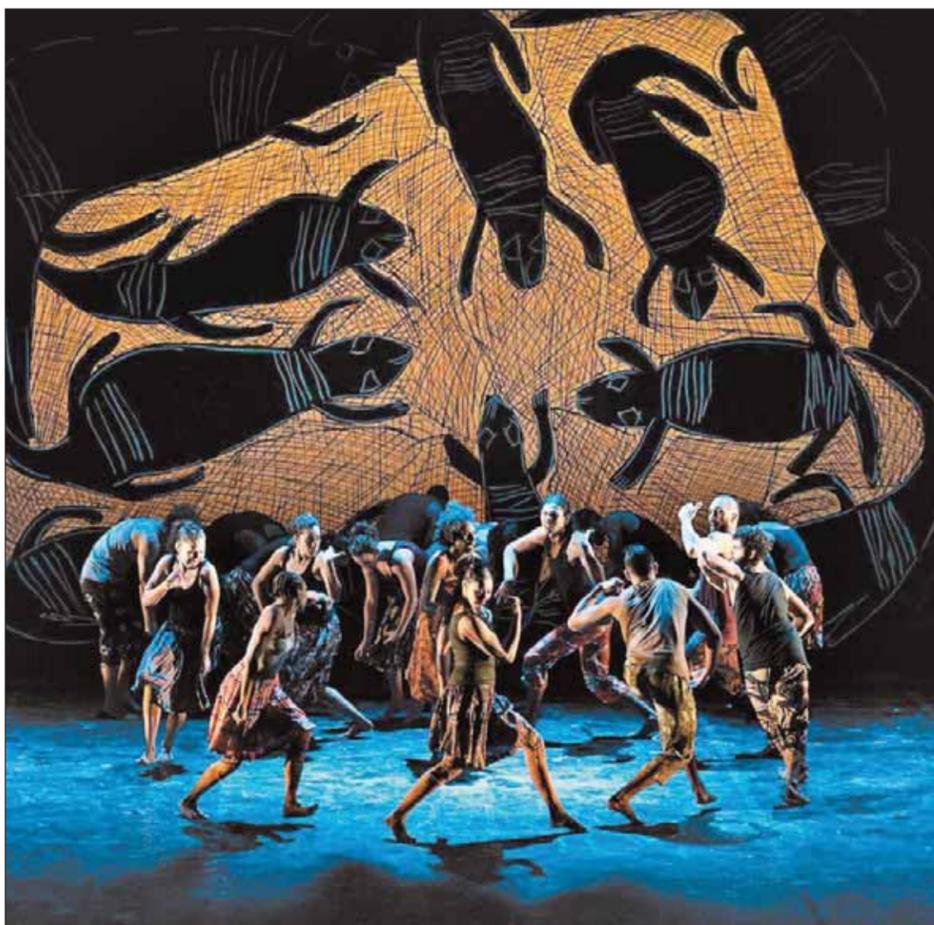
and receives government support. But just 25 years before Bangarra formed, the government, under British rule, was still removing Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and mixed-race children from their families, forcibly assimilating the "stolen generation."

"They weren't even considered human," Page said. "My parents were born in 1931 and they're both indigenous. So, we come from generations of displacement, genocide and massacres." In 1967, a referendum officially counting indigenous Australians in the census passed with an overwhelming majority, but Page said the government has never apologized.

"I'm an immigrant twice over," said Barretto, who immigrated from India to Canada, and then to the United States. "I'm a real sucker for stories about land displacement and being displaced from your home, because I know what it feels like to be displaced when you want to be displaced. It's conscious, it's a choice you make, and you have the resources and support to make that change. It is incredibly hard, even when you have everything stacked to be successful. I cannot even begin to comprehend what it has been like when you are forced into a situation like that."

"These themes have carried over into my programming," Barretto said. "It's not formulaic. It's not something I do because I want to check a box. I have come to realize that it's something that lives within me and I gravitate toward stories with these similar themes and values."

The program is kind of crash course on Bangarra, which will perform two of Page's choreographies for this engagement. "Spirit" is a series of short dance stories from across Australia, compiled over the company's 30-year history. And "Nyapanyapa" (2016) interprets the artwork of Nyapa-



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Bangarra Dance Theatre's mission is to share 65,000 years of culture through contemporary dance theater.

nyapa Yunupingu, a Yirrkala visual artist who uses traditional methods of bark painting to tell her life's stories. Said Barretto about the program: "It is incredibly raw, and visceral, and at the same time, very magnetic and powerful."

Page said audiences needn't fully understand what they're seeing to appreciate it, but the Harris felt it important to include opportunities to add some context to enrich the audience experience. Barretto reached out to the Field Museum, which agreed to

host a panel discussion including Page, Bangarra company member Elma Kris and John Terrell, curator of Pacific anthropology at the Field.

"We discovered they had the largest collection of Australian aboriginal art, all sitting in the basement of the Field Museum," said Barretto.

"The anthropology collection is somewhere between 1.5 and 2 million objects," collections manager for the Field's Gantz Family Collection Center Chris Philipp said in a phone interview. "It's

available to visiting scholars and community members worldwide. It's really a question of space in regards to why there are objects in storage versus on display."

Except none of the Australian artifacts are part of the museum's permanent exhibit in the Regenstein Halls of the Pacific, which includes New Guinea, New Zealand, Hawaii, the Marshall Islands, the Philippines and more.

"In the 1980s and early '90s, the Pacific collections were finally exhibited again in the Regenstein halls," Terrell said in a phone

interview, "but the exhibits department at that time decided they didn't need to include anything from Australia in an exhibit on the Pacific because — and I'm not making this up — Australia really wasn't an island." Philipp and Terrell worked with Bangarra staff to select bark paintings from the collection to contextualize "Nyapanyapa."

"Part of the significance, I think, of working with the Harris is that it expresses the fact that we're trying to change practice around here," said Terrell.

Philipp's role, in part, includes outreach with Pacific Island nations whose artifacts and cultural histories are represented at the museum. "That includes going out and letting people know what we have here, and extending an offer to work with us to co-curate in a process of sharing the governance of the caring of the collection," Philipp said.

"That's one reason why I'm hoping this performance arrangement with the Harris may indeed help us open up personal channels to communities in Australia," said Terrell, "where we can begin to say we're trying to change our ways. We don't have to be the ones that decide what to say any more."

Bangarra seems a prime partner, keyed into myriad communities and connected to elders as they seek to artistically express the diversity of literally thousands of indigenous cultures in Australia. "I'm an obsessive contemporary First Nation person," said Page. "I'm just so empowered that we can have a cultural foundation where we can continue our stories. ... Scientifically, 65,000 years of heritage is here. It's through people."

Bangarra Dance Theatre performs at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 22 and 23 at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph Drive; tickets \$35-\$140, 312-334-7777 and www.harristheaterchicago.org.

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BY GRACE WONG

When Kate Vrijmoet first moved to Chicago, she started looking for studio space to house her large-scale art. She never thought her search would also end in her opening a coffee shop. But her little walk-up window and specialty cafe Necessary & Sufficient opened last week, housing both coffee and bites as well as her art studio.

Her art is focused on connecting people, so before committing to any one business idea, Vrijmoet went door to door in her west Logan Square neighborhood to ask residents what they wanted. Their response was overwhelmingly for a cafe, and thus began her two-year journey to learn about coffee and how to operate a small business on her own.

"My highest value is for



Look out for specialty coffees like this beetroot latte.

learning and there are a lot of opportunities for learning in coffee," Vrijmoet said. "The coffee community is one of inclusion and deep respect for other people, and I love that. I love that milieu of 'Let's just be kind to each other, let's help

raise each other up, and where our interests align, let's support each other.'"

She lived in Seattle for nine years before moving to Chicago, so she's using organic beans from Olympia Coffee Roasting, a slow-coffee company that has

direct trade partnerships with coffee farmers.

In addition to typical coffee offerings, Necessary & Sufficient will also have specialty drinks, like the Close Female Friendships latte, a beetroot latte with rose and vanilla syrup, or the Golden Latte, made with turmeric. Menus are printed in English and Spanish, and you also have the option of adding CBD to your drink. If you're surprised that your cup is smaller than what you'd get at Starbucks, it's because Vrijmoet is using proportionally correct cups, meaning your espresso drink won't be diluted by additional milk or water.

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DENNY CULBERT

Collard green melt

EAT

New-Orleans-based sandwich shop Turkey and the Wolf will deliver some delicious interstate stacks to a dressed-down Blackbird restaurant this weekend. In 2017, Turkey and the Wolf was named Bon Appetit's No. 1 new restaurant in America, so it promises to be a tasty bite. Options (\$10 each) include a collard green melt, fried bologna sandwich and a special collaborative sandwich between Blackbird and T. and W. The rest of the menu will offer fried pot pie and a cabbage salad. Available while supplies last. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Blackbird, 619 W. Randolph St., blackbirdrestaurant.com



MICHAEL TERCHA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Maplewood Brewery & Distillery

DRINK

Take in a three-for-one of special canned releases from Maplewood Brewery this weekend, and get your Saturday started with some oomph. The brewery will tap into its No Boil double-dry-hopped double-IPA, a collaborative release with Wisconsin brewery Hacienda. Also on the menu are a softcore mutation of cherry and peach foeder beers — this was called "Cherry Nelson" at this year's Festival of Barrel-Aged Beer — and Mr. Shakey Orange, the newest addition to Maplewood's Shakey milkshake IPA series. As always, enjoy responsibly! 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Maplewood Brewery & Distillery, 2717 N. Maplewood Ave., facebook.com/events

WHERE TO EAT NOW

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. Reviewers make every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

Portsmouth The Dana Hotel in River North has been home to a few shrug-worthy restaurants over the years, but in Portsmouth, a restaurant operated by the Fifty/50 group, the Dana has a restaurant worthy of attention. New England native Nate Henssler offers seafood dishes that are thoughtful and delicious, skirting the usual clichés; there's no lobster roll on the menu, for instance, but there's a crabmeat-stuffed bao with herbed mayo. Pastry chef Chris Teixeira follows the fishy theme with desserts inspired by coastal cities worldwide, and a bread program that offers nori ciabatta and bonito-flake sourdough. Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$29-\$62. 660 N. State St., 312-202-6050. — Phil Vettel

Prime & Provisions This steakhouse ages and cuts its Black Angus steaks in-house and augments its excellent beef with impressive side dishes and appetizers (the thick-cut bacon and the crab-lobster cake in particular). The star dessert is the "table-side s'mores," Amy Arnold's smoking (literally) take on a campfire classic. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$29-\$72. 222 N. LaSalle St., 312-726-7777. — Phil Vettel

Quote This bilevel Logan Square Mexican restaurant wants to be your round-the-clock dining destination — your local morning cafe, casual lunch-hour taqueria, trendy neighborhood dinner spot and even late-night bar. It mostly succeeds, with considerably good tacos and some of the best tortas in the city. The basement mezcal bar is a great place to drink. Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and late-night Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Tacos \$4; tortas and en-

tree \$11-\$24. 2456 N. California Ave., 312-878-8571. — Nick Kindelsperger

Ramen Shinchan Shinchan is a fine example of southern Japanese cuisine. It's there that I encountered Chicagoland's finest bowl of tonkotsu ramen — the bloodstream-haltingly rich and savory broth cooked from pork bones. The chef's treatment of tonkotsu is classic, no culinary twists or dialing down for Western palates. Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$8-\$12. 1939 S. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, 847-496-4189. — Kevin Pang

Revival Food Hall Featuring 14 impressive food stalls and a cocktail bar, Revival is easily the best place to eat lunch in the Loop. Try hot chicken sandwiches at The Budlong, poke bowls at Aloha and more. Open: Lunch and early dinner Monday-Friday; bar until 9 p.m. Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$8-\$15. 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411. — Nick Kindelsperger

River Roast Well-known chefs Tony Mantuano and John Hogan are behind this riverfront restaurant. The sized-for-two roasted entrees are the stars, including an insanely good chicken. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$25, entrees-for-two \$39-\$42. 315 N. LaSalle St., 312-822-0100. — Phil Vettel

Robert's Pizza & Dough Co. After self-taught pizzaiolo Robert Garvey's first restaurant, Robert's Pizza Co., closed in 2017, he and his wife, Dana Hokin, are back with Robert's Pizza & Dough Co., in a space overlooking the River East Art Center promenade and Ogden Slip. Garvey's crust combines a thin, charcoaled base that cracks when folded, with a blistered heel that reminds me of a French baguette. To that exceptional crust, Garvey adds winning topping combinations, including a shellfish-loaded seafood pizza (shrimp, clams, calamari) and



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The warm chocolate tart with coconut ice cream at Silencieux.

Silencieux Silencieux exists as the affordable middle ground between Michael Lachowicz's mid-range Aboyer and the event-night George Trois. The 24-seater features a three-course \$85 menu, with plenty of choices in each course. Though the room is inches away from Aboyer, sharing a common wall, entering the seven-table Silencieux is like stepping into another world. First to the table are the cheese-filled gougeres, a Lachowicz signature for more than 20 years. Classic French appetizers include a foie-gras duet with a foie pain perdu; and a ragout of escargots and mushroom with Roquefort bordelaise. I opted for the gorgeous, oversize ravioli, filled with lobster meat and set over white asparagus and an asparagus-lobster emulsion. I won't torture you with descriptions of the softshell-crab special, as it's off the menu, but if it should ever reappear on the menu, grab it. Lachowicz's excellent souffles highlight the dessert options, and a final extra of Grand Marnier chocolate truffles will send you happily out the door. Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Three-course menu \$85. 64 Green Bay Road, Winnetka. 847-441-3100 — Phil Vettel

duck prosciutto with Calabrian peppers. Garvey also has a chef de cuisine, Michael Luth, who has improved the pizzeria's side offerings tremendously. He contributed a giardiniera to Garvey's classic veal-beef meatballs, moving the dish from respectable to memorable, and the arancini, made with mushroom risotto, is boosted with arrabbiata sauce. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday, lunch Friday-Sunday. Prices: Pizzas \$18-\$25. 465 N. McClurg Court, 312-265-1328. — Phil Vettel

Roister This boisterous, messy, decidedly un-Alinea restaurant from the Alinea group offers nearly all of its dishes cooked on a 6-foot-high open hearth. Plates have no common denominator except for a fearless use of acidic

and fermented flavors. Fair warning: The dining room is loud. Reservations are made via online tickets, but some walk-in dining is possible. Open: Dinner daily, brunch Friday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$31-\$59. 951 W. Fulton Market. — Phil Vettel

Rooh The experience at Indian restaurant Rooh, meaning soul or spirit, is certainly elevated. The two-story space on Randolph is narrow, but generous table-spacing keeps you from feeling closed in. There's a modernist's mind behind chef Sujar Sarkar's cooking, an artist's eye in the plate presentations, a master's touch in the nuanced sauces. Though the dishes are too rooted in tradition to be called fusion, Sarkar's interpretations embrace, from time to

time, ingredients utterly foreign to traditional Indian cuisine. Take, for instance, the tuna bhel. Bhel puri is an Indian snack of puffed rice and vegetables; Sarkar cross-pollinates this with tuna tartare, mixing sushi-grade tuna with black puffed rice, green mango, avocado and radish matchsticks in a yogurt-tamarind dressing, sprinkled with a coarse grind of chiles, chickpea and sesame. Kashmiri lamb ribs are also on the menu, slow-braised and fried to a crispy finish with a spiced-apricot glaze; these tender, slide-off-the-bone ribs have spectacular depth of flavor. And dear lord, the naan. There are three varieties — plain, garlic or a chile-cheese that's almost pizzalike — and they're all delicious. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Large plates \$24-\$36. 736 W. Randolph St., 312-267-2323. — Phil Vettel

RPM Steak This chic, sleek steakhouse exceeds expectations in so many ways I can scarcely list them all. There are superior cocktails in the bar, which offers great people-watching; a dizzying array of beefy options, from grass-fed steaks to A5 Japanese wagyu; superb seafood; and a memorable chicken. Dinner-jacket-clad servers are utterly professional. I feel more sophisticated eating here. Also somewhat underdressed. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$23-\$155. 66 W. Kinzie St., 312-284-4990. — Phil Vettel

Sable Kitchen & Bar Sable has struggled with its identity, with a number of staff shuffles in recent years. Amber Lancaster, a French-trained chef who has worked at Alinea and Moto, then as a private chef, has turned it around. Her menu is an appealing mix of Mediterranean influences — dishes that easily match Sable's still-excellent cocktail program. She's making gradual progress, like with her pillowy ricotta gnudi, aided by a soothing onion broth and chanterelle mushrooms. Open: Breakfast and dinner daily; brunch Saturday and Sunday. Prices: Large plates \$14-\$38. 505 N. State St., 312-755-9704. — Phil Vettel

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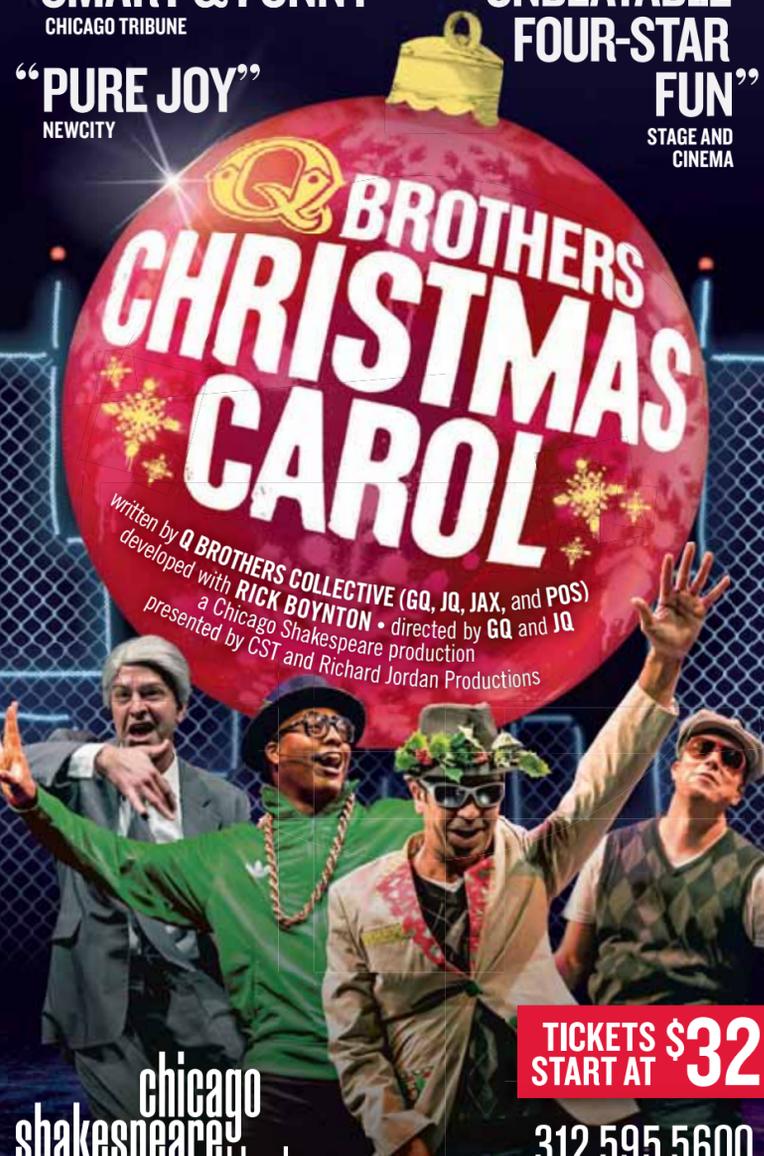
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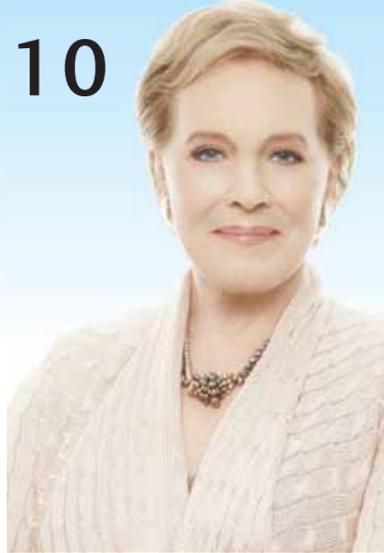


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The economic impact of storefront theaters

The economic impact of the entertainment industry on downtown Chicago is an easy case to make. And there have been plenty of people making it for years.

As long ago as 2007, Broadway in Chicago was claiming that its shows resulted in a whopping \$635 million in additional spending. In September, the Chicago Loop Alliance raised the ante even more, arguing that the arts in the Loop were responsible for \$2.25 billion (yes, billion) in economic activity annually.

The Loop Alliance also zeroed in on the theater (in honor of 2019 being the Year of Chicago Theatre), claiming that 11 performing arts centers downtown resulted in “\$90 million spent by visitors on tickets and admissions ... and nearly 6,000 full-time-equivalent jobs supported by theatre in the Loop.”

But what of the storefronts, those famous Chicago institutions where a full house can mean 80 people and artists frequently toil for little or even no compensation? Can they claim a significant economic impact?

Yes indeed, says a new study put out by the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelly Foundation, a long-time supporter of Chicago theater.

In essence, the people at Donnelly funded a survey of the recipients of their small but unrestricted grants, a population restricted to theaters with annual budgets of under \$1 million. Many of these companies have names well known to anyone who



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“Grey House” is currently on stage at A Red Orchid Theatre, one of Chicago’s better-known storefronts. Tickets for the show are about \$35, with that dollar amount then multiplied as part of the estimate of Red Orchid’s economic impact.

follows Chicago theater: A Red Orchid Theatre, Shattered Globe Theatre, Congo Square Theatre and 38 others.

Donnelly reports that these 41 small, mission-based theaters served 267,400 patrons last season, or about 10% the population of Chicago (the survey did not account for audience overlap). This audience was achieved through (or despite) the staging of some 60 world premieres.

That’s a lot of people seeing a lot of theater.

So how much spending did that generate? If you use an average ticket price of \$25, which feels about right given that some of these theaters offer pay-

what-you-can programs and others charge more, you’d come up with a total of roughly \$6.6 million.

And if you borrow the methodology of the Chicago Loop Alliance, which estimated that for every \$1 spent on a ticket, a total of \$12 in economic activity was generated, that would give you an economic impact of \$80 million for Chicago’s legendary basements, walk-ups, black boxes, converted churches and the rest.

That’s \$80 million in storefront economic impact. Not too shabby. The Donnelly folks did not make that calculation, but I did: \$80 million.

Now, economic impact

studies always require some value judgments, especially when it comes to that add-on spending, which often assumes (and I am simplifying) that a waiter gets an additional shift because “Hamilton” has a matinee. If that waiter goes out for a drink that night using those tips, then that spending is fair game because it wouldn’t have occurred had the waiter not received that cash infusion. It’s likely that storefront shows generate fewer hotel nights than “Hamilton.”

I’d also note that the Donnelly population of storefront theaters included in those 267,400 patron admissions is not

the entire population of storefront theaters, a diverse set of arts organizations that always has been near impossible to define — for example, given that many storefronts do not use union artists, where does professional theater end and community theater begin?

This is why you never hear a consistent figure for the total number of theaters in the city. Is it 150? 250? 350? Take your pick and make your case.

But there is some logic to the Donnelly data set given that the foundation has both a budget ceiling and, presumably, an implication that a theater must be established and organ-

ized enough to apply for and receive one of the foundation’s grants. So I think it works pretty well.

I don’t want to overstate the storefront case: Using that same \$12 figure for the Chicago Loop Alliance’s \$90 million on theater tickets in Chicago, \$80 million is only about 8% of a total of about \$1 billion in economic impact. But it’s not chump change.

And let me say this: We are now in an era when a younger generation of artists is demanding better conditions for its work, whether that means freedom from an abusive artistic director, an assurance that the physical space won’t stick nails in their bodies or a general recognition that even young artists starting out have bills to pay and cannot be expected to give away their talents for free, or almost free.

These very reasonable cases often are made on Facebook, and, while there are differing views on the legitimacy of some individual tactics or situations, no fair-minded person can view these desires as anything other than fair and overdue.

Sure, some young artists think that those they perceive as powerful are much better compensated than is in fact the case. But I sometimes read responses that this is a sector where there just isn’t any economic impact worth talking about.

Not true, says that \$80 million.

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.

CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

“A Doll’s House” ★★★

Henrik Ibsen’s “A Doll’s House” is one of the most famous plays in theater. The meltdown of the 19th century marriage of Nora and Torvald Helmer was regarded as scandalous in 1879. In Glencoe, the Writers Theatre’s intimate new adaptation of the play, created by Michael Halberstam and Sandra Delgado, has boiled this three-act drama down to 90 lively minutes. *Through Dec. 15 at Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe; \$35-\$80 at 847-242-6000 or www.writers theatre.org*

“Blue Man Group”

★★★★½
“Blue Man Group” has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. *Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at www.ticketmaster.com*

“Every Brilliant Thing”

★★★★
Can you count your reasons for living? If your list could use some expansion, let me recommend a trip to “Every Brilliant Thing,” a really beautiful show that was written by Duncan Macmillan and the British comedian Jonny Donahoe. Its narrator talks to the audience about growing up with a suicidal mother. The narrator, here the charming Rebecca Spence, directed by Jessica Fisch, creates a list of all of the reasons for her mother to live. No. 4 is the color yellow. *Open run at Windy City Playhouse South, 2229 S. Michigan Ave.; \$55-\$75 at www.windy cityplayhouse.com*

“Grey House” ★★★½

Behold the scariest show in Chicago. Levi Holloway’s “Grey House” is a savvy new play by a Chicago playwright. A young couple wrecks their car and ends up in a lonely cabin. The residents are a group of seemingly feral kids, teenage girls with intense stares. They are able to come and go with impunity; it is as if they inhabit the walls. *Through Dec. 1 at A Red Orchid Theatre, 1531 N. Wells St.; \$30-\$40 at www.aredorchidtheatre.org*

“Hamilton” ★★★★★

This heartland “Hamilton” is more in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a spectacular democratic experiment. *Through Jan. 5, 2020 at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; \$65-\$400 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com*

“Hoodoo Love” ★★★

Sometimes an imaginative concept is more important than any individual moment in a play. Take director Wardell Julius Clark’s impassioned production of Katori Hall’s “Hoodoo Love,” which you can now see at Raven’s intimate new Schwartz Stage. It follows a young, aspiring singer named Toulou (Martasia Jones) who turns to an elderly neighbor who practices Hoodoo (Shariba Rivers) for help with disappointing men. *Through Dec. 22 at Raven Theatre, 6157 N. Clark St.; \$43-\$46 at www.raventheatre.com*

“I Am Not a Comedian ... I’m Lenny Bruce”

★★★★½
The comedian Lenny Bruce once observed, “the truth is what is, and what should be is a fantasy.” Good advice. In Ronnie Marmo’s unconventional solo show, Marmo’s great achievement is his ability to replicate not just Bruce’s essential vulnerability but his furious mind. *Through Jan. 5 at the Royal George Cabaret Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted St.; \$69-\$79 at lennybruceonstage.com*

“Indulgence with Lucy Darling”

★★★★½
There were crowds behind the fake laundromat that is the Chicago Magic Lounge recently, there to see Lucy Darling, the alter-ego of the young Canadian magician Carisa Hendrix. In essence, Hendrix, a whopping talent, has taken the persona of the magician’s assistant and cancelled the magician. And where most use cards, Lucy Darling employs cocktails. It’s quite the show. *Wednesdays through Dec. 18 at Chicago Magic Lounge, 5050 N. Clark St.; \$35-\$45 at www.chicago magiclounge.com*



LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Patrick Scott McDermott and Kai Edgar in select performances of “Oliver!”

HOT TICKET

“Oliver!” ★★★½

In director Nick Bowling’s excellent new production of “Oliver!” at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire, Kai Edgar, who I saw play Oliver Twist, is 8 years old. Patrick Scott McDermott, who plays the Artful Dodger, is 10. Both are terrific. The presence of these boys makes this an “Oliver!” very much about the Victorian mistreatment of actual children. But there is another striking performance on view here: Lucy Godinez as Nancy, a Broadway-caliber singer and actor. There is nothing dated about “Oliver Twist” as conceived by Charles Dickens, which makes clearer than any other novel the tyranny heaped on kids as an accident of their births. It also carries the idea that goodness can survive where even the smallest chance abides. *Through Dec. 29 at Marriott Theatre, 100 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire; \$50-\$60 at 847-634-0200 or www.marriotttheatre.com*

“Love, Chaos and Dinner”

★★★★
Teatro ZinZanni is in the heart of Chicago’s theater district, delivering an inclusive, approachable, PG-13 rated Big Loop Night Out. *Open run at the Cambria Hotel, 32 W. Randolph St.; \$99-\$189 (includes dinner) at www.zinzanni.com*

“The Niceties”

★★★★
Eleanor Burgess’ “The Niceties” is an incendiary 2018 play at Writers Theatre about a college professor (feminist, white, boomer) locked in conflict with an undergraduate student (politicized, African-American, millennial). Marti Lyons directs Ayanna Bria Bakari as Zoe and Mary Beth Fisher as the professor Janine. Zoe argues that because of race, the ideals of American democracy are rotten at their core. Janine is tired of that argument. Both of the performers here are so

strong, I watched members of the audience (first the millennials, then boomers) join in each time either side opened their mouths. You will be much involved throughout. *Through Dec. 8 at Writers’ Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe; \$35-\$80 at 847-242-6000 or www.writers theatre.org*

“Oedipus Rex” ★★★

At Court Theatre, director Charles Newell’s new, 80-minute production of “Oedipus” starts out spectacularly well. There is a multi-level set from John Culbert — it put me in mind of a padded cell — and Kelvin Roston, Jr. in the title role. Members of the chorus come into the aisles, welcoming us. As is typical at this venerable Hyde Park theater, this play is rich, stylish and constantly in dialogue with the issues on our minds. It loses some of its potential and sense of communal inclusivity in the middle. But “Oedipus”

really is all about the difficulty of action in the face of crisis, especially when many are afraid. *Through Dec. 8 at Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Ave.; \$37.50-\$84.50 at 773-753-4472 or www.courttheatre.com*

“P.Y.G. or The Mis-Education of Dorian Belle”

★★★★
Alas for him, Justin Bieber is the poster child for a loathsome white pop star. As played by Garrett Young, Bieber is clearly the model for Dorian Belle in the very lively Tearrance Arvelle Chisholm play “P.Y.G. or The Mis-Education of Dorian Belle,” a funny mashed-up satire of racial identity now at the Jackalope Theatre. This play is almost as merciless in its condemnation of a couple of ambitious but easily manipulated Chicago rappers (Tevion Devin Lanier and Eric Gerard). I had a good laugh, partly because all three of the actors in

Lili-Anne Brown’s all-in production are smart, funny performers but mostly because Chisholm is a fearless writer with a way of cutting to the chase. *Through Dec. 21 at Jackalope Theatre, 5917 N. Broadway; \$10-\$35 at www.jackalopetheatre.org*

“The Steadfast Tin Soldier”

★★★★
The tin hero of this gorgeous holiday show, back for another season at Lookingglass Theatre, is tormented by a big baby, chased by a rat and incinerated. Mary Zimmerman’s adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen’s “The Steadfast Tin Soldier” is barely more than an hour long and does not use a lick of human speech. *Through Jan. 26 at Lookingglass Theatre in the Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave.; \$35-\$85 at www.lookingglasstheatre.org*

“Sunset Boulevard”

★★★★
Hollis Resnik and Norma Desmond: What took that so long? Now in the intimate Ruth Page Center, Resnik approaches the melodramatic antiheroine of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s “Sunset Boulevard” as if she could feel all of the withered diva’s pain and vulnerability. *Through Dec. 8 by Porchlight Music Theatre, 1016 N. Dearborn St.; \$39-\$66 at www.porchlight musictheatre.org*

“The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley”

★★★★
In the spirit of Jane Austen as well as “Downton Abbey,” especially the beloved Christmas episodes, authors Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon first created “Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley” and now “The Wickhams,” set mostly with the household staff below stairs. This is a charming, seasonally themed sequel to a sequel to “Pride and Prejudice.” Director Jessica Thebus’ production clips along nicely and has a talented cast, in particular the servants Brian (Jayson Lee) and Cassie (Aurora Real de Asua), both thoroughly alive and in the moment. *Through Dec. 15 at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd.; \$30-\$89 at www.northlight.org*

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Saving the best for last, the infotainment system is amazing. Audi scrapped the dash-mounted screen and now uses dual high-definition touchscreens, a 10-incher on top, 8.6 below, in the center stack and angled toward the driver. They offer haptic feedback which provides a pulsating feel when pushing buttons. It also allows you to use your finger on the lower screen to spell out a command.

— Barry Snyker, Tribune News Service

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\$7,364



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Coupe Stk #Z1535B
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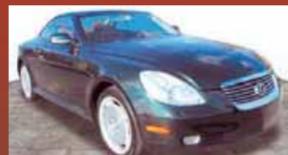
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Premium AWD Stk #B90273A
\$11,700



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\$13,326



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LEASE:

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ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the Court Clerk of Cook County File No. Y19002628 on the Date: 11/14/19 Under the Assumed Name of: TAQUERIA EL COUNTRY

with the business located at: 23 W 16th St. Chicago Heights, Illinois, 60411 The true name and residence address of the owner is: JOSE PEREZ JAIMES 252 W 16th Place Chicago Heights, Illinois, 60411 11/22, 11/29, 12/06/2019 6518151

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Baby Girl Smith
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Rachael Ann Morgan AKA Samantha Smith (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00950

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Rachael Ann Morgan AKA Samantha Smith (Mother) and Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 23, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/11/2019, at 11:00 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 12, 2019 6520200

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Bianca Williams
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Bryonna Williams (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01031

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 17, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in the courtroom of Judge Shannon O'Malley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/13/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 12, 2019 6520248

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Chabany Anderson Kendrick Anderson Daquan Anderson Deonwlesley Anderson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Raitha Cheatham (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00573 19JA00574 19JA00576 19JA00575

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Daquan Anderson (Father), and Any and All Unknown Fathers, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on May 30, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in the courtroom of Judge Peter Vilkelis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/16/2019, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 15, 2019 6520263

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK OFFICER FOR THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTRY LEVEL AND PROMOTIONAL TESTING SERVICES RFP NO. 1812-17385

RFP Document: RFP document is available for download at <https://legacy.cookcountyil.gov/purchasing/bids/lists/AlBids.php>
Contact Person: If you are not able to download the RFP or if you have other questions, please contact Jorge Robles, Senior Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-6828 or Jorge.Robles@cookcountyil.gov
Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM (CST)
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 3:00 PM (CST) December 13, 2019
Proposing Due Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 3:00 PM (CST)
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Writing to the contact person above until 3:00 PM (CST) December 13, 2019
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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 Daniella Camarena Lucian Camarena Jayla Camarena Gillian Camarena
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jessica Meller (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00937 19JA00938 19JA00939 19JA00940

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Joel Camarena (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 23, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in the courtroom of Judge John Huff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/04/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 5, 2019 6519923

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Darren Hall
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Shavonne McCullough (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00469

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on May 07, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Demetrius Kottaras in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/16/2019, at 11:30 AM in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 24, 2019 6516627

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Derrick Anderson
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Bianca Jackson (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00864

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father) Any and All Unknown Fathers, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 08, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Peter Vilkelis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/16/2019, at 1:30 PM in CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 13, 2019 6520285

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND
November 22, 2019

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Cook County has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11998 and/or 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development has determined that there is no practicable alternative for project activities in the floodplain for the following projects:

1906-018 Village of Melrose Park: Roadway Improvement: 18th Avenue from Division Street, to LeMoynes Avenue. CDBG grant amount: \$100,000. This project located in Melrose Park has been identified as FIRM # 17031C0388J as being partially within the 100 year base floodplain.

1907-008 Village of Chicago Ridge: Street Resurfacing and Parkway Parkside Avenue (105th Street to 107th Street); Major Avenue (105th Street to 106th Street); and 106th Street (Major Avenue to Parkside Avenue). CDBG grant amount: \$200,000. This project located in Chicago Ridge has been identified as FIRM # 17031C0639J as being partially within the 100 year base floodplain.

1906-020 City of Northlake: King Arthur Court Complex Bridge Reconstruction. CDBG grant amount: \$300,000. This project located in Northlake has been identified as FIRM # 17031C0366J as being partially within the 100 year base floodplain.

1906-024 Village of Robbins: Street Resurfacing and Green Sustainable Infrastructure: Troy Avenue (139th Street to 137th Street); Ulica Avenue (139th Street to 137th Street); St. Louis Avenue (139th Street to 137th Street); Spaulding Avenue (135th Street to 137th Street); and Sawyer Avenue (139th Street to 137th Street). CDBG grant amount: \$200,000. This project located in Robbins has been identified as FIRM # 17031C0639J as being partially within the 100 year base floodplain.

1908-066 PADS to HOME Inc. Construction of a new three-story hotel in Palatine: Palatine 1140 East Northwest Highway. This project located in Palatine has been identified as FIRM#17031C0182J as being partially within the 100 year base floodplain.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain/wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands it must inform those who may be put at greater risk.

Written comments must be received by Cook County at the following address on or before December 9th 2019: Cook County Department of Planning and Development, 69 W. Washington, Chicago, Illinois 201, 300 and 312-603-1000. Attention: Mrs. Xochitl Flores, Bureau Chief. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the above address. For more information call 11/22/2019 6518490

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF J'Cole Gibbs AKA J'Cole Johnathan Gibbs Jaxson Gibbs AKA Jaxson Jamar Gibbs AKA Jackson Gibbs
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Raven Gibbs (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00124 18JA00125

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Dolph Berry (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 20, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Demetrius Kottaras in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/11/2019, at 11:00 AM in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, 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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 20, 2019 6520299

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Jordyn Oliver AKA Princess Jordyn Arlie Oliver
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Latavia Oliver (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00888

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Latavia Oliver (Mother), and Kami Singh (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 25, 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 12/16/2019, at 10:30 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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 25, 2019 6516610

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Juanita Dominguez
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Mary Ramirez (Mother) AKA Mary Ramirez
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00858

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Hugo Dominguez (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 07, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balanoff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/11/2019, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 15, 2019 6519933

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Glenbrook High School District 225 is soliciting proposals for the evaluation of its Transportation Health Plan. Proposals will be accepted at the Glenbrook High School District 225 District Office, located at 3801 W. Lake Ave, Glenview IL 60026 on or before 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Please contact Kim Plak, Director of Operations/CSBO at kplak@glenbrook225.org for a copy of the proposal specifications. 6520132 11/22/2019

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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 Rashod Robinson
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Karyn Robinson AKA Karen Robinson
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01083

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 27, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge John Huff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/16/2019, at 2:30 PM in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN,



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