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House panel weighs historic vote

Judiciary members clash for 2nd day over obstruction, abuse of power

By MARY CLARE JALONICK AND LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee pushed toward a historic vote Thursday night to approve articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump, splitting along party lines in a grueling session.

It was expected to end with charges being sent to the full House for action

next week, before the holidays.

After 14 hours of rancorous debate, Judiciary Chairman Jerry Nadler abruptly adjourned the committee until 10 a.m. Friday.

The Judiciary committee, made up of some of the most strident Democrats and Republicans in Congress, clashed for hours in

pointed and at times emotional debate, drawing on history and the Constitution to argue over the two charges.

Trump is accused, in the first article, of abusing his presidential power by asking Ukraine to investigate 2020 rival Joe Biden while holding military aid as leverage, and, in the second, of obstructing Congress by blocking the House's efforts to probe his actions.

Trump is only the fourth U.S. president to face impeachment proceedings and the first to be running for reelection at the same time.

He insists he did nothing wrong and blasts the Democrats' effort daily as a sham and harmful to America.

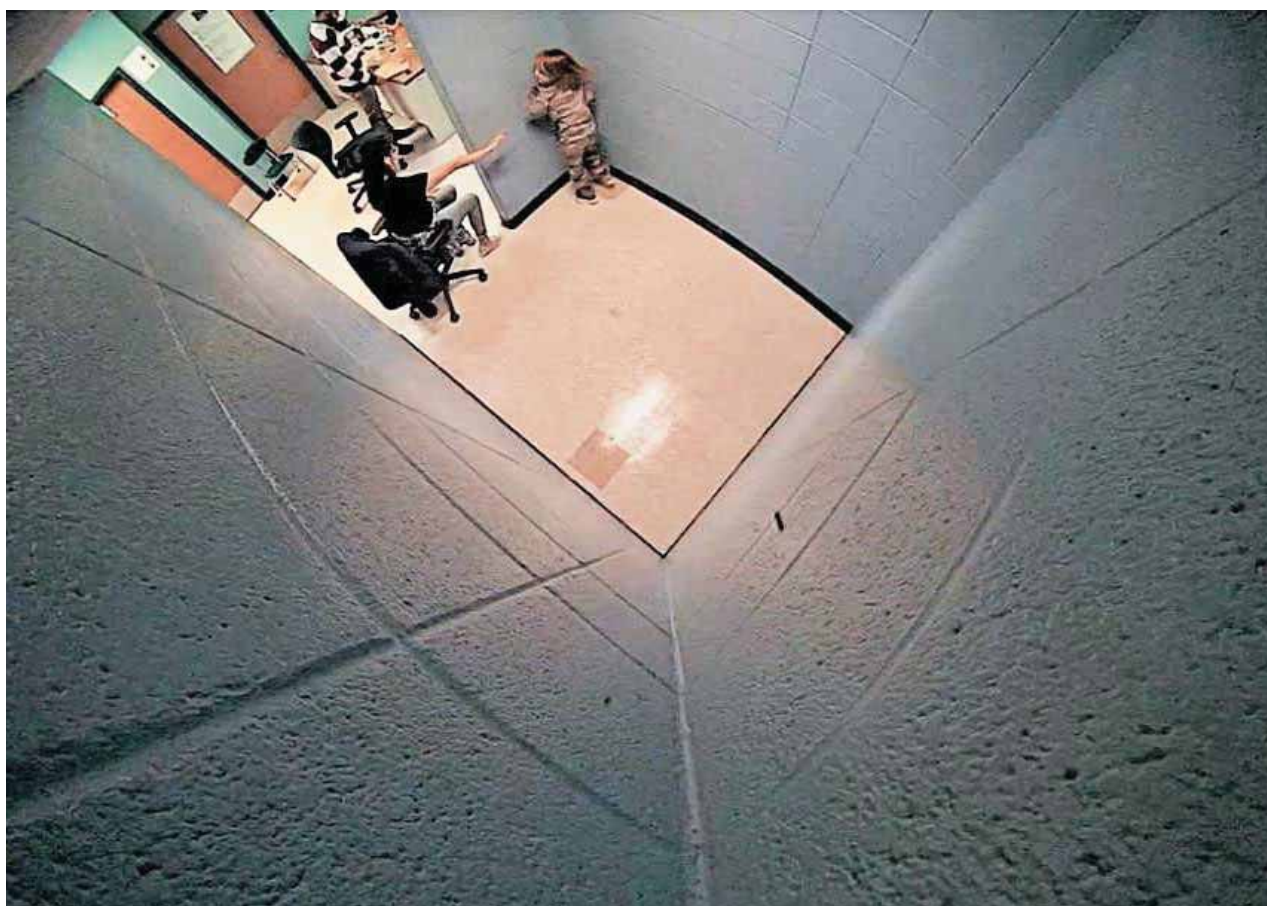
Republican allies seem unwavering in their opposition to expelling Trump, and he claims to be looking



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Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I. holds up the impeachment report and U.S. Constitution to make a point Thursday.

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Surveillance video shows an aide and Staley Sandy-Ester in a seclusion area at Gages Lake School known as "the office" on April 30. The 7-year-old's parents obtained the video from the school district and provided it to reporters.

'A Mean Place'

One school. 21 abuse investigations.
And the struggle to stop relying on seclusion and restraint.

By JODI S. COHEN AND JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS

This story is a collaboration between the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois.

The knock came on Beth Sandy's door late one Friday afternoon at the end of May.

Standing outside was an investigator with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the state agency charged with examining allegations of child abuse and neglect.

Sandy assumed she was in trouble for violating truancy laws. A week earlier, she had pulled her 7-year-old son from Gages Lake School, which serves young children in suburban Lake County with behavioral and emotional disabilities, after he complained of a scary office and began hiding under the bed when the school bus arrived.

"Oh, great, here we go," Sandy, who lives in north suburban Round Lake Heights, remembers thinking to herself.

But she wasn't the target of the investigation; school employees were. An administrator at Gages Lake had reported concerns to DCFS that Sandy's son Staley had been physically abused, the investigator explained. There was video. The investigator wanted to talk with the boy.

Since mid-May, DCFS has opened a total of 21 abuse investigations involving students at Gages Lake.



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Staley Sandy-Ester, 7, plays video games with help from his mother, Beth Sandy.

Citing evidence from surveillance video, agency reports describe workers grabbing children by the wrists, shoving them into walls and throwing them to the ground in a cluster of four seclusion spaces — some with lockable doors, others open — that the school calls "the office."

Two aides at the center of the investigations resigned from the school. One of them is facing criminal charges; Lake County prosecutors allege he used excessive force on students.

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Judges skeptical of \$44M award

City's responsibility for off-duty police shooting at issue

By STACY ST. CLAIR
AND JEFF COEN

Federal appeals judges signaled they could be about to overturn a historic jury verdict against the city of Chicago for a shooting involving an off-duty officer's gun, even though the city now acknowledges the patrolman shot his friend in the head after a night of heavy drinking and the Police Department failed to properly investigate the incident.

A three-judge appellate panel this week cast doubts about the constitutionality of the jury's finding, repeatedly suggesting the Police Department could not be held responsible for its employees' actions outside of work. The panel's pointed comments came as city attorneys publicly stated for the first time that Officer Patrick Kelly shot his close friend Michael LaPorta and accepted the jury verdict that faulted the city for failing to investigate its officers and lacking an "early warning" system to identify troubled officers.

"The harm was inflicted by the off-duty officer. The effort is to hold the city liable for the officer's conduct," Judge Diane Sykes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit said during oral arguments Tuesday. "The city did not violate anybody's bodily integrity, the off-duty officer did."

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Of breaking news and a broken lens

Clint Eastwood takes some liberties in depicting how a hungry, sloppy media and FBI destroyed the life of the Atlanta security guard wrongly accused in the 1996 Olympic Games bombing.

Heidi Stevens: The news journalists deliver is accurate and free of influence of special interests. We can't sleep with sources. Even if they look like Jon Hamm.

Former Brown aide gets 2 years

Circuit court clerk absent as Patel jailed

By JASON MEISNER

Beena Patel, a former top aide to Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown, was about to be sentenced Thursday for lying to a federal grand jury when the judge said she'd noticed someone was missing from the courtroom.

Patel's friends and relatives had come to support her, U.S. District Judge Sara

Ellis said. But where was Brown?

"For some reason you made a decision to lie and protect her," Ellis said in sentencing Patel to two years in prison for perjury in connection with a bribes-for-jobs investigation of Brown's office. "And she's not here to help you when you need help."

Patel's emotional, three-hour sentencing hearing

likely marked the end of what at one time seemed to be a mushrooming investigation of widespread corruption in the sprawling and patronage-rich clerk's office.

Investigators seemed to be closing in on Brown herself several years ago when the FBI confronted her outside her South Side home and seized her cell phone.

At the time, prosecutors had taken a statement from

another clerk's office employee, Sivasubramani Rajaram, who said he paid \$15,000 to Brown — including \$5,000 in cash handed over at a Corner Bakery across from the Daley Center — to secure a job.

The bribe was thinly disguised as a "business loan" to a goat meat supply company started by Brown with her husband, according to prosecutors. Like

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Beena Patel was convicted of lying to a grand jury probing the Cook County Circuit Court clerk's office.

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Shooting

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In 2017, a federal jury found Kelly shot LaPorta toward the back of his head after a night of heavy drinking in January 2010. The panel awarded LaPorta — who suffered catastrophic injuries and now requires round-the-clock care — a record-breaking \$44.7 million after it determined the Chicago Police Department’s lax disciplinary practices emboldened the officer and instilled the belief he could act with impunity.

It remains the highest jury award for a police misconduct case in Illinois history. Kelly’s personal insurance settled with LaPorta’s for \$300,000 — the maximum allowed under the policy — years before trial.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability reopened an investigation into the shooting in 2017, following a Tribune investigation. Though investigators initially found in 2011 that there wasn’t enough evidence to hold Kelly responsible for the shooting, the oversight agency determined earlier this summer that Kelly had pulled the trigger and then lied about it for nine years.

Then-police Supt. Eddie Johnson agreed with COPA’s revised findings and moved to fire Kelly in October. The termination case is still pending.

Kelly does not face criminal charges in connection with the shooting. Cook County prosecutors reviewed the case in 2010 and determined a jury was unlikely to find the longtime patrolman guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, which is higher than the preponderance standard required for termination.

Though officials now share the jury’s opinion that Kelly shot LaPorta with his service weapon, the city contends it is not liable for LaPorta’s injuries because Kelly was off duty when it happened. The appellate judges seemed to agree, suggesting it would be un-



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Michael LaPorta gets ready to head to speech therapy with the aid of his mother, Patricia.



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A federal jury found Chicago police Officer Patrick Kelly shot Michael LaPorta.

fair to hold police departments responsible for anything and everything their employees do.

“Upholding this verdict really creates responsibility on the part of every police department in the circuit for the private misconduct of its officers when they’re not on duty,” said Sykes, who was appointed to the appellate bench by George W. Bush in 2004 and reportedly was on President Donald Trump’s short list for the Supreme Court in 2017.

LaPorta’s attorney, Carolyn Shapiro, disagreed, saying police departments have a responsibility to ensure their officers are held to the same laws as everyone else.

“What we proved is a decadeslong policy and practice that police officers are not accountable for their own actions, regardless of whether they break police department rules or regardless of whether they break criminal laws,” she said. “Kelly is a case in point.”

To that end, the LaPorta jury found that the Chicago Police Department encouraged such behavior by failing to seriously discipline and rein in Kelly, who has been found mentally unfit for duty twice, arrested two times, accused of beating a girlfriend and treated for alcohol addiction. The panel also determined the department had a pattern and practice of not investigating its officers.

It’s a finding backed up by a 2017 U.S. Department of Justice report that blasted the department for failing to hold officers accountable for bad behavior or issue meaningful discipline. Though the report prompted then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel to agree to a consent decree that granted federal oversight of promised reforms and was entered into evidence at the LaPorta trial, one appellate judge repeatedly dismissed its sig-

nificance during this week’s oral arguments.

The judge even scoffed at statistics showing only a small percentage of officers are disciplined after citizen complaints are filed against them. The numbers, based on Chicago Police Department data, have been backed up by several other studies and are not disputed by the city.

“There was, I would say, opposing views with regard to what the Department of Justice said,” said Judge Michael Kanne, a Ronald Reagan appointee who also called the report “political.”

A City Law Department spokesman would not comment on the judge’s criticism of the DOJ report and why the city is now stating Kelly pulled the trigger after years of insisting a suicidal LaPorta shot himself. The office, however, appears to be heartened by the justices’ comments suggesting the municipality should not be held responsible for its off-duty behavior.

“As the city has always maintained, we have strong legal arguments for our appeal, and we continue to believe that taxpayers should not be liable for the off-duty officer’s private actions in this case,” depart-

ment spokesman Bill McCaffrey said. “We will not comment further as the matter is still pending.”

Despite the rough questioning from the appellate panel, another LaPorta attorney found solace in the city rescinding its long-held defense of Kelly.

“An affirmation of the jury’s verdict, which the city now after 10 years states it accepts, will be a needed correct step for reform in our city, as it will clearly indicate we will not tolerate a municipality ... which turns a blind eye toward violent police officers, allowing them to commit crimes with impunity,” Antonio Romanucci said. “Patrick Kelly was a known violent man who was weaponized and allowed to remain with the Chicago Police Department, committing continued acts of violence. The law in our (federal judicial) circuit is clear and the LaPortas should not be denied justice.”

Kelly was stripped of his police powers after he refused to answer questions on the witness stand during the LaPorta trial. But he remained employed by the department despite the jury’s finding and continued to receive his \$87,000-a-year salary until he took disability leave earlier this year.

LaPorta, meanwhile, has struggled physically and financially from the shooting’s fallout. He cannot walk or read and is dependent upon his aging parents for round-the-clock care.

His parents, who are both retired and struggle with their own health problems, attended the oral arguments and understand what the judges’ comments implied about their family’s future, Romanucci said.

“They left the courtroom knowing they were likely to be denied justice,” Romanucci said. “They were absolutely devastated by the comments from the justices, especially after hearing the city admit that their son was shot by Patrick Kelly. They were in pieces.”

The judges are expected to issue their ruling in coming months.

Metra may do away with cash on trains

By MARY WISNIEWSKI

Metra may do away with the practice of allowing passengers to pay their fares with cash after boarding trains.

A cash-free system would allow conductors to move through the train quicker and would eliminate some of the additional costs that come from working with cash, Metra CEO Jim Derwinski said Wednesday.

Earlier this month, Derwinski and other Metra executives visited the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, which is moving to a cash-free system. The Philadelphia railroad has had to move slowly to get both conductors and riders used to the changes, and to work the bugs out of the software, Derwinski said during Metra’s monthly board meeting.

After the meeting, Derwinski said the rail agency hopes it can stop accepting cash on trains in the next two or three years.

To serve “unbanked” riders who may not have bank accounts or credit cards, Philadelphia sells a “Ventra” type card that can be purchased at a retail store and then used on the train, he said.

Currently, Metra customers who pay cash for a ticket on a train, instead of buying a ticket from an agent or at a machine at the station, must pay a \$5 surcharge.

At Wednesdays meeting, retired Metra CEO Don Orseno joined the board as the representative from Will County, replacing New Lenox Mayor Tim Baldermann.

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Jim and Sue LaDeur hold a photo of twins, Billy, top, and Matt. Billy lived for 10 days.

Grieving parents plead for return of baby's ashes

Remains taken in burglary of west suburban home

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS

A grieving mother and father are pleading for the return of their baby's ashes, which were stolen from their bedroom when their west suburban home was burglarized earlier this week.

Sue LaDeur said she returned to her house in Elmhurst Tuesday afternoon to find it had been broken into and ransacked. Among the items taken was a small square white box that contained the remains of her infant son, William "Billy" Pax LaDeur, who died in 2014.

"It happened five years ago, but this brings it all up, to have him taken from us again," she said, weeping at her kitchen table. "Now he has been stolen from us."

"Billy didn't deserve this," added her husband, Jim LaDeur.

A photo of Billy adorns the wall of the LaDeur home, adjacent to a baby picture of his twin brother, Matt, who is now in preschool. The couple also have two older children.

The pregnancy was tumultuous early on, the mother recounted, with Billy suffering from excessive fluid retention in the womb. The parents feared for both babies because Billy was pushing on Matt in utero, and they were born precariously early at

about 31 weeks.

Although Billy was heavily sedated in the hospital, his mother recalled how his little foot used to kick at the sound of her voice. His father remembered touching his newborn son's arm and seeing the monitors respond, an uptick in his heart rate and other vital signs that seemed to indicate he recognized their presence.

"You hope for the best," Sue LaDeur said. "You pray. But we knew how sick he was."

Billy died in the hospital 10 days after his birth.

"We held him until he passed," his mother said. "We fought. We fought for him then. And we'll fight for him now and do everything we can."

Elmhurst police said in a news release that the burglary occurred between 8 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. in the 200 block of Melrose Avenue, and they believe the offender entered the home by breaking in through a side window. Authorities are asking anyone with information about the crime to contact Elmhurst police at 630-530-3050.

The couple described the box as a small white square container — about an inch high and roughly 3 inches long and wide — which might be mistaken for a jewelry box. A label includes the name of the crematorium.

The LaDeurs are begging the thief — or any good Samaritan who might somehow come across the remains — to mail the box to the crematorium or take

it to any funeral parlor. The ashes could also be left at any police or fire station, the couple said.

They added that the remains are kept in a bag marked by a metal tag with an identification number, so the ashes could be returned even if the bag is separated from the white box.

A few other items were taken from the home, including collector coins, according to police. The LaDeurs said they don't care about those possessions. They just want their son's ashes back.

"It has no value to anyone else," Sue LaDeur said. "But to us, it is invaluable."

They box was kept on a dresser in the couple's bedroom, surrounded by the few remaining items from Billy's short life: His baby blanket. A handmade knit cap. A teddy bear. A bottle filled with holy water from his baptism.

A statue of the Virgin Mary used to look upon his remains, but now gazes at a dusty outline of where the box once rested.

The couple planned to one day bury Billy's remains beside their graves.

"It's your baby," Sue LaDeur said. "He should stay with you. A baby doesn't get separated from his parents."

"He lives in our hearts," Jim LaDeur added. "But this box is something that connects him with us. ... We just want to get this back."

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Advocates push ordinance to increase affordable housing

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

When he was a resident of the Wilson Men's Hotel in Uptown, Lamont Burnett paid \$340 a month for a tiny cubicle room in the building, where he shared a bathroom with 75 men, he said.

But after the building was purchased by a developer in 2017 and shut down so it could be renovated, Burnett said he found it impossible to find a comparable room or a studio apartment in his North Side community that he could afford.

"When I looked around, there were no affordable apartments in my community," he said.

Burnett was one of dozens of residents and housing advocates who gathered on Wednesday afternoon to testify in front of a group of City Council members about Chicago's lack of affordable housing options. The collective of about 37 groups spent three hours before city leaders hoping to pressure them to pass new legislation that would reform the city's Affordable Requirements Ordinance.

The Affordable Requirements Ordinance sets the rules for developers that receive city support to either provide housing units for lower-income residents or pay a fee to help subsidize their housing.

The hearing on Wednesday came just a day before a city task force is set to begin meeting to discuss how that law has succeeded and failed in providing additional housing for lower and moderate-income residents. That task force also is charged with determining just how the current law has and hasn't addressed Chicago's long-standing racial and economic segregation.

Most of the housing advocates who appeared before the aldermen on Wednesday criticized the current law for allowing developers in upscale communities to opt out of producing units specifically for lower-income residents. They blamed the opt-out provision for stalling the city's progress on creating equitable neighborhoods.

The housing groups want a new measure called the Development for All Ordinance approved, which would essentially set new rules for how housing is constructed across the city. That measure was introduced in July, but it still has to be refined with more details and formulas, and it would need to win the support of elected leaders to pass.

Before the meeting, a group of progressive aldermen announced their sup-



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Activist Lamont Burnett speaks during a press conference at City Hall on Wednesday, calling for affordable housing.

port for the proposals.

Among other things, the new ordinance would eliminate the option that allows developers to pay fees instead of creating affordable housing units and would mandate that when new buildings are constructed, units are set aside for lower-income residents. The ordinance would require most of the new affordable housing units be constructed in upscale, established communities and gentrifying neighborhoods. It would also recalibrate the formula used to determine affordable rents in each neighborhood.

"We've been fighting this fight for over a decade," said Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez, 25th, one of the sponsors of the new proposed ordinance, who added that thousands of Latino and black residents have left the city over its lack of affordable housing. "The numbers are staggering and the results very clear."

In recent years, the cost of housing has emerged as a national issue as residents in major cities have struggled to keep up with rising rents.

In Chicago, studies have shown that a growing number of residents pay well more than 30% of their income for housing and many have relocated because they feel they are being priced out.

When running for office, Mayor Lori Lightfoot made affordable housing a part of her campaign. She's acknowledged since taking office that the demand for affordable housing has outpaced the supply.

Since taking office, Lightfoot has formed a task force to review the city's Affordable Requirements Ordinance and has appointed new leadership to the Chicago Housing Authority board, which also works to create and subsidize housing for lower-income residents.

But her administration still has to implement its plan to integrate wealthier communities that have access to jobs, grocery stores

and high-performing schools and yet have few entry points for lower-income residents who would like to live there. And her administration has yet to create incentives for developers to prioritize affordable housing and invest in neglected parts of the city.

On Wednesday, residents spoke passionately about how living in lower-income communities with little access to amenities has impacted their lives. And they talked about working full time yet still struggling to find quality housing that is safe and close to transportation.

According to activists, between 2007 and 2017, the city produced only a third of the affordable units that it could have if it hadn't allowed developers to pay their way out of setting aside low-income units. And in too many cases where affordable units were created, they were studio or one-bedroom apartments that weren't large enough for families.

For years, Renee Celestine lived on the North Side, but she moved to Roseland to help care for an ailing family member, she said. When she tried to move back to her former community, not only was she priced out of her old building, but it was impossible to find a place that fit her budget, Celestine said.

"Being a caregiver destroyed me financially," she said. "I could no longer afford market rate rent."

Joseph Moore told the council that he grew up in North Lawndale, passing boarded-up vacant buildings each day on his way to school. His mother had to take two buses to travel four miles to their closest grocery store. He thinks the daily struggles and stresses led her to an early death.

"My mom had worn out," he said. "The developers are playing a big monopoly game with our communities."

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Hundreds pack Evanston church to discuss local reparations fund

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER

Hundreds of Evanston residents packed the sanctuary of First Church of God on Wednesday evening to participate in a town hall discussion on the next steps in the city's landmark reparations fund initiative.

Evanston City Council passed a measure last month that will funnel the city's tax revenue generated from the sale of recreational marijuana to a local reparations fund. The move has attracted attention from national and regional groups that have long advocated for investment in black communities through reparations.

"Tonight is definitely the best first start that I can imagine," said Pastor Michael Nabors of Second Baptist Church and president of the Evanston/North Shore NAACP.

He was one of the panelists who spoke before the packed sanctuary with a capacity of 750 people. Guests hugged friends and family, posed for photos and gave actor Danny Glover,



KEVIN TANAKA/PIONEER PRESS
Actor and activist Danny Glover spoke at the First Church of God in Evanston on Wednesday.

the evening's keynote speaker, a standing ovation.

The event, which was promoted but not sponsored by the city, was designed as a celebration of Evanston's reparations initiative and the start of a continuing dialogue. The fund will be capped at \$10 million and officials say it will be used to help the city's black community with economic development, education and housing, among other is-

sues. The fund will be paid for with a 3% sales tax on adult recreational marijuana, which becomes legal in Illinois Jan. 1.

City estimates project the marijuana tax could generate \$500,000 to \$750,000 a year.

But most who spoke Wednesday night said the issue was bigger than Evanston, which they said is one of the first towns in the nation to create a local fund. Many said they see Evanston's actions as an example that leaders in other parts of the country and around the world could follow.

"You, the citizens of this extraordinary moment, who will go down in history," Glover began, while many audience members held up their phones to capture his words on video.

"This is the most intense conversation, I believe, right here. Reparations," Glover said. "Nurture our children and know they will take on the battle and they will continue the battle."

Members of the National African American Reparations Commission also took

the stage, answering questions and sharing their own perspective on reparations as they push the effort nationwide.

Speakers included former Evanston alderman and current Cook County Circuit Court Judge Jean-Paul Baptiste, who stopped his speech to wipe away tears and compose his emotions.

Baptiste introduced a resolution supporting reparations as an Evanston alderman in 2002, he said. Now, he is seeing that vision become a reality.

"We continue today in spite ... in spite of the wrongs that have been committed against us," said Baptiste. "There is courage here in this city."

While Illinois was not a slave-holding state, discrimination, redlining and Jim Crow laws all affected Evanston residents, multiple speakers said.

White residents still earn significantly more money, on average, than Evanston's black residents, said Ald. Robin Rue Simmons (5th Ward), who spearheaded the reparations effort. That

fact, along with declining black homeownership and a declining number of black residents in town, pushed Simmons to propose the fund.

"It was time to lead in urgency," she said. "It was time to be unapologetic and unassuming and bold."

Evanston residents pride themselves on diversity, Simmons said, and "we needed to be true to that."

Security was tight for the event, with streets closed in about a two-block radius from the church.

Snow plows, fire engines and other large apparatus were parked on either sides of the closed intersections, with Evanston police SUVs parked horizontally across them to block traffic. Evanston police officers were posted in all corners of the church sanctuary, entryway and on the streets outside, and Police Chief Demitrous Cook welcomed guests in the lobby.

Audience member and Evanston resident Laury Prince said she brought her daughter, a college student, because "we absolutely couldn't miss this. It's a first,

it's historical, we had to be here."

Prince called the speakers dynamic and said she learned a lot by attending. Born in Belize, Prince said she could relate to Glover's call to help those of African descent all over the world, not just in Evanston or the United States.

Alvin Hemphill, an Evanston native and current Lake County resident, called the reparations effort "overdue."

A volunteer chaplain in Cook County jails, Hemphill said the vast majority of the prison population he sees is black. Meanwhile most of the police, attorneys and judges are white. He hoped reparations could help close that gap.

"I think it's necessary," Hemphill said.

Evanston's reparations measure was passed in an 8-1 vote. No one spoke out against the effort at the meeting where it was passed. A Reparations Subcommittee has been formed to determine the exact ways in which the fund's proceeds will be used and distributed.

Board of Ed votes to close 2 charter schools

By HANNAH LEONE

When Donavan Roberts started attending Frazier Preparatory Academy, a charter school in Chicago's Lawndale neighborhood, he thought he'd have to act like a different person in order to fit in. But it wasn't like that.

"I just kept my same personality, and people accepted me," Donavan told Chicago Board of Education members Wednesday night, imploring them to keep his charter school open. If they don't, he said, "I'll have to go to a different school and do a different personality, because no one would accept me like Frazier did."

Despite such pleas, the board voted 6-1 to revoke Frazier's charter after the current school years ends, with board member Dwayne Truss dissenting. The board also voted unanimously to rescind the charter for Chicago Virtual Charter School. CPS had recommended both schools close because of poor performance. Charter school operators can appeal those decisions to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Many supporters of Frazier, which has 244 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, spoke of the school community as their family. Chicago Virtual — believed to be the first on-

line public school in Illinois — has 523 students in kindergarten through 12th grade, according to CPS enrollment numbers.

The Chicago Teachers Union had called the recommended closures "an admission of failure by the district after decades of charter proliferation."

Both schools opened as part of Renaissance 2010, an initiative of former Mayor Richard M. Daley that aimed to increase school options by opening 100 schools by 2010. That was announced amid the closure of dozens of schools the district said were underperforming.

Vikki Stokes, interim CEO of Chicago Virtual Charter School since July, told the Tribune prior to Wednesday's vote: "We are disappointed by the recommendation from CPS to revoke the CVCS charter. As we continue to review options, we are grateful to the many families and staff that continue to be our cheerleaders and supporters."

The charters were revoked following an annual process CPS uses to identify and consider closure of low-performing charter schools, which includes what officials called "comprehensive performance reviews." Schools are given the chance to improve their

academic performance, but schools that land on the warning list a second time may have their charters revoked after public hearings.

Under the same policy, the board voted to close four charters in fall 2015, one in 2017 and one in 2018, according to CPS.

Many people spoke to the board in support of saving Frazier, while others stood to show solidarity.

"We cannot afford to lose another school on the West Side of Chicago," said supporter Jill Bush.

Fifth grader Jaiden Gardley, who has attended Frazier since kindergarten, said he owed a lot of his personal growth to his teachers and other staff members.

"Overall, they have helped me identify how to do what is right and are helping prepare all Frazier scholars for the expectations of the outside world," Gardley said. "... When I was younger, I did not have any idea what it meant to be college bound. However, that fantasy has become an expectation. ... If you elect to close our school, you are doing more than shutting its doors. You are breaking apart my family."

Frazier's board chairman, Tommy Duff, called the news "disheartening" and said Frazier was not failing, noting its score in a CPS

rating system rose this year.


The district's position is that the school has not successfully implemented a remediation plan, but Duff still questioned how the recommendation to close the school was made.

For Chicago Virtual students, the mostly online format was a way to meet students where they're at, said educator Tina Haralambopoulos. Given the time to sustain change, she said, "our school can make a difference." But she said it's been hard to maintain a positive mindset teaching all 80 of her students while considering they might be dissolved at the end of the school year.

Matt Major, policy director at the Illinois Network of Charter Schools, told the board that because of inconsistent performance at Chicago Virtual and Frazier, his organization supports the closings.

Board member Elizabeth Todd-Breland later commented, apparently alluding to the charter network's position: "The nerve of the larger charter industry to come and on the one hand encourage you for decades to expand these schools in areas with under enrollment, and then turn around now and say it's OK to close."

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Sentence

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Patel, Rajaram was later convicted of lying to the grand jury about the scheme. He was sentenced in 2016 to probation.

But no one — including Brown — was ever charged in any bribery scheme. And prosecutors Thursday suggested that no one ever will be because of Patel's lies.

In asking for a sentence of 2 ½ years for Patel, Assistant U.S. Attorney Heather McShain said Patel "was an active participant in Cook County's ongoing, never-ending problem of public corruption."

By choosing to lie, Patel obstructed the grand jury's work and made herself essentially useless as a witness in any prosecution against those "most culpable" in the bribery scheme, McShain said.

The judge echoed that sentiment in her remarks, saying that after sitting through the trial, it's "fairly clear there is something funny happening in the clerk's office."

"There should not be a culture or an expectation in any government office where someone believes they could make a \$15,000 loan to the spouse of the clerk of the court in the hopes of getting a job," Ellis said.

Ellis also said the fact that Brown has not been charged indicates Patel's lies were a "substantial impediment" to the investigation.

Patel's attorney, Donald Angelini Jr., had asked for probation, saying that Patel's misstatements, while material to the investigation, had little direct effect on the government's ability to charge Brown.

Angelini also noted that while public corruption is deplorable, Patel was "not convicted of being a bag woman or facilitating bribes."

Before the sentence was handed down, Patel, 58, issued a lengthy apology, beginning in a voice barely above a whisper and growing to loud sobs and gasps for breath.

"I am a convicted liar," Patel said as she stood at the lectern. "I am dying every day. ... All I can do is pray for my sins."

Patel never mentioned Brown by name but said she was "profoundly remorseful" for failing to live up to her oath to tell the truth.

At one point, Patel turned to her husband, a longtime engineer for the Chicago Buildings Department, in the courtroom gallery and cried, "I failed him!" in an anguished voice.

A former associate clerk who at one point oversaw about 500 employees, Patel was convicted by a federal jury of lying under oath when she testified in two separate appearances nine months apart that she had

never sold tickets to Brown's fundraisers and didn't know whether Rajaram had spoken to law enforcement.

The jury also found that Patel committed perjury by falsely denying in her grand jury statements that she knew about a promotion given to another clerk's office employee whose brother had donated to Brown's campaign.

What made the lies "deliberate and brazen," McShain said, was that Patel had firsthand knowledge of crimes being committed. In fact, she'd essentially "brokered the deal" between Rajaram and Brown, personally accepting the first installment of \$10,000 during a meeting at the now-shuttered Sabre Room banquet hall in south suburban Hickory Hills, according to McShain.

Later, Patel was with Brown at the Corner Bakery when Rajaram handed over the remaining \$5,000 in cash, according to McShain.

When asked about the meetings in the grand jury, Patel was evasive and untruthful, according to prosecutors.

"It was only after an extended period of questioning that (Patel) finally admitted that the Corner Bakery meeting even took place, or that she was present," prosecutors wrote in a recent court filing.

To hammer home the extent of Patel's evasiveness, McShain on Thursday read a portion of her grand jury testimony that was not introduced at trial.

The exchange occurred near the end of Patel's second appearance before the panel when one of the grand jurors implored her to "just admit what you did" and said most of them "don't believe that you're telling the truth."

After Patel continued to give contradicting answers about the money Rajaram gave to Brown, the grand juror cut her off.


"So it sounds like you just orchestrated everything there, you know?" the grand juror said, according to the transcript.

Brown has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing. Despite the cloud hanging over her head, the Democratic stalwart easily won reelection to a fifth term in 2016 and even launched an unsuccessful bid for mayor. Earlier this year, Brown announced she would step down next year after 20 years in office.

Patel, meanwhile, had her pension frozen by the county last month because of the felony conviction related to her job duties, her lawyer said in his sentencing memo.


She had been receiving a pension of nearly \$7,300 a month — which could have amounted to at least \$2 million over her lifetime, the filing said.

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Despite recent efforts at Gages Lake to add employee training and more support for students, the school continues to struggle, with dozens of calls to police, staff resignations and new reports of abuse this school year.

The monthslong crisis at Gages Lake — pieced together through interviews and a review of DCFS reports, police records and employee complaints — underscores what can happen when a school relies too heavily on seclusion and physical restraint.

Parents like Sandy were shocked to learn how their children were treated. Teachers and other school employees also ended up at risk of harm as a lack of training and staffing complicated the already tough job of working with children who have behavioral challenges.

Two weeks into the current school year, a teacher contacted DCFS with a warning, records show. “None of the children at the school are safe,” he said.

In an investigation published last month, ProPublica Illinois and the Chicago Tribune revealed that school districts throughout Illinois routinely violated the state’s law on isolated timeout, which permitted employees to seclude students only if the children were in danger of hurting themselves or others.

Reporters obtained and reviewed thousands of school incident reports that described the emotional and physical trauma suffered by students, most of them with disabilities, after being shut in small rooms alone for long periods. Responding to these findings, the state placed an emergency ban on locking children alone in seclusion rooms.

During the 15-month period reporters examined, from August 2017 to December 2018, Gages Lake students were secluded more times than students at all but one Illinois school included in the analysis.

More recent data obtained by the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois show that Gages Lake put students in isolation more than 1,700 times in the school year that ended in May. At least 23% of those timeouts occurred for no documented safety reason, reporters found. Instead, the students had disrespected staff, failed to comply with rules or engaged in verbal abuse.

The Special Education District of Lake County, the district that oversees Gages Lake and several other programs for students with disabilities, is one of eight districts under investigation by the Illinois State Board of Education in response to the Tribune/ProPublica Illinois report. SEDOL has joined other Illinois districts in taking the doors off seclusion rooms after the state banned isolated seclusion.

SEDOL Superintendent Valerie Donnan said an internal investigation into the use of isolated timeout and physical restraint concluded that some “procedures were not followed” at Gages Lake. “We have been actively and relentlessly working to change,” she wrote last week in response to questions.

Gages Lake teachers and workers say they don’t know what strategies to use now that they’ve been told they can’t turn to restraint or seclusion except in dire situations.

“The overall flow of that building was so chaotic and unsafe,” said a Gages Lake teacher who resigned in the fall. “I got to the point where I wasn’t sure what their expectations were. My safety was at risk. The kids’ safety was at risk.”

Staley Sandy-Ester, shown at the Round Lake Area Public Library, was often put in a seclusion room at Gages Lake School. ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Caught on video

On May 16, two weeks before DCFS showed up at Sandy’s doorstep, a 7-year-old boy from Gurnee got off the school bus from Gages Lake and told his father that his butt hurt because a school aide had made him fall.

His father couldn’t see an obvious injury, but the family contacted school officials, who said the boy had slipped and fallen during an encounter with an aide. But then, at the parents’ urging, administrators watched surveillance footage of the incident.

In the video, records show, the boy was standing against the wall in one of four bays that make up the area referred to as “the office.” The office had locked rooms and doorless areas, which were referred to as “calming” rooms.

An aide named Nicholas Izquierdo, who was sitting in a rolling chair, leaned down and grabbed the boy by the ankles, causing the child to fall to the ground, according to DCFS records and his parents, who watched video of the incident.

After watching the footage, school officials reported the incident to DCFS and an investigator showed up at the boy’s home on the evening of May 17. The boy, who has ADHD and behavioral disabilities, told the worker he was sent to the seclusion space when he didn’t follow directions to walk — not run — in a hallway, according to agency records.

School officials watched more surveillance video from the office, which is kept for 30 days. They made another call to DCFS, then another, then another.

ProPublica Illinois and the Tribune reviewed confidential DCFS records that describe what school officials saw in the videos.

The Gurnee boy appeared on video several times. Footage from April 24 showed a different aide, Jennifer Aguirre, carrying him across a room and then throwing him into the timeout area, where he landed on a tile floor. On May 3, Aguirre grabbed the boy by the wrist, turned him around and picked him up.

Staley, the boy from Round Lake Heights, was shown in one of the rooms within the office on April 30. Aguirre, sitting on a rolling chair in the doorway, blocked him from leaving, once pinning his wrist against the wall. He got increasingly upset and kicked at her. She then stood up, chased Staley down and grabbed him around the neck.

On May 1, according to records describing the videos, Izquierdo pulled a 5-year-old boy’s legs out from under him, causing him to fall on his arm. “It is surprising (the boy’s) arm wasn’t broken,” a school administrator told DCFS, according to the agency records. A week later, on May 8, records show, Izquierdo pushed an 8-year-old boy in his chest and onto the floor when the student tried to leave the room.

In all, in a one-month period, school officials identified possible physical abuse involving eight children, from 5 to 8 years old, DCFS records show.

Donnan, the superintendent, declined to answer most questions about the videos, saying they were part of an ongoing police investigation. She would not say if school officials had a practice of watching surveil-



Seclusion spaces at Gages Lake School are in the room known as “the office.” The district has since updated the spaces. They now have padding and no doors. SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY

lance video prior to the Gurnee family’s inquiry, or how school officials decided which portions of surveillance footage to report to authorities as possible abuse.

When asked about the video of Staley, which the family provided to reporters, Donnan said: “We deeply regret that Staley was treated in this way.”

Izquierdo and Aguirre resigned soon after school officials reviewed the footage.

At least four other Gages Lake employees were put on leave in May and June, including the principal, who was investigated for her alleged “lack of review” of surveillance video. The principal did not respond to requests for comment.

An assistant principal was put on leave as the school examined whether she used and witnessed “inappropriate” and “unapproved” restraints of children. Her lawyer said no additional action was taken against her and she currently works as a teacher in the district.

Izquierdo, 30, who is accused of using excessive force on students, was charged in late October with six counts of misdemeanor or reckless conduct.

“I understand educators in this job to understand have a very difficult job to do, but this specific individual went too far,” Lake County State’s Attorney Michael Nerheim said when he announced the charges.

On Dec. 5, ISBE sent Izquierdo a letter asking that he voluntarily give up his educator license, an agency spokeswoman said. She said the board does not have the authority to automatically revoke it based on the criminal charges he faces.

Izquierdo’s attorney, Michael Caravello, said his client denies any wrongdoing and that he was a dedicated employee who worked to help troubled children.

“This is a situation where you are doing your job and there is no intention or malice and you are dealing with some emotionally disturbed and behavior-disturbed children. He would get attacked frequently,” Caravello said. “It is a shame that in the course of doing your job and trying to keep the children safe, you now are charged with a crime.”

Aguirre, 47, died by suicide on Aug. 2, soon after learning of the DCFS investigation into her conduct at Gages Lake, records show. She had worked at the school for nearly 18 years.

Aguirre’s family told police and the Lake County coroner’s office that she was “stressed out” about possible criminal charges, records show. They said she had told them that the school was understaffed but she loved her job and “the children needed her,” the coroner’s case report states.

The eight allegations against Izquierdo are pending, according to a DCFS spokesman. All five cases involving Aguirre were determined to be unfounded. The other eight cases involved different staff members; a DCFS spokesman would not discuss the outcomes but said five remain pending.

While the abuse investigations from the 2018-19 school year cover only the 30-day period for which school administrators viewed video, children were placed in isolated timeout hundreds of times throughout that year, school data shows.

Donnan, the superintendent, attributed the large number of seclusions — 1,708, up from 270 the year prior — to improved “accuracy and transparency of reporting.” She said the practice was used frequently because the school serves students with significant disabilities, many of whom would require private or residential placements if they weren’t served by SEDOL.

The district declined to provide incident reports that would provide details of student seclusions.

Attorney Micki Moran, who specializes in education law and has consulted with Gages Lake families, said the numbers illustrate that the use of timeouts was embedded in the school’s culture.

“They did it as if it’s what you do every day, like it’s the norm,” Moran said. “These kids weren’t always a danger to themselves or anybody. Frequently these happened because of noncompliance, period.”

For example, after Staley’s mother requested his records, she saw that he was taken to the office for hiding under a cubby, not following directions, flipping a chair and refusing to come inside from recess.

State officials are concerned about the frequent use of timeout at Gages Lake, said State Board of Education spokeswoman Jackie Matthews. An ISBE official visited the school last week.

“Based on these numbers, on their face, we can say they are egregious,” Matthews said.



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Parent Lisa Azzano stands to applaud a speaker during the Dec. 4 meeting of the board for the Special Education District of Lake County.



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Gages Lake is one program operated by the Special Education District of Lake County.



New year, more problems

Before the start of this school year, school officials assured parents they had made a number of improvements. The office got a makeover, with bright paint colors and new padding. Sensory items were purchased to help calm students.

According to Donnan, her administration also limited the use of isolated timeout to “extreme cases.” Figures provided by the district show that students were secluded less often as the school year got underway — 230 times from August to October, compared with 395 in the same period the previous year.

But even before the first day, teachers were on edge, according to Rebecca Slye, co-president of the SEDOL teachers union. She said she asked school administrators whether there was enough trained staff to open safely.

In addition to the employees placed on paid leave, about two dozen teachers, aides and social workers have resigned or retired since the abuse investigations began in the spring, board meeting minutes show. A teacher who resigned in June, after half a year in the job, wrote in her resignation letter that she had decided she “would like to be supporting my students more academically than I am currently able to.”

In September, SEDOL board members voted to stop accepting new students, a ban that remains in effect. At the time, 30 percent of positions were unfilled. There was one staff member for every two students when the budget called for a ratio of one to 1.5 — a “big difference” for needy students, the superintendent told the board, according to meeting minutes.

As of late last month, there were 115 students at Gages Lake, down 30 students from the start of the school year. There were 13 open staff positions, including 10 aides.

Without adequate staffing, student hospitalizations and suspensions increased, an administrator told board members this fall. Behavioral specialists and administrators have been covering teacher and aide vacancies, leaving less schoolwide support for students and staff.

“There is so much chaos going on,” Slye told board members in September.

That has included dozens of calls to law enforcement, six new DCFS investigations and five complaints to the Illinois Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which regulates worker safety. A state OSHA inspector visited the school in September.

One employee reported to the Lake County sheriff’s office that a student struck a teacher and another student with a chair. A boy’s parent called the sheriff because a teacher allegedly grabbed the child by the face. Students dialed 911 from phones in their classrooms. Staff requested ambulances to transport children they said needed psychiatric evaluation.

The district, which already has one Lake County sheriff’s officer stationed at the school, hired an additional officer this fall.

In September, a therapist called DCFS with concerns about a 10-year-old boy who had a bruise and scratch on his upper thigh. The boy told her he was injured when two teachers held him down to stop him from running down the hall and to get a pencil out of his hand. The student asked his mom: “Did they have to restrain me and stick their nail in my skin and scratch me?” according to the DCFS report.

In October, a sheriff’s officer reported to DCFS that an 8-year-old boy had a scratch on his face and a possible swollen eye after a teacher grabbed him by the face and arm as he was running in the hall.

Two parents also reported that employees had pushed or grabbed their children. When DCFS interviewed one of the boys, he described the office as “a mean place where they put you in rooms with nothing in there and you have to sit” for 10 minutes.

A school employee reported that a 9-year-old boy told her he was elbowed in the face by a teacher. And a teacher called DCFS at the end of the school day on Aug. 29 to report that the school was unsafe for students and staff members. He said the school was “extremely understaffed” and students were wandering freely and physically fighting each other, DCFS records show.

“There are just not enough staff to watch all of the students,” he said, according to the DCFS records. “Top administration believes everything is fine even though a number of teachers have expressed their concerns regarding these issues.”

When DCFS interviewed the teacher in late October, he cited some improvements but said he still worried about the safety of the children and staff and was frustrated there were “no real significant consequences set in place when the children misbehave.”

Gages Lake employees also took their concerns to state labor officials.

An Aug. 26 complaint to Illinois OSHA alleged that Gages Lake was “over populated” and understaffed. “Students with behavior disorders throw items at staff from binders to rocks,” it stated, and staff members were getting injured as students kicked, bit and hit them.

On Sept. 20, a state OSHA inspector made an unannounced visit to the school. The building was nearly empty, though; hours earlier, district officials had decided to close the school for the day because too many employees would be absent and it wouldn’t be safe.

OSHA did not issue any citations because the district had already made some changes after learning of the employee complaints, including increasing pay to substitutes to help with staffing issues and freezing student enrollment. The agency issued a “hazard alert,” putting the school on notice that it should continue to develop and update safety plans that address workplace violence.

Kwanita Reddick, a social worker at Gages Lake, was one of about a dozen district employees who spoke at a packed board meeting last week. They described distraught teachers and other employees

struggling to understand what to do in an emergency.

“Every second here feels like survival,” Reddick said. “We are in constant crisis and there is simply not adequate staffing.”

Reddick said students are “physically and verbally abusive.” Last year, records show, the school district documented 120 staff injuries at Gages Lake.

“For years before the incidents happened last spring, Gages teachers had been asking for help,” said veteran teacher Christine Berek, who said the administration overreacted to perceived abuse last spring instead of working with the employees.

A former aide at Gages Lake said in an interview that the school became a “free for all” this fall after the administration restricted the use of physical restraint without providing adequate training on alternatives and without hiring enough staff. He described the children as “lovable” but troubled.

In interviews, some workers at Gages Lake and other specialized schools in the state expressed the belief that their students needed to be physically restrained and secluded because they were not like typical children.

“You have to use force. If you can’t, you have just kids running through the hallway doing what they want to do. Who will stop them? (Staff) are all scared,” said the former Gages Lake aide. “These kids are not kids, these are animals. They are strong.”

Kevin Rubenstein, president of the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education, said there are lessons to learn from SEDOL as it works to limit the use of isolated timeout and restraint and take on the challenges that come with changing long-standing practices.

“Making a culture shift is really difficult even under good circumstances,” he said. “They are moving from a more punitive model to one that is more therapeutically focused. They are working really quickly to do that. ... There are some people who may push back really hard on that, who may not see eye to eye with you.”

Lisa Azzano, whose 16-year-old son attends a Gages Lake program for older children, said staff turnover means the boy has had three teachers already this year.

“That third teacher is only a substitute,” said Azzano, who lives in Beach Park. “My son — who never cries — about a month ago was crying. A staff member who knows my son asked why he was so upset. He said it’s all the changes. He doesn’t know what will happen tomorrow.”

‘They can’t explain why’

As the school works to move forward, the families at the center of the abuse allegations are still trying to understand the past.

The Gurnee boy didn’t return to Gages Lake after his parents saw the video of him being grabbed by his ankles, but district officials continue to call his mother. Each call means there is more video of her son for her to watch.

School officials won’t let the parents watch the video footage for longer than an hour at a time, she said, so they keep returning to the school, again and again.

“Getting those phone calls constantly to watch video of my son being treated this way ...” the mother began to say before starting to cry. She didn’t complete the sentence.

Before they saw the videos, the boy’s parents said they didn’t even realize the school had a seclusion space. When they went on a tour, they saw the classrooms, library and the principal’s office, which was

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stocked with toys for the children to play with.

Their son had been secluded at his previous elementary school, and the parents said they specifically sought assurance that wouldn’t happen at Gages Lake. “I said many times on the tour I don’t want him in a cement jail cell-type space,” the mom said.

When their son came home talking about going to the office for a “reset,” the parents thought that meant the principal’s office. It wasn’t until they saw the videos — and then asked for all records related to their son — that they learned he had been taken to the office 60 to 70 times in kindergarten and first grade. They say they have repeatedly asked to see the space, but school officials have refused.

“It happened so often that he must have thought, ‘When I throw my bag on the floor, they come pick you up and carry you to the room and they drop you in there,’” said the boy’s mother. “My son thinks that’s normal.”

State law requires schools to provide written notice to parents within 24 hours of any isolated timeout or physical restraint, and SEDOL policy says the parents are to be notified “as soon as possible.” But several Gages Lake parents said they did not receive these notices.

Donnan said that despite the school policy, “occasionally parents were not notified.” “I feel like I’m the worst mother in the world for sending my child to this school every day and he was in this room and I didn’t know it,” the Gurnee boy’s mother said.

He has since transferred to another school, but remains scarred from his time at Gages Lake, the family said.

“My son is terrified to be alone in his room, in a bathroom door stall with the door shut,” his mother said. “He wasn’t like that before.”

Staley’s parents, meanwhile, also have returned to the school to watch hours of footage of their son in the office. School district officials gave them a copy of one video, showing the April 30 incident that prompted the abuse investigation, and the family later shared it with reporters.

The parents said other videos show their son being physically abused but officials won’t give them copies. A DCFS spokesman said the agency has not reviewed any additional video involving Staley.

In some of the video footage, Sandy said, Staley was left unsupervised behind a locked door, with nobody watching from outside. “You just see the minutes roll and roll,” she said. “They can’t explain why my son was even in there.”

One video showed Staley in the office, calmly playing with a paper puppet, when staff moved him into the locked room, his mother said.

“You feel it in your heart. You see this little boy, sitting in a chair, waiting for his turn to go in the room,” Sandy said. “Then he gets put in a room for an hour with a locked door ... This child hasn’t done anything wrong. It is messed up.”

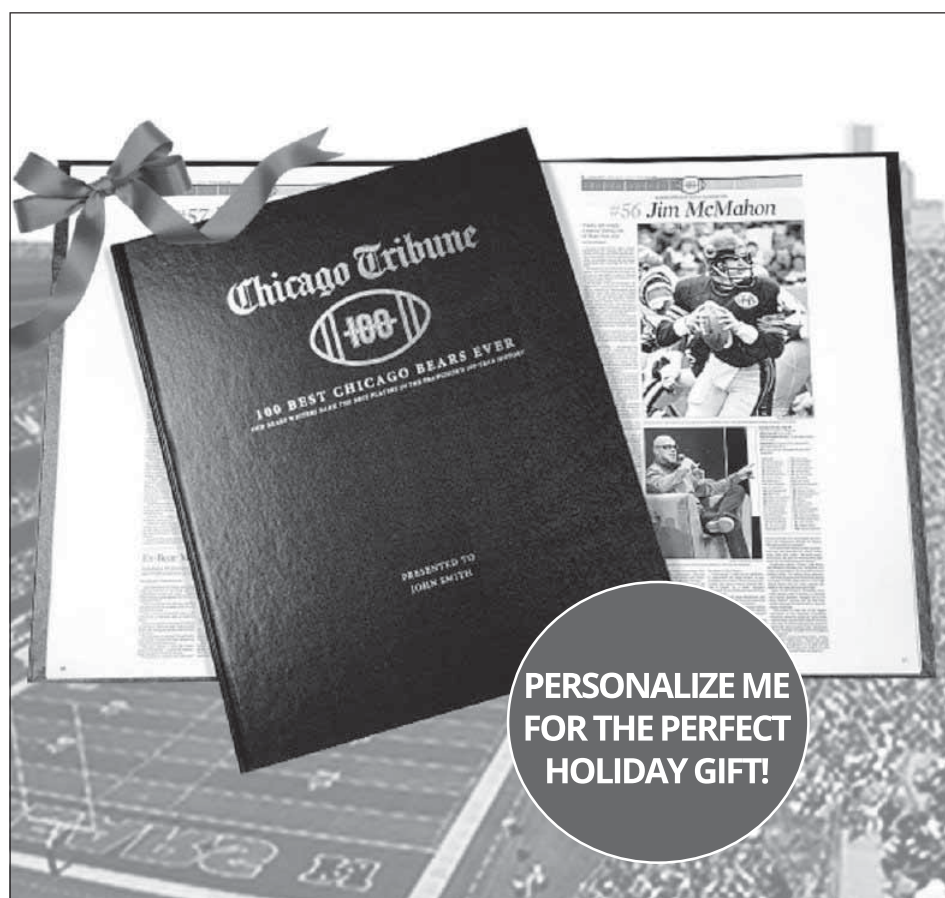
Sandy said she received three written notices documenting behavioral interventions during the nine weeks Staley attended Gages Lake last spring, two for isolated timeouts and one for physical restraint. Yet, when she later asked for Staley’s records, she learned he had been taken to the office more than 20 times. The family says it received no paperwork from the April 30 incident.

Staley is being home-schooled while his family looks for another placement for him. He doesn’t like to talk about his experiences at Gages Lake. His mother said that Staley, who is passionate about computers, sometimes says his “memory files got deleted.”

His mother keeps a folder of school documents and a journal of notes as she tries to determine what happened to him at the school. She still thinks about how he didn’t want to get on the school bus every morning and how he used to press his palm against the window as it drove away.

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19-year-old charged with murder in shooting of nurse in Little Village

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The November slaying of a nurse in the Little Village neighborhood was likely due to "some sort of mistaken identity" linked to a long-standing gang conflict in the area, Cook County prosecutors said Thursday as an alleged Latin King charged with the murder was held without bond.

Frank Aguilar, who had no gang ties, was walking to his family's home to do laundry late at night on Nov. 12 while still wearing his nurse's scrubs and carrying snacks for his nieces and nephews, authorities said.

As Agular walked along the 3700 block of West 32nd Street, a silver Jeep Commander passed him, made a three-point turn and began to follow him slowly, Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy said in court.

At that point, surveillance footage showed two bright muzzle flashes from the back passenger seat of the Jeep: gunshots that hit Aguilar in the back and the right flank, Murphy said.

Inside the Jeep was 19-year-old Armando Lopez, a reputed member of the Latin Kings who was out on bond on a gun charge, Murphy said. Identified by police as the driver in the drive-by shooting, Lopez was ordered held without bond by Judge David Navarro, who noted the "significant" circumstantial evidence that places him in the Jeep at the time of the shooting.

Security footage, cell phone records and witnesses place Lopez in the Jeep before and after the shooting, prosecutors said.

The suspected shooter has not yet been charged.

Aguiar's uncle, Joshua Alcazar, told reporters after the hearing that he was grateful that Lopez would remain in custody and hopeful that any remaining suspects would be brought to justice.



Elvira Alcazar holds pictures of her son, Frank Aguilar, during a vigil on Nov. 15.

"My family is still devastated from the incident," he said, then paused while appearing to fight back tears. "We're hurting, and we're still recovering"

At a news conference at police headquarters earlier Thursday, police Deputy Chief of Detectives Brendan Deenihan said detectives "feel very strongly" that they have identified the shooter and are working with the state's attorney's office to collect more evidence before pursuing further charges.

"The tragic murder of Frankie Aguilar rocked this community," said Capt. Gil Calderon, acting commander of the Ogden District, which includes Little Village. "Here was a man who was working hard to get ahead in life. Unfortunately, his promising life was cut short on Nov. 12 when gang violence robbed Chicago of another individual who had a promising future."

Calderon noted that this isn't the first time that community cooperation in Little Village has played a pivotal role in securing charges.

"Little Village is putting their faith over fear," Calderon said. "Violence in our city is not something that CPD can fix alone."

For decades, Little Village has been plagued by a continuing gang war between the Latin Kings and the Gangster Two-Six.

As the Tribune reported two years ago, each side has its own high school, its own Catholic church, its own McDonald's and La Chiquita grocery store. Police

estimate that hundreds have died in the long conflict.

The Jeep used in the shooting is registered to Lopez's brother-in-law, also a reputed member of the Latin Kings, according to Murphy.

Lopez was arrested just three days after the shooting for leading police on a high-speed chase in the same Jeep, Murphy noted.

Lopez, of the 2800 block of South Christiana Avenue, was originally charged with aggravated fleeing from police and ignoring two traffic control devices in a chase that began when police spotted the Jeep at about 11:50 p.m. on Nov. 15 in the 2300 block of South Sawyer Avenue, according to Chicago police.

That 15-mile chase with police ended when the SUV crashed into another vehicle in the 7500 block of South Perry Avenue in the West Chatham neighborhood. Lopez and another male inside the SUV were detained, but the other male was released without being charged, police said.

Lopez was charged in connection with the chase shortly afterward, but the murder charge he faces in Aguilar's killing did not come down until earlier this week.

After court Thursday, Aguilar's fiancée, Lindsey Owens, told reporters that Aguilar was a "light" in many lives, with ambitions to become an emergency room nurse and "help people on the front lines."

"I just want to ask for justice for Frank," she said. "For all the dreams he had that will never come true, for all the people he could have helped and for all of us who have had our world cracked open."

Chicago Tribune's Alice Yin contributed.

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UK exit poll hints at a Johnson win

Decisive victory to bring country closer to Brexit

By **DANICA KIRKA, MIKE CORDER AND JILL LAWLESS**
Associated Press

LONDON — An exit poll in Britain’s election projected Thursday that Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s Conservative Party would likely win a solid majority of seats in Parliament, a decisive outcome that should allow Johnson to fulfill his plan to take the U.K. out of the European Union next month.

The survey, released just after polls closed, predicted the Conservatives would get 368 of the 650 House of Commons seats and the Labour Party 191. That would be the biggest Tory majority for several decades, and a major setback for Labour.

Based on interviews with voters leaving 144 polling stations across the country, the poll is conducted for a consortium of U.K. broadcasters and is regarded as a reliable, though not exact, indicator of the likely result. The poll also projects 55 seats for the Scottish National Party and 13 for the Liberal Democrats.

Ballots are being counted, with official results expected early Friday.

A decisive Conservative win would vindicate Johnson’s decision to press for Thursday’s early election, which was held nearly two years ahead of schedule. He said that if the Conservatives won a majority, he would get Parliament to ratify his Brexit divorce deal and take the U.K. out of the



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An exit poll is projected Thursday outside the BBC building in London. Ballots are still being counted, with official results expected early Friday.

EU by the current Jan. 31 deadline.

That would fulfill the decision of British voters in 2016 to leave the EU. It would start a new phase of negotiations on future relations between Britain and the 27 remaining EU members.

Johnson did not mention the exit poll as he thanked voters in a tweet. “Thank you to everyone across our great country who voted, who volunteered, who stood as candidate,” he said. “We live in the greatest democracy in the world.”

Conservative Party chairman James Cleverly said he was cautious about the poll, but that if substantiated it would give the party “a big majority” that could be used to “get Brexit done.”

Many investors hope a

Conservative win would speed up the Brexit process and ease, at least in the short term, some of the uncertainty that has corroded business confidence since the 2016 vote.

A Labour drubbing would raise questions over the future of Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, who will have led his left-of-center party to two electoral defeats since 2017.

“Certainty this exit poll is a devastating blow,” said Labour trade spokesman Barry Gardiner. “It’s a deeply depressing result.”

Many voters casting ballots Thursday hoped the election might finally find a way out of the Brexit stalemate in this divided nation.

On a dank, gray day with outbreaks of blustery rain, voters went to polling sta-

tions in schools, community centers, pubs and town halls after a bad-tempered five-week campaign rife with mudslinging and misinformation.

Opinion polls had given the Conservatives a steady lead, but the result was considered hard to predict, because the issue of Brexit cuts across traditional party loyalties.

Three and a half years after the U.K. voted by 52%-48% to leave the EU, Britons remain split over whether to leave the 28-nation bloc, and lawmakers have proved incapable of agreeing on departure terms.

Johnson pushed for the early election — Britain’s first December vote since 1923 — to try to break the political logjam. He cam-

paigned relentlessly on a promise to “Get Brexit done” by getting Parliament to ratify his “oven-ready” divorce deal with the EU and take Britain out of the bloc as scheduled on Jan. 31.

The Conservatives focused much of their energy on trying to win in a “red wall” of working-class towns in central and northern England that have elected Labour lawmakers for decades but also voted strongly in 2016 to leave the EU. That effort got a boost when the Brexit Party led by Nigel Farage decided at the last minute not to contest 317 Conservative-held seats to avoid splitting the pro-Brexit vote.

Labour, which is largely but ambiguously pro-EU, faced competition for anti-Brexit voters from the cen-

trist Liberal Democrats, Scottish and Welsh nationalist parties, and the Greens.

On Brexit, the opposition party said it would negotiate a new divorce deal with the EU and then offer voters the choice of leaving the 28-nation bloc on those terms or remaining.

But on the whole Labour tried to focus the campaign away from Brexit and onto its radical domestic agenda, vowing to tax the rich, nationalize industries such as railroads and water companies and give everyone in the country free internet access. It campaigned heavily on the future of the National Health Service, a respected institution that has struggled to meet rising demand after nine years of austerity under Conservative-led governments.

NJ attack investigated as domestic terrorism

State AG says hatred fueled fatal shooting at Jewish market

By **DAVID PORTER AND MICHAEL R. SISAK**
Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — The two killers who stormed a kosher market in Jersey City were driven by hatred of Jews and law enforcement, New Jersey’s attorney general said Thursday, adding that the case is being investigated as domestic terrorism.

Attorney General Gurbir Grewal also disclosed that the man and woman had five guns, including an AR-15-style rifle and a shotgun that they were wielding when they burst into the store in an attack that left the scene littered with several hundred shell casings. They also had a pipe bomb in their van.

“The outcome would have been far, far worse” if not for the Jersey City police, Grewal said. Authorities noted that a Jewish school is next to the market, and a Catholic school is across the street.

The attackers killed three people in the store, in addi-

tion to a police officer at a cemetery about a mile away, before dying in an hours-long gunbattle with police Tuesday, authorities said.

“The evidence points toward acts of hate. I can confirm that we’re investigating this matter as potential acts of domestic terrorism fueled both by anti-Semitism and anti-law enforcement beliefs,” the attorney general said. He said social media posts, witness interviews and other evidence reflected the couple’s hatred of Jews and police.

Grewal noted that after killing three people in the store, the couple concentrated their fire on police.

Grewal said the attackers — David Anderson, 47, and Francine Graham, 50 — had expressed interest in a fringe religious group called the Black Hebrew Israelites, whose members often rail against Jews and whites. But he said there was no evidence that they were members, and added that the two were believed to have acted alone.

Not all sects of the movement spew hateful rhetoric, but many Black Hebrew Israelites subscribe to an extreme set of anti-Semitic beliefs. Those followers

view themselves as the true “chosen people” and believe that blacks, Latinos and Native Americans are the true descendants of the 12 Tribes of Israel, said Oren Segal, director of the Anti-Defamation League’s Center on Extremism.

“They view white people as agents of Satan,” Segal said. They believe “Jews are liars and false worshippers of God. They view blacks as the true Israelites, and not the impostor Jews.”

The pair brought their cache of weapons in a U-Haul van they drove from Bay View Cemetery, where they shot and killed Jersey City Detective Joseph Seals, according to the attorney general.

Anderson fired away with the AR-15-style rifle as he entered the store, while Graham brought a 12-gauge shotgun into the shop. They also had handguns with a homemade silencer and a device to catch shell casings. In all, they had five guns — four recovered in the store, one in the van — in what Grewal called a “tremendous amount of firepower.”

Serial numbers from two of the weapons showed that Graham purchased them in



SETH WENIG/AP

New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal said Thursday that authorities believe Tuesday’s shooting was “fueled both by anti-Semitism and anti-law enforcement beliefs.”

Ohio in 2018, the attorney general said.

The victims killed in the store were: Mindel Ferencz, 31, who with her husband owned the grocery; Moshe Deutsch, 24, a rabbinical student from Brooklyn who was shopping there; and store employee Douglas Miguel Rodriguez, 49. A fourth person in the store was shot and wounded but managed to escape, authorities said.

The bloodshed in the city of 270,000 people across the Hudson River from New York City spread fear through the Jewish community and weighed heavily on the minds of more

than 300 people who attended a vigil Wednesday night at a synagogue about a mile from where the shootings took place.

If confirmed as an anti-Semitic attack, Tuesday’s shooting would follow a pair of deadly attacks at U.S. synagogues within the past 14 months: one near San Diego that left one person dead in April, and one in October 2018 at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh that claimed 11 lives.

The Anti-Defamation League said this fall that the U.S. was on pace for a record number of anti-Semitic incidents this year.

Jonathan Greenblatt, the

ADL’s chief executive, said Wednesday that the Jersey City attack appeared to be “another incident in a long line of violent incidents targeting the Jewish community.”

Tuesday’s killings were reminiscent of a 2015 attack in Paris in which a gunman stormed a kosher supermarket and killed four people, all of them Jewish. As with that attack, which followed the massacre at Charlie Hebdo magazine, the shooting at Jersey City’s kosher market came after an earlier spasm of violence.

The Washington Post contributed.

Texas mother to judge weighing removal of life support: Girl is ‘sassy’

By **JAMIE STENGLE**
Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — The mother of a 10-month-old girl on life support testified Thursday that her daughter is “sassy” and enjoys cartoons, as a Texas judge considered whether a Fort Worth hospital can remove life-sustaining treatment because doctors say the infant’s condition will never improve.

The family of Tinslee Lewis is asking an appellate judge to issue an injunction

to ensure the Cook Children’s Medical Center doesn’t take her off life support.

Doctors at the Fort Worth hospital had planned to remove Tinslee from life support Nov. 10 after invoking the state’s “10-day rule,” which can be employed when a family disagrees with doctors who say life-sustaining treatment should be stopped. The law stipulates that if the hospital’s ethics committee agrees with doctors, treatment can be withdrawn after 10 days

if a new provider can’t be found to take the patient.

Hospital officials said they’ve reached out to more than 20 facilities to see if one would take Tinslee, but all agreed that further care is futile.

The hospital said Tinslee has a rare heart defect and suffers from chronic lung disease and severe chronic high blood pressure. She hasn’t come off a ventilator since going into respiratory arrest in early July and requires full respiratory and cardiac support, deep seda-

tion and to be medically paralyzed. The hospital said doctors believe she’s suffering.

But Trinity Lewis, Tinslee’s mother, testified Thursday that despite her daughter’s sedation, she has a sense of the girl’s likes and dislikes, describing her as “sassy.”

Tinslee enjoys the animated musical “Trolls” and cries when it ends, the mother said.

Dr. Jay Duncan, one of Tinslee’s physicians, described the girl’s conditions

and Cook Children’s efforts to treat her, which have included about seven surgeries. The cardiac intensive care doctor said that for the first five months of Tinslee’s life doctors had hope she might one day at least be able to go home.

But Duncan said there came a point when doctors determined they had run out of surgical and clinical options.

The girl is not likely to survive six more months, Duncan said.

Tarrant County Juvenile

Court Judge Alex Kim issued a temporary restraining order to stop the removal of life support Nov. 10. But Kim was removed from the case last week after the hospital filed a motion questioning his impartiality and saying he had bypassed case-assignment rules to designate himself as the presiding judge.

After his removal, Judge Sandee Bryan Marion of Texas’ Fourth Court of Appeals was assigned to hear the request for an injunction.



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A U.S. Chamber of Commerce official who has been briefed by both sides, says the U.S. and China are close to finalizing a Phase 1 trade agreement.

US and China near deal that would suspend planned tariffs

By PAUL WISEMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration and China are close to finalizing a modest trade agreement that would suspend tariffs that are set to kick in Sunday, de-escalating their 17-month trade war.

“We’re close to a deal,” said Myron Brilliant, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s head of international affairs, who has been briefed by both sides.

Brilliant said the administration has agreed to suspend Trump’s plans to impose tariffs on \$160 billion in Chinese imports Sunday and to reduce existing tariffs, though it wasn’t clear by how much.

In return, Beijing would buy more U.S. farm products, increase American companies’ access to the Chinese market and tighten protection for intellectual property rights.

The deal awaits final approval from President Donald Trump.

Trump took to Twitter early Thursday to declare: “Getting VERY close to a BIG DEAL with China.

They want it, and so do we!”

Earlier Thursday, a spokesman for China’s Ministry of Commerce, Gao Feng, had told reporters that “the economic and trade teams of both sides have maintained close communication.” He offered no additional details to release.

Beijing had threatened to retaliate if Trump proceeded with plans to raise tariffs on \$160 billion of Chinese imports on Sunday.

The two sides are negotiating a so-called Phase 1 agreement as part of the effort to resolve their sprawling trade dispute.

Still, the truce leaves unsettled the toughest and most complex issues that have divided the two sides.

The administration accuses Beijing of cheating in its drive to achieve global supremacy in such advanced technologies such as driverless cars and artificial intelligence.

The administration alleges — and independent analysts generally agree — that China steals technology, forces foreign compa-

nies to hand over trade secrets, unfairly subsidizes its own firms and throws up bureaucratic hurdles for foreign rivals.

Beijing rejects the accusations and contends that Washington is simply trying to suppress a rising competitor in international trade.

Since July 2018, the Trump administration has imposed import taxes on \$360 billion in Chinese products. Beijing has retaliated by taxing \$120 billion in U.S. exports, including soybeans and other farm products that are vital to many of Trump’s supporters in rural America.

On Sunday, the U.S. is scheduled to start taxing an additional \$160 billion in Chinese imports, a move that would extend the sanctions to just about everything China ships to the United States.

Repeated rounds of negotiations had failed to achieve even a preliminary agreement. The prolonged uncertainty over Trump’s trade policies has slowed U.S. business investment and likely held back economic growth.

Congress, White House deal puts off threat of shutdown

By MIKE DeBONIS
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Top congressional negotiators said Thursday they had reached a deal in principle to approve \$1.3 trillion in federal spending for 2020, likely averting a government shutdown next week.

The announcement, from House Appropriations Committee Chairman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., and Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., came after Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin visited Capitol Hill midday to review a final list of sticking points.

At issue are 12 annual spending bills that fund the day-to-day operations of federal agencies. The appropriations package fills in the long-overdue details of last summer’s budget and debt pact, which offered boosts to both the Pentagon and domestic agencies instead of the sharp across-the-board spending cuts required under a now-defunct 2011 budget agreement.

The tentative agreement sets the stage for a remarkable sequence of events next week in the House, with a presidential impeachment sandwiched between bipartisan deals on federal spending and North American trade. The House could vote on the spending bill as soon as Tuesday, with the Senate acting before the end of the week.

While key sticking points have been resolved, aides from both parties said negotiations would continue to resolve a number of minor issues before releasing the text of the agreement.

Lowey and Shelby declined to discuss details of the deal Thursday afternoon, but a key final obstacle was President Donald Trump’s border wall — the very issue that sparked a



ALEX WONG/GETTY
U.S. Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., leads budget negotiations as chair of the House Appropriations Committee.

record-long 35-day government shutdown a year ago.

While Trump loyalists pushed for firm funding and liberals pushed to eliminate it entirely, it was obvious to negotiators that essentially maintaining the status quo on border issues was the common denominator option, given the current balance of power in Washington. The same held for several Democratic-drafted provisions related to abortion that were also dropped.

The deal does bow to a White House demand that Trump retain authority so he can transfer money from Department of Homeland Security and Pentagon accounts to border barrier construction. That promises to ease the sting of seeing his \$8.6 billion border request cut way back.

A ruling from a federal judge in Texas late Tuesday presented a new wrinkle — placing an immediate nationwide injunction blocking Trump from using military construction accounts to fund the wall. The Trump administration said it would appeal the ruling.

Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus met with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., on Wednesday to reiterate their opposition to giving Trump any opening

to proceed with border barrier construction — whether through direct appropriations or through the transfer of funds from other agencies and projects.

“Our top concern is that the president doesn’t misappropriate funds to fund a wall and continue to fund ICE and CBP,” said Rep. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, D-Fla., referring to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Top officials left a midday meeting with Pelosi declaring that the deal was within reach. Mnuchin said a list of hundreds of conflicts had been narrowed to a “handful” of issues.

The emerging measure is also likely to serve as the vehicle to carry into law several provisions unrelated to agency money.

They probably will include a renewal of the Export-Import Bank’s charter, a reauthorization of government-backed terrorism risk insurance, a short-term extension of the federal flood insurance program and further delays of Obama-era health law taxes such as those on medical devices and high-cost health plans.

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House Dems pass bill to grab Medicare drug issue for 2020

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sharpening their 2020 election message, House Democrats on Thursday pushed through legislation that would empower Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices and offer new benefits for seniors.

The vote along party lines was 230-192.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s bill would cap Medicare recipients’ out-of-pocket costs for medicines at \$2,000 a year. It would use about \$360 billion of its projected 10-year savings from lower drug costs to establish Medicare coverage for dental care, hearing and vision, filling major gaps for seniors.

But the legislation has no chance of passing the Republican-controlled Senate, and the White House has issued a veto threat. Still, Democrats saw a victory in the message their bill sends to voters.

“I think that it is going to be too hot to handle for the Republicans,” said Pelosi, D-Calif.

She is claiming bragging rights because her bill would deliver on the promise that Donald Trump made as a candidate in 2016, when he said he would “negotiate like crazy” to lower prescription drug prices for Medicare recipients. It’s a pledge that Trump has backed away from as president.

For months, Pelosi’s office and the White House had talked privately about Medicare negotiations. But the sides went their own ways partly because administration officials concluded her approach could never win support among congressional Republicans.

Trump now favors a bipartisan compromise in the Senate that would limit drug price increases and cap what seniors pay out-of-pocket, but would not authorize Medicare negotiations.



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP
Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the message the Medicare bill sends “is going to be too hot to handle” for the GOP.

Negotiations are “the heart of the matter,” Pelosi insisted.

High prescription drug prices consistently register as the public’s top health care concern. But it’s unclear in a capital divided over Trump’s impeachment that any major legislation will pass before next year’s elections.

Pelosi’s bill “is a serious proposal, but everyone knows that the Senate isn’t going to go for it,” said John Rother, CEO of the National Coalition on Health.

“It is about legislating, but even more it’s about establishing a platform that Democrats can run on going into the next election cycle and lays the groundwork for legislative activity in 2021,” Rother said. His organization is an umbrella group that represents health care industry groups and consumers.

The pharmaceutical industry is strongly opposed to the bill. Among the groups backing it is AARP.

Medicare’s popular prescription drug benefit is delivered through private insurers. Republicans say the government has no business setting prices for medicines. They argue that the hit on the pharmaceutical industry’s bottom line will stifle innovation, discouraging investment in

the hunt for cures for Alzheimer’s and other intractable illnesses.

“Drugs that save lives will not be around,” said Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore. “Innovation goes on the rocks; lives will be lost.”

House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy of California accused Democrats of putting politics over solutions, “catering to their progressive base by opening the door to a government takeover of our prescription drug market.”

Republicans point to a major concern about the legislation: that it would result in fewer drugs coming to market. But there’s debate about the extent of the expected impact.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates about 3% to 10% fewer new drugs. The White House Council of Economic Advisers says it could be much higher, up to one-third of new medications.

The Senate bill the White House is backing steers clear of negotiations. It would cap seniors’ out-of-pocket costs, at \$3,100 a year, and require drugmakers to pay Medicare rebates if companies raise prices above inflation. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell hasn’t said if or when he’ll bring it to the floor.

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ahead to swift acquittal in a Senate trial.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi sounded confident Thursday that Democrats, who once tried to avoid a solely partisan effort, will have the votes to impeach the president without Republican support when the full House votes next week.

But she said it was up to individual lawmakers to weigh the evidence.

“The fact is we take an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States,” Pelosi told reporters. “No one is above the law; the president will be held accountable for his abuse of power and for his obstruction of Congress.”

The outcome poses potentially serious political consequences for both parties ahead of the 2020 elections, with Americans divided over whether the president conducted impeachable acts and if it



Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga., makes an argument Thursday.

should be up to Congress, or the voters, to decide whether he should remain in office.

The president has refused to participate in the proceedings, tweeting criticisms as he did Thursday from the sidelines, mocking the charges against him in the House’s nine-page reso-

lution as “impeachment light.”

But Pelosi said the president was wrong and the case against him is deeply grounded.

Democrats note that the investigations go back to special counsel Robert Mueller’s probe of the 2016 election that put Trump in

the White House.

And they say his dealings with Ukraine have benefited its aggressive neighbor Russia, not the U.S., and he must be prevented from “corrupting” U.S. elections again and cheating his way to a second term next year.

“It is urgent,” Pelosi said. The Judiciary Committee session drew out over two days, with both sides appealing to Americans’ sense of history — Democrats describing a sense of duty to stop what one called the president’s “constitutional crime spree” and Republicans decrying what one said was the “hot garbage” impeachment and what it means for the future of the country.

Trump, apparently watching the live proceedings on television, tweeted his disapproval of two Democratic women on the panel — Reps. Veronica Escobar and Sheila Jackson Lee, both of Texas. He called their comments about his actions inaccurate.

“Very sad,” Trump tweeted.

As lawmakers dug in for the second day at the stately hearing room in the Capitol, Chairman Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., immediately asked for a full reading of the two articles of impeachment against the president as TV cameras carried the live proceedings.

Then came a long day of fights over amendments, primarily by Republicans trying to stop the impeachment. They were being rejected by Democrats along party lines.

“The central issue of this impeachment is the corruption of our institutions that safeguard democracy by our president,” Nadler said. “We cannot tolerate a president subverting the fairness and integrity of our elections.”

The top Republican, Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia, called the proceedings a “farce” and said they should be halted until his side was provided a chance for its own hearing.

The request was denied, with the chairman saying the process was in line with

the impeachment hearings of Presidents Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton.

First up was an amendment from GOP Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, who tried to delete the first charge against Trump.

“This amendment strikes article one because article one ignores the truth,” he declared.

Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I., argued there was “overwhelming evidence” that the president with his lawyer Rudy Giuliani, in pushing Ukraine to investigate rival Biden, was engaged in an abuse of power “to corrupt American elections.”

Debate on that one amendment lasted for hours before it was defeated, 23-17, on a party-line vote.

Another amendment, from Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., sought to replace part of the article that says Trump “corruptly solicited” Ukraine to launch an investigation into Biden with his reference to Biden’s son Hunter Biden and the gas company in Ukraine where he served on the board.

Trump slams teen climate activist’s selection in Time as ‘ridiculous’

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump lashed out at 16-year-old climate activist Greta Thunberg on Thursday, a day after she was named by Time as its Person of the Year, calling her selection “ridiculous.”

The Swedish teenager has become a symbol of a growing movement of young climate activists after leading weekly school strikes in her country that inspired similar actions in about 100 cities worldwide. She has drawn large crowds with her fiery appearances at protests and conferences over the past year and a half.

In a Thursday morning tweet, Trump said, “Greta must work on her Anger Management problem, then go to a good old fashioned movie with a friend!”

He added: “Chill Greta, Chill!”

Thunberg responded by changing her Twitter profile bio to read: “A teenager working on her anger management problem. Currently chilling and watching a good old fashioned movie with a friend.”

She has been outspoken about her diagnosis with Asperger’s syndrome, an autism spectrum disorder associated with high intelligence and impaired social skills. “I have Aspergers and that means I’m sometimes a bit different from the norm,” she tweeted this year. “And — given the right circumstances — being different is a superpower.”

Former Secretary of State John Kerry, attending the U.N. climate talks in Madrid, said Trump’s comments were “the most disgraceful, bullying, unpresidential, almost cowardly thing to do.”

It’s not the first time

Trump has complained after not being recognized for his influence. In 2015, Trump attacked German Chancellor Angela Merkel for “ruining Germany” after she was named Person of the Year, when he was listed as a runner-up.

Trump is the second world leader to take aim at Thunberg this week. Her concern over the slayings of indigenous Brazilians in the Amazon drew a rebuke from Brazil’s president Tuesday.

“Greta said that the Indians died because they were defending the Amazon,” Jair Bolsonaro said. “It’s impressive that the press is giving space to a brat like that,” he added, using the Portuguese word “pirralha.”

Thunberg responded by changing her bio on Twitter, where she has over 3 million followers, to say “Pirralha.”

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Senate OKs measure declaring genocide in Armenian deaths

WASHINGTON — Mass killings of more than a million Armenians by Ottoman Turks a century ago were genocide, the Senate declared Thursday in a vote that prompted angry denunciations by Turkey and accusations that the U.S. was undermining its relations with a key NATO ally.

The actions were the latest by Congress to push President Donald Trump to take a harder line against Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry said the Senate vote “is a shameful example of the politicization of history.”

The Armenian resolution had been blocked three times at the request of the White House, but won unanimous approval on its fourth try. The House passed an identical resolution overwhelmingly in October. Turkey has lobbied for years against similar measures.

New Zealand recovers six bodies from volcanic island

WHAKATANE, New Zealand — New Zealand military specialists recovered six bodies from a small volcanic island Friday days after an eruption claimed at least eight other lives and left a toxic and volatile landscape.

The eight specialists wearing protective clothing and using breathing apparatus landed by helicopter and found six of the bodies thought to remain on White Island since the eruption Monday. The bodies were airlifted to a ship near the island off New Zealand’s eastern coast where scientists and other personnel monitored the operation. Scientists have warned that gases on the island are so toxic and corrosive that a single inhalation could be fatal.

Police said another operation would be made later to recover two bodies that couldn’t be found.

In Trump hotel lawsuit, court of appeals rehears arguments

RICHMOND, Va. — Appeals court judges appeared divided Thursday about whether to take the extraordinary step of dismissing a lawsuit accusing President Donald Trump of illegally profiting from foreign and state government visitors to his hotel in Washington.

A three-judge panel of the 4th Circuit ruled in July that the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia lack standing to pursue their claims.

The three judges on the panel who ruled in Trump’s favor were all nominated by Republican presidents. But on Thursday, in arguments before the full court, a mix of 15 judges nominated by Democrats and Republicans got into a spirited debate about whether the panel should have overturned a ruling allowing the lawsuit to move forward.



Musicians play near an improvised altar outside the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City during a pilgrimage Thursday honoring the Virgin of Guadalupe, who according to church tradition, appeared to indigenous peasant Juan Diego on Dec. 12, 1531.

Did marathon bomber get fair trial? Court weighs arguments

BOSTON — The Boston Marathon bomber’s lawyers urged a federal court to overturn their client’s death sentence, arguing Thursday that intense media coverage and signs of juror bias led to an unfair trial.

The three-judge panel didn’t render a decision after hearing from both sides for about an hour each.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev — who was convicted of all 30 charges against him stemming from the April 15, 2013, attack, including conspiracy and use of a weapon of mass destruction —

didn’t attend the hearing. Tsarnaev, now 26, is in a supermax prison in Colorado.

Tsarnaev’s lawyer Daniel Habib argued the trial should have been held in another city because of intense local media coverage and the emotional toll the attack had on the region.

The appellate judges focused most of their attention on questions surrounding two jurors who were allowed to remain on the case by Judge George O’Toole, even after defense lawyers uncovered social media posts suggesting

they harbored strong opinions.

In one instance, a juror published two dozen tweets after the bombings, including retweeting one after Tsarnaev’s arrest that read: “Congratulations to all of the law enforcement professionals who worked so hard and went through hell to bring in that piece of garbage.”

Another juror posted on Facebook as he was going through the jury selection process. His friends encouraged him to “play the part” in order to get on the jury and make sure Tsarnaev was convicted.

Plane that vanished en route to Antarctica found

SANTIAGO, Chile — Searchers combing Antarctic seas have recovered parts of a military transport plane and human remains belonging to some of the 38 people aboard who vanished en route to the frozen continent, Chilean officials said Thursday.

Air Force Gen. Arturo Merino said at a news conference that based on the condition of the remains, he believed it would be “practically impossible” that any survivors would be pulled from the water alive.

An international team of searchers continued the hunt, while officials on shore said they would use

DNA analysis to identify the crash victims.

Among the recovered items, searchers have found a landing wheel, spongelike material from the fuel tanks and part of the plane’s inside wall. Personal items include a backpack and a shoe, officials said.

Ex-Bolivian leader Morales given asylum in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES — Former Bolivian President Evo Morales has flown to Argentina, where the new center-left government said Thursday that it had granted him political asylum.

“I’ve come to Argentina to keep fighting for the most humble people,” Morales said on Twitter.

Morales will live in the capital with his two children, who arrived on Nov. 23. The former president fled Bolivia for Mexico last month after nationwide protests and a loss of support from the police and military, then traveled to Cuba for several days.

Morales was accompanied by at least four former high-ranking officials in his administration. He has been accused of sedition and terrorism by the administration of interim President Jeanine Anez, who took power amid unrest that has claimed at least 32 lives.

In Washington: Stephen Hahn, an oncologist and top official at MD Anderson Cancer Center, was confirmed Thursday as commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration. The Senate vote was 72-18.

The challenges awaiting Hahn, 59, include Trump administration efforts to allow the importation of some cheaper drugs from Canada, the regulation of food and other products containing CBD, and the continued sales of unapproved treatments by commercial stem cell clinics. He becomes the fourth chief of the agency this year.

Forty-nine Republicans and 23 Democrats voted for Hahn’s confirmation. Seventeen Democrats voted no, along with independent Sen. Angus King of Maine.



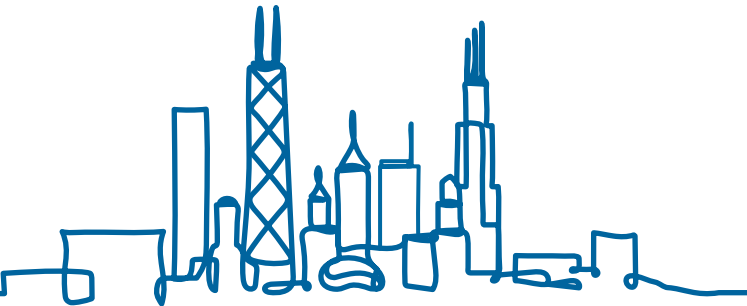
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Toys, flowers and flags adorn the gravestone of 5-year-old Andrew “AJ” Freund.

It took a village to let AJ Freund die

A reckoning over his tragic abuse must continue

Some heart-rending stories come with consoling platitudes to match. Maybe the victim didn’t suffer long. There was nothing anyone could have done. The death of 5-year-old AJ Freund never came with any such consolations, not even that his short life had at least offered him the comforts of a mother.



AJ

This is a disturbing case to consider, but consider it we must, precisely because it is painful. Last week, JoAnn Cunningham pleaded guilty to the first-degree murder of her little boy after months of lying about what happened to him, as prosecutors released new evidence about his ongoing abuse at her hands. After his body was found in a shallow grave in April, a story of missed signals quickly emerged. AJ could have been rescued from a living hell long before he was punished to death for hiding soiled underwear.

AJ’s torture took place in a house near downtown Crystal Lake, on the route where the Fourth of July parade passes by. The night he died, he was forced into a cold shower and beaten to death, police say, then placed in a plastic tote and buried by his father, Andrew Freund, who is also charged with murder.

For two years prior, AJ’s abuse hid in sickeningly plain sight. He was seen bruised in church and at the hardware store. Neighbors saw him trick-or-treating with clumps of hair missing, Vaseline smeared on his face and medical tape wrapped around his head and torso, according to prosecutors. One neighbor asked if he was dressed as a mummy. Cunningham said he had spilled boiling water on himself. She repeatedly took her son on errands to a credit union. One day, AJ arrived with black eyes and bruises. Mom told staff he fell down the stairs. Three weeks later, AJ was black and blue



Cunningham

again. Mom said he hit himself with power tools. Third time. Yet more bruising on AJ’s face. Mom didn’t bother to explain.

Was everyone fooled by manipulative mom and lawyer dad well after Cunningham had relapsed into heroin use? Did people turn away? Did they call the Department of Children and Family Services hotline to report abuse, only to see nothing done about it?

Cunningham had the experts fooled, too, and DCFS is reckoning with its own failures. The state has increased investment in technology, training and funding to lessen caseloads on overburdened investigators. DCFS favors leaving kids in homes, even troubled ones, if danger does not appear imminent, a posture that needs a new look.

As reporter Christy Gutowski has meticulously recounted in the Tribune, the system worked for AJ at the start of his troubled life. Born with heroin in his body, he was quickly placed into foster care with a relative who gave him a wonderful start in life. His parents quit drugs and passed years of random screenings. But once things went bad, they went really bad. “Workers seemed unable to take in the full family history and piece together the extent to which AJ was in peril,” Gutowski reported.

AJ himself knew. Police acquired a video of an earlier incident showing him being cursed and choked by Cunningham in the bathroom until he gasped for air. “I just don’t want a family,” he says.

It took a village to let AJ die. He was trotted around town visibly battered. Mandated reporters saw red flags. Yet he was sent home time after time to endure more. No system or society should sit easy with this.

Taxation tough love from Cook County Assessor

If property owners in north and northwest Cook County feel buyer’s remorse over the new county assessor, their grumbling is understandable. Fritz Kaegi, whom voters elected by an overwhelming margin last year, is doing what he said he would do: implementing a more honest assessment system. The reaction has been, “Ouch!”

Property tax assessments for those Cook County properties have been tabulated. The results show a necessary, albeit painful, correction to a broken system. Valuations for commercial, industrial and large apartment buildings climbed more than 74% total while home values climbed a little less than 16%, a Tribune analysis led by reporter Hal Dardick found. Business owners are grumbling big time.

“If these assessments stay and these tax rates stay, I’m out,” Evanston car dealership owner Richard Fisher said at a tax forum, adding “thousands” of small businesses would follow.

That’s the danger. Assigning property value in Cook County is a delicate balance. Business and residential properties are classified differently. And the reassessment numbers from Kaegi’s office reflect a shift away from a corrupted system that allowed clouded commercial property owners to hire politically connected law firms and get big reductions, which the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois documented in a 2017 series, “The Tax Divide.” The old system also favored wealthy homeowners over low-income homeowners who had fewer resources to reduce their assessments. Minority communities were hit hardest.

Property owners — next up for reassessing are south Cook County and the city of Chicago — should keep a few things in mind as they open those dreaded reassessment notices:

■ Take a breath. Property assessments don’t always reflect a corresponding increase in property tax bills. Property taxes take into account numerous factors — school district spending, surrounding property values and economic development. So an increase in a property’s

value doesn’t always mean a bigger tax bill. If Kaegi’s initial property values stand for the north and northwest suburbs, about 10% of the overall property tax burden would shift from homeowners to businesses.

■ Short-term pain should result in long-term gain. Kaegi’s nomination in the March 2018 Democratic primary swept out then-Assessor Joseph Berrios whose scandal-plagued administration blocked efforts at accountability and transparency. Over time, Kaegi’s system of assessing property should stabilize. His assessment process, for now, is in line with standard practices across the country.

■ Pensions are still a problem. Even under a more stable and accountable assessment system, property taxes will continue to increase until the pension beast gets tamed in Illinois. Paying for police and firefighter retirements, along with those of other municipal employees, is straining local governments and forcing cuts to other services. Until Gov. J.B. Pritzker and lawmakers in Springfield get serious about managing pension costs, local property taxes will continue to climb. We urge allowing voters to amend the pension clause of the Illinois Constitution, protecting benefits earned but allowing them to be scaled back going forward. The governor has said no.

Kaegi sought help from Springfield last year through legislation that would infuse more sunlight into the assessment process. He wants certain large commercial property owners to reveal to his office their rental income, which would allow him to assign a fairer value. The industry balked and Kaegi’s bill got buried. It is worth another look when the General Assembly reconvenes if fairness and accuracy in assessing is the goal.

For now, and for the next two reassessment cycles in Cook County, sticker shock will be the norm. Overhauling a system that for far too long placed a heavier property tax burden on low-income communities will take time and patience. Kaegi ran on a platform of transforming and equalizing taxation in Cook County. This is how that looks in practice.



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Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi speaks at a Market Analyst Day event Wednesday.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

I’m Jewish. Please wish me a Merry Christmas. ... Yes, as a proud American Jew, I hereby give permission to my Christian, and secular but Christmas-minded, friends to keep alive the robust, specific “Merry Christmas,” abjuring the weak, vague “Happy Holidays.” ...

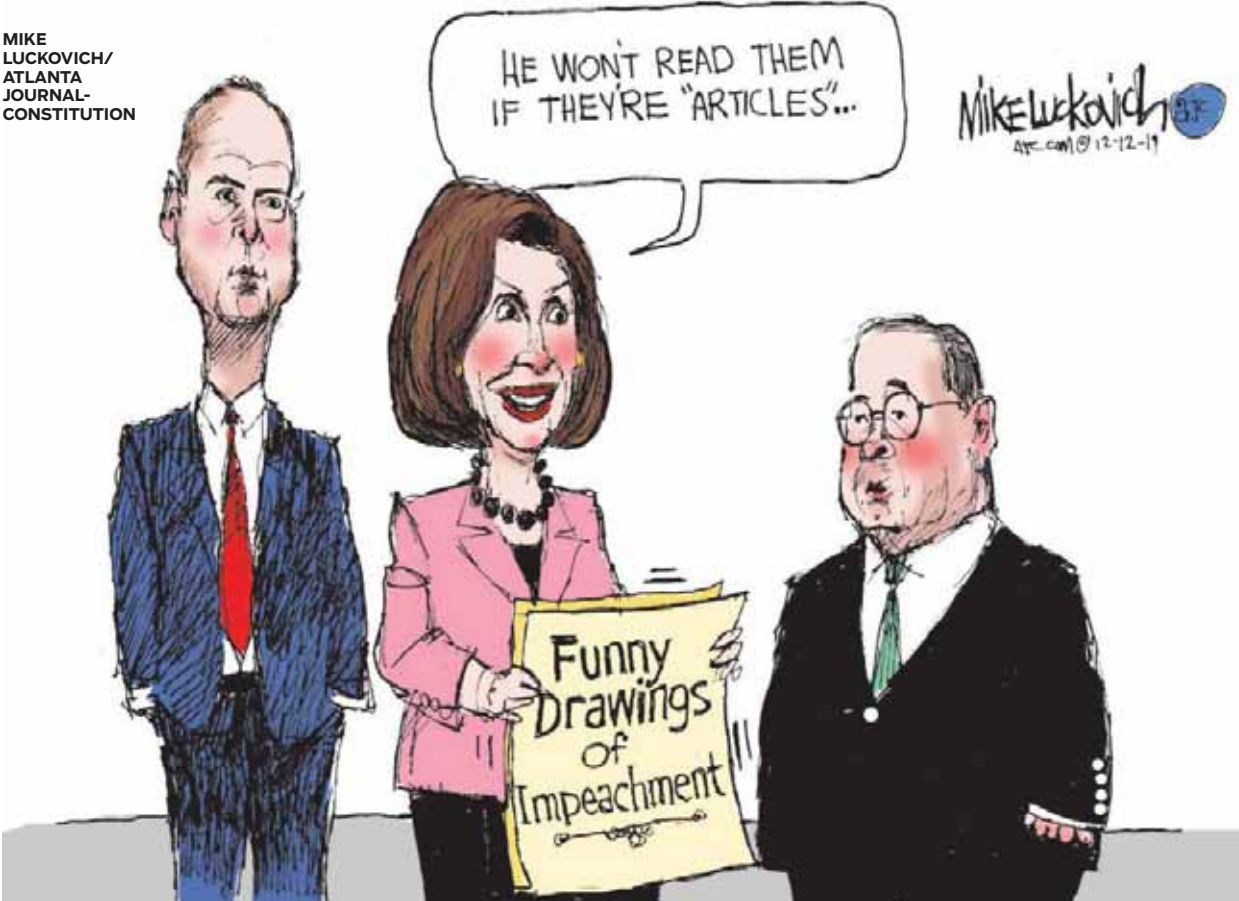
I welcome “Merry Christmas” because I am a Jew. As a member of a minority tribe, raising children to be proud bearers of a tradition foreign to most of their countrymen, I’m glad that we are reminded, from time to time, that we are surrounded by people unlike us: a mix of believing Christians and the secular Christian-ish, those whose cultural assumptions are influenced by Christianity.

Asking Christians to repress their benign cultural folkways does nothing to increase tolerance; if anything, it just encourages Jews to forget our own distinctiveness. Of course, many Jews are happy to forget their distinctiveness, but that’s no reason to conscript other groups in the project of blanching all cultural differences. Truly celebrating our country’s growing diversity should mean that all groups feel free to announce their uniqueness, to encounter the other with a strong sense of self. ...

It’s both culturally sensitive and joyful to have a culture in which we name our holidays, own them, share them. This practice requires good cheer, a minimum of self-righteousness and a high threshold for taking offense. Such a culture, one of both “Merry Christmas” and “Ramadan Mubarak,” is also one that exalts private intimacies over public show.

Mark Oppenheimer, The Wall Street Journal

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PERSPECTIVE

Lightfoot’s call for ComEd hearings sounds good, but ...

By DAVID GREISING

The runup to a new city franchise agreement with Commonwealth Edison was an obscure but important negotiation, and then along came Mayor Lori Lightfoot. With just a few words about ComEd’s suspicious lobbying activity, she cranked up the heat.

Lightfoot told WLS-AM 890 radio host Bill Cameron on Tuesday that she intends to hold a hearing about ComEd’s role in the growing federal public corruption investigation, with the fate of the utility’s franchise agreement hanging in the balance.

“We’re going to call them for some kind of hearing and make them answer some questions in the public about the broader framing of what they were doing, how they were using their shareholders’ dollars, and give us assurances that we can be comfortable doing business with them,” Lightfoot said, according to reports.

ComEd has billions on the line with that city contract, so Lightfoot’s comments surely got the utility’s attention. And a must-see hearing could educate the city government and Chicago residents and possibly do some good.

But it also could turn into a meaningless and even counterproductive circus.

For starters, the city’s Department of Fleet and Facility Management, which leads the negotiations, has no track record of conducting hearings along the lines of what Lightfoot described. Perhaps the City Council could step in, but that would bring its own problems.

To be successful in such a role, Chicago’s City Council would need to exercise a discipline not normally associated with the deliberative body based on the second floor of City Hall. A Lightfoot spokeswoman could not offer any details on how any hearings would play out, other than saying the mayor will seek good value from ComEd for city residents and businesses.

As a former federal prosecutor, Lightfoot must know that a public hearing, conducted in the midst of an ongoing federal investigation, may be the last thing U.S. Attorney John Lausch and his colleagues



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot said she plans to hold a hearing on ComEd.

in the Dirksen Federal Building need right now.

Lausch, his prosecutors and their helpers at the FBI and IRS are making strong progress on their own. Subpoenas and other disclosures so far show they have placed ComEd in the center of an apparent web of lobbyists, influence peddlers and alleged ghost payrollers, involving some people with direct ties to Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan.

The investigation is complex, its search for evidence apparently ongoing. It likely can conclude without the help of the city’s fleet management department, much less a pack of aldermen elected on the strength of their ability to fill potholes, expedite construction permits, referee fights over “dibs,” game the TIF system in favor of their wards or jockey for the front row in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Lightfoot’s comment raised the question of what ComEd may have done with shareholders’ dollars. Well, the Securities and Exchange Commission is on that case. And

while the SEC’s investigative track record is far from spotless — the agency has slept through some major corporate malfeasance — it at least has forensic accountants and securities law experts on staff.

To put it mildly, and with all due respect, the same cannot be said of the people who manage Chicago’s cars and trucks, or even the elected representatives of Chicago’s 50 wards.

If hearings do take place, getting anything useful from ComEd will present a significant challenge. We got a glimpse of the company’s reticence when Christopher Crane, CEO of ComEd parent Exelon Corp., took questions on a recent earnings call.

Facing a surge of curiosity about the federal probe, Crane offered zero information along the lines of what Lightfoot is looking for. The SEC investigation was underway, but not yet disclosed, and Crane did not mention even that. So much for transparent disclosure.

Lightfoot’s focus on ComEd sharehold-

ers is missing the point: If lobbying improprieties happened, it’s likely that ratepayers and Illinois voters were getting bilked — perhaps to the benefit of shareholders. The mayor would be well advised to keep that in mind as she pursues the most important objective Lightfoot mentioned for any ComEd hearings: to “give us assurances that we can be comfortable doing business with them,” she said.

That, in the end, is what really matters. The main work of exposing any malfeasance or wrongdoing is in other, able hands.

If crimes were committed, justice will be done. One person, former Exelon Utilities CEO Anne Pramaggiore, already has paid with her job. She reportedly is under federal investigation, so a further reckoning may yet come. The fate of various Madigan cronies and hangers on remains to be seen.

Any indictments or trial likely will expose more detail about ComEd’s behind-the-scenes maneuverings and alleged malfeasance than any city hearing might. If the hearings Lightfoot is recommending zero in on the task of setting new rules, and new standards of oversight, for the city’s dealings with the utility, they actually could accomplish something important.

Until now, discussions about a new franchise agreement, to replace the one negotiated in 1992 and updated in 1999, have drawn little notice. There has been the usual empty threat of a city takeover of ComEd’s electricity delivery business and meaningful demands for more infrastructure investment.

Lightfoot is right that the franchise negotiations can be much more than that, and ComEd’s need for a new deal can offer the city a point of tremendous leverage.

Whether hearings or quiet negotiations are the best way to get there remains to be seen. What matters in the end is that ComEd clean up its act. Now that Lightfoot has raised expectations, it’s up to her to get that result.

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Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, 16, was named Time magazine’s Person of the Year.

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By KAREN TUMULTY

Is there nothing too petty for this president?

Early Thursday morning, President Donald Trump took to Twitter (where his current follower count is 67.5 million) to attack a 16-year-old girl with Asperger’s syndrome and tell her to “work on her Anger Management problem.”

As always with Trump, when he accuses someone else of something, we get a window into what he himself is feeling. So it’s fair to ask: What did Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg do to make the projectionist-in-chief so hopping mad?

The answer: She was named Time magazine’s Person of the Year.

Time covers are something of a fixation for this president. Back when he was a reality TV star, he decorated the walls of at least five of his golf clubs with fake ones featuring his own face.

You might remember that it was just eight days ago that the White House erupted in howls of outrage when an academic testifying during the House Intelligence Committee’s impeachment hearings made a pun that involved the name of the president’s own adolescent son. First lady Melania Trump — who, as it happens, has also adopted anti-bullying as her cause — declared that Stanford law professor Pamela Karlan “should be ashamed of your

GRETA THUNBERG VS. DONALD TRUMP

very angry and obviously biased public pandering, and using a child to do it.” Karlan subsequently apologized.

No word yet as to how this latest setback to her #BeBest movement is going over with the enigmatic first lady. We may learn from her outerwear on her next public outing that, well, she really doesn’t care.

After all, this was not the first time Trump has mocked Thunberg for her demeanor. People with Asperger’s syndrome, sometimes described as a form of autism, often do not respond to social cues or express their emotions as others do.

When Thunberg was being acclaimed internationally in September for a passionate speech she gave about how her generation will feel the ravages of climate change, the president tweeted sarcastically: “She seems like a very happy young girl looking forward to a bright and wonderful future. So nice to see!” (At that same gathering, a United Nations climate summit in New York, Thunberg fixed a withering stare on Trump as he walked by.)

But the real question, as so often the case

where Trump is concerned, is why would the most powerful man in the world stoop to doing the things he does? One answer, at least judging by the reaction to his tweet on Thursday, is that his always loyal base applauds him when he indulges his basest impulses. “Haha,” one of his supporters responded. “Trump is awesome. You have to love his sense of humor.” And that may be the most depressing thing of all.

Trump’s son Donald Jr. was not wrong on Wednesday when he described Time’s Person of the Year franchise as a “marketing gimmick.” It started with the selection of aviator Charles Lindbergh as 1927 Man of the Year — rectifying the mistake the magazine’s editors had made by putting an old picture of King George V and Queen Mary on the cover the week that Lindbergh soloed the Atlantic Ocean.

I worked at Time for more than 15 years and got to see the annual selection process from the inside. It was not exactly scientific or even consistent.

Each year, there are months of discussions among editors and reporters about

who should get the nod for having most influenced the world, for better or worse, during the previous year. The magazine’s management will invite readers to weigh in on who they think it should be. (Which can result in the waging of some mysteriously orchestrated campaigns. In the late 1990s, when Time asked who should be named Person of the Century, 200,000 letters, emails and postcards came in on a single day with votes for Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of modern Turkey. Time picked Albert Einstein.)

In the end, at least when I was there, the call was usually made by one person: Time’s managing editor, whoever that happened to be. As much as anything else, the naming of a Person of the Year is meant to be a conversation starter.

In the age of Trump and Twitter, alas, that is a dangerous thing.

Shortly after Trump’s disgraceful tweet, Thunberg rewrote her Twitter bio. It now says: “A teenager working on her anger management problem. Currently chilling and watching a good old fashioned movie with a friend.”

Thank you, Greta. If only everyone were so mature.

The Washington Post

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Gloria Daily, left, and Nancy Temple, with daughter Patricia, and their father Robert Lindquist on March 26, 1960.

What the parole of Weger meant to my family

BY PATTI TEMPLE ROCKS

I am the granddaughter of Mildred Lindquist. I was the only grandchild born at the time of her death — of her murder — so I have always felt a connection to her and a responsibility to understand, or at least try to understand, her impact on our family — even through her 1960 death at Starved Rock State Park with two other women.

But more important and relevant than being Mildred's grandchild, is that I am the daughter of Nancy Lindquist Temple. Chester Weger, who confessed to the murders and served nearly six decades in prison before being paroled in November, has loomed large in our life even though none of us other than my grandfather have ever laid eyes on him.

He is the reason my brother and I grew up knowing that the worst thing we could ever do was cause our mother worry. For many years, though we didn't know why, we didn't talk much about our grandmother and certainly *never* about how she died.

Weger is the reason why I politely declined when my classmates were planning an "after prom" at Starved Rock.

Weger is the reason (though I didn't fully appreciate it until I became a mother myself) that my mother, at the age of just 23, had to navigate being a newlywed and a new mother without the guidance and advice of her own mother — something most of us take for granted and I was



Mildred Lindquist

Weger is the reason that I got to learn and value what my mother is all about. He is the reason I never take a day on earth with my mother for granted. He is the reason I have really come to understand what the word grace is all about and just how important faith is when dealing with tragedy. I have no doubt that it is this faith that helped my mother to first, simply *get through* this horrible tragedy in her life, but then to move on to live a truly exemplary life. I know my cousins would agree that my Aunt Gloria did the same.

But one thing that does make moving on more challenging for any victim's family is this thing called parole. In spite of the horrific crime Weger committed, for decades the victims' families got a regularly scheduled written reminder, courtesy of the Illinois parole board, of the

blessed to have.

Weger is also the reason that in our family an innate belief in the goodness of people in our world had to make room for the uneasy acceptance of the fact that there is some evil in that world too.

But I also have to acknowledge that Chester

worst day of their life.

When my grandfather was living, he would get the letters and "handle it." The notices of parole eligibility would then go to my mom — who had no desire to relive the crime and fight his parole — though certainly none of us believe he deserved it. Over time, she stopped opening the letters. But that letter, opened or not, served as a regular reminder of the presence on earth of this man, Chester Weger, who robbed us all of the mother/grandmother/friend who truly made the world a better place and should have been able to do so for another 40 years.

When Weger was ultimately given parole, my family found out about it through the media. I wanted to gently break the news to my mom and called her first thing in the morning.

Her reaction shouldn't have surprised me given the grace she has always shown. She simply said, "Now I can know that I will never have to read or hear his name again."

While I share my mother's relief that this regular "will he or won't he" parole game is now over, certainly none of us believes that he deserves his freedom. Nor does he deserve the chance to experience what he robbed from my grandmother and her dear friends and their families.

My mother did read his name one last time, and that was in a Tribune editorial, "The injustice when a life sentence doesn't mean life," and we are thankful for that.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

'Merit' system killed morale

Bravo to Mayor Lori Lightfoot and police interim Superintendent Charlie Beck for halting merit promotions in the Chicago Police Department. The so-called merit promotion system was a destroyer of morale for the officers who serve and protect Chicago. This was brought to light when the U.S. Department of Justice investigated the Chicago Police Department a few years back. Not one person in the command structure nor any person for that matter could ever define just what the "merit" was that allowed officers to be promoted over others, in some cases through three ranks, until they were in a position to make critical command decisions that affected an entire city.

If ever a profession badly needs its supervisors and command officers to be the best and the brightest, it's the people we trust to protect us and make good, sound decisions. When a patrol officer calls for a supervisor, it is critical that that responding supervisor knows the job he or she is entrusted with and can assist, armed with the knowledge that only a competitive test can determine — not somebody who is a friend of a friend, not someone who is politically connected, not someone who is the wife, girlfriend, husband, or favorite secretary or administrative aide.

Good riddance to a system that sounded so good but was rife with favoritism and politics at the expense of competence and professionalism.

— Bob Angone, retired Chicago police lieutenant, Miramar Beach, Florida

Meritorious officers were passed over

The editorial in the Dec. 12 Tribune was like *deja vu* ("Ending CPD merit promotions is fine — if it leads to a better police force"). We had an opportunity to visit with a decorated, retired black police officer last night at a Christmas party and to ask him about the Chicago Police Department ending merit promotions.

This officer was well-educated, had a long list of commendations, worked hard and long on behalf of the citizens of Chicago, generally followed his conscience in executing his duties, took and passed promotional exams and submitted his "package" when requested. The so-called package was essentially a resume of his accomplishments as a person and a police officer.

A number of years after submitting his information to be considered for promotional purposes, a new captain was appointed. After a short introductory period, the captain handed him the "package" he had submitted earlier, advising the officer that he found it in the previous captain's bottom drawer. It was never submitted for consideration.

This retired officer said that the merit system had a very deleterious effect on morale, as those in charge and the politicians took care of their own, while some of the more capable and qualified were passed over. CPD performance will improve as a result of this change.

— Jack Higgins, Oak Brook

Accessibility issues at Wrigley Field

I appreciate the Tribune writing on the challenges of people with disabilities being able to attend a ballgame at Wrigley Field ("Feds probe \$1B Wrigley renovation for accessibility," Dec. 7). But how about the everyday challenges of taking the CTA? With the amount of government money the CTA receives for projects, why is it not held accountable? I cannot use the CTA Blue Line station at Belmont and Kimball avenues because there is no elevator, after millions of dollars in "renovations." What gives, CTA? And this is not the only station that is not handicap-accessible.

As for the issues at Wrigley Field: Switch your loyalties to the White Sox, and you'll find the team and the stadium are much more accessible.

— Sean Adkins, Chicago

Elections free of interference

In his recent letter ("Let the voters decide Trump's fate," Dec. 10), Gary VanderBent writes: "Let the voters of this county decide his fate" to argue against the House impeachment articles accusing President Donald Trump of abusing his office and obstructing Congress.

VanderBent then asks: "What are the Democrats afraid of?" This is the wrong question. The right question must be: "What is Trump so afraid of that he needs to extort foreign governments to cheat to win the 2020 election?" Let's agree that our democracy is based on honest and fair elections free of Russian, Ukrainian, Chinese or any foreign intrigue.

— David Zavattero, Chicago

Impeachment articles are a retreat for Democrats

BY MARC A. THIESSEN

That's it? After three years during which Democrats accused President Donald Trump of a host of criminal acts — from bribery and extortion to campaign finance violations, obstruction of justice, conspiracy and even treason — they have finally introduced articles of impeachment that allege none of those things. Not only have they dropped the charge of bribery, the words that gripped Washington — "quid pro quo" — don't even appear in the document.

This is a major retreat by Democrats, who have effectively admitted the president did not commit any statutory crimes. Indeed, if these articles are approved, this will be the first presidential impeachment in history in which no statutory crimes are even alleged. In that alone, Trump can claim vindication.

Instead, Democrats settled on two noncriminal allegations: obstruction of Congress and abuse of power. Both charges are farcical.

Take obstruction. Democrats claim Trump engaged in "unprecedented" defiance of congressional subpoenas and "sought to arrogate to himself" the right to withhold documents and witnesses "as well as the unilateral prerogative to deny any and all information to the House of Representatives." Please. If anyone is "arrogating" "unilateral" power to themselves, it is House Democrats.

Democrats seem not to understand that the legislative and the executive are equal branches of government. They do not get the last word when a president invokes executive privilege. When a dispute arises between the two branches, the president has a right to appeal to the third equal branch of government — the judiciary. Trump did that, as is his constitutional right. If he appealed to the courts and lost

but still refused to cooperate, *then* Congress would have every right to charge him with obstruction of Congress.

But Democrats refused to wait for judicial review. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., actually said, "We cannot be at the mercy of the courts." Excuse me? And Democrats are accusing *Trump* of being "a threat to the Constitution"? Democrats are doing exactly what they accuse Trump of doing. As professor Jonathan Turley told Democrats on the Judiciary Committee, "We have three branches, not two. ... If you impeach a president, if you make a high crime and misdemeanor out of going to the courts, it is an abuse of power. It's *your* abuse of power."

Democrats are also completely wrong when they declare Trump's invocation of executive privilege "unprecedented." In 2011, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform subpoenaed then-Attorney General Eric Holder to provide documents and witnesses related to the botched gun-running operation "Fast and Furious." Holder refused to fully comply. When the committee threatened to hold him in contempt, President Barack Obama stepped in and invoked executive privilege. The administration argued that "compelled disclosure would be inconsistent with the separation of powers established in the Constitution."

Guess what? The same Democrats now seeking to impeach Trump for obstruction of Congress backed Obama's obstruction of Congress. Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., wrote, "The White House assertion is backed by decades of precedent that has recognized the need for the president and his senior advisers to receive candid advice and information from their top aides." Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said the effort to hold Holder in contempt for refusing to comply was "politically-motivated." Pelosi called it — wait for it —

worse than a "witch hunt." By the plain language of the Democrats' articles of impeachment, Obama committed an impeachable offense. And yet today, Holder — the man at the center of Obama's obstruction scheme — has the chutzpah to write that Attorney General William Barr is "unfit to lead the Justice Department." What a disgrace.

As for abuse of power, this will be the first presidential impeachment in history in which no violations of the law are even alleged. The justification for impeaching Trump without a statutory crime is that impeachment is a political, not legal, proceeding. Fair enough. Democrats held weeks of hearings to convince the American people that Trump's alleged abuse of power rises to the level of impeachment and removal. Instead, their slipshod inquiry convinced Americans of the opposite.

In October, before the hearings began, the Quinnipiac poll showed that a 48% to 46% plurality of Americans supported impeachment and removal; today, after the hearings, voters are opposed by a margin of 51% to 45%.

In key swing states, a Firehouse/Optimus poll found that impeachment and removal is now opposed by 51% of voters in Michigan, 52% in Pennsylvania and 58% in Wisconsin.

This is the definition of failure. Earlier this year, Pelosi said she was "not for impeachment" because "unless there's something so compelling and overwhelming and bipartisan, I don't think we should go down that path." She was right then. Democrats should have listened.

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BUSINESS

FCC votes to set up 988 suicide hotline

Federal regulators say the new number will work much as 911 does

BY MAE ANDERSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Federal regulators are setting up a new three-digit number to reach a suicide prevention hotline in order to make it easier to seek help and reduce the stigma associated with mental health.

Once it's implemented, people will just need to dial 988 to seek help, similar to calling 911 for emergencies or 311 for city services. Currently, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline uses a 10-digit number, 800-273-TALK (8255). Callers are routed to one of 163 crisis centers, where counsel-



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The next step is a comment period before the FCC moves to an order. Once implemented, people can just call 988 rather than 800-273-TALK.

ors answered 2.2 million calls last year.

A law last year required the Federal Communications Com-

mission to study assigning a three-digit number for suicide prevention. The FCC said in a report that there is overwhelming support for

a three-digit number because it would be easier for distressed people to get help.

Thursday's vote starts the monthslong process to make that happen. The next step is a comment period before the FCC moves to an order.

The government's action comes as suicide rates have increased across the country over the past two decades, and dramatically so — by more than 30% — in half of states, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There were 45,000 deaths in 2016. The report noted that from 1999 to 2016, suicide increased in every state except Nevada. It also noted that suicide rates are higher with at-risk populations, including veterans and the LGBTQ community.

“More than 20 veterans die by

suicide every day and more than half a million LGBTQ youth will attempt suicide this year alone,” FCC Chairman Ajit Pai said. “A shorter, simpler suicide hotline number could be a game-changer.”

In 2017, 1.4 million adults attempted suicide, while more than 47,000 others did kill themselves, making suicide the 10th-leading cause of death in the country, according to the CDC.

Suicide rates are typically lower in cities. In 2017, the suicide rate nationwide for the most rural counties — 20 per 100,000 people — was almost twice as high as the 11.1 rate for the most urban counties, according to the CDC.

The new, shorter number would likely lead to more calls,

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Darius Cephas, right, and Chris Ellis, left, motivate demonstrators protesting outside of what was then McDonald's headquarters in Oak Brook.

NLRB backs McDonald's

Fast-food giant absolved of responsibility for alleged violations committed by franchisees

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

In a huge win for McDonald's, the National Labor Relations Board on Thursday absolved the Chicago-based fast-food giant of responsibility for labor violations allegedly committed by its franchisees.

In a 2-1 ruling, the federal agency ordered an administrative law judge to approve settlement agreements between McDonald's franchisees and workers. The NLRB also ruled the settlements don't impose joint employer liability on McDonald's as a company.

The ruling comes after a yearslong legal battle over whether McDonald's holds enough control over its franchisees to be deemed a joint employer, in a closely watched

case because of the implication for other franchisors. If it were determined to be a joint employer, McDonald's could not only be held liable for infractions committed by franchisees, who run more than 90% of its restaurants, but also could be pressured to collectively bargain with employees.

The Fight for \$15, a union-backed movement pushing to organize fast-food workers, called the ruling “illegitimate” and said it would “forcefully appeal the decision.” The group pointed a finger at the two NLRB members who formed the majority opinion, Marvin Kaplan and William Emanuel, both Trump administration appointees.

“Trump Administration agencies, including the NLRB, are



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A police officer keeps watch April 3 over a labor demonstration outside McDonald's headquarters in Chicago's Fulton Market district.

making decisions in the interest of corporations like McDonald's and not the American people or the law,” it said in a statement.

McDonald's said it was pleased with the decision and “appreciate(s) the efforts of the

National Labor Relations Board and General Counsel (Peter) Robb to bring this multi-year litigation to an end.

“The settlement...allows our

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Ill. layoffs top 1K for 2nd month in a row

Sears, Kmart parent company let go nearly 200 in November

Chicago Tribune staff

Illinois companies notified 1,079 employees in November that their jobs were being eliminated, the second straight month that planned job cuts topped 1,000.

The parent company of Sears and Kmart, Transformco, reported the largest layoff to the state, of 195 workers. The company, which confirmed a large number of layoffs to the Tribune last month, said job cuts at the Hoffman Estates headquarters and field offices reflected the smaller store organization. The layoffs at Sears are scheduled to begin Jan. 12 and be completed by Jan. 25, according to the filing with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

The Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act requires businesses with 75 or more employees to provide the state with 60 days advance notice of pending plant closures or mass layoffs.

Layoffs reported to the state have fluctuated greatly during the past six months, from 459 job losses in July to more than 3,500 in August. In October, 1,477 workers received layoff notices.

Pheasant Run Resort reported plans to lay off 149 employees, beginning Jan. 12, as part of a restructuring of the St. Charles venue. Also reporting more than 100 layoffs in November were Castwell Products, Skokie, 149 workers; and Courier Distribution Systems, Chicago, 118 workers.



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The Sears campus is seen Oct. 12, 2018, in Hoffman Estates.

UAW ratifies Fiat Chrysler contract

Deal will include \$55 million for Belvidere Jeep Cherokee plant

BY TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — Unionized workers at Fiat Chrysler have voted overwhelmingly to approve a new four-year contract with the company.

The ratification means the United Auto Workers union has settled with all three Detroit automakers. General Motors workers ratified an agreement in October after a 40-day strike, while Ford workers settled in November.

About 71% of Fiat Chrysler workers voted in favor of the deal, the UAW said Wednesday. The union has about 47,000 members at Fiat Chrysler.

The deal includes a \$9,000

bonus per worker upon ratification. The company also has promised \$4.5 billion worth of new investments in U.S. factories.

The union reached a tentative agreement with Fiat Chrysler on Nov. 30. The new contract also offers a mix of lump sums and pay raises for longtime workers, full top wages for new hires within four years and a path for temporary employees to become full-time after three years of work.

The Fiat Chrysler contract also adds 12.5% to the union workers' profit-sharing formula, giving them \$900 per 1% of profit margin generated North American. That's up from \$800, and a \$12,000 cap was lifted. The UAW says the deal creates more than 7,900 jobs, including another \$4.5 billion investment previously announced at two factories in Detroit.

In a summary of the contract, the union said FCA agreed to

extend a moratorium on outsourcing of jobs and will maintain its U.S. manufacturing presence through the life of the contract.

Also included is an agreement to build fresh models off the Jeep Cherokee SUV underpinnings and invest \$55 million into the Belvidere, Illinois, assembly plant, where the Cherokee is built.

At the Toledo, Ohio, North Assembly plant, which builds the Jeep Wrangler SUV, the company will invest \$160 million and hire 100 more people to build a plug-in hybrid version of the Wrangler. The Toledo South plant gets \$120 million to keep building the Jeep Gladiator pickup.

At an assembly plant in Sterling Heights, Michigan, Fiat Chrysler will invest \$210 million to keep building light-duty Ram pickup and new high-performance version of the truck.

Another truck plant in Warren,



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Workers build Jeep Patriot and Compass SUVs at Fiat Chrysler's Belvidere Assembly Plant on Feb. 2, 2012.

Michigan, will get \$2.8 billion including engineering and development expenses to keep building the Ram pickup and a new three-row SUV called the Wagoneer and Grand Wagoneer. A plug-in hybrid version of the SUV is coming in 2021.

The ratification comes as the

International UAW is being rocked by a bribery and embezzlement scandal that began at the jointly run Fiat Chrysler-UAW training center. Two former vice presidents who negotiated with FCA are alleged by federal officials to have taken bribes to influence contract negotiations.

Chicago among top 5 for organized retail crime

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Seeing empty shelves at the store? It could be the holiday rush — or theft. Chicago is one of the U.S. cities most affected by organized retail theft, according to a report from the National Retail Federation. Chicago ranked fourth among U.S. cities hardest hit by organized theft in 2019, behind Los Angeles, New York and Houston, the retail trade group said Thursday. The results were included in an annual survey that asked retailers to name the cities where their stores and distribution centers were most affected by organized retail crime.

Among 63 companies surveyed, 31% picked Chicago. That's up slightly from 2017, when Chicago ranked 6th, but down from 2016, when more than half of retailers surveyed said Chi-

cago was one of their hardest-hit cities, said Craig Shearman, the trade group's vice president for government affairs. Big cities generally top the list. Almost every company surveyed — 97% — said they had been a victim of organized retail crime in the past year. Retailers aren't talking about customers stuffing a candy bar in their pockets without paying, but much larger thefts by organized groups. Some of that crime happens before merchandise even makes it to a store shelf, the trade group said. Among retailers surveyed, 73% said they had been victims of cargo theft, most often while merchandise was being moved from a distribution center to a store. High-end goods like designer clothes and handbags



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
A few expensive purses are all that are left on a shelf following an overnight smash and grab at the Louis Vuitton store on North Michigan Ave on April 24, 2017.

were among the most commonly targeted items, but so were everyday items like infant formula, razors, laundry detergent and teeth whitening strips, the survey said. On average, companies reported losing \$703,320 per billion dollars in sales

due to organized crime, down slightly from \$777,877 last year. Still, most retailers surveyed said they had seen an increase in organized retail crime activity. Companies are investing in technology that can help tackle theft, like systems that can raise red flags about

customers with suspicious return patterns, more advanced in-store camera systems and radio-frequency identification, or RFID, tags that can help track items, said Robert Moraca, vice president for loss prevention at the federation. Since 2014, the percent-

age of inventory lost to issues like theft and fraud has averaged around 1.4%, according to a separate annual survey from the trade group and a University of Florida professor. “We think we’re holding the line, which is a good thing,” Moraca said. But those losses still add up, he said. In recent years, several states have raised the threshold for the value of stolen goods that’s considered a felony, which Moraca said lowers the risks associated with retail theft. A bill introduced in the Illinois House of Representatives earlier this year would have increased the limit for what constitutes felony theft to \$2,000 from less than \$1,000, but no action was taken.

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Vista Tower developer sells 50% stake in firm, eyes national growth

BY RYAN ORI

Magellan Development Group sold a 50% stake in the company to two new partners, a deal that comes as the Chicago-based firm nears the finish line on what will become the city's third-tallest skyscraper, Vista Tower. The company on Wednesday announced that Chicago private markets investment firm BLG Capital Advisors and New York-based Winter Properties, a real estate investment business of Standard Industries, purchased half the company. Terms of the deal were not disclosed. The goal is for the firm to become a large national player in development, management and investment.

“It provides us with the next step in our succession plan, and they’ll provide capital for growth, market data and development deals in other cities that we don’t have access to,” said David Carlins, who becomes CEO, from president. Carlins, the son of Magellan’s co-founder, will run the company along with principal J.R. Berger. Magellan’s founders and previous co-CEOs, Joel Carlins and Jim Loewenberg, will become chairmen emeritus and will serve as



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Vista Tower under construction Aug. 27. The tower will soon become Chicago's third-tallest skyscraper.

advisers to the company they founded in 1996. The approximately 50-person headquarters will continue with little other change, David Carlins said. The company has more than 130 total employees. BLG has invested in previous Magellan developments, including the 34-story Exhibit on Superior apartment tower 165 W. Superior St. and a development under construction in Austin, Texas. Magellan also has on-

going or recently completed developments in Minneapolis; Miami; Nashville, Tennessee; and Somerville, Massachusetts. Magellan’s other projects in Chicago include a planned 47-story hotel and apartment tower it is developing with Sterling Bay at 300 N. Michigan Ave. But Magellan is best known for the 28-acre Lakeshore East development near Millennium Park, where the 101-story Vista Tower is set to become

the 12th of a planned 16 total high-rises. The 1,191-foot-tall tower, developed with China’s Dalian Wanda Group, will be Chicago’s third-tallest when it opens in July or August. “We’re nearing the end of Lakeshore East, I’m in my mid-50s, and they’re in their mid-80s,” David Carlins said of his dad and Loewenberg. “It was just the right time.” rori@chicagotribune.com Twitter @Ryan_Ori

Southwest Airlines says it will give workers \$125M from Boeing 737 Max settlement

Associated Press

DALLAS — Southwest Airlines will share about \$125 million from a Boeing settlement with its workers. The Dallas carrier has been among the hardest hit by the grounding of Boeing’s Max 737 airplanes in March after a pair of deadly

crashes. Without the planes, Southwest has said that it will cancel about 175 flights each weekday. Southwest had 34 Max planes when they were grounded and had expected more to be delivered this year. Earlier this month, the airline pushed back the return date for the troubled

aircraft. The planes will not be included on flight schedules until at least March 6, a month longer than previously planned, citing continued uncertainty. The airline said Thursday that the money given to employees will be funded as part of its annual 2019 profit sharing distribution next year. Southwest work-

ers will also find out next year more details on the percentage of money they will receive. The settlement details with Boeing are confidential. Southwest is in ongoing talks with Chicago-based Boeing about compensation for damages related to the Max groundings.

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franchisees and their employees to move forward, and resolves all matters without any admission of wrongdoing,” the company said in a statement. “Additionally, current and former franchisee employees involved in the proceedings can now receive long overdue satisfaction of their claims.” The case dates to 2012, when McDonald’s workers in multiple cities filed charges with the NLRB

claiming they were threatened and retaliated against for protesting and striking for higher wages. The federal agency in 2014, under the Obama administration, filed complaints alleging multiple labor law violations and named McDonald’s a joint employer. The courtroom battle that followed often centered on whether McDonald’s exerted enough control over franchisees to be considered such. In January 2018, the new general counsel of the NLRB, Peter Robb, a Trump appointee, was granted a stay in the case to negotiate

settlement terms. A few months later, Judge Lauren Esposito rejected the proposed settlements by the franchisees, saying they were unlikely to end the litigation and it was not “a reasonable resolution based on the nature and scope of the violations alleged and the settlements’ limited remedial impact.” Plus, she said, it didn’t require McDonald’s to enforce the settlement. McDonald’s appealed Esposito’s ruling. In its ruling Thursday, the NLRB vacated the judge’s order and instructed Esposito to ap-

prove the settlement, which will require McDonald’s franchisees to pay \$171,636 to the affected workers. The franchisees must also notify current and former employees about the settlement and set up a \$250,000 fund to handle future claims. “We believe these settlement agreements are likely to conclusively end this litigation,” the NLRB wrote in the decision. In addition, settlement agreements serve “the Board’s longstanding policy encouraging the amicable resolution of disputes,” it said.

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Hotline

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which in turn would mean more expenses for crisis centers already struggling to keep up. If the number of calls to the hotline doubled, centers would need an extra \$50 million a year to handle the increase, the FCC said,

citing the federal agency that funds the hotline, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The FCC determined that it would be better to have a new number that’s only for the hotline, rather than one that’s currently used for other purposes, such as 911. Advocates say that having a dedicated

number, along with a message that mental health is of equivalent importance as medical emergencies, could help reduce the stigma of calling the number. “The three-digit number is really going to be a breakthrough in terms of reaching people in a crisis,” said Dwight Holton, CEO of Lines for Life, a suicide prevention nonprofit. “No

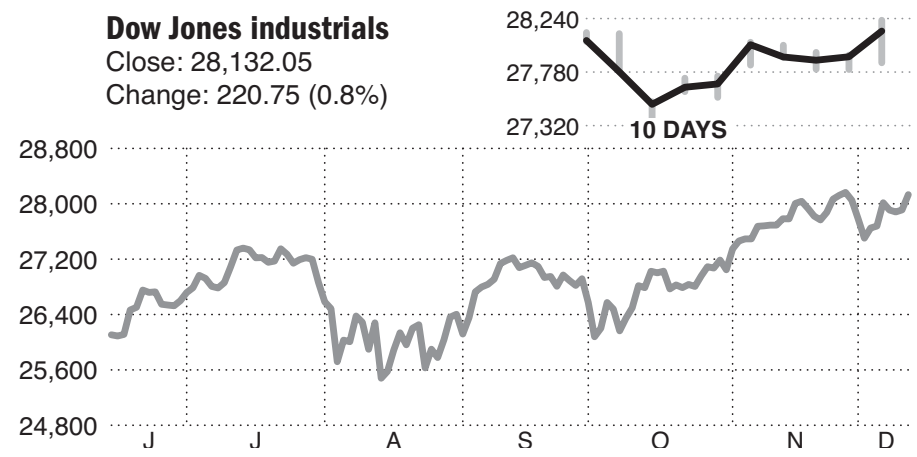
one is embarrassed to call 911 for a fire or an emergency. No one should be embarrassed to call 988 for a mental health emergency.” While the increase in calls might cost more, he said, it saves money in the long run because more people will be calling 988 instead of 911, which involves sending first responders and costs thousands of dol-

lars. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which is part of the Department of Health and Human Services, said people making calls because of suicidal thoughts can often be helped just by talking them through it. Holton added that having first responders present

doesn’t always help people in crisis because they aren’t necessarily trained to deal with mental health issues. Although 988 won’t be available by text, there are other texting services available. Lines for Life offers a text service at 273TALK to 839863. Kaiser Health News contributed.

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+63.27 (+.73%)	+26.94 (+.86%)	+12.88 (+.79%)
Close 8,717.32	Close 3,168.57	Close 1,644.81
High 8,745.82	High 3,176.28	High 1,654.07
Low 8,633.60	Low 3,138.47	Low 1,629.86
Previous 8,654.05	Previous 3,141.63	Previous 1,631.93
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+.11 to 1.90%	-2.70 to \$1,466.70	+.83 to 109.34/\$1
		Euro
		+.0022 to .8999/\$1
		Crude Oil
		+.42 to \$59.18

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change	30-day % change	1-year % change
DOW +1.64 	DOW +1.26 	DOW +14.37
NASD +1.71 	NASD +2.81 	NASD +23.29
S&P +1.64 	S&P +2.32 	S&P +19.54

FUTURES	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	529.75	544	528.75	539.25	+8.50
		Mar 20	518	534.25	516.25	530.25	+11
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	358.25	368.75	358.25	367	+9.25
		Mar 20	371.50	380.25	371.25	377.75	+6.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 20	893	901.75	888.25	898.25	+4.75
		Mar 20	907.50	916	902.50	912.50	+4.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 19	31.64	32.03	31.64	32.03	+.80
		Jan 20	31.44	32.28	31.42	32.23	+.79
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 19	294.20	294.20	292.60	292.60	-.70
		Jan 20	295.00	297.70	293.10	294.20	-.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 20	58.88	59.72	58.75	59.18	+.42
		Feb 20	58.77	59.61	58.67	59.06	+.41
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 20	2.248	2.348	2.244	2.328	+.085
		Feb 20	2.247	2.341	2.244	2.320	+.077
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 20	1.6300	1.6532	1.6239	1.6283	+.0022
		Feb 20	1.6370	1.6586	1.6307	1.6350	+.0028

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	85.97	+1.06	Envestnet Inc	N	71.50	-.35	McDonalds Corp	N	196.31	+1.59
AbbVie Inc	N	88.73	+2.03	Equity Commonwlt	N	31.29	-.53	Middleby Corp	O	109.66	+.19
Allstate Corp	N	110.35	+1.76	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	69.93	-1.21	Mondelez Intl	O	52.98	-.95
Aptargroup Inc	N	114.18	+1.61	Equity Residential	N	81.78	-.90	Morningstar Inc	O	149.72	-.198
Arch Dan Mid	N	44.91	+1.68	Exelon Corp	O	44.10	-.10	Motorola Solutions	N	161.97	+.83
Baxter Intl	N	83.51	+1.50	First Indl RT	N	40.85	-.55	NiSource Inc	N	26.67	-.22
Boeing Co	N	346.29	-3.71	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	65.52	+1.36	Nthn Trust Cp	O	109.88	+2.28
Brunswick Corp	N	60.84	+1.56	Gallagher AJ	N	94.62	+1.18	Old Republic	N	22.68	+.41
CBOE Global Markets	N	115.42	-.28	Grainger WW	N	338.80	+9.28	Packaging Corp Am	N	112.18	+.62
CDK Global Inc	O	54.57	+1.02	GrubHub Inc	N	42.58	+2.37	Payload Hldg	O	114.99	-5.27
CDW Corp	O	136.80	+1.14	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	109.97	+1.55	RLI Corp	N	92.34	-.37
CF Industries	N	45.40	+.84	IAA Inc	N	45.94	+1.29	Stericycle Inc	O	65.75	+.14
CME Group	O	203.14	-1.57	IDEX Corp	N	166.86	+2.89	TransUnion	N	84.52	-.03
CNA Financial	N	44.35	+1.51	ITW	N	179.10	+2.23	US Foods Holding	N	40.10	-.16
Cabot Microelect	O	136.55	+4.30	Ingredion Inc	N	89.65	+1.85	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	258.87	+7.23
Caterpillar Inc	N	146.78	+2.78	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	171.27	+2.68	United Airlines Hldg	O	88.47	+.145
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.23	-.40	Kemper Corp	N	75.67	+1.35	Ventas Inc	N	55.15	-1.20
Deere Co	N	173.82	+4.12	Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.94	+.34	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	58.58	+.57
Discover Fin Svcs	N	86.38	+2.15	LKQ Corporation	O	36.01	+1.24	Waltrust Financial	O	69.16	+2.06
Dover Corp	N	114.48	+1.31	Littelfuse Inc	O	188.48	+2.35	Zebra Tech	O	258.28	+1.46

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE			Based on market capitalization			Based on total assets			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.	FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
Gen Electric	11.44	+.47	AT&T Inc	38.35	+.18	American Funds AMCPA m	34.20	+.27	+17.2
Danaher Corp	151.30	+1.63	Alibaba Group Hldg	204.50	-.14	American Funds AmrnBAlA m	28.83	+.12	+14.2
Chesapck Energy	.78	+.04	Alphabet Inc C	1350.27	+.25	American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	51.54	+.41	+18.2
Bank of America	34.68	+1.04	Alphabet Inc A	1348.49	+4.24	American Funds CptIncBldrA m	63.46	+.26	+13.0
Ford Motor	9.32	+.21	Amazon.com Inc	1760.33	+11.61	American Funds FdmTlnvnsA m	64.08	+.60	+18.9
Freeport McMoRan	13.06	+.22	Apple Inc	271.46	+.69	American Funds GrfAmrCA m	53.39	+.33	+18.5
PG&E Corp	11.72	-.42	Bank of America	34.68	+1.04	American Funds InvCAmrCA m	23.66	+.12	+14.4
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.60	+.15	Berkshire Hath B	225.92	+3.35	American Funds InvCAmrCA m	40.61	+.31	+15.7
Energy Transfer L.P.	12.64	+.48	Exxon Mobil Corp	70.34	-.51	American Funds NwPrspctvA m	47.74	+.36	+21.7
EnCana Corp	4.20	+.19	Facebook Inc	196.75	-5.51	American Funds WAMTlnvSA m	49.04	+.42	+17.9
Shwstn Energy	2.12	+.11	HSBC Holdings prA	26.17	...	Dodge & Cox Inc	14.15	-.05	+9.9
Ciena Corporation	42.62	+7.21	JPMorgan Chase	138.02	+3.84	Dodge & Cox IntlStk	44.19	+.54	+15.6
AT&T Inc	38.35	+.18	Uber Technologies	28.69	+.27	Dodge & Cox Stk	203.02	+3.66	+16.3
Uber Technologies	28.69	+.27	Nokia Corp	3.57	+.10	DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.66	-.03	+6.7
Nokia Corp	3.57	+.10	MasterCard Inc	292.21	+2.16	Fidelity 500IdvnsPrrm	110.53	+.95	+22.0
Alibaba Group Hldg	204.50	-.14	Microsoft Corp	153.24	+1.54	Fidelity Contrafund	13.81	+.08	+20.4
Vale SA	12.91	+.33	Procter & Gamble	124.57	-.09	Fidelity InvMGrdeBd	11.56	-.05	+10.5
Macy's Inc	15.71	+.39	Taiwan Semicon	58.61	+.21	Fidelity TlMktIdvnsPrrm	90.17	+.75	+21.2
Denbury Res	1.24	+.14	Visa Inc	182.64	+.63	Fidelity USBldvnsPrrm	11.91	-.06	+9.6
Wells Fargo & Co	54.36	+1.19	WalMart Strs	119.76	+.76	Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.31	+.01	+10.7
Twitter Inc	30.30	-.25				Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	10.92	-.05	+10.0
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.68	+.09				PIMCO Inc2	12.01	...	+7.7
Brst Myr Sqb	63.94	+1.53				PIMCO Incstl	12.01	...	+7.7
Exxon Mobil Corp	70.34	+1.38				PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.38	-.07	+9.0
						Schwab SP500Idv	49.35	+.43	+21.9
NASDAQ STOCK MARKET									
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.							
Adv Micro Dev	42.59	+3.12							
FuelCell Energy	.71	+.14							
Micron Tech	50.97	+1.71							
Comcast Corp A	43.01	+.94							
Tonix Pharma	1.19	+.22							
Apple Inc	271.46	+.69							
Naked Brand Group	.03	-.00							
Intel Corp	57.55	+.48							
Cisco Syst	45.67	+1.39							
Microsoft Corp	153.24	+1.54							
Facebook Inc	196.75	-5.51							
Assertio Therapeut	1.23	+.45							
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.89	-.02							
Roku Inc	139.57	-6.13							
NortonLifeLock Corp	26.18	-.20							
Zynga Inc	6.20	+.06							
Huntgtn Bancshs	15.60	+.39							
Onconova Therapeut	.27	-.02							
JD.com Inc	33.82	+.58							
Clovis Oncology Inc	13.43	+1.71							
Biocept Inc	.28	+.01							
Qualcomm Inc	89.05	+2.06							
Marvell Tech Grp	25.63	+.85							
lululemon athletica	224.47	-8.72							
FOREIGN MARKETS									
INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%							
Shanghai	2915.70	-8.7/-1.3							
Stoxx600	407.58	+1.4/+1.3							
Nikkei	23424.81	+33.0/+1.1							
MSCI-EAFE	1983.83	-1.0/-1.1							
Bovespa	112199.80	+1235.9/+1.1							
FTSE 100	7273.47	+57.2/+1.8							
CAC-40	5884.26	+23.4/+1.4							

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT HELLER 1930-2019

Owner of lumberyard held fast to belief in personal service

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Robert L. Heller owned Heller Lumber Company in Arlington Heights for almost 40 years, holding fast to the view that even in a world of big-box home centers, there was a place for the personal service offered by a community lumberyard.

"While everybody was going to big home center stores, Bob Heller knew there was always going to be a niche for having an old-fashioned lumberyard to cater to people like myself," said Bill Peery, a long-time customer who ran his own home improvement business for 27 years. "I admired his tenacity. They say it's a dying industry, but I don't think so, and Bob didn't think so either. He had the gumption to keep it going."

Heller, 89, died of multiple myeloma on Nov. 6, said his granddaughter Jane Garb, Heller Lumber's current president. He had been an Inverness resident since 1985.

Born and raised in Arlington Heights, Heller graduated from the now-shuttered Arlington High School in Arlington Heights in 1948. He earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Iowa State University in 1952.

After college, Heller served in the Army, first at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and then in South Korea after the Korean War. He returned to Arlington Heights in 1955 and began working in his family business, Hel-



FAMILY PHOTO

Robert Heller

ler Lumber, which his father, Eugene Heller, had started in 1924 on Hickory Avenue in the northwest suburb.

"It was a great location, because the (Chicago & North Western) railroad was right there and they had a ... siding so they could get deliveries of lumber," said Heller's daughter Kathy Pollard.

As a teenager, Heller had manned the phones while his father had gone out to solicit business, Pollard said. When Eugene Heller died at age 57 in January 1956, his son stepped in. It was a lot of responsibility for someone in his mid-20s, Pollard said.

"My dad came home (from Korea) and thought he would have all this time to work with his dad, and he didn't," Pollard said. "He and my mom had four children and he was running the business, and he just made it all work."

Retired carpenter

Michael Graft, 85, recalled his mother buying coal from Heller Lumber back in the early 1950s. Graft said he was a customer of Heller Lumber for 40 years.

"His employees were well-trained, and he took care of them," Graft said. "It was the finest lumber of any of the lumberyards in the northwest suburbs."

Garb said her grandfather enjoyed working with customers.

"He liked being part of building a finished product, that you could go and see the homes that he contributed to," Garb said.

Pollard also recalled her father being an early adopter of technology in the old-school world of lumber sales, including writing his own computer program to produce blueprints for customers.

After retiring in 1995, Heller traveled extensively with his wife and spent winters in Palm Desert, California. "He was a good storyteller," Peery said. "He always had a story to tell you."

Heller's son Bill, who succeeded him as president and chief executive of Heller Lumber, died in 2006 of brain cancer.

In addition to his daughter and granddaughter, Heller is survived by his wife of 67 years, Virginia; another daughter, Ann Heller; a son, John; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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ON DECEMBER 13 ...

In 1577, Sir Francis Drake of England set out with five ships on a nearly three-year journey that would take him around the world.

In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman arrived in present-day New Zealand.

In 1769, Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, received its charter.

In 1862, Union forces suffered a major defeat to the Confederates at the Battle of Fredericksburg.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1928, George Gershwin's musical work "An American in Paris" had its premiere, at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In 1944, during World War II, the U.S. cruiser Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack that claimed more than 130 lives.

In 1964, in El Paso, Texas, President Lyndon Johnson and Mexican President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz set off an explosion that diverted the Rio Grande, reshaping the U.S.-Mexican border and ending a century-old dispute.

In 1977, the University of Evansville basketball team was wiped out when its DC-3 crashed after takeoff from the southern Indiana city; the death toll of 21 included some coaches, faculty members, parents and

alumni.

In 1978, the Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation the following July.

In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.)

In 1988, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat addressed the U.N. General Assembly in Geneva, where it had reconvened after the United States refused to grant Arafat a visa to visit New York.

In 1989, South African President F.W. de Klerk met for the first time with imprisoned African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, at de Klerk's office in Cape Town.

In 1993, the space shuttle Endeavour returned from its mission to repair the Hubble Space Telescope. Also in 1993 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that people were entitled to a hearing before real property linked to illegal drug sales could be seized.

In 1994, an American Eagle commuter plane carrying 20 people crashed short of Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, killing 15.

In 1995, China's most influential democracy activist, Wei Jingsheng, who already had spent 16 years in prison, was sentenced to 14 more years. (However, Wei was later granted medical parole by Beijing, and allowed to travel to the U.S.)

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
Dec. 12
Lotto 03 18 19 29 40 46 / 10
Lotto jackpot: \$14M
Pick 3 midday 336 / 7
Pick 4 midday 4875 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto midday 16 21 29 37 45
Pick 3 evening 895 / 4
Pick 4 evening 8819 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening 09 12 20 29 31

Dec. 13 Mega Millions: \$340M
Dec. 14 Powerball: \$150M

WISCONSIN
Dec. 12
Pick 3 046
Pick 4 0872
Badger 5 06 12 13 16 31
SuperCash 04 07 09 16 23 39

INDIANA
Dec. 12
Daily 3 midday 927 / 5
Daily 4 midday 7706 / 5
Daily 3 evening 397 / 9
Daily 4 evening 9293 / 9
Cash 5 03 11 34 36 40

MICHIGAN
Dec. 12
Daily 3 midday 558
Daily 4 midday 7425
Daily 3 evening 588
Daily 4 evening 0477
Fantasy 5 06 09 11 33 38
Keno 02 03 04 07 17 18
22 26 32 34 36 38 39 45
53 55 69 65 68 69 74 80

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Alvarado, Victor Hugo

On December 10, Victor passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. Left to treasure his legacy of precious memories are his wife Carmen; daughters Lynette (Todd), Lisette (Chris); Grandpa to Ysabella, Joseph, Ben, Atticus, Lenore, Paul and Joaquin; also survived by beloved family and friends. Victor was a Real Estate Broker, founder of Home Sweet Home Real Estate, and vital part of the community for 39 years whose life's work was to help families achieve their dream. Visitation Saturday, Dec. 14 from 2pm until time of Service, 6:30pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th Street, Countryside. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Idiopathic Fibrosis Foundation at www.ipffoundation.org. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Bibbiano, Michele Ann

On December 6, 2019 our most beloved daughter Michele Ann Bibbiano was called home. She was our shining star so unconditionally loved by her parents Mike and Cookie Bibbiano, and devoted sister of Tina (Michael-Dean Chorneyko) and adored by her brother Patrick (Tricia) and her little brother Gino, who always looked up to her. The dearest and precious aunt of Michael and Jack, Joshua, Catherine, Christian, Anna and Grace.

Some of Michele's favorite things were: spending time with her family, Louis her dog, all animals, classic cars and guitars, The Smashing Pumpkins, Mickey Mouse, Snoopy, scary movies, and Tattoos.

Michele loved telling interesting and funny stories to her family. She will be truly missed and forever in our hearts. She had an amazing life and was an inspiration to all who loved her.

She will never be forgotten, and forever loved.

Private services were held for Michele. A Celebration of Her Life will be held at a later date.

For more information, please call **Yurs Funeral Home** of St. Charles, 630-584-0060 or at www.yursfuneralhomes.com.

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Czerwinski, Marie J.

Marie J. Czerwinski beloved wife of Edward; loving mother of Anne (Dan) Czerwinski-Janikowski, Edward (Lori), and the late Tony; dearest grandmother of 6 and great grandmother of 3; dear sister of Chester Szafranski. Memorial mass Saturday 1PM at St Priscilla Church. Interment private. Memorial visitation Friday 5 PM - 8:30 PM at the **Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home** 7710 W Addison St. 773-625-3444

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Dahlberg Murnane, Rita

Rita Dahlberg Murnane, 93 years of age, at rest November 23, 2019. Wife of the late Jim Dahlberg and the late Frank Murnane. Loving mother of Russell Dahlberg, Donna (Jim) Heyer and the late Jamie Dahlberg. Grandmother of Christian (Heather) Dahlberg, Jennifer Heyer, Jimmy Heyer and the late Amy Heyer. Great-grandmother of Madisyn, Alyssa and Caitlin. Loving stepmother, grandmother and great-grandmother of the Frank Murnane family. Memorial visitation is Sunday, December 15, 2019, 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm at **Adolf Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook. In lieu of flowers donations preferred to the Misericordia Home at misericordia.com/giving. Info at 630-325-2300.

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Goodsite, Gail

Gail Goodsite, nee Wahl, 80, beloved wife of the late Arthur; loving mother of Charles (Janine) Goodsite and the late James (Jodi) Goodsite; cherished Grandma Gail of Brett, Carly, Gabe, Laura and Molly; devoted daughter of the late Florence and Felix Wahl; dear sister of the late Edward, Rosalie, Elaine and Muriel; treasured aunt, cousin and friend of many.

Chapel service Sunday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

Shalom
Memorial Funeral Home
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Gordon, Irene Danuta

Irene Danuta Gordon, 86, of Crystal Lake, IL, passed away December 7, 2019 in St. Charles. She was born April 11, 1933 in Radwan, Poland to the late Jozef and Karolina (nee Bloch) Rockocz. She came to the US in 1960 and married John S. Gordon on August 20, 1964 in Chicago. They moved to Crystal Lake in 1970 where they lived the remainder of their lives. She worked as an engineering draftsman for several firms. She retired from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Chicago after 20 years of service. Irene is survived by her son, Mark (Wendy K. nee Geyer) Gordon of St. Charles; her grandchildren, Grace I. (Ethan) Abney of Iowa City, Andrew J. Gordon and Ellen M. Gordon of St. Charles; her sister, Wieslawa Glen (nee Rokocz) of Dabrowa Tarnowska, Poland; niece, Agnieszka Swiatek of Dabrowa Tarnowska, Poland; nephew, Sebastian Glen of Krakow, Poland. Visitation will be held Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 5:00 p.m. at **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, 419 E Terra Cotta Ave (Rt. 176) Crystal Lake. For online condolences visit www.davenportfamily.com or call 815-459-3411 for information.

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Grbavac, Ana

Ana Grbavac nee Lukic, age 75, Loving wife to Pero for over 30 years. Devoted mother to Tony (Christine), Rudi, Robert (Sandi), Mato (Kristina) and the late Mara. Cherished baki to Jordan, Sofia, Tessa, Grace, and Rose. Dear relative and friend to many. Ana was a proud employee of Honeywell Logistics Department for over 10 years. A visitation will be held on Saturday December 14, at Blessed Alojzije Stepinac Croatian Church Chicago, 6346 N Ridge Ave. Chicago IL at 9:00AM with mass beginning at 10:00AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For more information please go to Ana's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com or call 773-736-3833.

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Greco, Kathleen Beverly

Kathleen Beverly Greco, nee Humphrey, of Forest Park, born June 18, 1926 died December 11, 2019. Wife of the late Dr. James F. Greco; cherished mother of Dr. James L. (Zoe) and Nancy; proud grandmother of Suzanne Pollock; loving daughter of the late Kathleen Humphrey; dear sister of the late Lawrence (Irene) Humphrey; beloved aunt of Sharon Humphrey Yoder, Elisa Hofmann Dang and children of the late Ernest Greco. Family and friends will be received at Peterson-Bassi Chapels, 6938 W. North Ave., Chicago on Monday, December 16, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 8:45 a.m. from the funeral home to Ascension Church for 9:30 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Donations may be made in Kathy's name to Oak Park Animal Care League, WFTM Radio or the Michael Teolis Singers. For info 773-637-4441.

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Hilaszek, Stephanie P.

nee Bajda, age 93, late of Oak Lawn, formerly of Chicago's Brighton Park neighborhood; cherished wife of the late Stanley J.; beloved mother of Rosalie (Anthony Sinopole); loving grandmother of Joseph, Jeanine, and Jeremy Sinopole; aunt to many nieces and nephews; daughter of the late Walenty and Anna Bajda; sister of the late Frank (Cyrilla) Bajda and Josephine (Richard Solner). Visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. Funeral Monday 9:15 a.m. from **Kosary Funeral Home**, 9837 S Kedzie Avenue, to St. Catherine of Alexandria for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL Section 45, Lot 396, NW Half. Information (708) 499-3223.

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Lally, Mary B.

Mary B. Lally, nee Tyrrell, age 82, of Elmhurst, beloved wife of the late Thomas B. Lally and the late Terrence Zilligen; loving mother of Corinne Lally Benedetto, Terry (Allison), Missy (Rob) Blaha, Maura (Steven) Glover and the late Colleen Zilligen and the late Mary Carroll Lally; proud grandmother of Tarryl, Carla, Thomas, Taylor, Kathryn, TJ, Matthew, Chris, Pat and Casey, Mara and Ruby and great-grandmother of Leo, Luke and Eli. Visitation Saturday, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:15 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (½ mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. at Saint Domitilla Catholic Church, Hillside. Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Mack, Edythe

Edythe Mack (nee Schechter), 98, beloved wife for 63 years of the late Joseph Mack; devoted mother of Lynne (Steve) Newberger, Debbie (the late John) Brinkworth and Joe Muncker, and Robert (Susan Brody) Mack; loving grandmother of Pam (Brian) Ness, Dan (Laura) Newberger, Ari Newberger, Brian (Bethany) Brinkworth, Neal Brinkworth, the late Laura Brinkworth, Jerry (Melissa) Mack, and Douglas Mack; cherished great-grandmother of 7; dear sister of Janice Mehlman and sister-in-law of Lester Mehlman, and the late Faylice and Harry Lake. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; special caregivers and friends, Cecile, Kookie, and Aika. Private services were held. Memorial donations to The Compassionate Friends, c/o Debby Rose, 2105 Fir Street, Glenview, IL 60025 would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Malloy, Mary Ann

(nee Mangin). Age 75. Beloved wife of 51 years to Jack Malloy. Devoted mother of Catherine (Brock) Cummings, Joe Malloy, Bill (Carol) Malloy, and Maureen Malloy. Proud grandmother of Bill Jr., Jack, Sean, Colin, and Charlie. Loving sister of the late Bill Mangin, Tom (Carol) Mangin, Dan (Mary Ann) Mangin, and Michael Mangin. Cherished aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 1-7 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Family and friends to gather Monday at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 9525 Lawndale, Evergreen Park, IL, Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Millon, Suzanne Hemp

Suzanne Hemp Millon, 90, of Oak Brook, died surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Beloved wife of the late Thomas; loving mother of Thomas (Debra) Millon Jr., Marcia Cornett, Anne (Rick) Leonatti and Kevin (Fio) Millon; cherished grandmother of Andrew (Carrie), Alex, Michael, Laura and Gaby; great grandmother of Kelby; sister of Marly Hemp; aunt of many nieces and nephews. For anyone who knew her ever present sense of humor, she maintained it until the very end. Visitation at **Ahlgrim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 9:30 a.m. until time of prayers 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 17, 2019, going to Visitation Church. Mass at 11:00 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for the Helping Paws Animal Shelter, 2500 Harding Ln., Woodstock, IL 60098. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com

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O’Connell, Nancy R.
Nancy R. O’Connell, nee Sullivan, of Oak Brook, age 93. Beloved wife of the late Thomas J.; loving mother of Regina (Michael) Carlson, Kathleen Kroll, Thomas Jr., Robert E. (Jean), Daniel K. (Susan), Michael P. (Kasey), Marybeth (Brian) Reilly and the late Marie Therese; devoted Gramma of Joseph (Paul), Joan (Bob), Tom, Brian (Heather) and the late Michael and Kevin, Colleen (Ryan), Melissa (Sean), Bob Jr. (Maria), Matt (Kellene), Kaitlin, Dan Jr., Meghan (Jim), Casey (Alex), Tim, Padraic, Eamonn, Liam, Jack (Ashley), Maureen, Brendan, Katie and Maeve; great-gramma of 17+; fond sister of the late Charlotte Diebold. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Lying-in-State Monday at Ascension of Our Lord Church, 1S314 Summit, Oakbrook Terrace from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (give.cff.org/tribute/gramma). For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Raymond, Grant
Grant Raymond, Chicago Firefighter, U.S. Marine, “Former Genius.” Grant Adam Raymond left us for the spirit world December 8, 2019 after battling brain cancer, and after cheating death in dozens of sensational endeavors throughout his life and across the globe. He said we shouldn’t be sad that he wasn’t around longer than 47 years since each day for him was packed with more living than ‘normal’ people. Writing an obituary for him even seems too ordinary an undertaking to sum up his extraordinary life. Grant was a U.S. Marine, serving first at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and later in the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He was a machine gunner there with the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines when he deployed to Bosnia, Kosovo, Albania and Croatia as the combat element for the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Grant was a three-time rifle and pistol expert. He earned more than a dozen medals including the Humanitarian Service Medal, the NATO Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Coast Guard Special Forces Medal and multiple Meritorious Unit Commendations. Grant was a Lieutenant and 20-year veteran of the Chicago Fire Department. He was an original member of the Young Bucks, a member of Heavy Rescue Squad 1 and ‘the best firefighter I’ve seen’ according to one of his brothers. His eccentricities aside – although he would hate the word “eccentricities” and would come up with a new, better one (that was not in the dictionary but should be) -- he was unflinchingly generous. He would give away all he had and then find a way to give away more; he was loyal - would jump into a fight to protect his friends even when his friends were being idiots; he was a horrible dancer and yet, somehow, the best dancer in the room. He was perpetually joyful, and his joy was infectious. Not only was he certain he was the smartest person you’ll ever meet, he also claimed he was the strongest - if you don’t believe it, he’ll arm wrestle you next time you meet, for a small wager. Truthfully though, anyone who had the chance to get to know Grant recognized – he was in fact, the strongest guy they’ll ever know. Grant was preceded in death by his father, Douglas and brother Quinn. He is survived by his wife Nia (Willis), mother Diana (Cunningham), mother-in-law Trish (Cooper), daughter Helena (Czesak), brother Max, sisters Dana (Sargent) and Elissa, brothers-in-law, Christopher (Sargent) and Christopher (Tucker), nieces Giselle and Solenne (Sargent) and nephews Cadillac and Salvador (Tucker), along with numerous cousins, aunts and uncles, military and firefighter brothers and sisters and countless friends around the world. Grant wanted us to celebrate his life with a party and he would remind everyone to stay off the ‘evilnet’ and have fun – ‘cuz Armageddon is just around the corner. A wake will be held Saturday, December 14 at **Lakeview Funeral Home**, 1458 W. Belmont Ave. Chicago from 4 pm – 9 pm, with the party following, with Grant in attendance, at Iron Horse Ale House, 6158 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Grant’s name to Dogs on Deployment.
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Rose, Jr., Col. William B.
Col. William B. Rose, Jr., aged 80, passed away on Monday, December 9th, 2019.
Bill was born on February 5th, 1939 in St. Albans, West Virginia, and was a resident of Winfield, IL for 53 years. He graduated from the University of Chicago where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. During his senior year at college he met his future wife, Adrienne Karas. The two were married in 1961, took up residence in the Chicago area and have four daughters.
Active in the community of Winfield, Bill served as the Head of the Zoning Board of Appeals and was active in community events and the Winfield Historical Society. Bill worked for Amoco for 35 years as a Manager, Design Engineering, both in Chicago and the Western Suburbs. Bill was a Colonel in the United States Army Reserve Intelligence Unit 408, retiring after serving for 43 years.
Bill loved to travel the world and worked at Le Travel in Wheaton as a consultant after retiring from Amoco. Paris, France and Madrid, Spain were among his favorite places.
He is survived by his loving wife Adrienne, his daughters Cynthia, Bridget, Roxane (Michael) and Jennifer (Matt), proud grandfather of Leah, Ryan, Ella, McKenzie and Brynne. Brother of Anne Rose Baugh (Hollis) and Karen Rose. Further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by his parents, Colonel William B. Rose, Sr. and Eunice Miller Rose.
Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life on Sunday, December 15th from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Williams-Kampp Funeral Home, 430 E. Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL. Funeral service will be held Monday, December 16th at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 0S233 Church Street, Winfield, IL.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the Shriners Children’s Hospital, c/o Shriners International, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL. 33607 (or check local address by calling 630-889- 1400). Funeral info www.williams-kampp.com or 630-668-0016.

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Sokniewicz, Kaitlyn Helen ‘Kaitie’
Kaitlyn Helen Sokniewicz, age 28, of Chicago, beloved daughter of Brian and Laura (Finnelly) Sokniewicz, dear sister of Sean. Cherished granddaughter of Thomas Finnelly (CPD) and the late Judith, and the late Harry and Diane Sokniewicz. Special niece to the late Tracy Finnelly and the late Thomas Jr. (CPD) (Laura) Finnelly. Loving cousin to Daniel and Kevin. Friend to many. Memorial Service at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 5650 N. Canfield Ave. Chicago on Saturday Dec 14th, at 12:30. Kait donated her kind heart so that someone else may live.
In lieu of flowers donations to the Anti-Cruelty Society in her name of your favorite charity are appreciated.

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Sreniawski, Raymond
Raymond Sreniawski, age 90; beloved husband of the late Sylvia; loving father of Raymond (Pam), Alan (Laura) and Janet (Albert) Ziarko; dear grandfather of Caitlyn (John) Coniff and Eric; fond brother of Edwin (Marianne); beloved uncle of many. Visitation Sunday 1-7 P.M. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien where a funeral service will be held at 5:00P.M. In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer’s Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or Kindred Hospice, 800 Enterprise Dr #111, Oak Brook, IL 60523 appreciated. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com



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Stonitsch, Anthony C.
Anthony C. Stonitsch, 63, of Oak Lawn, IL, died peacefully surrounded by his sister and brothers on December 2, 2019. Tony was born in Joliet, IL on July 29, 1956, to the late Judith J. Cherven and the late Herman A. Stonitsch. He spent many happy years of his childhood living with his mother and his three younger siblings on his Cherven grandparents’ farm in New Lenox, IL. He was an honor student at Lincoln-Way High School, and went on to earn a BS in industrial engineering at the University of Illinois, and an MBA from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He worked at various times at Pullman, Westinghouse Electric (where he coordinated a joint venture with the Chinese government), and eventually founded Antietam Advisors, an M&A consulting boutique. Tony was a life-long learner, taking classes on data mining and other analytical techniques that fascinated him. He was an adjunct business teacher at local colleges and a sponsor/mentor to disadvantaged youth with LINK Unlimited Scholars. He loved Civil War history, cats (especially his loyal Sela), anything to do with trains or railroads, meatloaf for Sunday dinner, and especially his family. Tony is survived by his brother Al (Helen Witt) Stonitsch and their children Tom, Mark and Meredith; his sister Lonnie (Eric Dynowski) Stonitsch and their son Eno; and his brother Herm Stonitsch and his daughter Bella; and numerous other relatives. Family and friends will gather to celebrate Tony’s life on Sunday, December 15th from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Beverly Country Club, 8700 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL with a remembrance service at 3 p.m. Interment will be private at a later time. In lieu of flowers donations in Tony’s memory to LINK Unlimited Scholars, 2221 S. State St., Chicago, IL 60616 would be appreciated. Service arrangements entrusted to **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons**, 9000 W. 151st St., Orland Park, IL. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Swiatek, Loretta J.
Swiatek, Loretta J.; resided in the Jefferson Park Community for over 50 years. Proud hairdresser and a member of the St. Robert Bellarmine Choir. Loving sister of Mary Lou and the late Dr. Jayne A. Swiatek. Visitation Sunday 3-7 p.m. Funeral Monday, prayers 9:15 a.m. at **Lawrence Funeral Home**, 4800 N. Austin Ave., Chicago, to St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 10:00 a.m. for Mass of the Christian Burial. Interment St Adalbert Cemetery. 773-736-2300



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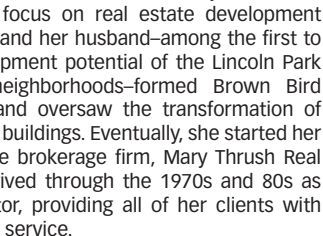


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Thrush, Mary Alice McLean
Mary Alice McLean Thrush (age 88) passed away peacefully, in the presence of family, on December 9, 2019 at the Presbyterian Homes in Evanston, IL after a prolonged struggle with the consequences of cerebral aneurysm suffered in 1996. Born to Hugh Alpine McLean and Elizabeth West McLean, Mary grew up in North Tonawanda, New York, outside of Buffalo. She was the second of four sisters, and attended the Buffalo Seminary, and then Smith College.
Prior to that traumatic event, Mary had been a leading businesswoman in Lincoln Park and a loving mother to her three children. Mary’s first job with IBM launched both her career and her marriage. It was at IBM in Endicott, NY that she met and married George Herbert Thrush III. The two moved to Chicago in 1959 and were married for 62 years. Upon moving to Chicago in the 60’s, Mary became actively engaged in charitable and community service both at the Junior League, the Rehab Institute of Chicago, and later the Lincoln Park Conservation Association (LPCA), as a formidable member working to help support the renaissance of Lincoln Park, which was on the cusp of a resurgence.
After raising her three children, Mary redirected her career to focus on real estate development and sales. She and her husband—among the first to see the development potential of the Lincoln Park and DePaul neighborhoods—formed Brown Bird Development and oversaw the transformation of many Victorian buildings. Eventually, she started her own real estate brokerage firm, Mary Thrush Real Estate, and thrived through the 1970s and 80s as a sole proprietor, providing all of her clients with highly personal service.
Her beauty, grace, hard work, and good humor allowed Mary to thrive in her adopted home of Chicago, where she and George lived in Lincoln Park for over fifty years. She was perhaps best known as true friend and mentor to other women in business, just as the workplace was changing. Mary was active in The Church of Our Savior on Fullerton Avenue, and saw to it that her children were given exposure to the Episcopal faith early in their lives. Mary is survived by her loving husband George Herbert Thrush III; her three children George Herbert Thrush IV, Blair Thrush Lele (Milind Lele), and Anne Thrush Newman (James Newman); her six grandchildren Alexander Thrush, Hari Hugh Lele, Alice Anne Lele, Elizabeth Gita Lele, Leila McLean Newman and Piper Allen Newman; and her three sisters Jean McLean Bostwick, Margaret McLean Caywood, and Catherine McLean Eagleson.
Visitation Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11:00 a.m. at **Church of our Savior**, 530 W Fullerton Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614 with a reception following.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Brain Aneurysm Foundation, 269 Hanover Street, Hanover, MA 02339.
Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.



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Timothy, Charlene J.
Charlene J. Timothy nee Battaglia, age 84. Beloved mother of Michael (the late Lori) Timothy, James Timothy and Kathy (Jack) Cerone; loving daughter the late Charles and the late Harriet Battaglia; fond grandmother of Ryan, Michael, Sean, Katelyn and Timothy; great grandmother of Jack and Luke; dear sister of Jack (Carol) Battaglia. Lying in state Monday, December 16, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, 1224 W. Lexington, Chicago, IL 60607. Private Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Please omit flowers. Arrangements entrusted to **Cumberland Chapels**, 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Tomasich, Rose Marie
Rose Marie Tomasich, 86, died peacefully on December 10, 2019 in her home after a short illness. She was surrounded by loving family. Rose was born on July 12, 1933 to Mary (Bahoric) and Matt Tomasich. She was the devoted sister to Gloria Ruzich, Katherine Mastronardi, and Violet Tomasich, all of whom preceded her in death. She was beloved aunt (“Teta Rosie”) to Jennifer Giancola (Ruzich), Suzanne Ruzich (Bryon Downing), Maria Mastronardi (Sean Rhees), Katrina Mastronardi, and Matthew Mastronardi; grandaunt to Robert and Andrew (late) Giancola. Rose worked for many years as an administrative assistant in Chicago financial firms including Salomon Brothers and Citigroup. From her retirement in 1998 to the present, she devoted herself to the Catholic community, serving as rectory manager at St. George’s Parish on Chicago’s East Side. She also enjoyed traveling the world, visiting Europe, South America, and India. She also took pleasure in reading voraciously and completing puzzles. Over the course of her life, Rose’s kindness touched many people, and she will be remembered for her generosity, selflessness, as well as her independent spirit. Visitation on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m., directly at St. George Parish (96th and Ewing Avenue, Chicago). Interment private. Arrangements by **Kompare Funeral Home**, Chicago, IL. (773) 768-8800.

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Zebala, Marta
Beloved wife of David Koepke, loving mother of Katherine, cherished daughter of Katarzyna and the late Lucjan, dear sister of Aneta Zebala (Antoni Mathias), best auntie of Oliver, Marco, and Lucas. Visitation Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 3 PM to 7:30 PM at **Kosary Funeral Home** 9837 S. Kedzie Ave, Evergreen Park, IL. Funeral Mass 10 AM Saturday, Dec. 14 at St. Bernadette Church 9343 South Francisco, Evergreen Park. Entombment private. 708-499-3223 or KosaryFuneralHome.com
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BEARS

Whole hog at half

Intense intermission cranks up Bears for 3rd-quarter success

BY COLLEEN KANE

When Anthony Miller darted between two wide receiver blocks and spun the rest of the way into the end zone last Thursday night against the Cowboys, he continued a trend of Bears third-quarter dominance.

In their last seven games, the Bears have scored a touchdown on their first drive of the third quarter six times. Against the Cowboys, the Bears offense already was rolling in the first half, and Miller's touchdown catch from Mitch Trubisky put them up 24-7. But in other games, the drives have been eye-opening.

It's not quite Clark Kent emerging from the phone booth as Superman, but the Bears have repeatedly come out of halftime with a pronounced punch.

On offense, they have scored 13 touchdowns in the third quarter, and 18 overall in the second half. That's compared with two offensive touchdowns in the first quarter and eight in the first half. And while the Bears defense needs to be better at closing out games, the unit also has been stout directly out of halftime this year. They

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Bears wide receiver Anthony Miller scores a touchdown, above — and coach Matt Nagy reacts, top — on the first drive of the third quarter against the Cowboys on Dec. 5.

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3 DOWN, 3 (AND SOME HELP) TO GO
Bears' likeliest path to the playoffs

- Win their final three games (@Packers, Chiefs, @Vikings).
- Vikings lose one of their next two (@Chargers, Packers).
- Rams lose two of their final three (@Cowboys, @49ers, Cardinals).

Boras ignites baseball's hot stove

3 biggest free-agent clients sign, juicing offseason interest



PAUL SULLIVAN
On baseball

SAN DIEGO — The three biggest free agents — Gerrit Cole, Stephen Strasburg and Anthony Rendon — signed megadeals during the winter meetings this week, a significant change from the last couple of years, when Bryce Harper, Manny Machado, Yu Darvish, Jake Arrieta and others went all the way to February or March before finding a deal.

That change affected the rest of the market, as teams quickly pivoted to other options.

It's a breath of fresh air for baseball's hot stove, which was in danger of being extinguished by the slow-moving market.

"It's a bit of reaction from last year," Cubs President Theo Epstein said.

Last year the market was so inactive, it drew charges of collusion and even a prediction of a players strike by Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright.

There will be no such talk this winter after Cole, Strasburg and Rendon signed contracts worth a combined \$814 million.

Of course, all three are clients of agent Scott Boras, whose influence on the market is incalculable. He's on pace to ink more than \$1 billion worth of contracts for his clients, making him the undisputed king of agents.

When Boras moves, the market moves with him.

"It doesn't seem to be the type of winter where folks are waiting around or trying to use time as a weapon: 'I'm just going to sit and wait and make people nervous,'" Epstein said. "It's more that folks are engaging a pretty steady flow of transactions. Teams, when something gets crossed off their list, they're quickly turning to the other options and exploring what's possible. I wouldn't be surprised if next week is pretty busy."

White Sox general manager Rick Hahn laughed about moves he and executive vice president Ken Williams considered making on the third day of previous meetings that always fizzled out by the final day, when the Rule 5 draft occurs.

"We were joking (Tuesday) night when we got this thing that was sort of intriguing that, 'Hey, this is a day early,'" Hahn said. "There is a notion that there's a fever pitch here, an excitement and eagerness for teams to get something done. But as I stated from the start, there's nothing magical about acquiring somebody today versus a week from today."

The teams spending wildly in San Diego were the Yankees, Nationals and Angels, while small-market clubs such as the Brewers and Rays have focused more on the trade mar-

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COYOTES 5, BLACKHAWKS 2

For many NHL players, illness can be more vexing than injury

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The illness that drained Olli Maatta of his energy has finally subsided, and he returned to the lineup for the Blackhawks' game Thursday night against the Coyotes after a four-game absence.

The timing couldn't have been better.

Duncan Keith is out indefinitely with a groin injury, and Calvin de Haan is beginning what the Hawks believe will be a lengthy stay on injured reserve with a right shoulder injury he suffered Tuesday against the Golden Knights.

It's one thing to deal with missing teeth or a torn muscle. Those are more readily defined

ailments, based on pain tolerance, that players have a better understanding of how to fight through.

But when athletes in peak physical condition are felled by illness?

That's a bit harder to come to grips with. And it's difficult to know when the body will feel capable of playing hockey for nearly three hours.

"When I got it, I thought I could play the next game right away, and it kept getting worse and worse," Maatta said. "After a couple of days of practice, I feel like I'm finally back in game shape."

Maatta first started to feel like something was wrong before last week's two-game trip to play the Bruins and Devils. He ended up missing both games despite being

on the trip, then also sat out a home game against the Coyotes and the first game of the current trip Tuesday against the Golden Knights.

Last season, Erik Gustafsson got sick while the team was in Winnipeg and ended up missing that game against the Jets and the

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TOP OF THE SECOND

TOM OATES

Line will determine Packers' fate

GREEN BAY — You don't have to go far in Wisconsin to find people debating the Packers' problems on offense.

It's too inconsistent from game to game or even from quarter to quarter. First-year coach Matt LaFleur isn't giving running back Aaron Jones enough touches. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers won't take the short rhythm passes and holds the ball too long while seeking the big play. Other than Davante Adams, the wide receivers and tight ends can't run well enough to win one-on-ones and get open.

About the only thing anyone can agree on is the offense needs to get better or the Packers won't capitalize on their 10-3 start. And it must get better soon — like Sunday.

The Packers return to the NFC North portion of their schedule Sunday against the resurgent and somehow-still-alive Bears at Lambeau Field. The teams met in the opener in Chicago, and the Packers came away with a 10-3 victory that started them on an unexpectedly good season that has interspersed a bunch of close wins with an occasional dismal loss.

In retrospect, the opener against the Bears was telling because, other than a four-play, 74-yard touchdown drive in the second quarter, the Packers offense could get almost nothing going and it took a stellar effort from the defense to secure the win. The offense has been playing in spurts since that night.

Mostly, though, the game presaged a trend with LaFleur's offense. When the Packers have struggled the most, there is a common theme: They faced a defense with a tough, physical, aggressive front that dominates the line of scrimmage and has outstanding edge rushers who can help the defense get to the quarterback without resorting to blitzing.

The Bears defense fits that description perfectly, which is why the outcome Sunday won't depend on LaFleur or Rodgers or Jones. Instead, the game will be decided by the play of the Packers offensive line. If it can't hold up against a Bears defensive front that manhandled it during the opener, the Packers will have a hard time winning because the Bears are getting better quarterback play from Mitch Trubisky and have won three games in a row.

"They're rolling right now," LaFleur said. "They're one of the best defenses in the league. They're challenging on all three



Roquan Smith and Akiem Hicks (96) tackle Packers running back Aaron Jones on Sept. 5.

levels. They've got guys that can completely wreck a game. They've got guys on the back end with ball skills. It's going to be a great challenge for us."

The challenge will fall directly on the offensive line. Though it has been one of the offense's most consistent units, it hasn't always held up against top defensive fronts. The Packers have scored fewer than 20 points and gained fewer than 312 yards three times this season, and it was in the same three games: the victory over the Bears and losses to the Chargers and 49ers.

A quick spin through the Packers' three worst offensive performances is instructional, in part because the defenses — and the numbers — were so similar.

- Against the Bears: 10 points, 213 yards, 39 rushing yards from the backs, five sacks.
- Against the Chargers: 11 points, 184 yards, 40 rushing yards from the backs, three sacks.
- Against the 49ers: eight points, 198 yards, 83 rushing yards from the backs, five sacks.

The similarities among the defenses the Packers faced and their inability to get them blocked should be cause for serious concern this week. Granted, all three rank among the top 10 defenses in the NFL: The 49ers are second, the Chargers fourth and the Bears 10th. Also, they rank among the

top seven in lowest blitz percentage.

Those defenses dominate by putting stout players inside and having bookend pass rushers on the edge. By rushing the quarterback with only four players, they can drop seven into coverage. That formula has stymied the Packers all season.




When healthy, the Bears front seven might be the best in the league. Akiem Hicks, Eddie Goldman and Roy Robertson-Harris are behemoths inside, and Khalil Mack and Leonard Floyd are game-wreckers on the edge. The Bears did lose inside linebacker Roquan Smith for the season in the last game, but Hicks is expected back from injured reserve.

The Packers' explanation for their failure to move the ball consistently in the first game was that it was on the road in a hyped-up night-game atmosphere and it was the first time the first-team offense had worked together in a game because LaFleur basically gave it the preseason off.

That's certainly plausible. But it won't matter how cohesive or assignment-sure the Packers are Sunday if they can't match up physically with the Bears, especially the offensive line.

Tom Oates writes for the Wisconsin State Journal.

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BEARS



Big opportunity awaits 'explosive' Pierre-Louis



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

For Kevin Pierre-Louis, a 28-year-old on his fourth team in four seasons, this is the kind of opportunity that can potentially alter his career trajectory or leave him with the label of qualified backup and standout special teams player for the remainder of his career.

The Bears appear to be down to two reserves at inside linebacker for the final three games as Pierre-Louis will step in Sunday at Lambeau Field for Roquan Smith, who was placed on season-ending injured reserve with a torn left pectoral muscle.

Pierre-Louis will play alongside Nick Kwiatkowski, who will make his sixth start this season and 20th of his career with Danny Trevathan still sidelined with a left elbow injury. Trevathan has not been placed on season-ending injured reserve, but he has not returned to practice, and the Bears could be holding out for the possibility they reach the playoffs.

Pierre-Louis entered the league as a fourth-round pick by the Seahawks out of Boston College in 2014. His last start came with the Seahawks in Week 6 of the 2015 season when he made 11 tackles in a 27-23 loss. It was so long ago the details are fuzzy for him.

But he played well replacing Smith after the opening drive in last Thursday's 31-24 victory over the Cowboys with five tackles, one stop for a loss, two passes defended and a hit on quarterback Dak Prescott. Pierre-Louis prides himself on being ready, and his play, along with Kwiatkowski's, is evidence that inside linebacker is perhaps the deepest position general manager Ryan Pace has assembled.

Trevathan is coming out of contract as is Kwiatkowski, who will wear the green-dot helmet with the speakers to get the calls from the sideline Sunday. The Bears potentially could benefit with 2021 compensatory draft picks if one or both depart via free agency. Looking ahead to the off-season, Pace is unlikely to sink big money into a second inside linebacker with the investment the franchise has in Smith, the 2018 first-round draft pick.

The Bears signed Pierre-Louis to a one-year contract for \$805,000, a minimum-salary deal that counts only \$645,000 against the salary cap. He signed in May, two months after the Jets released him, choosing not to pay him \$2 million in the second year of a \$5.25 million contract after minor injuries limited him to nine games in 2018. There were other options for him in free agency, but he had connections at Halas Hall, including coach Matt Nagy and inside linebackers coach Mark DeLeone from his time with the Chiefs and believed that made it a strong fit.

So that's how Pierre-Louis is approach-



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Bears linebacker Kevin Pierre-Louis, right, tackles the Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott last week.

ing a career crossroads with a chance to enhance his resume with strong game tape at the end of the season.

"That's a possibility," Pierre-Louis said. "But the best thing I can do is just one step at a time and do my job."

He had what DeLeone termed "meaningful" snaps on defense for the Chiefs in 2017 when he totaled 35 tackles. There's a trust factor — the Bears say Pierre-Louis has been one of the team's better practice players all season.

"It's just going back to knowing your why," Pierre-Louis said. "Why you grind each week. Why you do the drills. Why you go through the reps of practice. It's times like this when you lean on your brothers. Ro is down right now. He's going to need us for moral support. He's going to be there morally as well, helping us in the meetings, bringing the energy. We've just got to pick up where he left off."

Fortunately, Pierre-Louis' greatest strength is his ability to run. The Bears aren't replacing the mobile Smith with a stack linebacker who can only play downhill. That's particularly important as the defense prepares for Aaron Rodgers and the Packers this week and Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs next week.

It will be interesting to see how defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano reacts. He's not going to change his core principles, but will the Bears consider a greater reliance on sub packages and perhaps go to more dime personnel (six defensive backs), something they've done only sparingly?

The Bears have to account for Packers running back Aaron Jones, who leads the team with 779 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns. The Packers are 4-0 when Jones gets 20 or more touches and 6-1 when he is

targeted six or more times in the passing game. Jones has 45 receptions for 425 yards, and defending him in the passing game could be Pierre-Louis' responsibility.

"Kevin's got all the tools that you look for," DeLeone said. "Really explosive. Use the word 'twitchy,' he's that. He's explosive. He's fast. And he has a really good skill set and he's a natural player."

Pierre-Louis was most noticed this season when he was flagged for running into Raiders punter A.J. Cole on fourth-and-6 with 6 minutes, 1 second remaining in the Week 5 game in London. The Raiders executed a fake punt on the next play and scored the winning touchdown four minutes later. The Bears made Pierre-Louis inactive for the next two games, but he blocked two punts last season against the Titans and Browns, and the Bears know his mistake, a costly one, was an aberration.

"That's what made the Raiders thing even that much more frustrating because people here don't know me as a guy that can do it," he said. "I should have been locked into the situation and unfortunately I wasn't."

Rushing the passer last week, Pierre-Louis stood out on a couple of plays. He knocked Prescott down on his second snap and bent the edge on right tackle La'el Collins with a nice move on another play.

"I haven't had many opportunities to do that," he said. "Honestly, I have watched a lot of film on (Khalil) Mack and all those guys rushing. I always watch what they do, so I was just trying to mimic them."

The film Pierre-Louis puts together in the final stretch of the season will go a long way to determining his future, which could be right here with the Bears.



PATRICK SMITH/GETTY-AFP

Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson runs past the Jets' Jordan Willis.

NFL

Jackson, Ravens keep rolling

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Lamar Jackson threw five touchdown passes, scurried into the NFL record book and guided the Ravens to their second straight AFC North title and 10th consecutive victory, 42-21 over the Jets on Thursday night.

The Ravens (12-2) took control with touchdowns on its first three possessions and Jackson made it 28-7 in the third quarter with a 24-yard scoring pass to rookie Marquise Brown following a turnover by the Jets (5-9).

That was enough to assure the Ravens another division title after they clinched a playoff berth four days earlier in Buffalo. With a victory next week in Cleveland, the Ravens will be assured the top seed in the AFC, a distinction that comes with home-field advantage leading up to the Super Bowl.

Jackson ran for 86 yards (on eight carries) to break Michael Vick's single-season record for a quarterback. Jackson has 1,108 yards rushing. Vick had 1,039 for Atlanta in 2006.

On this night, however, Jackson did most of the damage with his right arm. He completed 15 of 23 passes for 212 yards and increased his NFL-leading total of touchdown passes to 33, tying the franchise season record set by Vinny Testaverde in 1996.

After Jackson's pass to Brown, many in the crowd of 70,545 chanted "MVP! MVP!" There was a reprise of the mantra late in the third quarter when Jackson hit Seth Roberts for a 33-yard touchdown. The score came after Jackson connected with tight end Mark Andrews for a 36-yard completion on a fourth-and-1 from the Baltimore 29.

Jackson celebrated the first down by dancing downfield with his arm pointing toward the Jets goal line. Not once throughout his exceptional performance did Jackson show any sign of being slowed by a quadriceps injury that made headlines leading up to the game.

The Jets' Sam Darnold threw two touchdown passes to Jamison Crowder but the second-year quarterback also tossed an interception and lost a fumble.

Former players charged: The Justice Department charged 10 former NFL players with defrauding a health care program for retired players of nearly \$4 million, according to court documents. The Department also said it intends to file charges against two other players as well.

After an FBI investigation, the Justice Department filed charges Wednesday morning in the Eastern District of Kentucky against Robert McCune, John Eubanks, Tamarick Vanover, Ceandris Brown, James Butler, Frederick Bennett, Correll Buckhalter, Etric Pruitt, Clinton Portis and Carlos Rogers.

The government also intends to charge former NFL wide receivers Joe Horn and Reche Caldwell with conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

The players allegedly submitted false claims to the Gene Upshaw NFL Player Health Reimbursement Account Plan for reimbursement for medical equipment — such as hyperbaric chambers, cryotherapy machines and ultrasound machines — costing between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The players charged recruited others into their scheme by offering to submit false claims in exchange for "kickbacks" and bribes that ranged up to \$10,000, according to the indictments. The players fabricated documents, including invoices and prescriptions, to execute the plan, according to the indictments.

Extra points: Giants rookie QB Daniel Jones was limited in practice for the second straight workout, increasing the likelihood two-time Super Bowl Eli Manning will start this weekend. Jones missed Monday night's loss in Philadelphia with a sprained right ankle. "Just like any injury, it's a process to come back," said Shurmur, who said he could wait until game day to choose his starter. ... The Eagles placed WR Alshon Jeffery on injured reserve with a foot injury after he left Monday night's game against the Giants. WR Robert Davis was called up from the practice squad. ... Jaguars QB coach Scott Milanovich returned to the CFL as head coach of the Edmonton Eskimos. Milanovich succeeds Jason Maas, who was fired after the Eskimos finished fourth in the West Division last season with an 8-10 record. ... The Lions put DT Da'Shawn Hand on IR with an ankle injury.

BEARS



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears running back David Montgomery finds a hole in the Cowboys defense on the first drive of the third quarter in the Bears' win Dec. 5.

Halftime

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have allowed only four touchdowns in the third quarter.

The Bears have been at a loss to explain this season why they haven't started games the way they start the third quarter. And the stats have been skewed enough that it's fair to wonder: What in the name of planet Krypton are the Bears doing at halftime to spark these scoring surges?

A 13-minute window

When Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott kneeled to end the second quarter last week at Soldier Field, Bears cornerback Kyle Fuller turned and sprinted off the field, the first player to the locker room.

As fans wait in bathroom and beer lines, the players cram a lunch break, a study session and a mental refresh into a 13-minute stretch. It can be a bit longer for special occasions such as Thanksgiving games and the Super Bowl, but there's no time to waste.

As players settle in at their lockers for dual meetings — offense on one side of the large open room at Soldier Field and defense on the other — they first tend to personal matters.

Fuller, like most players, heads to the bathroom. Then he grabs a peanut butter-and-jelly sandwich or an orange off a table also stocked with nutrition bars, fruit, fruit snacks and maybe turkey sandwiches.

Kicker Eddy Pineiro downs a protein shake during his two minutes or so in the locker room before he departs early to practice field goals. Running back Tarik Cohen rehydrates but doesn't eat — except when he's not playing in the preseason and he can partake in halftime hot dogs.

Most don't mess with their gear, but wide receiver Taylor Gabriel occasionally changes cleats, Cohen said, and quarterback Chase Daniel has known centers to change pants if they're damp. There's an occasional retaping job done by the training staff, outside of tending to injuries.

Miller gets an IV bag to replenish fluids, something he started in college at Memphis.

"I cramp easily, so in order to prevent that, I need an IV," he said.

But the most exhausting halftime routine?

That goes to offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich, safeties coach Sean Desai and five other assistants.

They must trek from the coaches box on the upper level of a stadium to the locker room in the bowels in time to give their updates. At Soldier Field, that's not a problem. The elevator they use is just outside the booth and the locker room.

But away games can present a bigger challenge. There's often running involved, and Lambeau Field requires a golf cart, Desai said.

"London was forever," Helfrich said. "It was like we ran a 10K. I've been some places you run up through the bleachers, back in the old days. The (Los Angeles) Coliseum is long. Seattle is long. And they never give you the direct line. They give you the circuitous visitors route."

In between their dashes back and forth, they must boil down what they saw in the box to a couple of minutes of digestible nuggets for their meetings with coaches

and players.

That's something they start preparing for after the first drive.

A 90-second class

In 2014, the NFL instituted the use of Microsoft Surface tablets on the sideline to quickly provide coaches high-resolution photos they can zoom in on, draw on and flag for future reference.

Some coaches, such as offensive line coach Harry Hiestand, still prefer to use printouts of the photos.

"I'm not real good with tablets," Hiestand said. "You'd think I'd be better by now, but kids, I drive them nuts."

Either way, the coaches on the sideline present the images to the players between series to discuss noteworthy alignments or coverages or plays. They then chart the information to be revisited during their halftime presentations.

"We keep a chart of things we've struggled with that we shouldn't, and those will be the first things we'll go over at halftime," Hiestand said. "Let's dial back. Remember these important points to execute against this defense or this blitz or this technique.' ... I'm trying to prevent repeated mistakes."

If the coaches have done their job well in the week leading up to the game, most of it will be a review. Very rarely do they scrap a game plan because of what they're seeing from the opposing team, Hiestand said.

"They'll have a wrinkle — Green Bay will have some blitzes that weren't on tape — and those things we'll have to address right away," Hiestand said.

As players settle in, Bears coach Matt Nagy is busy zeroing in on a second-half game plan.

Helfrich said they typically will have some ideas in the week leading up to the game about what they want to get to in the second half, and then midway through the second quarter, they start discussing what might be ahead.

"You start talking about, 'Hey, let's lead with this, this and this,' and just have a quick little meeting over the headset of that," Helfrich said. "And then we meet at halftime with that in mind. 'All right, here's our top five run schemes, top five play-action passes or whatever,' and try to get rolling."

As Nagy plans, assistant coaches most often bring information about adjustments to their position groups.

Defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano addresses his group as a whole. Defensive line coach Jay Rodgers then breaks down the opponent's run game, and Desai breaks down the pass game. Desai said it comes down to about 90 seconds of his most important points.

"If I was supposed to set the edge for a tackle, and I wasn't there, they would point it out," Fuller said. "Saying where each gap was fit right and then we'll take care of this play by me being at that particular spot."

The offensive assistants offer similar pointers, using the images from the NFL Sideline Viewing System, players said.

Wide receiver Allen Robinson said the players already have discussed what worked and didn't, so they're ready to offer their input as the coaches break from their meeting to talk about how they want to start the next series.

"Usually the players have a good feel of what they like," running backs coach Charles London said. "They may say, 'This

run is something we think may hit.' I think it may have been the Philly game, we came out with a play that everybody on offense liked, players included. And we came out with it and had a couple of good gains to start the half, and it really got us going."

On that drive against the Eagles, David Montgomery opened with three straight carries, for 7, 4 and 2 yards, and finished it with a 1-yard touchdown run.

Beyond technical adjustments, some players suggest the mental reset is another reason for second-half success, though it doesn't usually resemble a movie-script halftime.

A brief inspiration

The Los Angeles Times, in a 2018 series addressing NFL myths, debunked the blockbuster-style halftime speech, such as the one Al Pacino delivers in "Any Given Sunday."

"And the NFL rolls its eyes," Sam Farmer wrote.

Most Bears players agreed there's not much in the way of grand motivational oration. There's just not time.

By the time they've gone to the bathroom and eaten and looked at first-half images, there's enough for Nagy to emerge and a player to break down the huddle before they head back onto the field.

"There's not anything magical that happens," Daniel said.

That's not to say there's no motivation happening. Coaches try to weave it into their adjustment presentations. Wide receivers coach Mike Furrey said there's often talk in his group of wanting to stay hungry to make plays.

Players occasionally will say a few words. Trubisky does so at times, and veteran left tackle Charles Leno sometimes offers his thoughts. Even the reserved Fuller said he's gotten up a couple of times — "surprisingly," he said.

"But for the most part, guys just know," Leno said. "It's a chance for us to regroup, and then we look at the score, look where the opportunity is, and say, 'Hey, we still have a whole other half to play some more ball.'"

Of course, the Bears would love to mimic their third-quarter success in the first half. Before the first-half success against the Cowboys, Nagy said multiple times this year he was trying to figure out why the Bears start slow and pick up steam after halftime.

Daniel pointed to the Bears' lack of penalties to open the third quarter as something that both illustrates the Bears' focus out of the locker room and plays into why they've been able to move the ball so well.

Of their last seven drives out of halftime, the Bears offense has committed only one penalty. That also was the only drive they didn't score on because of a Trubisky interception.

Trubisky also suggested the second-half success is about the Bears being focused.

"Really it's all mental, just being locked in and just coming out in the second half with an edge and kind of flipping that switch and mentality that whether the first half went good or bad, we have to come out even better in the second half," Trubisky said. "So it's like a good checkpoint to check in with everybody, get on the same page and we've got to go harder from here."

So does it work?

"We've been better second half," Trubisky said. "So I would say so."

WHAT WE LEARNED

Pineiro looking to conquer the cold

By COLLEEN KANE AND RICH CAMPBELL

The Bears practiced Thursday at Halas Hall as they prepare to take on the Packers on Sunday at Lambeau Field. Here are four things we learned.

1. The Bears want Eddy Pineiro to conquer the cold Sunday by not paying it much mind.

The high temperature at Lambeau Field is expected to be 19 degrees with a wind chill in single digits. It will be the coldest game in which Pineiro has ever kicked.

He practiced outdoors at Halas Hall on Wednesday when the temperature was in the low 20s.

What did he take away from that session?

"Just hit the same ball," he said. "It's just going to be colder. It's probably not going to go as far."

Special teams coordinator Chris Tabor emphasized that Pineiro has to control the variables he can, and the weather is not one of them.

"He just has to go up and hit his football," Tabor said, adding that Pineiro did "just fine" in Wednesday's session.

For Pineiro, this is the next challenge in a mental growth process that has evolved throughout a season of highs, such as his game-winner against the Broncos, and lows, including his last-second miss against the Chargers.

"I think I've gotten mentally stronger," Pineiro said. "It's all a learning experience."

He was jokingly asked whether he'd wear short sleeves Sunday.

"No shot," he said with a laugh.

2. Ha Ha Clinton-Dix isn't necessarily expecting to grab 2 interceptions against Aaron Rodgers.

Bears safety Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, who spent 4½ seasons with the Packers and nine games with the Redskins last season, had his only two interceptions of the season against the Redskins in September. He returned one of them for a touchdown.

As he prepares to face the Packers and Aaron Rodgers on Sunday, he knows such production could be a lot more difficult in Green Bay. Rodgers has thrown two interceptions this season and just four over his last 29 games.

"If A-Rod decides to bless me and throw me the ball twice, I'll be happy as hell," Clinton-Dix said. "But unfortunately A-Rod doesn't work that way. He's the best quarterback in the game, and we just have to go out and execute and eliminate the big plays."

Clinton-Dix had five tackles in his first game with the Bears against the Packers.

"It means a lot, man, just to be able to go back and play against the guys I've been with for the last five years and to compete against your friends," Clinton-Dix said.

3. Allen Robinson is the Bears' Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year nominee.

Bears wide receiver Allen Robinson is the team's nominee for the 2019 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award, which recognizes a player for outstanding community service off the field as well as excellence on the field.

Robinson's Within Reach Foundation aims to provide educational opportunities and resources to low-income Chicago students.

"It's important to me because growing up, (I benefited from) having both my parents in my life and having them support me a lot, and being fortunate enough to play Little League sports and have some good influences around me," Robinson said. "Being able to provide the same opportunity with some kids in the inner cities is big. My presence can go a long way, as far as being a voice to the kids, aside from a parent or teacher."

Robinson's foundation opened a "Reach for a Book Reading Zone" in Chicago at the Gantz Boys and Girls Club in May, and he also sponsored a shopping spree for 25 kids earlier this month.

"Those were pretty exciting, to see the work actually in place, how the kids can benefit, and to see the excitement on the kids' faces," Robinson said.

4. Cordarrelle Patterson was added to the injury report Thursday.

Bears wide receiver and kick returner Cordarrelle Patterson was limited in practice Thursday with a head injury. Bears coach Matt Nagy spoke before practice, so he wasn't available to provide an update on what happened.

The rest of the injured Bears remained out of practice: tight end Ben Braunecker (concussion), wide receivers Taylor Gabriel (concussion) and Javon Wims (knee), right tackle Bobby Massie (ankle), inside linebacker Danny Trevathan (elbow) and defensive lineman Roy Robertson-Harris (foot).

Cornerback Prince Amukamara, who is recovering from a hamstring injury, practiced in full for the second straight day.

BASEBALL

Bye-bye, winter meetings



MATT YORK/AP

With the winter meetings over, Rick Hahn says pitching is the Sox's "prominent" need.

With outfielder Mazara in fold, Sox targeting help for rotation

BY LAMOND POPE

SAN DIEGO — While the White Sox completed one move during the winter meetings, trading for right fielder Nomar Mazara, general manager Rick Hahn said they made progress "on a handful of fronts" throughout the week.

"The pitching need is the one that's most prominent right now," Hahn said Thursday. "We've had productive conversations with agents and with other teams about potential trade fits, and we'll just have to see how quickly we're able to come to a meeting of the minds there. There's going to be future moves over the next couple of weeks, and hopefully we'll line up sooner rather than later."

Hahn said the Sox have looked at "every part of the market."

"There's a handful of smaller names that came off the board recently that we spent a fair amount of time on," Hahn said. "We don't close off any avenue to try to improve this club, and that includes possibly doing something at the top of the market."

"We have a great deal of information about these guys (and) how they could fit and their desire to be with us (and) what their priorities are. And when you're able to line up, we've proven it's something we pursue aggressively."

The Sox are looking to add at least one starting pitcher, possibly two. Lucas Giolito, Reynaldo Lopez and Dylan Cease are returning starters. Michael Kopech is coming back after missing 2019 while recovering from Tommy John surgery. Carlos Rodon, who had Tommy John surgery in May, could be an option down the line.

The winter meetings have produced excitement with the big-money signings of pitchers Stephen Strasburg (Nationals) and Gerrit Cole (Yankees) and third baseman Anthony Rendon (Angels).

Some have wondered why the Sox weren't attached to the speculation surrounding some of those superstars.

"That's part of what makes this game great," Hahn said, "and probably a guy the fans see fits with what we're doing and (say), 'Hey, they should pursue him,' maybe we did. Maybe we have extra information where it shows that would've been a fruitless pursuit in the end, just based on the player's preference for where they want to be, league or location. Perhaps it's something that we did get after and just weren't able to convert on."

Hahn noted that the Sox operate best when there is less noise surrounding their activities.

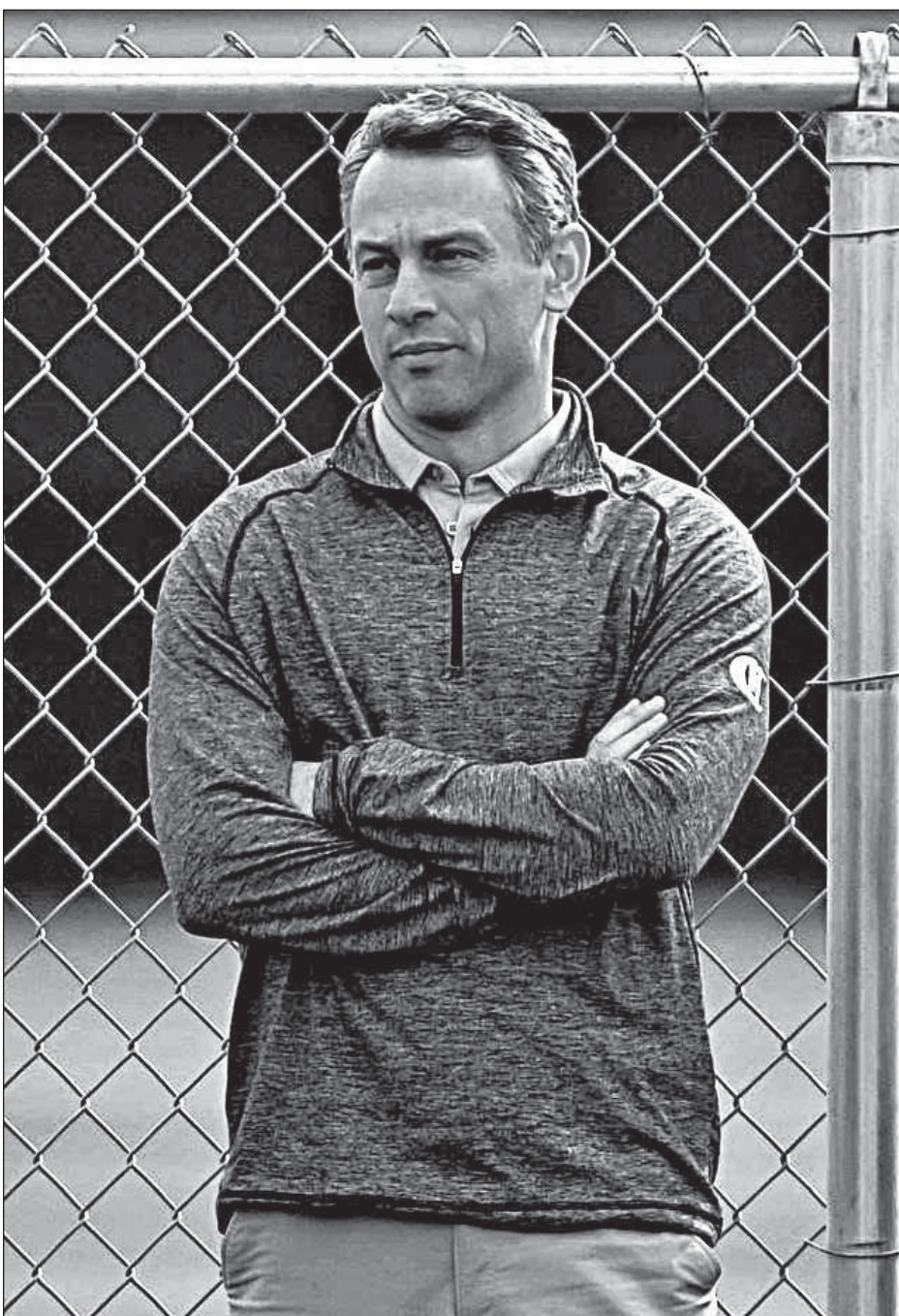
"We recently showed that on (Yasmani) Grandal," Hahn said. "It would be temporarily nice or fulfilling for me to stand here and say, 'Yeah, we didn't go after Player X because we knew for a fact this thing about why he wasn't coming here,' or, 'We did go after Player X and we came up short.' That might satisfy some sort of desire to show that we were active if people didn't think we were."

"But I would hope after all this time that people understand our approach tends to err on the side of being aggressive. And if there's a high-quality player that seems like a fit for us, we probably went down that path to some extent. And if it didn't wind up converting, there's usually a pretty good reason."

Overall, Hahn believes the Sox are making steps in the right direction.

"I know we are better today than we were at the start of the offseason, and I suspect by the time we get to spring training, we are going to be better than we are today," Hahn said. "This whole process started about three years ago now. We are thrilled with how much progress we've made. We are impatient about getting to that most rewarding stage of this rebuild when we are ready to win. We think we've taken steps to get that closer."

■ The Sox passed on making a selection in the major-league phase of the Rule 5 draft. They added pitcher Will Carter from the Yankees in the minor-league phase.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jed Hoyer acknowledges the Cubs have holes to fill after the end of the winter meetings.

Cubs head home with 'clarity' — and some roster holes still to fill

BY MARK GONZALES

SAN DIEGO — The steady signing of top free agents this week provided some clarity for the Cubs in their attempts to retool their roster and attain more financial flexibility.

"But I wouldn't say it moves us closer," general manager Jed Hoyer said Thursday after the winter meetings ended without the Cubs making a trade or signing a free agent.

That could change within the next few weeks.

Obviously, the compensation for a potential Kris Bryant trade will be clearer after an arbitrator rules on the Cubs slugger's service-time grievance. If he wins, Bryant could become a free agent after next season.

The prevailing thought among executives and some agents, however, is that the arbitrator will rule in favor of the Cubs, who would retain control of the third baseman for two years — unless they decided to trade him.

"We have a sense of which teams are interested in our players," said Hoyer, speaking in general terms. "I don't think a team that hasn't checked in with us and hasn't expressed interest ... all of a sudden comes out of the woodwork. We know the players involved. I don't think we know who will be involved yet ... because a lot of those teams are in the free-agent market as well."

"We have clarity (about) who can be involved, but we don't know which teams will be eliminated from that, based on free agency."

The agreement late Wednesday between Anthony Rendon and the Angels on a seven-year, \$245 million contract leaves Josh Donaldson as the top free-agent third baseman.

And if Donaldson signs with the Rangers, that could leave the Braves — Donaldson's former team — as a potential destination for Bryant because of their

plethora of young pitching prospects that could fill the Cubs' needs.

"There are going to be teams that don't improve the team as they hoped," Hoyer said of the high free-agent salaries that should shift the market to trades. "There weren't enough high-quality free agents to go around."

"Some of the bidding wars on some of these players would indicate there's more than one team that's looking to upgrade in those areas. It would be logical. But this has been a very good and deep free-agent class. That, more than anything else, is why we've seen this kind of activity."

Hoyer was encouraged even though the Cubs didn't complete a transaction, other than selecting reliever Trevor Megill from the Padres organization in the Rule 5 draft for \$100,000.

"We did good work," Hoyer said. "We made a lot of contacts. We got a lot of information and will carry that to Chicago."

The Cubs could learn soon if they will land center fielder Shogo Akiyama, who met with them and the Diamondbacks this week.

Two international scouts said the Cubs would be an ideal fit for the left-handed-hitting Akiyama, 31, who hit .303 or higher in each of his last three seasons in the Japan Pacific League.

"A lot of teams are involved," Hoyer said. "He's a pretty good player. He'll have a good role on a major-league team this year."

The Cubs also are looking to upgrade at second base.

"We're definitely out there looking, but we have a number of good players on our roster who can play second," Cubs President Theo Epstein said. "We're not closing any doors on Nico (Hoerner)."

Megill, a 6-foot-8 right-hander, must stay on the major-league roster for the entire 2020 season and be on the active roster for 90 days or be offered back to the Padres for \$50,000.

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ket until prices come down for the mid-level free agents.

But even the Tanner Roarks are cashing in — the 33-year-old pitcher signed a reported two-year, \$24 million deal with the Blue Jays — making it harder for some GMs to dive in.

A \$250 million contract isn't a possibility for many small-market clubs, even those that remain competitive thanks to creative GMs and managers who think outside the box such as the Rays' Kevin Cash and the Brewers' Craig Counsell.

"We have an economic system that has produced a remarkable level of competitive balance over a very long period of time," Commissioner Rob Manfred said. "Big market, small market — we had a number of small markets last year that had really remarkable seasons, Tampa and Oakland among them."

"Do I deny that Tampa can't sign a pitcher for \$326 million? I don't deny it."

That's a fact. Having said that, there are other areas in our system that allow those smaller markets to compete. And Tampa and Oakland are two good examples — Minnesota is another good one — who take advantage of parts of the system and put very, very competitive teams on the field."

So is everything back to the norm for the hot stove? And if so, will that affect negotiations in the collective bargaining agreement that comes up again after 2021?

Manfred said the existing system, with the luxury tax and revenue sharing, is working well for players and teams.

"Markets are going to be up and down," he said. "That's what happens in markets. It depends on what players are out there, what financial constraints clubs are under particular to the season. But over time it's important to drop back and remember we have the freest free agency in professional sports."

Manfred pointed to the lack of a salary cap or franchise tag that curbs spending.

"None of that," he said. "And it has produced the largest amount of guaranteed dollars for players in any professional sport."

He mentioned several big-ticket signings in the last year, including Harper, Machado, Mike Trout and Nolan Arenado, as examples of how the system works.

"And then the activity we've had already this year, that's a really robust market," he said. "And the fact you have markets up and down over a short period of time, I don't think is an indication that we need to throw out something that's worked for 30 years and make fundamental changes in the system."

The \$208 million luxury-tax threshold can be considered an artificial salary cap, but a few teams, like the Yankees, blow past it without looking back.

Manfred's argument that the system works has been helped by some teams pivoting from trading veterans for prospects in a rebuild to signing prominent free agents, such as the Reds giving Mike Moustakas a four-year, \$64 million deal and the White Sox signing Yasmani Grandal for four years and \$73 million.

The Sox struck out on Machado last year but seemingly are backing up Hahn's promise in February to use the savings down the road instead of banking it.

The Sox are seeking a front-line starting pitcher, though prices have jumped in this market.

"It would be awfully foolish to say we're going to go out and spend (the reported \$250 million they offered Machado) immediately," Hahn said.

"The point of that comment was more that there are other ways to allocate this money."

Hahn pointed to the extensions for Eloy Jimenez and Jose Abreu and the Grandal signing, and he could've added the \$120 million offer that free-agent pitcher Zack Wheeler rejected.

"For me it's more knowing we have these resources available to allocate toward player acquisitions, and that's what it's going to be used for," he said.

"That (Machado) offer was over an eight- to 10-year period. So to say it's all going out the door in Year 1 just because it's sitting there? Maybe, but it's got to be for the right players."

No matter how it winds up for the Sox, it was nice to see the hot stove lit again.

MLB's thank-you note to Boras is in the mail.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ILLINOIS TAKEAWAYS

Cockburn personifies how Illinois is improving

By SHANNON RYAN

CHAMPAIGN — After Illinois dropped its previous two games by a combined three points, Ayo Dosunmu never lost confidence.

“We knew we could do this,” Dosunmu said after scoring 14 points in the Illini’s 71-62 victory against No. 5 Michigan on Wednesday night at the State Farm Center.

It was the first win over a top-five team since 2013 for Illinois (7-3, 1-1 Big Ten), which blew a late double-digit lead Saturday in a 59-58 loss at then-No. 3 Maryland. The game before that, the Illini fell behind Miami by 19 at halftime before a furious rally came up short in an 81-79 loss.

Here are three takeaways from Wednesday’s victory.

- 1. Give Kofi Cockburn another award.**
- Freshman Kofi Cockburn’s monstrous dunk in the second half left the rim rattling for 10 seconds.
- After the 7-footer swatted away one of his four blocked shots, his celebratory stomps on the court resonated above the cheering crowd and the arena’s blaring pop music.
- Cockburn already has won three Big Ten Freshman of the Week awards in just five weeks. After scoring 19 points with 10 rebounds (six offensive) in the upset, Cockburn’s name is spreading throughout the conference — even if Michigan coach Juwan Howard slightly mispronounced it (it’s CO-burn).
- “His presence is very strong for them,” Howard said.
- Cockburn helped Illinois to a 44-28 edge on the glass, including a 15-6 offensive rebounding advantage. The Illini outscored the Wolverines 44-26 in the paint and 16-0 on second-chance points.
- Cockburn combined well with Giorgi Bezhanishvili (12 points, eight rebounds) to provide rim protection and dominate inside.
- “There’s no doubt he was really good,” Illinois coach Brad Underwood said of Cockburn. “He’s still a pup. He’s still learning the game. When this kid gets really strong, the upside is scary.”



Kofi Cockburn (21) block a shot by Franz Wagner of Michigan in Illinois’ win Wednesday.

- 2. Cockburn’s improvement at the line is crucial.**
- Cockburn’s favorite player growing up was Shaquille O’Neal — and Cockburn looked like the notoriously poor free-throw shooter at the start of the season.
- Cockburn shot only 50% (17 of 34) on free throws through the first five games. He’s 23 of 26 at the line in the five games since, including 7 of 9 against Michigan (8-2, 1-1).
- “I was kind of timid,” he said of shooting free throws at the start of the season. “I never played in front of that kind of crowd before.”
- Underwood said Cockburn’s extra work at practice has helped.
- “It becomes a very viable option,” Underwood said. “Now you want to run offense to him in late-game situations and know that he’s going to step up there and make it. I’m really proud of him. He’s working and put in enough time. He’s gained a lot of confidence.”
- 3. Illinois played with more composure than it did against Maryland.**
- Underwood mentioned the Illini’s “attention to detail” a few times after the victory over Michigan.
- He noted they made few mistakes in the loss at Maryland, despite giving up an 11-point lead in the final 4 minutes, 11 seconds. Michigan made an 8-0 run to close to 66-62 with 2:06 remaining, but the Illini made clutch plays to stay afloat.
- “As difficult as Saturday was, to get these guys to continue to believe in the process and understand how important preparation is, I’m really proud of that,” Underwood said.
- That’s the growth he has been seeking. “Maybe tonight,” he said, “is another step.”

Unexpected struggles at Syracuse

Associated Press

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim isn’t used to this — nine games into the season his Orange are barely above .500.

With no seniors and five freshmen on the roster and apparent weaknesses on the floor, the Orange (5-4) were no match for defending national champion Virginia to open the season — a 48-34 loss, the fewest points for a Syracuse team in Boeheim’s long tenure. Syracuse lost to Oklahoma State, Penn State and Iowa in a recent seven-day span, each by double digits.

That gave Boeheim the worst start (4-4) since he took over the program in 1976. The team beat Georgia Tech on Saturday.

“Obviously, our young guys just aren’t ready yet for top-50 teams,” Boeheim said. “The four teams that we lost to are just bigger, stronger, and better than we are. It’s not like we’re playing teams that we should beat. The way we’re playing and the way those teams are constructed with upper-class guys, they’re just better than we are right now. It’s obvious to me that we can play a little better.

“It’s tough to lose two or three games in a row anytime, but you just have to keep playing. I think we will improve.”

On the season, the Orange’s zone defense has been decent despite the use of four freshmen in almost every game. Syracuse ranks 68th in scoring defense (63.3 points per game) and is holding opponents to 28.2% on 3-pointers. Offensively, the Orange are averaging 72.1 points, 16.9 assists and 13.4 turnovers.

A glaring weakness has been on the glass — Syracuse has a rebounding margin of minus-0.7 — and that’s limited the pre-season goal of scoring more in transition. Starting center Bourama Sidibe, a 6-foot-10 junior who’s been hampered by injuries his entire career at Syracuse, is averaging 6.8 rebounds, 245th nationally. That’s just ahead of 6-10 forward Marek Dolezaj (5.8), who at 185 pounds can’t cope too well inside against players like Penn State’s Mike Watkins, a double-double machine at 6-9 and 257 pounds. Watkins had 15 points and 16 rebounds in an 85-64 victory over the Orange in the NIT Season Tipoff in Brooklyn as the Nittany Lions outrebounded Syracuse 57-28.

“We can’t rebound the ball and get up the court,” Boeheim said. “You can’t run without getting some rebounding or getting some turnover situations.”

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BLACKHAWKS



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

COYOTES 5, BLACKHAWKS 2

Dry spell in the desert

Playing without the injured Duncan Keith and Calvin de Haan didn't make Thursday's 5-2 loss to the Coyotes any less of a failure for the Blackhawks. From taking Alex DeBrincat's penalty 10 seconds into the game to allowing three first-period goals, the Hawks barely put up a fight in their first full game since de Haan suffered a shoulder injury to join Keith (groin) on injured reserve. Over the last five periods since de Haan got hurt, the Hawks have been outscored 9-2 and shown no inclination they know how to move forward without their top two defensemen. Their third straight loss dropped them to 12-14-6, including 3-7-2 in their last 12 games. They visit the Stanley Cup champion Blues on Saturday with a chance to finish their three-game trip without a point. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

De Haan out long term with injury

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

GLENDAL, Ariz. — The Blackhawks placed defenseman Calvin de Haan on injured reserve Thursday with a right shoulder injury, two days after he awkwardly fell on it and left a game against the Golden Knights.

It's not clear how long de Haan, who underwent surgery on the same shoulder in May and missed the first two games of the season, will be out. Coach Jeremy Colliton didn't speculate but said the injury is "likely" to be long term.

"I don't have a final status," Colliton said. "He's back in Chicago getting evaluated."

Being placed on injured reserve requires a seven-day absence and opens a roster spot. The Hawks have not announced a corresponding move.

De Haan's injury is the latest to hit the depleted Hawks. Veteran defenseman Duncan Keith hasn't played since Nov. 29 with a groin injury, and there's no timetable for his return. Forwards Andrew Shaw and Drake Caggiula are on long-term injured reserve with concussions.

The Hawks had seven defensemen available Thursday night for their game against the Coyotes, and one of them, Olli Maatta, missed the last four games while recovering from what the team described as "flu-like symptoms."

Maatta was expected back in the lineup for the Hawks, who already are starting rookie defensemen Adam Boqvist and Dennis Gilbert. Colliton was pleased with Boqvist's play against the Golden Knights, against whom he logged a career-high 17 minutes, 42 seconds of ice time in his first game since being recalled from Rockford.

With seven NHL games under his belt entering Thursday, Boqvist, 19, is nearing the 10-game mark that if met would burn the first year on his entry-level con-



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Blackhawks defenseman Calvin de Haan, left, talks with goaltender Corey Crawford on Dec. 2.

tract.

Whether that was in the Hawks' plans or not doesn't matter. The injuries to Keith and de Haan have made using Boqvist necessary.

"We don't have a choice in some ways," Colliton said. "He's acquitted himself very well in the opportunities he's had so far, whether it was last stint up — I thought he played well — and I liked his game last game."

"There's going to be mistakes. There's going to be situations where he puts himself in a bad spot, but he also has the skill and skating to solve those situations.

The more he can learn, as far as role and ice time, probably the better for us long-term."

The opportunities for Boqvist and Gilbert are clear-cut, but if the Hawks hope to have any chance of staying in the playoff picture while Keith, de Haan and Shaw are out, they're going to need veterans to step up.

The Hawks' season is hanging in the balance. They entered Thursday having gone 3-6-2 in their last 11 games and were seven points out of the final wild-card spot in the Western Conference.

"We need contributions from

everyone," Colliton said. "There's opportunity for everybody to take a little bit more, and that's what we need. From the veterans, it's leading by example. It starts with your play away from the puck, because you don't have it that much. The puck is not on your stick for most of the time that you're out there, so how do we act in situations? Do we protect each other with our work ethic and our positioning?"

"If our older guys, our top guys, our veteran guys, do that, then it's a lot easier for the younger players to follow suit. That's what we're looking for."

Illness

Continued from Page 1

next game at the United Center against the Penguins.

Every NHL player deals with aches and pains from a long season, but those rarely cause them to miss games. Dealing with the loss of

energy is much worse because it's, well, everywhere.

"Just the whole body," Gustafsson said. "It just feels like it's not going. The legs are going maybe and maybe not the breath or something like that. Breathing is tough, but it's the whole body. Not just one part."

Gustafsson says there are two keys to that first game back:

keeping shifts short and getting hit. Yep, getting hit. That's what told Gustafsson his body was back to normal.

"Just feels like you're ready to go after that," he said.

Patrick Kane was forced to miss a game Oct. 31 in Vancouver with an illness, the only game he has missed since breaking his collarbone during the 2014-15 season.

While Maatta has been watching games from the press box during his recovery, Kane stayed in his hotel room and had to watch a 4-2 loss to the Canucks on TC.

"A lot of hockey players and especially guys in here pride themselves on taking care of themselves and being ready to play," Kane said. "Sometimes it's inevitable that you're going to come down with something"

BULLS

Parker loves city, not Bulls

Didn't mesh with hometown team but feels welcome

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Other players who have had bad breakups with their former teams, like Jabari Parker had with the Bulls, may shy away from revenge talk, but Hawks coach Lloyd Pierce knew otherwise.

"Yeah, I'd be lying if I said it wasn't" important to Parker, Pierce said before the Hawks' 136-102 loss to the Bulls on Wednesday night. "We go to Milwaukee (Parker's first NBA team) a couple of weeks back and he puts on his season high (33 points) with us, and there's no coincidence."

Parker had 11 points and seven rebounds against the Bulls on Wednesday.

The native South Sider and Simeon alumnus never meshed with his hometown Bulls and quickly fell out of favor in his one season with them last year — and that might be an understatement. The Bulls packaged him with Bobby Portis in a trade for Otto Porter Jr. with the Wizards in February.

Since then, Parker has taken advantage of every opportunity to express how he feels about the Bulls and their treatment of him, either through his play or in interviews.

Such was the case before the game Wednesday, when he told ESPN.com, "I just had to move on, but that never changed about how I feel about my city because I have more street cred than that organization, period."

Later, Parker clarified what he meant by "street cred" to the Tribune.

"I can go anywhere in the city," he said, explaining that he's accepted on the South and West sides. "I can go to Englewood, I can go to K-Town. I can go anywhere in the city. That's thanks to my dad (Sonny) (and) people that I've helped in the past, but I'm good everywhere in the city."

Parker grew up playing at the James Jordan Boys & Girls Club on the West Side, where Sonny, a former Golden State Warrior, worked.

As for the Bulls, he said he knows he and other Chicago natives in the NBA, such as Hawks teammate Evan Turner, would love to play together in the city, but he doubts current Bulls brass would be interested.

"If it was up to us, we'd have our own team and play here, right?" Parker said. "But that's just not the business. The business, they choose who they want. This is the organization and they have the money. So that's how it goes."

At least he has a little piece of Chicago in his current locker room with Turner.

"We have a type of language that doesn't need talking," Parker said. "We get it."

"That's always been a dream to meet him because I grew up watching him. He's seven years older than me. I grew up going to his high school games at St. Joe's (in Westchester), and that's like a guy I've idolized for some time."

In fact, any NBA peer who grew up playing in Chicago likely has a "tight" connection with Parker. They have many coaches, tournaments and arenas in common.

But none represents a stronger bond than the one Parker has with former Simeon teammate and Heat guard Kendrick Nunn. Parker wore a big smile when asked how he felt about Nunn surpassing expectations as an undrafted rookie, averaging 16.2 points.

"We're always like this," said Parker, twisting two fingers together. "So we're so tight. Every time he does well I'm always trying to be a fan because that's who I am. I support my friends."

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	19	7	.731	—
Boston	17	7	.708	1
Toronto	16	8	.667	2
Brooklyn	13	11	.542	5
New York	5	20	.200	13½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	18	6	.750	—
Orlando	11	13	.458	7
Charlotte	11	16	.407	8½
Washington	7	16	.304	10½
Atlanta	6	19	.240	12½

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	22	3	.880	—
Indiana	16	9	.640	6
Detroit	10	15	.400	12
Chicago	9	17	.346	13½
Cleveland	6	19	.240	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	17	7	.708	—
Houston	16	8	.667	1
San Antonio	9	15	.375	8
Memphis	9	16	.333	9
New Orleans	6	19	.240	11½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	15	8	.652	—
Utah	14	11	.560	2
Oklahoma City	11	13	.458	4½
Minnesota	10	14	.417	5½
Portland	10	16	.385	6½

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	22	3	.880	—
L.A. Clippers	19	7	.731	3½
Phoenix	11	13	.458	10½
Sacramento	11	13	.458	10½
Golden State	5	21	.192	17½

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 115, Boston 109
Cleveland 115, San Antonio 109 (OT)
Dallas 122, Detroit 111
Denver 114, Portland 99

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Houston at Orlando, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Miami, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

76ERS 115, CELTICS 109

PHILADELPHIA: Harris 10-20 2-3 23, Scott 5-7 0-0 15, Embiid 12-21 12-14 38, Simmons 2-6 3-4 7, Richardson 5-11 2-2 14, Ennis III 1-4 0-0 2, Thybulle 2-4 0-0 6, O'Quinn 1-4 0-0 3, Neto 0-1 0-0 0, Korkmaz 3-4 0-0 7, Totals 41-82 19-23 115.
BOSTON: Hayward 8-16 1-2 19, Tatum 5-18 2-2 15, Theis 7-11 1-1 16, Walker 8-21 8-10 29, Brown 3-9 2-2 8, Ojeleye 0-2 0-0 0, Kanter 10-13 0-20, Wanamaker 1-10-0 2, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 42-91 14-17 109.

Philadelphia	28	28	25	34	—115
Boston	34	25	21	29	—109

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 14-28

(Scott 5-7, Richardson 2-3, Embiid 2-3, Thybulle 2-4, Korkmaz 1-2, Harris 1-3, O'Quinn 1-3, Neto 0-1, Ennis III 0-2, Boston 11-31 (Walker 5-13, Tatum 3-8, Hayward 2-4, Theis 1-2, Kanter 0-1, Brown 0-1, Ojeleye 0-2). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Philadelphia 45 (Embiid 13), Boston 33 (Kanter 9). **Assists**—Philadelphia 27 (Harris 7), Boston 24 (Walker 8). **Total Fouls**—Philadelphia 19, Boston 25. **Technical**s—Tatum, A.—19,156 (18,624).

NFL

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
New England	10	3	0	.769	338	168	5-1-0	5-2-0	6-3-0	4-0-0	4-0-0
Buffalo	9	4	0	.692	274	212	4-3-0	5-1-0	6-3-0	3-1-0	3-1-0
N.Y. Jets	5	9	0	.357	247	343	4-3-0	1-6-0	2-8-0	3-1-0	1-4-0
Miami	3	10	0	.231	221	399	2-5-0	1-5-0	2-8-0	1-2-0	1-4-0

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Houston	8	5	0	.615	317	309	5-2-0	3-3-0	7-3-0	1-2-0	3-1-0
Tennessee	8	5	0	.615	318	295	4-2-0	4-3-0	6-4-0	2-1-0	2-2-0
Indianapolis	6	7	0	.462	296	255	4-3-0	2-4-0	5-6-0	1-1-0	3-2-0
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	230	337	2-5-0	2-4-0	4-6-0	0-3-0	1-4-0

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
x-Baltimore	12	2	0	.857	472	257	6-1-0	6-1-0	8-2-0	4-0-0	3-1-0
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	259	242	5-2-0	3-3-0	6-3-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Cleveland	6	7	0	.462	273	291	4-3-0	2-4-0	6-4-0	0-3-0	3-1-0
Cincinnati	1	12	0	.077	198	325	1-5-0	0-7-0	1-8-0	0-4-0	0-5-0

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
y-Kansas City	9	4	0	.692	371	281	3-3-0	6-1-0	7-3-0	2-1-0	4-0-0
Oakland	6	7	0	.462	258	366	5-2-0	1-5-0	4-5-0	2-2-0	2-2-0
Denver	5	8	0	.385	236	261	3-3-0	2-5-0	5-5-0	0-3-0	2-2-0
L.A. Chargers	5	8	0	.385	289	251	2-4-0	3-4-0	3-7-0	2-1-0	0-4-0

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	334	267	3-3-0	3-4-0	1-3-0	5-4-0	4-0-0
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	297	301	4-3-0	2-4-0	2-2-0	4-5-0	2-1-0
Washington	3	10	0	.231	188	310	1-5-0	2-5-0	1-3-0	2-7-0	0-3-0
N.Y. Giants	2	11	0	.154	247	362	1-5-0	1-6-0	0-3-0	2-8-0	1-3-0

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
y-New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	344	296	5-2-0	5-1-0	2-0-0	8-3-0	4-1-0
Tampa Bay	6	7	0	.462	378	381	2-4-0	4-3-0	2-1-0	4-6-0	2-3-0
Carolina	5	8	0	.385	300	360	2-4-0	3-4-0	3-0-0	2-8-0	1-4-0
Atlanta	4	9	0	.308	300	343	2-5-0	2-4-0	0-3-0	4-6-0	3-2-0

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	309	270	6-1-0	4-2-0	3-1-0	7-2-0	3-0-0
Minnesota	9	4	0	.692	339	249	6-0-0	3-4-0	2-1-0	7-3-0	2-2-0
Chicago	7	6	0	.538	243	232	4-3-0	3-3-0	1-2-0	6-4-0	3-1-0
Detroit	3	9	1	.269	287	335	4-4-0	1-5-1	1-2-0	2-7-1	0-5-0

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
San Francisco	11	2	0	.846	397	229	5-1-0	6-1-0	3-1-0	8-1-0	3-1-0
Seattle	10	3	0	.769	341	321	4-2-0	6-1-0	3-1-0	7-2-0	3-1-0
L.A. Rams	8	5	0	.615	311	262	4-3-0	4-2-0	2-2-0	6-3-0	2-2-0
Arizona	3	9	1	.269	272	374	1-5-1	2-4-0	1-2-0	2-7-1	0-4-0

x-clinched playoff berth; y-clinched division

WEEK 15 THURSDAY'S RESULT

Baltimore 42, N.Y. Jets 21

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Denver at Kansas City, noon
Tampa Bay at Detroit, noon
Houston at Tennessee, noon
Miami at N.Y. Giants, noon
Seattle at Carolina, noon
Chicago at Green Bay, noon
New England at Cincinnati, noon
Philadelphia at Washington, noon
Cleveland at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 7:20 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAME

Indianapolis at New Orleans, 7:15 p.m.

RAVENS 42, JETS 21

N.Y. Jets 0 7 0 14 — 21
Baltimore 13 8 14 7 — 42
First quarter A: 70,545.
Bal: Ingram 6 run (Tucker kick), 7:49.
Bal: Boykin 5 pass from L.Jackson (kick failed), 2:50.
Second quarter NYJ: Crowder 4 pass, Darnold (Ficken), 13:27.
Bal: Andrews 1 pass from L.Jackson (Ingram run), 9:43.
Third quarter Bal: M.Brown 24 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 5:09.
Bal: S.Roberts 33 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), :58.
Fourth quarter NYJ: Bello 14 blocked punt return (kick failed), 12:07.
Bal: Ingram 10 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 9:58.
NYJ: Crowder 18 pass from Darnold (R.Anderson pass from Darnold), 7:35.

TEAM STATS

	NYJ	BAL
First downs	13	23
Total net yards	310	440
Rushes-yards	24-103	34-218
Passing	7-207	21-212
Punt returns	3-48	1-8
Kickoff returns	7-179	1-5
Int. returns	0-0	1-12
Comp-att-int	18-32-1	15-24-0
Sacked-yds lost	1-11	1-0
Punts	4-51.0	5-36.2
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-yards	8-94	6-35
Possession time	28:22	31:38

Rush leaders: NYJ, Bell 21-87. **Bal,** Jackson 8-86, Ingram 13-76, Edwards 5-35.
Passing: NYJ, Darnold 18-22-1, 218. **Bal,** Jackson 15-23-0-212, Griffin 0-10-0.
Rec leaders: NYJ, Crowder 6-90, R.Anderson 4-66, V.Smith 3-40, Bell 2-1, J.Smith 1-12, Montgomery 1-5, Brown 1-4. **Bal,** Andrews 4-52, M.Brown 4-45, Roberts 3-66, H.Hurst 1-19, Sneed 1-15, Ingram 1-10, Boykin 1-5.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	20	7	6	46	111	84
Buffalo	16	11	6	38	105	100
Montreal	15	11	6	36	104	105
Tampa Bay	16	11	3	35	108	95
Florida	15	11	5	35	107	104
Toronto	15	14	4	34	106	108
Ottawa	13	17	2	28	86	100
Detroit	8	22	3	19	72	131

METRO.	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	23	5	5	51	120	95
N.Y. Islanders	21	7	2	44	89	70
Carolina	19	11	2	40	103	86
Pittsburgh	18	10	4	40	105	85
Philadelphia	17	9	5	39	97	88
N.Y. Rangers	16	12	3	35	100	97
Columbus	12	14	5	29	76	94
New Jersey	9	16	5	23	74	111

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	19	8	6	44	98	90
Colorado	20	8	3	43	114	85
Winnipeg	19	11	2	40	94	88
Dallas	18	11	3	39	84	86
Minnesota	15	12	5	35	98	106
Nashville	14	11	5	33	101	97
Chicago	12	14	6	30	86	103

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Arizona	19	11	4	42	96	82
Calgary	18	12	4	40	95	100
Edmonton	18	12	4	40	105	105
Vegas	16	13	5	37	100	98
Vancouver	16	12	4	36	105	95
San Jose	15	17	2	32	92	120
Anaheim	13	15	4	30	83	94
Los Angeles	13	18	2	28	82	104

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Tampa Bay 3, Boston 2
Buffalo 4, Nashville 3
N.Y. Islanders 3, Florida 1
Pittsburgh 1, Columbus 0 (OT)
Detroit 5, Winnipeg 2
St. Louis 4, Vegas 2
Minnesota 6, Edmonton 5
Calgary 4, Toronto 2
Arizona 5, Chicago 2
Los Angeles 2, Anaheim 1
Vancouver 1, Carolina 0 (OT)
N.Y. Rangers 6, San Jose 3
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Vegas at Dallas, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Colorado, 8 p.m.

COYOTES 5, BLACKHAWKS 2

Chicago	0	1	1	— 2
Arizona	3	1	1	— 5

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Arizona, Grabner 7 (Hinostroza, Richardson), 2:56. 2, Arizona, Keller 6 (Hinostroza, Oesterle), 5:03. 3, Arizona, Richardson 1 (Hinostroza, Chy-chrun), 15:04.

Penalties: DeBrincat, CHI, (tripping), 0:10; Chy-chrun, ARI, (tripping), 10:50; Nylander, CHI, (hooking), 12:08; Smith, CHI, (cross checking), 16:58.

SECOND PERIOD: 4, Chicago, Toews 7 (Gilbert, Kubalik), 6:02. 5, Arizona, Schmalzt 6 (Dvorak), 8:25.

Penalty: Schmalzt, ARI, (hooking), 1:38.

THIRD PERIOD: 6, Chicago, Strome 7 (Gustafsson, DeBrincat), 12:58 (pp.). 7, Arizona, Keller 7 (Soderberg, Dvorak), 17:53. **Penalties:** Dach, CHI, (tripping), 5:34; Arizona bench, served by Kessel (too many men on the ice), 12:16.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Chicago 10-11-8—29, Arizona 17-10-13—40.

POWER PLAYS: Chicago 1 of 3; Arizona 0 of 4.

GOALIES: Chicago, Lehner 6-6-4 (40 shots-35 saves). Arizona, Kuemper 14-6-2 (29-27). **A:** 13,150 (17,125). **T:** 2:19.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

1. **Louisville** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Eastern Kentucky, Saturday.
2. **Kansas** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. UMKC, Saturday.
3. **Ohio State** (9-0) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.
4. **Maryland** (10-1) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Seton Hall, Thursday, Dec. 19.
5. **Michigan** (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Oregon, Saturday.
6. **Gonzaga** (10-1) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Arizona, Saturday.
7. **Duke** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wofford, Thursday, Dec. 19.
8. **Kentucky** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday.
9. **Virginia</**

BEARS



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For Bears coach **Matt Nagy**, a fateful — and Chicago — connection with Duke legend **Mike Krzyzewski** has proved energizing

By **DAN WIEDERER**

A day day after the Bears defeated the Packers last December, clinching the NFC North championship in exhilarating fashion, a lifelong fan in North Carolina reached out to Halas Hall with a request to speak with Matt Nagy. Chicago native Mike Krzyzewski wanted first to offer his congratulations on Nagy's achievement, with the first-year coach reviving a franchise that had finished in last place for four consecutive seasons.

But as the host of "Basketball and Beyond," a wide-ranging talk show on Sirius XM Radio, Krzyzewski also wanted Nagy on the air to talk shop, to exchange leadership ideas, to sift through some of the secrets to the Bears coach's early success.

When Nagy learned of the request, he quickly adjusted his schedule. "I mean, this is Coach K," he said.

Thus for 20 minutes on that Monday morning a year ago, the two coaches — one a Hall of Fame college basketball legend with more than 1,100 career victories and the other a then-40-year-old NFL novice with just 14 games under his belt — chatted openly.

Krzyzewski, with all the giddiness of his Bears fandom showing, gushed about Tarik Cohen's passion, the defense's steadiness and, most of all, Nagy's ability to create "a culture of belief."

An instant connection was made. A relationship began. And at the end of that brief phone chat, Krzyzewski extended an open invitation for Nagy to stop in at Cameron Indoor Stadium for a Duke game. Whenever he wanted.

A few weeks later, the Bears coach showed his think-big chutzpah with a grand request. Rather than settle for, say, a couple of seats to a Saturday matinee against St. John's, Nagy swung for the fences. He was hoping to bring his family of six to Durham, N.C. They wanted to see Krzyzewski's Blue Devils battle rival North Carolina.

Why not?

Correspondence course

We'll get back to that game shortly. But it's worth noting how much shared enthusiasm there was in that initial conversation between the coaches. For Nagy, an opportunity to exchange thoughts with one of the most accomplished icons in the coaching profession had significant perks.

"How lucky am I to listen to advice and also just talk and have a good conversation with somebody who's an absolute legend?" he asked.

Krzyzewski, meanwhile, always has believed in the power of broadening his horizons and collecting new viewpoints. Since 2005, he has hosted "Basketball and Beyond" as a sort of self-created satellite class to further study, through many lenses, the pursuit of success and the tenets of leadership.

The show has afforded him an opportunity to connect with accomplished figures from within the sporting world and beyond — from LeBron James to Barbara Bush, Joe Maddon to Dale Earnhardt Jr., Bryce Harper to Bobby Lay. Over the last year, the show's guest list has included Roger Federer, Bill Belichick, Condoleezza Rice, Dabo Swinney and Nagy.

"I was intrigued with Matt's background to a certain extent," Krzyzewski said. "He was involved for a while in a great organization (with the Chiefs). He's still a young coach. And he had taken over my team. So it made sense. If you're from Chicago, you're a Bears fan. Forever."

As Nagy jump-started the Bears' resurgence in 2018, Krzyzewski sat at home on game days, pulled up his "NFL Sunday Ticket" and zoned in.

"I watch it as a coach who's a fan," he said. "It's not just watching the play. I look at facial expressions, how they work with one another, the extra effort, how they interact."

From afar, Krzyzewski found himself struck by how quickly Nagy had established a bond with his players and instilled a collective confidence.

'K' pal

"Matt knew that was the first step and the most important part before he started worrying about his offense or his defense or the special teams," Krzyzewski said. "You have to first create an environment that is conducive to a high level of success. ... He has a really good rapport with his team. You can just tell."

As Krzyzewski praised Nagy for his approach, the Bears coach was floored.

"Here's a guy who has been through every experience humanly possible in a leadership role and in an X's and O's role," Nagy said. "And here he is complimenting where we were as a team in that first year and how he admired our culture. I'll never forget that for the rest of my life."

Nagy appreciated Krzyzewski's passion for the Bears as well as his genuine inquisitiveness.

"Here he is having been a head coach for more than 40 years and still believing he can grab something of value from someone like me," he said. "That's what I will continue to do for as long as I'm fortunate enough to coach for."

'You could just feel the vibe'

So now back to February, as promised. Back to that Duke-Carolina game at Cameron. Back to that visit Nagy made to see one of the most storied rivalries in sports in one of the most hallowed venues. True to his nature, Nagy was part wide-eyed fan and part locked-in student that night.

Before the game, as he and his family walked from their car to the stadium, they were struck by the energy.

"You could just feel the vibe of what you were getting ready to walk into," Nagy said. "That part was so surreal. That was powerful."

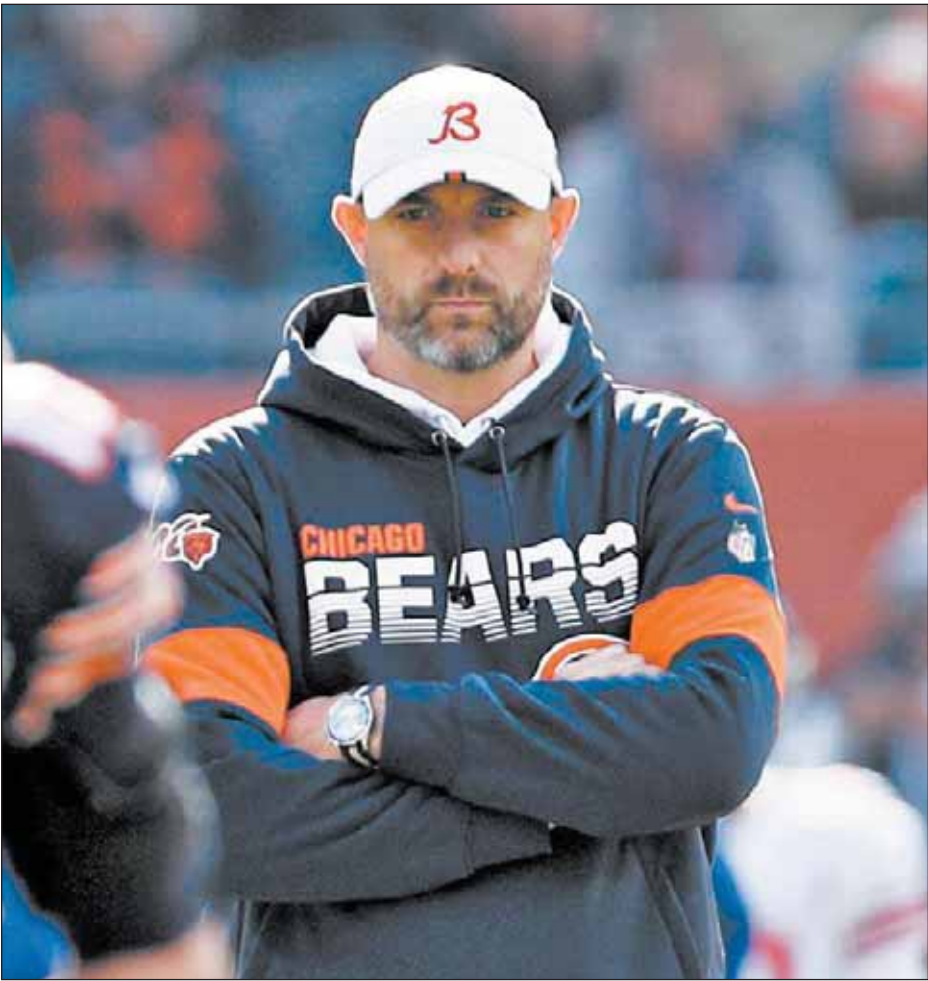
In Krzyzewskiville, the pop-up-tent city of more than a thousand students that sits outside Cameron, Nagy had a chance to see one of the ways Duke basketball lives and breathes on campus.

Said Krzyzewski: "For any coach, for any leader, if you have a chance to observe something like that, you're going to leave with ideas. It's not just observing. When you're placed in that environment, you might have a new idea or think of a new way of doing your own thing."

In a way, Krzyzewski acknowledged, the experience becomes a method of indirect brainstorming, something he did often while coaching NBA stars with the USA Basketball men's national team.

"It's not a matter of copying," he said. "It's a deal that can spark something or inspire you more than just reading a book or turning on music or whatever."

And when the Blue Devils-Tar Heels game began, Nagy, in his own words, "became selfish." As a devoted student of



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team building and leadership, he was determined to be a sponge. Just a few rows back of the Duke bench — across the way from Barack Obama and Spike Lee — Nagy found himself attentively watching Krzyzewski coach.

"There was a calm with him where his players never got out of whack just because he was out of whack," Nagy said. "I just remember appreciating that calmness."

That was the night Duke star Zion Williamson blew out of the shoe on his left foot in the first minute and injured his right knee, the night the Blue Devils stumbled to an 88-72 loss.

"He didn't get to see Cameron like Cameron," Krzyzewski said. "Instead he got to see our season change."

Still, Nagy kept much of his focus on Krzyzewski. He observed the way the Duke coach interacted and exchanged ideas with his assistants. He noticed how Krzyzewski "felt the game" and the way he handled his timeouts.

"I couldn't hear much of what he was saying," Nagy said. "But I could tell by his body language and facial expressions when he felt compelled to get on somebody and give that tough love and when he was more in that teaching demeanor. That was fascinating for me. It really was."

Moving forward

Now, another rivalry game demands Nagy's full attention. The Bears again play the Packers on Sunday. And as has been well-documented, this season's journey has had far more detours and storms than last.

Rather than pursuing another division title, Nagy's Bears are in third place hovering around .500 and still classified as long shots to return to the playoffs.

A four-game losing streak in October and early November rattled much of the fan base and, in the most agitated pockets, amplified questions about Nagy's long-term potential.

But in recent weeks, the Bears have regrouped enough to win four of five, at least staying alive in playoff contention and showing admirable levels of focus and resolve to emerge from their funk.

Perhaps, at some point down the road, Nagy and Krzyzewski can use that as an entry point for their next lengthy conversation, dialing in with one another on the methods of staying true to a vision, believing in your culture and understanding how to grind through severe turbulence.

After all, as Krzyzewski so often has pointed out over the years, the early stages of his Duke career weren't exactly a fairy tale. His first three Blue Devils teams lost a combined 47 games with a winning percentage of .447. Duke's final loss in 1983 was a 109-66 thrashing at the hands of Virginia.

At that time, no one was envisioning a four-decade run that would include a dozen Final Four trips and five national championships. Many within the school's Iron Dukes booster club weren't convinced Krzyzewski had what it took to achieve and sustain high-level success in the ACC.

"There was a growing group known as 'The Concerned Iron Dukes,'" Krzyzewski said. "And they were concerned that I was their coach."

Over time, that concern disappeared. And while for Nagy this is a far different time and a much different sport, he has a similar drive to prove he can carry the Bears on a long run of success.

Nagy and Krzyzewski have continued their relationship. They have exchanged handwritten letters. They check in periodically via text. They constantly root for one another.

Krzyzewski, after all, still loves his Bears. He recalls, as a kid on the North Side, keeping track by hand of the rushing yardage for running backs Willie Galimore and Rick Casares. He remembers being with his family at Wrigley Field as an enthusiastic 16-year-old in 1963 when the Bears beat Y.A. Tittle and the Giants for the NFL championship.

"Dressed like an Eskimo," Krzyzewski said. "I can still remember Tittle kneeling on two knees, bloodied."

He also remembers the rush that came with witnessing a Bears championship and how it energized the city.

Through that lens and coupled with his 40 seasons at Duke, Krzyzewski understands as well as anyone the dynamics Nagy is experiencing in his efforts to get the Bears back on a championship track. The ups, the downs. The frustrations and the fulfillment.

The emotions can prove intense. "There should be high expectations, man," Krzyzewski said. "Always. You're coaching the Chicago Bears. That's not pressure. You're a part of a great franchise that has the highest of expectations. So that should be fun. And the pursuit of that should be enjoyable."

Without question, Nagy will take that advice to heart.



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— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

‘I played the right way’

Dana Barros, the 1994-95 Sixers — and the greatest performance that people forgot

By MIKE SIELSKI
The Philadelphia Inquirer

STOUGHTON, Mass. — On a Tuesday morning last month, Dana Barros sauntered into the multimillion-dollar basketball facility, with its two stories and five sparkling hardwood courts, that he opened here two years ago. Looming on the façade above the entrance, under the words “Dana Barros Basketball Club,” was a gigantic depiction of Barros himself, originally designed and sketched by his son Jordan, in an incandescent orange tank top and shorts, on the move, dribbling a ball with his left hand.

As the real Barros, 52, strode through the front doors, he carried a medium-size cup of Dunkin’ Donuts coffee — “I need to get a Dunkin’ Donuts sponsorship,” he said — and wore a gray hooded sweatshirt appropriate only for him. The same likeness was centered like a franchise insignia on his chest. Hey, if you’d had the season Barros did for the 76ers a quarter-century ago, you’d wear yourself on your sweatshirt too.

A star at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, Mass., and at Boston College, Barros spent five of his 13 NBA seasons with the Celtics and remains a local hero here. He lives just a quarter-mile from the facility, the headquarters of his basketball club, which comprises 35 youth teams and more than 500 players. He worked as a television analyst on Celtics games, was an assistant coach on their 2007-08 championship team and still consults for them.

The singular achievement of his playing career, though, happened not in Boston but during his two-year stint with the Sixers. Listed at 5-foot-11 but in reality at least an inch and a half shorter, Barros in 1994-95 delivered an 82-game performance that ought to stand not merely as one of the best seasons of any Sixers player but also as one that was ahead of its time in the history and evolution of NBA basketball. And it probably would, if circumstances and the passage of time hadn’t caused most people to forget about it completely.

“I would love to be part of this era,” he said in a conference room here, curling his right wrist as if he were shooting a basketball. “Just 15 years too early, man.”

To put Barros’ 1994-95 season in its proper context, it’s best to begin with his statistics. He shot 49% from the field and 46% from three-point range, the third-highest mark in the league that season. His 197 3-pointers were the fourth-highest total in the NBA, and he began a streak of 89 consecutive games in which he hit at least one 3, a league record until Kyle Korver broke it in 2013.

He averaged 20.6 points a game despite taking just 14.2 shots a game. To put that measure of efficiency in some perspective, Steph Curry averaged 14.2 shots during the 2010-11 season but scored just 18.6 points per game, and during the 2000-01 and 2001-02 seasons, Allen Iverson hoisted 25.5 and 27.5 shots per game, respectively.

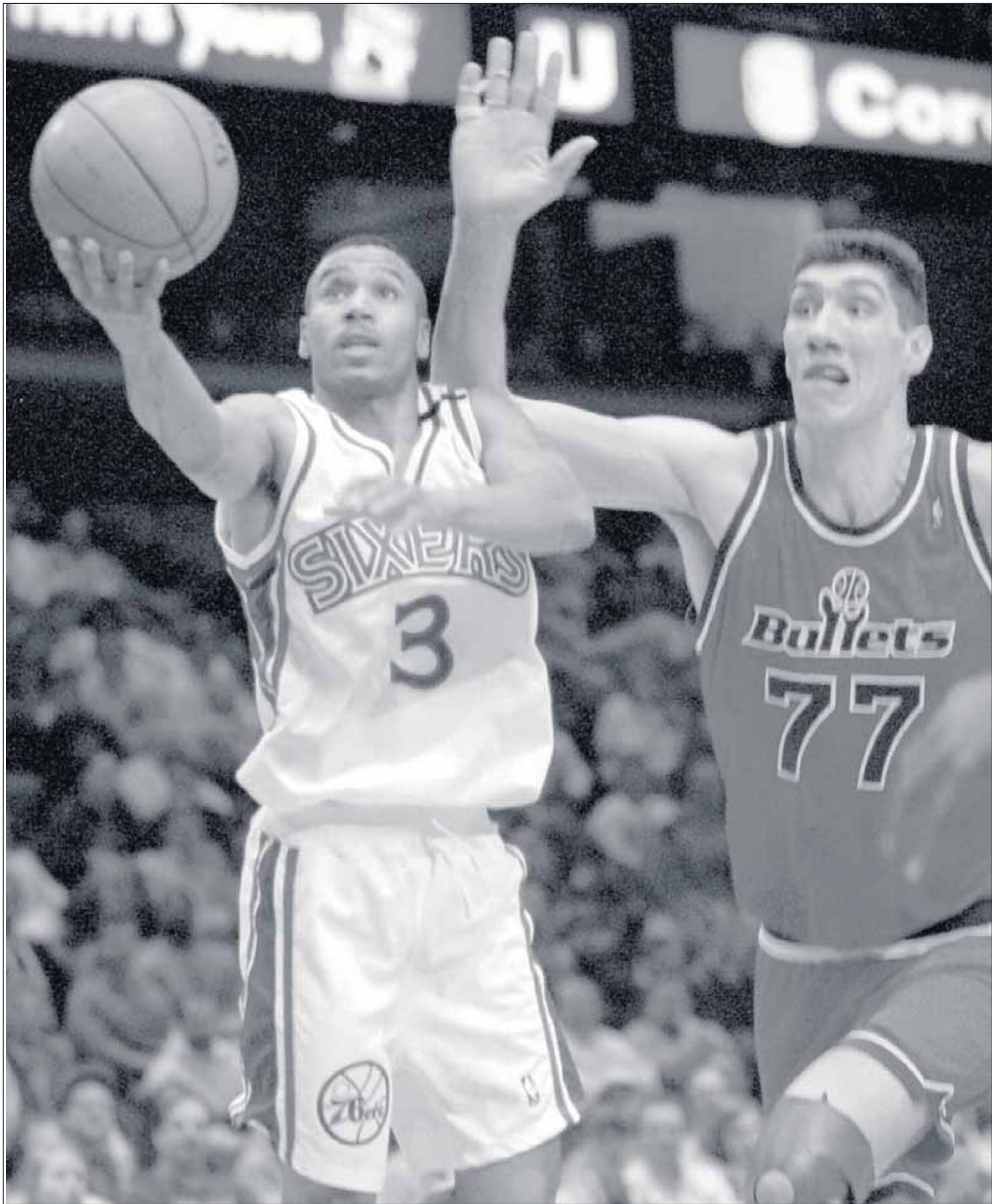
Named to the Eastern Conference All-Star team, Barros also ranked 11th in the league in assists per game, at 7.5, and he was so valuable to the Sixers that, according to the database Basketball

“I could have averaged 28 that year if I took the shots I didn’t take. When the guy was a foot away, I still could have shot it, but I waited until he was a foot and a half away. That’s just the way I’ve always played.”

— Dana Barros

Reference, he represented 10.5 offensive win shares for them. The only player responsible for more was the Spurs’ David Robinson, with 10.7.

The difference, of course, was that Robinson was the star of a team that won 62 games. With the exception of Barros, the 1994-95 Sixers were as far from excellent as a team could be. They were the



RUSTY KENNEDY/AP

The 76ers’ Dana Barros is pursued by the Bullets’ Gheorge Muresan on his way to the basket during a Feb. 1, 1995, game in Philadelphia.

kind of bad that seems humorous and fun only in retrospect.

They went 24-58, part of a six-year stretch in which they failed to win more than 31 games in a season. Nineteen players appeared in at least one game for them. One of those players, journeyman Willie Burton, set the Spectrum single-game scoring record with 53 points in a victory over the Heat, then explained his magical one-off night with two words: “Just hoopin’.”

In his second season after the Sixers selected him second overall in the 1993 NBA draft, Shawn Bradley averaged 9.5 points and 8.0 rebounds and made no discernible progress in improving his physical strength or basketball skills.

“It was chaos,” Barros said. “They would bring cheesecake into the shootaround to try to put weight on this dude, and he would be throwing up.”

Relishing the chance to start for the Sixers after backing up Gary Payton for four years with the Seattle SuperSonics, Barros grew concerned about his place in the rotation during the first round of the 1994 draft, when the Sixers used the 20th pick on another point guard, Texas’ B.J. Tyler. John

Tyler lasted just 55 games in the NBA, his brief career summed up in one early-season incident, when Lucas huddled with his players during a timeout.

“The next thing I know,” said Marc Zumoff, who was in his second season as the play-by-play voice on the team’s telecasts, “Luc is pointing toward our locker room, almost like a referee or an umpire throwing somebody out of a game. And B.J. Tyler starts walking forlornly toward our locker room. Something happened in the huddle, and Luc threw him out of the game. I’d never seen this before.”

By the end of the season’s first month, Lucas had resigned himself to giving Barros what Zumoff called “the forever green light.” Barros was not merely a standstill jump shooter — in college, he had run the 40-yard dash in 4.3 seconds, and his vertical jump was measured at 43 inches — though shooting was his forte.

At Xaverian Brothers, he had been so small and slight as a freshman that he had to slingshot the basketball toward the hoop if he was outside the lane. But at the instruction and insistence of his coach, Don Mills, Barros was soon spending all his free time during the school day seated in a chair one foot in front of a basket, keeping his right elbow locked and tucked in tight as he flicked a ball up and through the hoop, practicing the same perfect form that he repeated again and again, like a twitchy habit, at the conference table.

“I didn’t have a rebounder,” he said. “If I couldn’t catch the ball, that means I was missing. That was a life-changer.”

Those factors — his shooting touch, his athleticism, the freedom that Lucas afforded him — melded into their ideal manifestation on March 14, 1995, at the Spectrum. In a 136-107 loss to the Houston Rockets, Barros made 21 of his 26 field-goal attempts, including 6 of 8 from 3-point range, and scored a career-high 50 points. Those 26 shots, an array of runners and layups and deep

jumpers, were the most he took in any game that season.

“It was funny because Kenny Smith got two quick fouls in the first quarter,” Barros said, “and Sam Cassell comes into the game and says, ‘Damn it, Kenny, you got me into this crap.’ He was screaming at the bench. Every time I hit a shot, he’d scream at the bench, ‘Damn it, Kenny, get your ass back in the game!’ ”

Today, it wouldn’t be unusual to give an undersized point guard carte blanche to pull up from 25 feet or more. This season, the average NBA team shoots more than 33 3-pointers a game; in 1994-95, it attempted 15 or so.

The style of basketball that, say, the Sixers and Celtics usually play is barely recognizable compared to the league then, when conventional wisdom demanded that teams run their offenses through a dominant post player: Robinson, Hakeem Olajuwon, Karl Malone, the postretirement iteration of Michael Jordan.

“There were certain areas on the floor you were not allowed to shoot from unless it was desperation time,” said Fred Carter, the Sixers’ coach in ’93-94. “Dana could shoot from those areas.”

He just wasn’t inclined to, not with the impunity that Curry, James Harden, and other perimeter players enjoy these days.

“I played the right way,” Barros said. “I could have averaged 28 that year if I took the shots I didn’t take. When the guy was a foot away, I still could have shot it, but I waited until he was a foot and a half away. That’s just the way I’ve always played.”

That season was a unicorn for Barros. He never had one like it before or again. A free agent in the summer of 1995, he would have considered re-signing with the Sixers, he said, had team owner Harold Katz not lowballed him with a contract offer of three years and \$9 million.

Instead, he signed with the Celtics for six years and \$19 million, even though they already had three point guards: Sherman Douglas, Dee Brown and David

Wesley. Because of injuries to his right ankle and back, he appeared in 80 games just twice over his final seven seasons.

Still, for a segment of Gen-Xers whose most familiar Sixers memories are of the years after Charles Barkley’s departure and before Iverson’s arrival, a fallow period that lacked even the long-term planning and hope of Sam Hinkie’s Process, Barros was the brightest light amid so much darkness.

And his spectacular season should acquire a fresher appreciation 25 years later, given that he was a forerunner of the modern pro game.

A 93-second video, showing every basket he made during his 50-point night, can be found easily online. After Smith, now an analyst for TNT, mentioned Barros recently on “Inside the NBA,” Jordan Barros insisted that his father get his own Instagram account so Jordan’s friends would stop posting on his. Yo, man, Kenny gave your dad props on TV!

“At camps, the 10-year-old kids are like, ‘Who are you? Who are you?’ ” Barros said, the conference room a clutter of AAU tournament trophies and clear plastic bins stuffed with jerseys. “When they Google me, the first thing that comes up is that clip. YouTube saves all us older guys, man.”

Sometimes, usually at 11 in the morning three times a week, he comes to the facility to shoot for an hour or so, hovering around the 3-point arc of Court 1 to background music, often from Dr. Dre’s The Chronic. It’s an appropriate choice — a throwback to the 1990s, when both men were at their peaks in the practice of their crafts.

On Sundays, he plays pickup ball here, against men much younger than he is, including some who played Division I ball just five or 10 years ago. “I had to set one rule,” he said, “no full-court pressing me.” It allows him to shoot from wherever he wants, but only when the guy closest to him is far enough away, only when it’s the right way to play.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Oh, Canada!

Kawhi Leonard didn't spark a nation's love of basketball — he completed it

By Andrew Greif
Los Angeles Times

TORONTO — As he became known as one of Canada's best teenage basketball players, Javonte Brown-Ferguson had a decision to make.

Prep schools in the United States were wooing the 6-foot-11, 230-pound center. It was an attractive opportunity. Many top Canadian recruits had used the same pipeline to reach the NBA.

Instead, he stayed at Thornlea School, 18 miles from downtown Toronto, driven by a belief that would have been considered radical in the not-too-distant past.

"I had a lot of options," Brown-Ferguson said, "but I really thought Canada would get me the best prepared."

Where Canadian basketball players used to operate in no-man's land, on the fringes of the game's attention while feeling like outsiders within the borders of a country where hockey reigned supreme, they now play in the thick of what has become one of the world's hoops hotbeds. Brown-Ferguson didn't have to look far for evidence he could accomplish what he wanted without leaving his backyard.

He had to think back only to June's NBA Finals, when Kawhi Leonard led Toronto to its first NBA championship.

Leonard, who returned to Toronto on Wednesday for his first game since leaving the Raptors in free agency for the Los Angeles Clippers, did not spark a basketball boom. It had been building in Canada for decades. Sixteen Canadians were on opening-night rosters this season in the NBA, the most for any non-U.S. country.

But numerous basketball figures in the

country credit the superstar forward's championship in his lone season with the Raptors as amplifying the game's reach and creating a new wave of interest.

"He's a legend now, forever," said Chris Boucher, the Montreal-raised Raptors forward.

Said Dwight Powell, a Dallas forward who grew up in Toronto: "As a kid, if I were watching, I would remember this past summer for the rest of my life."

When Leonard threw his fists into the air following Toronto's title-clinching Game 6 of the NBA Finals at Oakland's Oracle Arena, Raptors broadcaster Leo Rautins watched the team climb to the top of the NBA from his courtside seat. He viewed it as a new era as well as the culmination of decades of momentum.

"I'm a Toronto boy, I played ball when nobody cared when that was," said Rautins, who played at Syracuse and was a first-round draft pick in 1984. "To see where we've gone from that point where you just had some closet basketball happening — and it was good, but such a small amount — to what we have now, it really was emotional."

Though invented by a Canadian, James Naismith, basketball took decades to gain a foothold in his home country.

"You thought about badminton before you thought about basketball, lawn darts before you thought about basketball," said Bill Wennington, a 7-foot center on title-winning Bulls teams in the 1990s. Wennington was born in Montreal and played hockey until he was 12, stopping because his feet were too big for skates.

In 1995, when Doug Smith told others he was the beat reporter covering the Raptors' inaugural season, he grew accustomed to receiving strange looks and comments like, "You don't like hockey?"

Smith liked basketball, but moreover he saw Canada's shifting demographics.

"More people are coming in who aren't invested in hockey," said Smith, who continues to cover the team for the Toronto Star. Kids now "watch basketball or play soccer, and it's the new Canada. And basketball was the driver of that."

It began in earnest in 1995 with the arrival of the Raptors and the Vancouver Grizzlies in the NBA, said Miami forward Kelly Olynyk, whose father was a guest coach with the Raptors and mother worked as a Raptors scorekeeper for nearly a decade before the family moved to British Columbia. Kobe Bryant is the favorite player of both Brown-Ferguson and Pelicans rookie Nickeil Alexander-Walker, but others were inspired by Vince Carter, whose acrobatic slam dunks made him Toronto's first breakout star, Raptors forward Chris Bosh and point guard Steve Nash, the two-time NBA MVP with the Suns who was born in British Columbia.

At the youth levels, a shift away from hockey toward sports such as basketball and soccer began. Rautins coached the men's national team from 2005-11 and helped basketball's governing body in the country pivot to a focus on developing young players and the coaches who taught them. At the same time, Canadian club teams and prep schools rose to prominence to cultivate homegrown talent. One club, CIA Bounce — created by Tony McIntyre, the father of NBA point guard Tyler Ennis — has produced two players selected first overall in the NBA draft in Anthony Bennett and Andrew Wiggins.

The ability to recruit in Canada now gets college coaches hired.

"It's like we're almost an extension now

of the United States with high school, college recruiting and the NBA," Olynyk said. "It's like the border isn't even there anymore."

Twelve Canadians played in the NBA between 1947 and 2000. That many have joined the league since 2017, with six first-round picks among them. Those players, including the Nuggets' Jamal Murray, the Thunder's Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and Clippers rookie forward Mfionidu Kabengele, are among a generation that grew up predominantly near Toronto knowing the city as an NBA destination.

After the playoff heroics of Leonard, the Southern Californian named the MVP of the NBA Finals for the second time in his career, another generation will now grow up only knowing Toronto as an NBA champion.

"When we won, it was amazing the way it changed the ways people were thinking about a lot of stuff," Boucher said. "Just to know that it's possible for the kids. A lot of kids might start playing more basketball now."

"It opened a lot of doors that had been closed and opened the eyes of people to show them Canada is interested in basketball."

They're not just interested but "hungry," Brown-Ferguson said.

He watched Game 6 during a tournament in Scottsdale, Ariz., and could not wait to return home to take in the celebration and continue his own basketball career. Recruiters followed him across the border in droves.

In November, he committed to Connecticut over Kansas and Texas A&M, maybe the next player to push Canada's profile even higher.



EZRA SHAW/GETTY

Kawhi Leonard of the Raptors celebrates with the Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy after his team defeated the Warriors to win the NBA Finals last June.

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Kate Flannery arrives at the 2019 "Dancing with the Stars" Cast Reveal at Planet Hollywood Times Square in August.

The 6 degrees of Kate Flannery

From improv in Chicago to 'The Office' to 'Dancing with the Stars'

Like so many household names in comedy who hoped for a shot on "Saturday Night Live" early in their careers, Kate Flannery has a Lorne Michaels story. It was 1991 and she was living in Chicago and performing with Second City's touring company as well as in a show at the Annoyance called "The Miss Vagina Pageant."

Michaels, "SNL's" executive producer, was in town looking for new talent. "So we actually had to do a special showing of 'The Miss Vagina Pageant' for him," Flannery said. "He came with Quincy Jones, which was crazy."

The next day Michaels took four members of the cast out to lunch. "It was a lot of questions about family and, I don't know, it was very surreal. And I remember at one point we were at Navy Pier and a Paul Simon song came on and he said, 'Oh, this is Paul.' And I was like, 'What?' because I forgot that he was friends with Paul Simon (*laughs*). Then I had to submit a tape and I was told I was too similar to Julia Sweeney, so I didn't get to go for the final audition. They ended up hiring two people from our show, Melanie Hutsell and Beth Cahill, and I felt happy for my friends, but it was weird.

"All of us were thinking that 'Saturday Night Live' was the only goal. But I think quickly we learned that there are other ways to carve out a career, like Jeff Garlin, who had been in and out of Second City, and all of a sudden he was doing 'Curb Your Enthusiasm.'"

Flannery's big TV break was "The Office," in which she played Meredith — she of the withering stare and questionable relationship with alcohol — for nine seasons. More recently Flannery competed this year on "Dancing with the Stars." And this weekend she returns to Chicago with longtime friend Jane Lynch, bringing their "Swingin' Little Christmas" cabaret show to City Winery.

The following is an edited transcript.

Q: Give me an idea of what "Swingin' Little Christmas" entails.



NINA METZ
Chicago Close-up

A: The simplest way to describe it is we're kind of like the Rat Pack — that sense of play, but with a couple of funny women. It's a live concert and some of the music is beautiful and some of it is fun and catchy and swingy.

We do a lot of standards but in a way that you haven't heard before. We do "We Three Kings" like (jazz pianist) Dave Brubeck's "Take Five," which is an idea I had and I can't believe we made it happen. And I do "Good King Wenceslas" but I do it like Louis Prima's "That Old Black Magic," if that makes sense. Actually, when we do it live it's more like "Good King What's-His-Face" because I keep mispronouncing the name.

Q: You grew up in Philadelphia, so I was curious how you found your way to Chicago.

A: I had gone to theater school but I wasn't sure exactly what I was going to do. And my aunt, my mom's sister, she had been in Chicago since the early '60s — she and my uncle lived in Lincoln Park — and she thought Second City would be a really good fit, so she sent me a ticket to come check it out.

My first time seeing a show at Second City, Jane Lynch was actually understudying for Bonnie Hunt that night. Bonnie Hunt got married that day and came back to do the improv set in her wedding dress and the whole wedding party came back with her, too. I will never forget that show, it was nuts!

So I moved to Chicago in March of '89 and went to all the Rich Melman Lettuce Entertain You restaurants looking for a job. The first one to call me back was Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba! And I worked there for several years. I believe I took Amy Sedaris' place, because she had just been hired at Second City.

Q: Listening to you tell these anecdotes, it's like the Six Degrees of Kate Flannery.

A: (*Laughs*) Well, Second City is the launching pad of

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'RICHARD JEWELL' ★★ 1/2

Reminder: Fake news rap justified sometimes

But Eastwood movie is also guilty of taking a few liberties

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

"Richard Jewell" is a sincere and extremely well-acted irritant from 89-year-old director Clint Eastwood.

It's destined to get under the hides of different moviegoers in radically different ways. You may loathe parts of it and still come out shaken and teary-eyed. You can choose to read it apolitically, if you squint hard enough.

Bolstered by its cast — the culminating scenes get the finesse they require from Paul Walter Hauser, Kathy Bates and Sam Rockwell — it tells the story of how a hungry, sloppy media and a sloppy, hungry FBI nearly destroyed the life of an Atlanta security guard. Jewell was suspected, wrongly, of planting a pipe bomb that killed two and injured more than 100 amid the 1996 Summer Olympics.

The screenplay's version of Jewell is noble simplicity incarnate. Billy Ray, who wrote the very fine "Captain Phillips," works from Marie Brenner's Vanity Fair feature.

The film begins in 1986. Jewell (Hauser) clerks at an office where he meets attorney Watson Bryant (Rockwell).

Ten years later, he's living with his God-fearing, patriotic mother, Bobi (Bates), working at Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park. One night he spots a suspicious backpack and calls it in. The nail-studded bomb explodes, but Jewell's discovery makes him

What 'Jewell' audiences need to know

Journalists can't sleep with sources. Even if they look like Jon Hamm, says columnist Heidi Stevens.

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'Be More Chill' coming to Chicago in the spring

Broadway show opens April 26 at the Apollo Theater

BY CHRIS JONES

The original Broadway producers of "Be More Chill," the musical known for its fervent young fan base and colossal social media following, are bringing their show to Chicago in the spring for a long engagement.

The show, which features the hugely popular numbers "Michael in the Bathroom" and "More Than Survive," will open at the Apollo Theater on Chicago's North Side on April 26, with previews beginning April 17. Tickets go on sale Friday.

The sci-fi, teen-friendly plot involves a kid who swallows a kind of supercomputer superpill, hoping it will make him more popular. The 2019 musical was adapted from a young adult novel penned by Ned Vizzini.

Well known to most high-school students, "Michael in the Bathroom," a powerful ballad of teen angst and survivorship, has been streamed more than 31 million times and has more than 8 million views on YouTube; the producers say that songs from the show, a score that includes the title number, have been streamed more than 318 million times.

In an interview in New York, the Broadway producer Jerry Goehring said the creative team of writer Joe Tracz, composer Joe Iconis and director Stephen Brackett will extensively rework and restage the show, which was a big hit off-Broadway. "Be More Chill" ran for six months on Broadway but, to the annoyance of its vocal fans, failed to fully win over most critics and did not recoup its investment. It closed on Broadway in August.

Goehring said he had heeded the reviews and now was hoping to make the title a far more intimate and truthful musical experience, attracting teens and adults alike. The experiment will begin in

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Reese Witherspoon at The Hollywood Reporter's annual Women in Entertainment gala.

Witherspoon to women: 'This is our time'

LOS ANGELES — Reese Witherspoon remembered when she met with several film production studios in 2011 to ask them how many movies were being developed for women.

The studios' responses nearly floored her.

"Of all the major seven studios, the answer was one," Witherspoon said after she received the Sherry Lansing Leadership Award at The Hollywood Reporter's Women in Entertainment gala in Los Angeles. The Oscar and Emmy-winning actress was handed the award by her friend actress Kerry Washington for excelling in film and her philanthropic efforts.

Witherspoon said she was grateful to receive the award named after Lansing, the former Paramount Pictures CEO who was the first woman to head a Hollywood studio. While she called Lansing a "trail-blazer," the actress recalled her meeting with studios that felt "grim."

"One movie was being made with a female lead out of 140 movies," she continued. "As I was told by a studio head at the time, 'Well, we already have one female star this year. We can't make two.' Can you guess which year this was? 2011. Not 1911. 2011."

Witherspoon said the moment helped empower her to start her own production company, Hello Sunshine, which has produced Oscar-nominated films "Gone Girl," "Wild," and the HBO drama series "Big Little Lies" with an all-female leading cast.

The actress told the packed room of about 600 people, mostly women, that "this is our time."

"A lot of people can recognize a problem, look at it and complain about it," she said. "But not everybody is going to do something about it. Leaders are really doers. Even though you don't think of yourself as a leader, or you're hesitant or you're hypnotized by words saying 'You can't.' Too bad. Do it anyway."

— Associated Press



LEON NEAL/GETTY

Truth, actually: Actor Hugh Grant took umbrage with a political video ahead of election day Thursday in Britain. Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative Party parodied the scene in Grant's 2003 film "Love Actually" in which Andrew Lincoln's character flashes a series of cards bearing a message for Keira Knightley's character. In Johnson's version, he flashes messages related to Brexit. Grant noted that the sign in the movie that says "And at Christmas you tell the truth" was absent from the election video. "I just wonder if the spin doctors thought that card wouldn't look too great in Boris Johnson's hands," he said. Grant, an ardent advocate of Britain remaining in the European Union, has urged Brits to vote to stop pro-Brexit Johnson from gaining a majority in Parliament.

'Vampire' lawsuit: Kim Kardashian West is suing an Alabama doctor over claims he wrongly used her image. The suit claims Dr. Charles Runels misused West's image in promotional materials after she posted a photo of herself on social media showing the results of a "Vampire Facial." Runels responded that West wrongly used his trademarked name for a medical procedure to promote herself. He called the lawsuit "disappointing," and said: "We're trying to do good medicine. The last thing we want to do is spend millions of dollars arguing with a celebrity."

Dec. 13 birthdays: Actor Dick Van Dyke is 94. Actor Christopher Plummer is 90. Singer Ted Nugent is 71. Singer Morris Day is 63. Actor Steve Buscemi is 62. Actor Jamie Foxx is 52. Singer Taylor Swift is 30.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Reader weighs in on anti-male bias

Dear Amy: Why in your column is it acceptable to always critique men?

We men work harder, die sooner and register with Selective Service to be sent overseas to be killed at a higher rate than women do. An epidemic of suicide is going on, and women are worried about petty issues regarding men!

Don't you women ever get tired of complaining? You are killing us!

— Fed Up

Dear Fed Up: In attempting to refute you on the facts, I did some research and learned a few things: Your factual assertions are mainly correct.

This is from the official website of the Selective Service: "Virtually all male U.S. citizens, regardless of where they live, and male immigrants, whether documented or undocumented, residing in the United States, who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service."

This requirement for all men residing in this country to register for the potential to be drafted for military service quite obviously places an undue burden on men. My ignorance of the legal obligation to register is perhaps a function of my own female privilege. I cop to that.

Yes, the suicide rate for men is higher than that for women, but that gender gap is rapidly closing, which is heartbreaking on every level.

Women fight and work and struggle and suffer, too. We make less money than our male counterparts for the same jobs. We are vulnerable to partner violence, sexual assault,

degradation, street harassment, workplace harassment, humiliation, everyday petty sexism and ... mansplaining.

Sometimes just getting through the day — working and also taking care of children and elderly parents, while also trying to throw off the mantle of generations of oppression — is tiring and ... well, a person gets a little cranky.

And yes, complaining is exhausting, but sometimes the pettier complaints are placeholders for the big ones. Next time you hear a woman complain about something you consider small, understand that there is more to her — and her complaining — than meets your estimation.

Dear Amy: My wife and I live in a suburban neighborhood made up of both rental and privately owned homes.

We are retired and so have more opportunity to see things during the day than some of our neighbors. Within the last year, we have witnessed some unexplainable activity at a rental property near us.

Basically, as far as we can tell, no one actually lives there full time, and yet cars periodically come and go at odd intervals.

Sometimes, weeks will pass with no "visits," and then there will be a flurry of activity.

They always pull around the rear of the house upon arrival. There are motion-sensor lights and closed-circuit cameras, as well.

We are wondering: What goes on there? Why would someone rent a house and not live in it? What can we do?

— Concerned Neighbor

Dear Neighbor: It's not quite clear from your question whether these groups are staying in the house overnight. If they are, a likely explanation is that the house's owners are renting it out to groups via a rental site. Do you live near a major city that draws tourists and visitors? If so, groups may rent out this house as a less expensive alternative to hotels. It wouldn't be too hard to figure out if this house is listed as a per day rental property. If so, this would also explain the security systems in place.

I don't want to discount the possibility that there might be criminal activity happening at this house. If you suspect this house is being used for human or other trafficking purposes, you should definitely notify the police.

Dear Amy: For "Wanting More," the mother who wants more children, I'll paraphrase JFK: Ask not what your family can do for you, but what you can do for your family.

It is not the kids' job to complete the parents' life, but rather the other way around.

It sounds like adding a third child would make it more challenging for her husband to continue being a wonderful dad.

For the sake of her marriage, Wanting needs to learn how to love what she already has.

— Reader

Dear Reader: Agreed.

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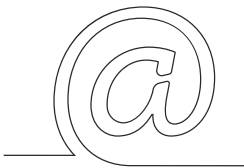
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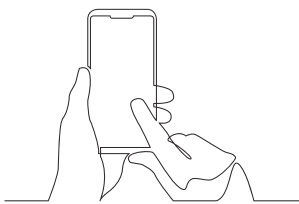
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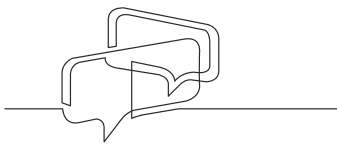
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'JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL' ★★ 1/2

It's one joke, but that joke still works, for now

By KATIE WALSH

In 2017, director Jake Kasdan rebooted the '90s family adventure film "Jumanji" by plunking John Hughes-style teen characters into a wilderness-set video game.

"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" was a critical and commercial success, anchored by the charms of megastars Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Karen Gillan and Jack Black, and the unique pleasure of watching them all play against type. Kasdan and company (including co-writers Jeff Pinkner and Scott Rosenberg) know a good formula when they see it.

So the sequel, "Jumanji: The Next Level," simply offers more and more of it: There's more jaw-droppingly crazy video game hijinks, and especially, more stars playing personas vastly different from their own.

The video game setting allowed a motley crew of teens (Alex Wolff, Madison Iseman, Morgan Turner and Ser'Darius Blain) to choose their own avatars and see what happens to them when they get to be someone else for a little while. Self-effacing nerd Spencer (Wolff) learned his own strengths as the muscle-bound Dr. Smolder Bravestone (Johnson), but it was also hilarious to watch Johnson play the insecure and jumpy Spencer.

However, the breakout player of the "Welcome to the Jungle" ensemble was most definitely Black, who perfectly inhabited teen queen Bethany (Iseman) in his portly cartographer's bod. In "The Next Level," Kasdan doubles, even triples down on this conceit, to rather hilarious returns.



FRANK MASI/SONY

Jack Black and Karen Gillan in "Jumanji: The Next Level," the sequel to 2017's "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle."

MPAA rating: PG (for menacing fantasy action and some mild language)

Running time: 2:03

Opens: Friday

The film opens with the pals now in college, returning home for winter break. It's a bit of a rocky opening, especially since it feels like Danny DeVito, as Spencer's grandfather Eddie, and Danny Glover, as his long-lost friend and business partner Milo, have been seemingly shoehorned into the dynamic.

But the reason for their presence all becomes clear when Martha (Turner), Bethany and Fridge (Blaine), discover that Spencer's gone missing. They once again transport themselves into the game, accidentally bringing Eddie and Milo with them.

This time, Fridge ends up in Black's avatar, Oberon, while DeVito and Glover find themselves in the form of the strapping Bravestone and tiny zoologist Finbar (Hart), respectively.

If you've ever needed to hear Johnson attempt (and somewhat master) DeVito's signature northern New Jersey accent, you're in

luck (though there's another performer who later takes on the DeVito drawl who is a bit more naturally inclined to the cadence).

For a film that features such eye-popping sequences as aggressive mandrills on floating bridges, inexplicable blimps and an ostrich herd/dune buggy race, this is very much a performance-driven picture. The second time around, there's even less of a plot, with Rory McCann in some impressive post-apocalyptic Night's Watch gear snatching the jewel they have to recover to win and escape the game.

The pleasures of "Jumanji: The Next Level" are not visual or story-based, as they revolve around the ability of each of our stars and their abilities to do impressions. Hart's nuanced mimicry of Glover is downright inspired, and the story offers up a few chances for the characters to avatar swap, showing off the actors' abilities to embody the different jock/nerd/cheerleader/cantankerous grandpa personas.

Once again, this is a one-joke movie, but for the time being, that joke still has some tread on the tires, especially with such charming stars and some light innovation.

‘KNIVES AND SKIN’ ★★ 1/2

A girl, gone, and a Chicago filmmaker’s eerie pursuit

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

A film of slow dissolves and lots of ironic pinks, tinged with darker, crimson hues, Chicago filmmaker Jennifer Reeder’s dream-like reverie of blood-soaked adolescence “Knives and Skin” can be described, if you don’t mind misleading people, as if it were a straightforward missing-person drama set in the mythical Midwestern town called Big River.

Late one night, 15-year-old Carolyn (Raven Whitley), still wearing her marching band uniform, finds herself in an uncomfortable tryst with the toxic local football star Andy (Ty Olwin). She carves her initial in his forehead, like a mark of Cain or a scarlet letter. Seconds later, when her curiosity gives way to disgust, Carolyn puts a stop to the evening. The boy’s rage bubbles over, and the girl is left bleeding and alone by the water.

As hours turn into days, “Knives and Skin” turns into a village-wide mosaic of searching and longing. The townspeople don’t know whether Carolyn is dead or alive. Caught in a heartland version of Antonioni’s “L’Avventura,” few bother to care.

Reeder, who directs her own screenplay, focuses on three classmates and their variously fraught families. Andy’s drug dealer sister, Joanna (Grace Smith), catches the eye of her transgressive substitute English teacher (Alex



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Raven Whitley stars as 15-year-old Carolyn in writer-director Jennifer Reeder’s “Knives and Skin.”

Moss). Cheerleader Laurel (Kayla Carter) and emo-forward musician Charlotte (Ireon Roach) wonder, as does Joanna, if Carolyn’s fate has even begun to pierce the secrets held in their suffocating universe.

Kate Arrington, an ensemble standout, plays the apparently pregnant mother of the high school mascot (Robert T. Cunningham). The mascot’s

father (James Vincent Meredith) humanizes the role of the local sheriff, who investigates at his own pace while his wife is off in an affair with Joanna’s father (Tim Hopper, in clown-face makeup at odd junctures).

Reeder is deadly serious about the film’s themes of teenage girls’ fears, desires and demons, though there’s a fair amount of deadpan

black comedy, along with some effective choir sequences (Carolyn’s choir director mother is played by Marika Engelhardt). “Twin Peaks” looms as an acknowledged influence, as Reeder has noted in interviews, though you’d have to search long and hard to find any sexed-up misogyny here.

Several ideas and motifs in this sleek, locally made

feature can be found in Reeder’s short films, among them “A Million Miles Away” (2014). Images of cutting, self-injury, fear of touch and of violence create a river of paranoia. The movie’s depiction of the main female characters is that of a world in which girls have precisely two reputational options: “slut” or “tease.” Reeder wants better for them.

No MPAA rating (language, violence, sexual material)

Running time: 1:51

Opens: Friday at Music Box Theatre. Opens Dec. 20 at Wilmette Theatre. Also streaming on IFC Midnight.

A different editing rhythm (and a less narcotic musical score) would substantially change the personality of this movie, for better or worse. Since she filmed “Knives and Skin,” already Reeder has shown she has more than one trick up her sleeve, with her clever, stylish Hulu Halloween-themed short film, “The Dunes.”

The reviews of “Knives and Skin” have been all over the place and do not break down by gender alone: Jen Yamato of the Los Angeles Times called it “a mesmerizing tapestry,” while in Variety, Valerie Complex wrote it off as a “tedious viewing experience.”

It sounds wrong, but they’re both half-right. I look forward to the next Reeder film. If her strongest work to date has been in the short-film format, well, features are longer, and harder, especially if you’re carving your own path as a filmmaker.

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so many people. When I started taking classes there, (improv guru) Del Close was directing the main-stage show called “The Gods Must Be Lazy” and that was with Chris Farley right before he got “SNL” and Tim Meadows right before he got “SNL.” That cast also had Dave Pasquesi and Joel Murray. I mean, the greatest cast. I think I saw that show four times a week, because when you took classes there, if there was room you could watch the show for free, so I took full advantage.

I was studying with Mick Napier at Second City and his theater, the Annoyance (which he founded), had just opened and they were doing two shows: “Co-Ed Prison Sluts” and “That Darned Antichrist.”

And one of the actresses, Susan Messing, her father was sick so she had to miss a performance of “That Darned Antichrist,” so I was asked to understudy for her. I was on the phone telling my dad — my very Catholic father — on Easter Sunday that I was doing “That Darned Antichrist” and he didn’t know what to say. He was like, “That’s nice, here’s your mother.”

Q: You did probably one of the biggest shows to come out of the Annoyance, “The Real Live Brady Bunch,” which was a tongue-in-cheek but word perfect recreation of actual episodes. You played Alice, the family’s housekeeper, and Jane Lynch played Carol Brady.

A: I was Jane’s understudy at first and was doing just the live commercials and a bunch of the non-Brady roles. And then I took over for Alice for quite a while. Steve Carell was the first Greg Brady, so that was the first time I met Steve. Andy Richter played Mr. Brady at one point. And Mick Napier was the first Bobby Brady.

Q: You were cast in some buzzy shows in Chicago only two years after you moved here — did it feel like you were on your way to big things?

A: Yes, but I definitely had some purgatory after Chicago, that definitely happened (*laughs*).

Q: When did that pur-



NBC

Kate Flannery played Meredith on “The Office.”

gatory end for you, was it landing “The Office”?

A: Yeah. It was 2004 when we started filming it. I had gotten myself into some financial trouble because of an ex-boyfriend, so even while I shot the first season of “The Office” I kept my restaurant job. This was when Steve Carell was “The 40-Year-Old Virgin” and I joked that I was the 40-Year-Old Waitress.

And the nice thing about “The Office” is that it has this incredible second life because of streaming. I didn’t realize this until years later, but this was actually better than getting “SNL” because people are living it over and over again.

There’s a few of us that have done pop culture ComiCons this year and if anybody comes up to me and says, “I’m the Meredith in my office,” I believe them because only the Meredith in the office would be loud and proud about that (*laughs*).

Q: Tell me about “Dancing with the Stars.”

A: I am not a fan of cardio — waiting tables was my cardio — so I was like, “Just don’t shame the family.” And luckily I pushed through. I had danced in college but not since then, so I didn’t know if I could physically do it. But I forgot how much I loved dance.

I ... gosh, it’s been a tough year for me. My

sister Nancy was in hospice in May and June. She was 60 and had metastatic breast cancer. Sorry, I feel like I’m getting into this crazy left turn but I brought it up on the show. I got a call from my rep saying ABC was interested, and this happened while I was literally driving home from her funeral.

So I met with them in July and it was so different from what I expected and I didn’t realize what the process was because it’s a little mysterious. Basically you’re committing to dancing, at first, four hours a day. And then after two weeks it moves up to six hours a day. And then it moves to eight hours a day.

So it is an all-consuming thing.

I didn’t know who I was going to get as a partner and I got the new guy, Pasha Pashkov — he and his wife are national champions, they just left the competition world — and this was the best teacher-student relationship I’ve had. Literally, I was dancing with the best dancer in the country.

Q: Were you in it to win it?

A: The second week I got the highest score and I was like, “What?” and then I was like: Oh, maybe this is possible. So, I don’t know if I thought I could win because I’m 55 and all the other women on the show are in their 20s, but I got into it. I liked the process.

Even though I didn’t win, I felt like the slight outrage of my departure — and tremendous outrage from some people (*laughs*) — was a huge surprise. I feel like so many women take themselves out of the game — like, oh that ship has sailed — especially as they get older, but they’re still doing all the heavy lifting in the family. And I feel like we’re not represented on television; there’s a mild nod once in a while, but it feels like we’re the minority. So I had no idea that there would be this mantle that I would pick up and just be, for a few weeks, the voice of women who really need to be seen. It was a great experience.

And now I have to keep doing cardio because I’m doing the “Dancing with the Stars” tour that starts in January.

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Art Institute now offers free admission to City Colleges students

BY STEVE JOHNSON

The 77,000 City Colleges of Chicago students can now enter the Art Institute for free, saving the \$14 charged to students who live in the city.

To take advantage of the benefit, students need to present their valid college ID upon entry.

The museum’s announcement that the seven-college system is joining the museum’s University Partner Program came Thursday. Sixteen other area colleges and universities are already part of the program, including College of Du-

Page and Northwestern University in the suburbs and Loyola and DePaul Universities in the city.

The museum says that about one-fourth of its 1.55 million annual visitors get in free. No-cost admission also goes to LINK and WIC cardholders, Chicago teens under 18 and all children under 14, active-duty military and their families, Illinois educators, and to all Illinois residents on select Wednesday and Thursday evenings until 8 p.m.

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IN THEATERS DECEMBER 20

What ‘Jewell’ audiences need to know

Journalists can’t sleep with sources. Even if they look like Jon Hamm.



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Balancing Act

Every November, without fail, an ethics policy appears on my desk and the desk of each of my coworkers. We are to read it and sign it and return it to our supervisors.

It holds us to a standard of behavior that prioritizes public service through journalism. As the preamble spells out:

“Those who turn to us must:

■ Know that our name signifies integrity and courage in gathering and presenting the news.

■ Be confident that the news we deliver — as text or photo, audio or video — is accurate and free of the influence of special interests, whether public or private, commercial or political, our own or that of our friends.

■ Believe we do not make news decisions in a self-interested manner, or needlessly damage or cause pain to those we cover.”

We can’t donate to political candidates or political organizations. We can’t accept gifts from sources or subjects. Sports journalists can’t gamble on sporting events. Business reporters shouldn’t hold stocks in companies they cover.

And we can’t sleep with sources. Even sources who look like Jon Hamm.

Movies have a history of getting the nuts and bolts and nuances of all sorts of vocations all wrong. Ask a police officer if Hollywood accurately portrays the ins and outs of the job. Ask an attorney/author/hair stylist/educator/chef/surgeon/military vet how true their onscreen portrayals feel. My U.S. Navy pilot dad doesn’t like to be in the same room with a “Top Gun” DVD.

Movies also have a history of sending female reporters to bed with their sources.

So here comes director Clint Eastwood with “Richard Jewell,” about the 1996 Olympic bombing in



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“Richard Jewell” director/producer Clint Eastwood with Olivia Wilde, who portrays Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter Kathy Scruggs, on the film’s set.

Atlanta, in which Olivia Wilde portrays Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter Kathy Scruggs, a real person who really covered the Jewell story.

In the movie, Scruggs sleeps with the FBI’s lead agent (Hamm) to land the tip that the agency suspects Jewell perpetrated the bombing.

In real life, no such thing happened.

“It’s very troubling to have a film so terribly misrepresent how we do our work,” Kevin Riley, editor in chief at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, told me Tuesday. “The film fulfills every misinformed opinion about reporters.”

I called Riley because his newspaper sent a letter this week to Eastwood, screenwriter Billy Ray and Warner Bros. demanding a statement “publicly acknowledging that some events were imagined for dramatic purposes and artistic license and dramatization were used in the film’s portrayal of events and characters.”

The film, which opens Friday, contains a disclaimer at the end that

reads, “The film is based on actual historical events. Dialogue and certain events and characters contained in the film were created for the purposes of dramatization.”

Legally, that might be enough to give the film the wiggle room it needs to debase the reputation of Scruggs, who died in 2001 at age 42. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution has hired attorney Martin Singer to represent it. We’ll see.

Regardless, I’m grateful to Riley and his staff for pushing back against a lousy, lazy, untethered-from-reality narrative about female journalists. It’s important that he and his paper are introducing the facts into this conversation, particularly because Scruggs isn’t here to do so herself.

“We care about the world knowing this isn’t true,” Riley told me. “It’s going to enter the popular culture that this is how the Atlanta Centennial Park Olympics bombing was reported. It’s important for people to know that important twists in the narrative are completely made up for

no good reason.”

I asked Riley why he thought Eastwood used Scruggs as a character. Why not just change her name. Make up a fictional journalist. All sorts of other characters in the film are made up.

“More importantly, I don’t know why they would make up that trope,” he answered. “It doesn’t add to the drama of the story at all.”

I’m afraid the answer is that far too many people who shape and tell the stories we digest — and far too many people who digest those stories — simply can’t see women through any other lens than a sexual one.

How do we make this woman interesting? Sex. How do we make this woman appealing? Sex. How do we make this woman villainous? Sex.

The Jewell story had plenty of drama without ginning up a plotline wherein Scruggs beds an FBI agent. For those who want the real story, Riley recommends “The Suspect: An Olympic Bombing, the FBI, the Media, and Richard Jewell, the Man Caught

in the Middle,” by former U.S. Attorney Kent Alexander and former Wall Street Journal writer Kevin Salwen.

If you want to understand the real Kathy Scruggs, Riley recommends his paper’s profile of her, published Nov. 26.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution was among several news organizations and other entities sued after Jewell was cleared of any wrongdoing. (Confessed serial bomber Eric Robert Rudolph is serving multiple life sentences for the fatal bombing.) In 2011, the Georgia Supreme Court upheld an appeals court ruling that the Journal-Constitution’s articles “were substantially true at the time they were published,” and cleared them of any defamation claim.

“Kathy didn’t live to see her reporting get the ultimate exoneration,” Riley said.

But he’s not sitting idly by while a movie takes cheap shots at her work and his industry.

“Clint Eastwood can attack a chair,” Riley said, referencing the actor/director’s speech to an empty

chair at the 2012 Republican National Convention. “But it’s really wrong to attack someone who can’t defend themselves. And I feel like the Atlanta Journal-Constitution has a responsibility to defend her.”

What’s next, I asked him. Warner Bros. doesn’t appear to be backing down. In a statement, the studio called the paper’s claims “baseless” and promised to “vigorously defend against them.”

“I think the most important thing is that the audience know what the truth is,” Riley said. “And that people have a chance to question what’s accurate in the film based on the way that it’s presented.”

And for that, I applaud him.

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CLAIRE FOLGER/WARNER BROS.

Richard Jewell (Paul Walter Hauser, right, with Sam Rockwell) is the subject of Clint Eastwood’s latest film.

News

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a hero.

And then the worm turns. Personified by Jon Hamm’s agent, the FBI fingers Jewell as a loner who craved attention and may have planted the bomb in order to discover it.

Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter Kathy Scruggs extracts a tip from the Hamm character — in bed, according to the movie. Presto: a Page 1 smear job on Jewell, implying that he’s the bomber. Fangs bared, Olivia Wilde does what she can as Scruggs, a journalist (conveniently dead in real life).

Thus begins Jewell’s

nearly three-month ordeal, holed up in his mother’s apartment.

The smaller the scenes, the truer the drama.

For years we’ve seen Hauser go to town as various, thick-skulled Bubbas (“BlacKkKlansman”). Here, in the later scenes with Bates, he’s allowed to flower as an actor. Bates and Rockwell are rock-solid scene partners.

The best of “Richard Jewell” is easily the best work Eastwood has done in a while.

What the media and the FBI actually did, in real life, was bad enough; in “Richard Jewell,” however — and this is a serious limitation — even the true or true-ish events have a way of feeling like fake dramatizations of

fake news and institutional failures. President Trump’s enemies, the media and the government, are this movie’s enemies.

Eastwood neither glamorizes nor suffocates the circumstances of these people. This isn’t a character study. It’s good and evil: good people versus evil institutions throwing salt in the wounds suffered by the salt of the earth.

As with Eastwood’s “Sully,” along with many other Eastwood pictures, “Richard Jewell” stands up for the old-fashioned, law-and-order, God-and-country white male, under siege and undercut by bureaucratic idiocy and enemies of the people. In the spirit of Eastwood’s biggest hit to date, “Ameri-

MPAA rating: R (for language including some sexual references and brief bloody images)

Running time: 2:11

can Sniper,” “Richard Jewell” isn’t interested in a multifaceted or fully truthful depiction of its battle-tested survivor.

The battle, for Jewell (who died in 2007, from various health crises), was on the home front. The enemy was us. The actors transcend the simplifications and make Eastwood’s 38th feature behind the camera something worth arguing about.

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Broadway

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London in early 2020 and then move to Chicago, which will be the only North American city where “Be More Chill” can be seen at this level, at least in the near future.

The show, Goehring said, will make every effort to find its actors in Chicago. Broadway in Chicago is not presenting the show, a rarity for recent Broadway productions. Goehring and his investors are going it alone.

Initially, seats will be on sale at the Apollo, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave., through Aug. 23 and the end of the high-school summer vacation period, but Goehring said he had acquired a long-term lease on the Apollo, where “Million Dollar Quartet” ran for years.

Tickets (\$35-\$125) on sale 10 a.m. Dec. 13 at the Apollo box office, by phone at 773-935-6100 and online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Sandy Duncan — best known for playing Peter Pan but a venerable star of stage and screen — will star in a multiweek engagement of a new comedy called “Middletown.”

She will work alongside Donny Most (“Happy Days”), Adrian Zmed (“T.J. Hooker”) and the Chicago-based actress Kate Buddeke.

“Middletown,” scheduled from Feb. 27-March 22, is a star vehicle penned by Dan Clancy with previous outings in Florida and Las Vegas. Audiences watch two couples recounting the ups and downs of life, friendships and marriages. The show is intended to be a heartwarming experience for mature audiences.

Tickets (\$65) are now on sale at 773-935-6100 and www.apollochicago.com.

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MARIA BARANOVA PHOTO

Will Roland and the cast of “Be More Chill” perform at the Lyceum Theatre on Broadway.

WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



“The 88th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade” (7 p.m., CW): Actors Erik Estrada, Dean Cain, travel host Laura McKenzie and TV personality Montel Williams join special co-host Elizabeth Stanton for this West Coast parade that has become a Tinseltown tradition. Grand marshal Mario Lopez leads the parade, which includes musical performances from popular stars, enormous character balloons and cars packed with celebrities.

“American Housewife” (7 p.m., ABC): Katie (Katy Mixon) is looking forward to sharing a favorite childhood Christmas tradition with Taylor (Meg Donnelly) this season, but an unexpected visit from Katie’s caustic mom (recurring guest star Wendie Malick) threatens to derail that plan in the new episode “The Bromance Before Christmas.” Elsewhere, Greg (Diedrich Bader) is caught off-guard by some good intentions on Katie’s part.

“Christmas Stars” (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): In this 2019 holiday drama, aspiring R&B singer Layla (Erica Durance, “Smallville”) thinks the universe finally is smiling on her career dreams when she crosses paths with Spence (country singer JT Hodges), an easygoing bartender with a natural gift for writing lyrics. Their collaborations show enough promise that Layla starts to think a record deal is in their future.

“BlackKkKlansman” (7 p.m., Cinemax): Spike Lee won an Academy Award for co-writing the adapted screenplay for this 2018 biographical crime film, which chronicles the incredible yet true story of how black police detective Ron Stallworth (John David Washington) was able to infiltrate the Ku Klux Klan with the help of a white surrogate (Adam Driver) who pretended to be Stallworth.

“Fresh Off the Boat” (7:30 p.m., ABC): ’Tis the season Jessica (Constance Wu) always looks forward to, that most wonderful time of the year when she micro-manages the household as never before to ensure the Huang family’s Christmas is flawless, in the new holiday episode “Jessica Town.” Elsewhere, the boys (Hudson Yang, Forrest Wheeler, Ian Chen) land on Santa’s naughty list.

“How Murray Saved Christmas” (8:05 p.m., AMC): Consider that this animated special is adapted from a book by Mike Reiss, a veteran of the creative team on “The Simpsons,” and you’ll probably — and correctly — guess that it isn’t your standard holiday tale. Jerry Stiller supplies the voice of a cantankerous delicatessen owner who has to become a substitute Santa, assisted by an elf named Edison (voice of Sean Hayes). Jason Alexander, who played Stiller’s son on “Seinfeld,” also is heard.

TALK SHOWS

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Mark Harmon; comic Caitlin Weierhauser.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Tom Holland; actress Ana Gasteyer; singer Adam Levine; Angel Olsen performs.*

* Subject to change

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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 13										MOVIES		
		PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00			
BROADCAST	CBS	2	Hawaii Five-0: "Ka I Ka 'I'no, No Ka 'I'no." (N) ©		Magnum P.I.: "Day I Met the Devil." (N) ©		Blue Bloods: "Stirring the Pot." (N) ©		News (N) ♦			
	NBC	5	The Blacklist: "Katarina Rostova." (N) ©		Dateline NBC (N) ©				NBC 5 News (N) ♦			
	ABC	7	Am Housewife (N)	Fresh Off the Boat (N)	20/20: "The Hitman From Pop to Prison." (N) ©					News at 10pm (N) ♦		
	WGN	9	Family Classics: Holiday Inn					WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)		
	Antenna Court	9.2 9.3	Alice © ♦ Closing Arguments (N)	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©			3's Comp.		
	PBS	11	Chi. Tonight: Review (N)	Washington Week (N)	Mel Brooks & Carl Reiner Salute Sid Caesar ©				Sinatra in Concert at Royal Festival Hall © ♦			
	CW	26.1	The 88th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade (N)			Broke Girl		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©		
	The U	26.2	Dr. Phil (N) ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		The Steve Wilkos Show		Cops ©			
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett			
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek: "Mirror, Mirror."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦			
Bounce	26.5	The Game	The Game	Family Time	Last Call	Lethal Weapon 3 (NR,'92) *** © ♦						
FOX	32	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live) ©				Fox 32 News (N)	Bears Unleashed	Flannery Fired Up				
Ion	38	NCIS: Los Angeles			NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA ♦			
TeleM	44	El sultán (N) ©			Decisiones: unos (N)		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)			
MNT	50	AHL Hockey: Chicago Wolves at Milwaukee Admirals. (N) (Live)						CSI: Miami ♦				
UniMas	60	Enamorándonos				Noticiero (N)		Apocalipsis				
WJYS	62	Kenneth Cox Ministries			Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	Monument		
Univ	66	Teletón USA: Una causa que nos une				El dragón (N)		Noticias (N)				
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©			Live PD: "Live PD -- 12.13.19." (N) (Live) © ♦							
	AMC	♦ (6) The Polar Express (G)			Murray Saved Christmas		The Year Without a Santa Claus ©					
	ANIM	Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition (N)			Tanked ©			Tanked ♦				
	BBCA	♦ WarGames: Ferris Bueller's Day Off (PG-13,'86) *** Matthew Broderick. ©						Norton (N) ♦				
	BET	♦ (6) Kidnap (R,'17) *** ©			Tyler Perry's The Oval		Tyler Perry's Sistás ©		Martin ©			
	BIGTEN	College Basketball: Nebraska at Indiana. (N) (Live) ©				Postgame		B1G Show		Big Ten ♦		
	BRAVO	♦ (6:52) Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG-13,'10) *** ©							Potter ♦			
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	S.E.E. Chi	Politics				
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦			
	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park				
	DISC	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)			Gold Rush: "When the Levee Breaks." (N) ©			Outback (N)				
	DISN	Party (N)	Sydney (N)	Gabby (N)	Bunk'd ©	Coop	Sydney-Max	Gabby				
	E!	♦ (6:15) Friday (R,'95) *** Ice Cube. ©							♦ (8:20) Next Friday (R,'00) ** Ice Cube. ©			
	ESPN	♦ NBA Basketball: Lakers at Heat (N)							NBA Basketball: Clippers at Timberwolves (N) ♦			
	ESPN2	♦ College Football: NCAA FCS Championship (N)					College Football (N) ♦					
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)			Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)			Fox News		
	FOOD	Diners, Drive			Diners (N)		Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive		
	FREE	♦ (5:45) Home Alone ***			♦ (8:15) Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (PG,'92) ** © ♦							
	FX	Despicable Me 3 (PG,'17) ** Voices of Steve Carell.					Despicable Me 3 (PG,'17) ** © ♦					
	HALL	Christmas at Dollywood (NR,'19) Niall Matter. ©					♦ (9:03) Christmas Under Wraps ('14) ♦					
	HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream (N)	Dream	Hunt Int! (N)		Hunters (N)	Hunters			
	HIST	UFO Conspiracies: Hunt for the Truth Special					UFOs: Secret Missions (N)		UFOs ♦			
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic			
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men			
	LIFE	Christmas Stars (NR,'19) Erica Durance. ©					♦ (9:03) Poinsettias for Christmas ('18) ♦					
	MSNBC	All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)				The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)			
	MTV	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. ♦			
	NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Charlotte Hornets at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live) ©					Postgame		Bulls (N)			
	NICK	Most Musical Family (N)		Double (N)	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©			
	Ovation	♦ (6) Chasing Christmas			Mommie Dearest (PG,'81) ** Faye Dunaway, Diana Scarwid. © ♦							
OWN	20/20 on OWN			48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Homicide ♦				
OXY	Dateline: Secrets (N)			Snapped ©		Snapped ©		Snapped ♦				
PARMT	♦ (6) The Italian Job (PG-13,'03) *** ©				White House Down (PG-13,'13) ** Channing Tatum. ♦							
SYFY	Friday the 13th (R,'80) ** Betsy Palmer. ©					Van Helsing (N) ©		Futurama				
TBS	♦ (7:15) Thor: Ragnarok (PG-13,'17) *** Chris Hemsworth. ©					ELEAGUE (N)						
TCM	Gone With the Wind (G,'39) **** Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh. © ♦											
TLC	Long Island Medium (N)		Long Island Medium (Season Finale) (N)		Long Lost Family (Season Finale) (N)		Long Lost ♦					
TLN	Answers Creation Hour			Lifestyle	The Three	Life Today	Dare	Cross				
TNT	Star Wars: The Phantom Menace (PG,'99) ** Liam Neeson. ©					Star Wars ♦						
TOON	Ninjago (N)	Teen Titans	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy					
TRAV	Ghost Nation: "Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction." ©					Ghost Nation (N) ©		Destinat. ♦				
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King					
USA	♦ Law & Order			Doctor Strange (PG-13,'16) *** Benedict Cumberbatch. ©		♦ Mod Fam ♦						
VH1	♦ (6:30) Tower Heist (PG-13,'11) ** Ben Stiller. ©					Coming to America (R,'88) *** © ♦						
WE	Marriage- Reality Stars			Marriage- Stars (N)		Marriage- Reality Stars		Criminal ♦				
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man					
PREMIUM	HBO	♦ (5:45) Love Actually *** Mel Brooks (N)			♦ (9:10) Watchmen ©			Unknown ♦				
	HBO2	Fletcher	(7:35) Watchmen ©	♦ (8:40) His Dark Materials		Axios ©		Rundown ♦				
	MAX	BlackKkKlansman (R,'18) *** John David Washington. (9:15) Reclaim (R,'14) *** © ♦										
	SHO	(7:15) Second Act (PG-13,'18) ** Jennifer Lopez.					Flack (N) ©		The L ♦			
	STARZ	♦ Jumanji: Welcome			Dublin Murders ©		Long Run (N) Long Run (N)		Intruder ♦			
STZENC	♦ (6:57) The Equalizer 2 (R,'18) ** ©					The Untouchables (R,'87) **** ♦						


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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 13): Step into bold leadership this year. Profit from disciplined, coordinated efforts. Feed savings from an increasing winter cash flow before a family challenge requires attention. Summer doubts or insecurities fade as a joint venture wins a fine prize. Lend your unique skills to a satisfying cause.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Pour energy into domestic projects for satisfying results. Dreams come true with focused action. Combine self-discipline with love and tradition for delicious reward.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Issue statements and communications. Share your vision and mission, dreams and possibilities. Your heart and intellect align for a compelling cause.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Go for the gold and discover unexpected resources. You can generate the funds to realize a dream. Focus your energy for lucrative gain.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. A personal passion calls you into action. Invest in your dream. You can make things happen. Use your creativity and imagination for resourceful solutions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Plan your moves. Imaginative ideas can provide unorthodox solutions. Traditional techniques and methods provide the benefit of experience.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Collaborate with friends and teams. Pull together for common gain. A prize is within reach. Provide valuable energy, contribution and support. Share resources and tools.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. A professional reward lies in plain sight. The impossible seems accessible. Advance your agenda purposefully. Put love into your work for greater impact.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Get out and explore. Discover an unexpected delight along the road. Take advantage of a serendipitous moment. You're learning valuable ideas and techniques.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Leave nothing to chance. Make sure your budget lines up with reality. Make sure your team has the necessary information. Plug any leaks.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Love energizes your collaboration. Share and contribute for a common goal. You can realize a romantic dream with focused energy and action.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. All this practice strengthens your performance. Finesse movements rather than forcefully pushing. Maintain a dream with steady action. The more completed, the more gained.

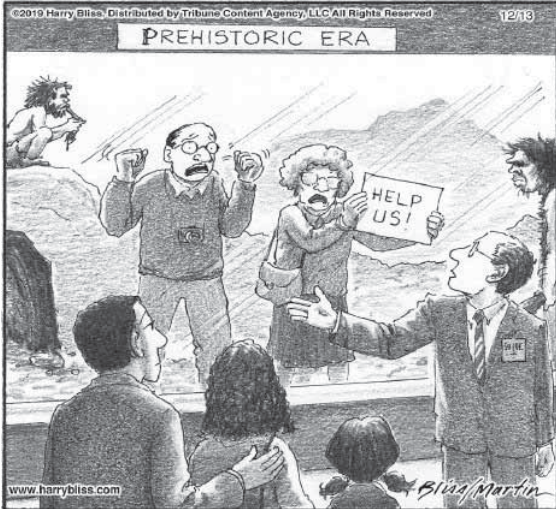
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Follow your heart. Share passion and compassion. Give in to a magnetic attraction. Do what you love and dreamy results are possible.

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Bridge

Both vulnerable, North deals

North		East	
♠	K Q 5 2	♠	8 7 4
♥	10 6 4	♥	Q 5 3
♦	Q 5 4	♦	10 7 6
♣	A K 10	♣	8 7 6 4
South		West	
♠	A 10	♠	J 9 6 3
♥	A K 9 8 7 2	♥	J
♦	K 9 2	♦	A J 8 3
♣	9 2	♣	Q J 5 3

Today's deal is offered because of today's date. It didn't take place on a Friday the thirteenth, but it might have. South was a great American player, Janice Seamon-Molson, from a legendary bridge family in South Florida.

North's redouble showed exactly three-card support for partner's suit. This is a very popular treatment in modern tournament bridge. A direct raise would promise four-card support. East, with no preference between spades and diamonds, passed this around to partner to see if partner wanted to play in one spade. Some players, however, treat this pass as showing a willingness to

defend the opponents' contract. This is a good idea on some auctions, but probably not at the one level when the passer is sitting "under" the bidder. West was one of those players, so she passed and led a trump.

Seamon-Molson's talents as a declarer were not seriously tested in this contract. She won the opening trump lead with her ace and led a low diamond toward the dummy. West ducked and dummy's queen held the trick. Seamon-Molson led a low trump to her nine and followed with the king of hearts. She cashed three top spades, discarding a diamond from her hand, ruffed a spade, and cashed the rest of her trumps. In the three-card ending, West could not keep three clubs and the ace of diamonds, so Seamon-Molson finished with all 13 tricks.

Six redoubled overtricks resulted in a score of 3120 points and a huge swing for Seamon-Molson's team.

— Bob Jones
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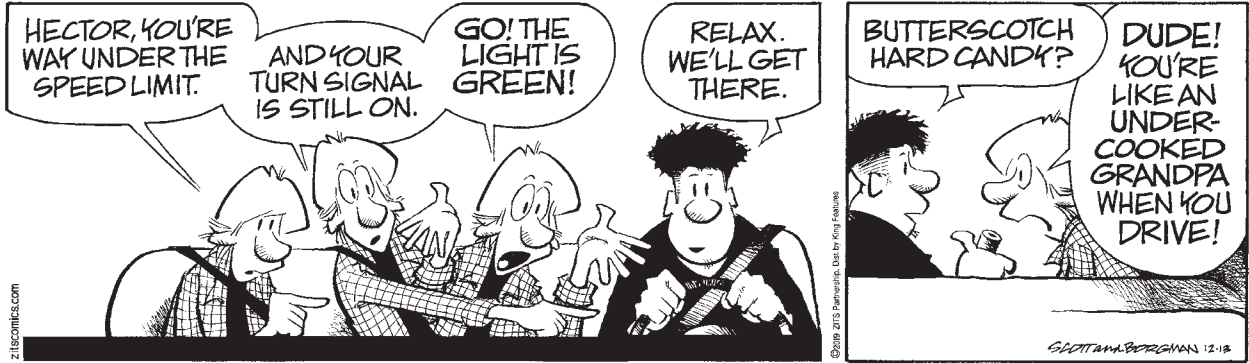
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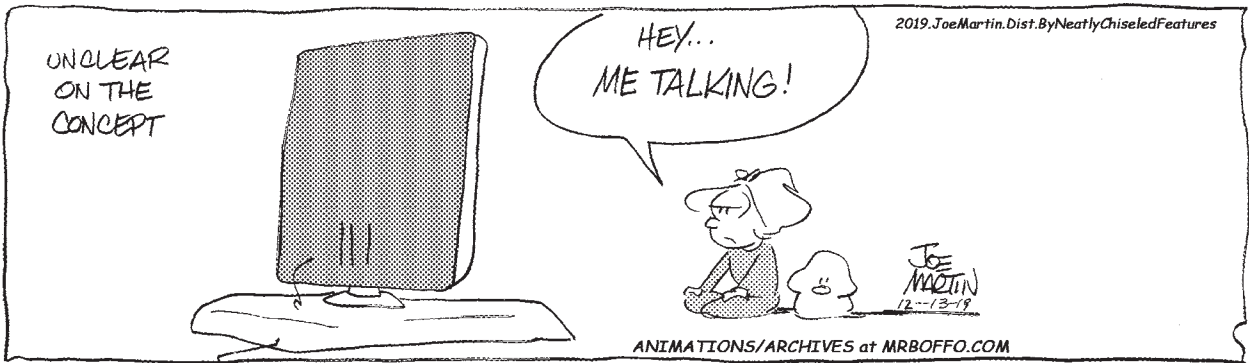
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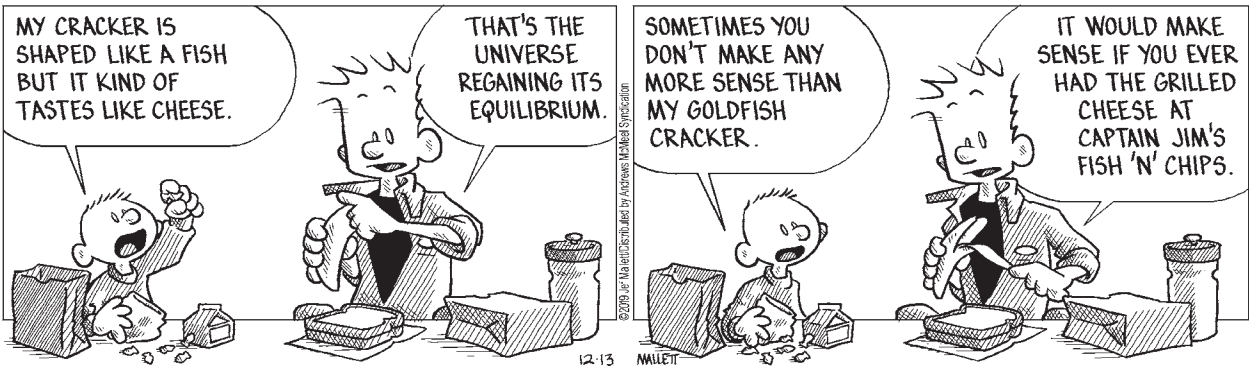
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Mr. Boffo



Frazz



Classic Peanuts



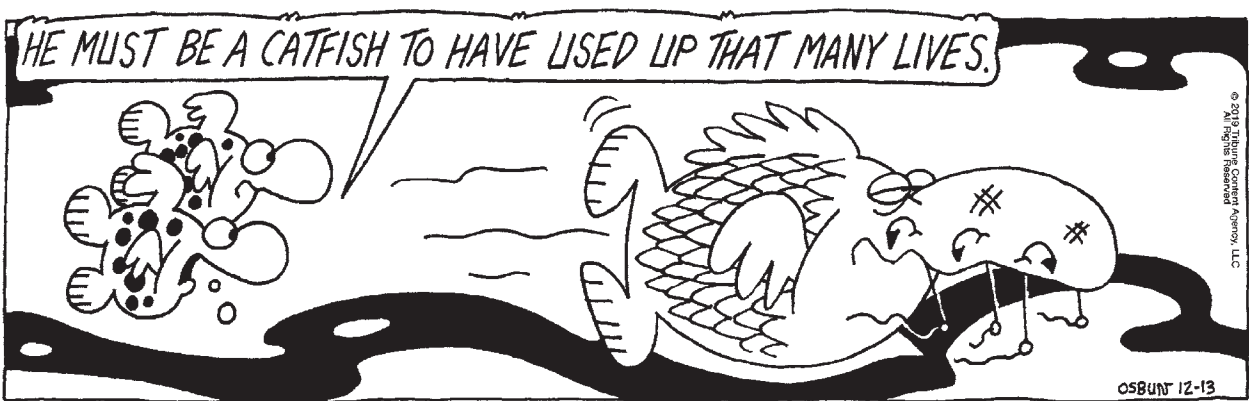
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Animal Crackers



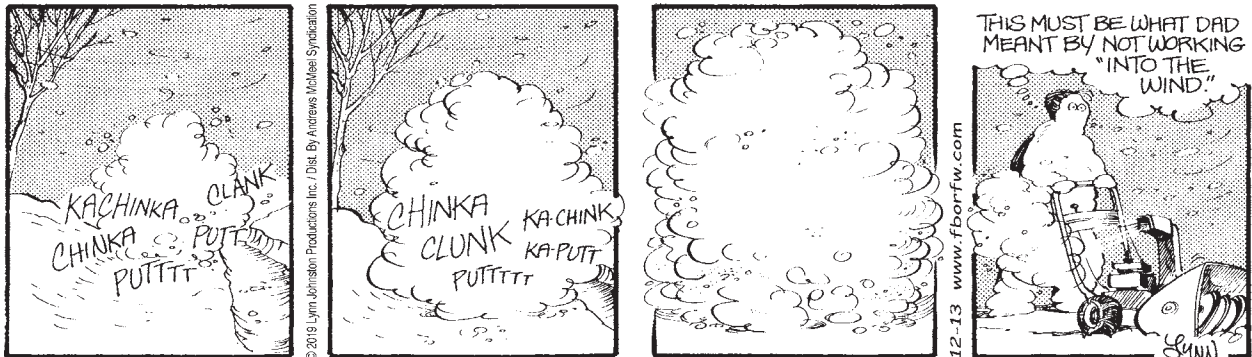
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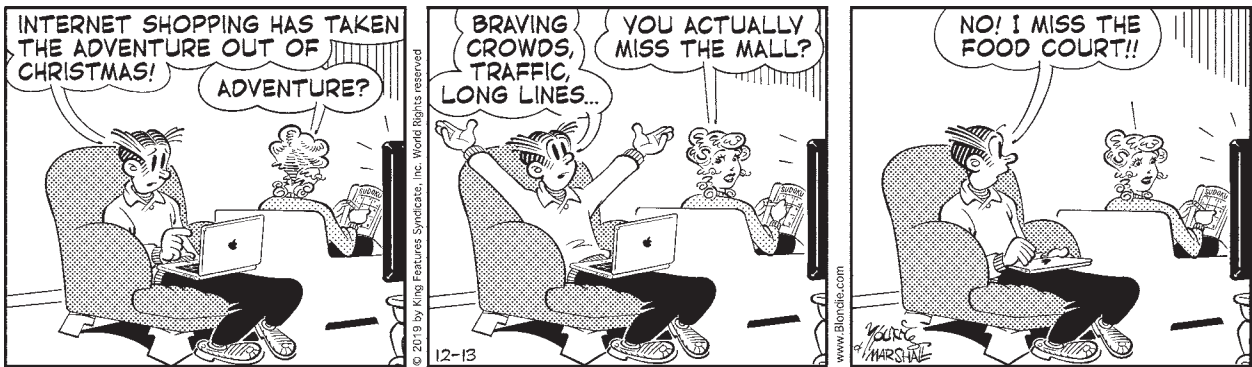
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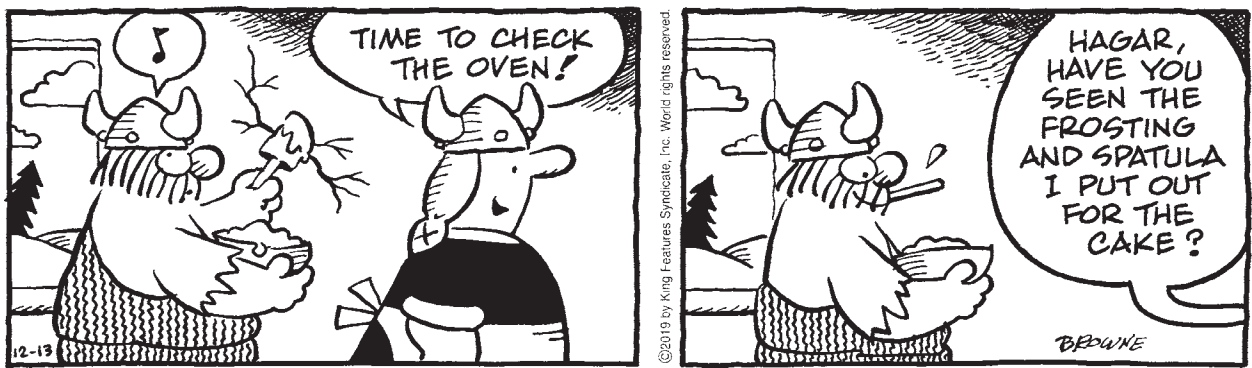
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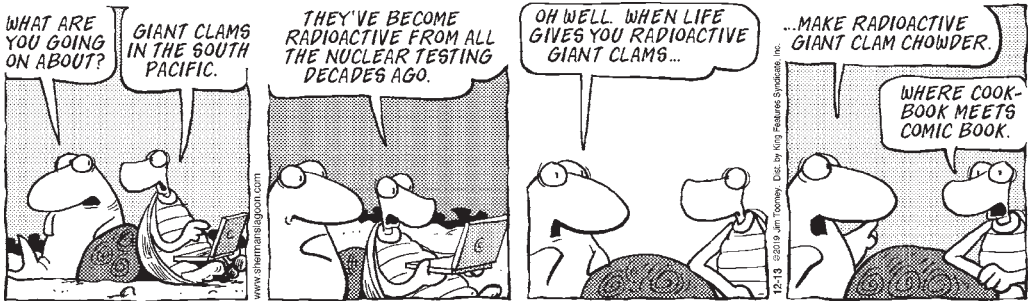
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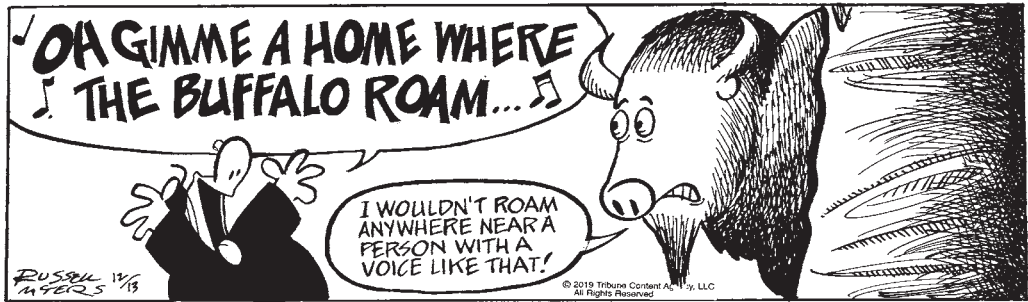
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Trivia Bits

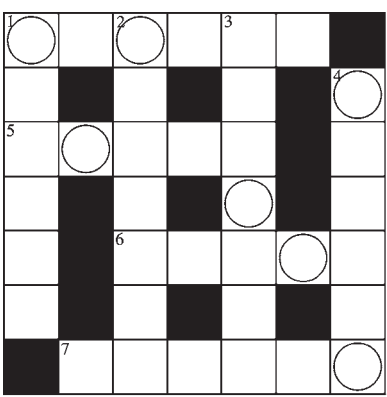
“Zap,” “hiccup” and “meow” are examples of words that imitate the sounds they describe?

A) Acronym
B) Homonym
C) Onomatopoeia
D) Portmanteau

Thursday’s answer: On “Three’s Company,” Chrissy Snow, played by Suzanne Somers, was a typist.

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Jumble Crossword



12-13-19

CLUE: Levi Strauss was born in ____ in 1829.

BONUS

CLUE ACROSS ANSWER

1. Alabama rival UABNRU

5. ____ parking ETAVL

6. Optic ____ EERNV

7. Legal ____ REEDTN

CLUE DOWN ANSWER

1. Instruct SADI EV

2. ____ beam BCALENA

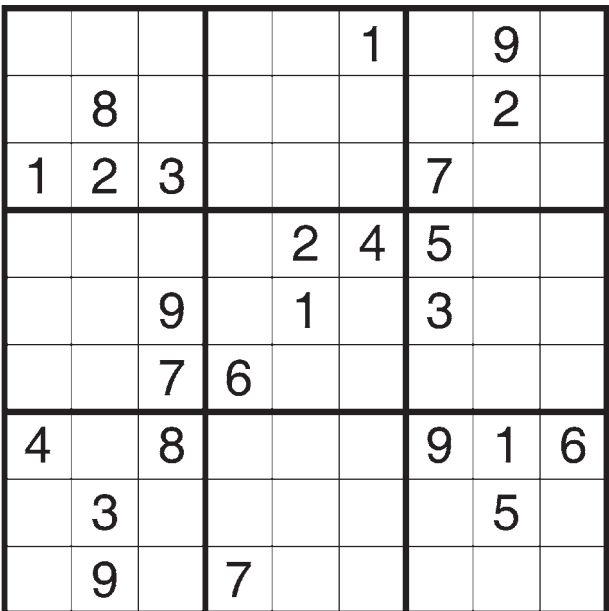
3. No longer working DRETIRE

4. Come into view APEARP

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

12/13



4	6	9	8	7	5	2	1	3
7	1	3	9	6	2	5	4	8
5	2	8	1	3	4	7	6	9
9	8	2	6	5	7	1	3	4
1	4	7	2	8	3	6	9	5
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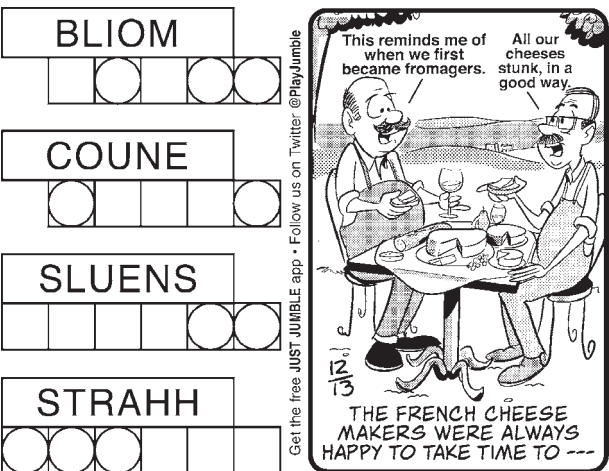
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Thursday’s solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here

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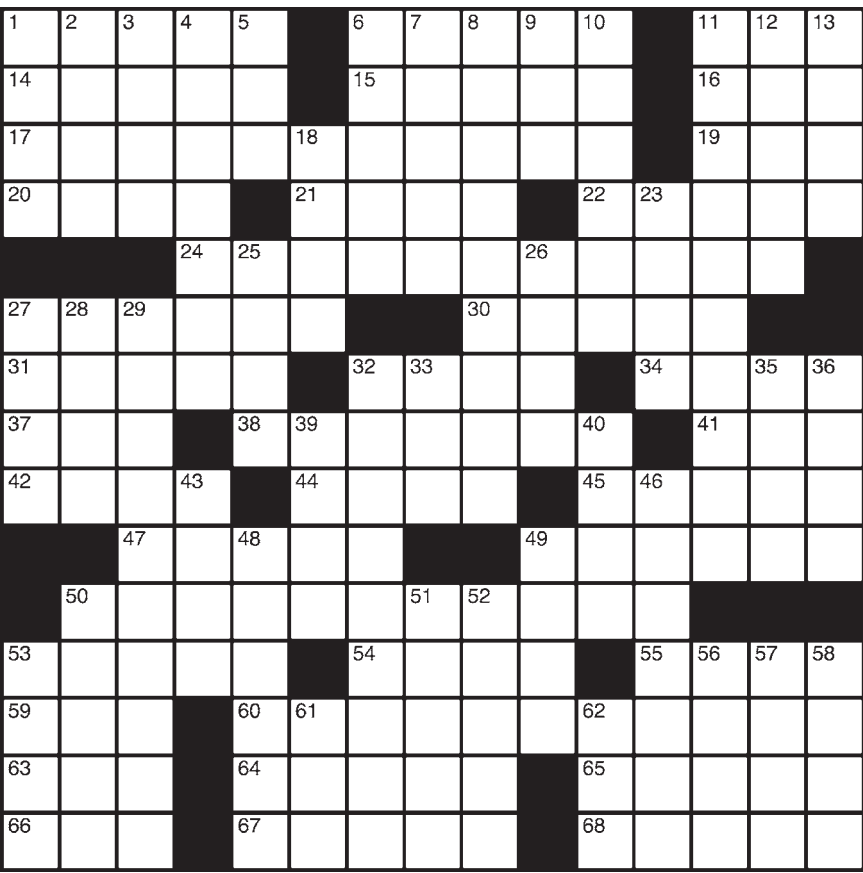
Thursday’s answers

Jumbles: AMUSE GRIND THORNY FREEZE
Answer: She tried not eating for a few days to lose weight, but for her, it couldn’t — END FAST ENOUGH

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Crossword

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Across

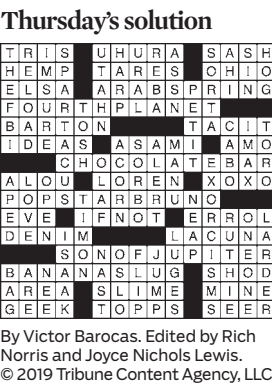
- 1 Innocents
- 6 Uncool crime?
- 11 “That cracks me up!”
- 14 Video game giant
- 15 Old-school
- 16 Leave breathless
- 17 “O Tannenbaum” and others?
- 19 Resting place
- 20 Meal in a pot
- 21 Meal in a pot
- 22 Styx home
- 24 One trying to photograph a partridge during the holidays?
- 27 Submerge
- 30 Multi-level marketing giant
- 31 Most Belgraders
- 32 Playing with a full deck
- 34 Free game version, perhaps
- 37 This answer’s consonant count, aptly

- 38 Muchacho working with wood?
- 41 Title for Jagger
- 42 NRA member?
- 44 Actress Skye
- 45 Barely leading
- 47 Lacrosse need
- 49 Finds exciting
- 50 Boob tube yule log residue?
- 53 Fail to match
- 54 Air Force prog. that first admitted women in 1969
- 55 Sworn statement
- 59 Like rappers Jon and Wayne
- 60 Do some holiday decorating ... and what you need to do to four puzzle answers to produce familiar phrases?
- 63 Monopoly abbr.
- 64 “Biography” channel
- 65 Toroidal bread
- 66 Victorious shout
- 67 “Understood”
- 68 Fair-haired

- 10 Reason for an empty seat
- 11 Saw
- 12 “For sale by” sign poster
- 13 Spyglass part
- 18 Its Space Command has HQ in Colorado
- 23 Not much at all
- 25 Otherwise
- 26 Sign to interpret
- 27 Cuban pronoun
- 28 Latest
- 29 Financial report line
- 32 Caterpillar’s exhalation in Disney’s “Alice in Wonderland”
- 33 Andy’s doll pal
- 35 36-Down flavor
- 36 Classic cookie
- 39 Tiny parasites
- 40 Drive from power
- 43 Unnamed degrees
- 46 Indispensable
- 48 Fictional title country in a 1987 film
- 49 Foot fraction
- 50 Still in the game
- 51 ____ plume
- 52 River swimmer
- 53 Art class medium
- 56 Ship to Colchis
- 57 Many a gamer
- 58 Kept
- 61 ‘90s Indian prime minister
- 62 Recede

Down

- 1 Track count
- 2 Fighting
- 3 Clydesdale feature
- 4 Craft beer server
- 5 Serious code-breaking?
- 6 Strong suit
- 7 Picture puzzle
- 8 Zimbalist of “Remington Steele”
- 9 Hockey legend



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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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FRIDAY, DEC. 13

NORMAL HIGH: 35°

NORMAL LOW: 21°

RECORD HIGH: 67° (1975)

RECORD LOW: -13° (1903)

Clouds persist with higher odds of rain or snow

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH

41

LOW

33

■ A second consecutive day with southerly winds over our area although not nearly as strong as on Thursday.

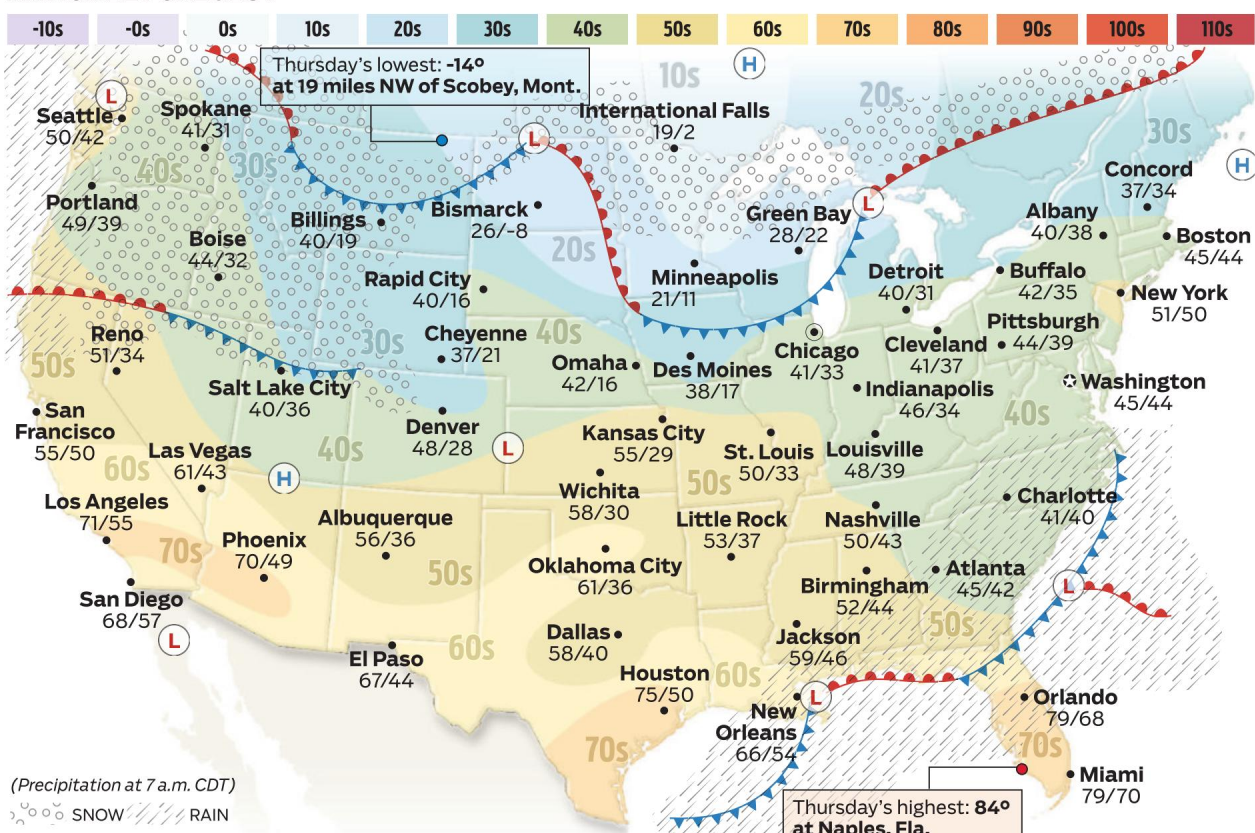
■ A cold front will approach from the west overnight.

■ More clouds than sun, becoming increasingly more cloudy as the afternoon wears on – high temps in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

■ Clouds and a chance of light rain overnight.

■ Southerly winds 6-12 mph.

NATIONAL FORECAST



SATURDAY, DEC. 14

HIGH

37

LOW

17

Cloudy. Light rain into the afternoon. Temps peak in mid 30s by midday. Then winds shift to NW, over 20 mph. Temps into upper 20s. Rain to wet snow during afternoon. Snow ends from west overnight and colder.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

HIGH

27

LOW

21

Partly sunny and cold with a high in the middle 20s. Clouds begin to thicken late afternoon and lower overnight with a chance of snow toward morning. Northwest winds slowly shifting to the east.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

HIGH

31

LOW

19

Cloudy with snow likely – some accumulation possible. High temps in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Snow tapering off after midnight. Winds shift from the east to the north.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

HIGH

26

LOW

10

A good deal of cloudiness with occasional snow flurries possible. High temps in the mid 20s. Partly cloudy and cold overnight. North to northeast winds.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

HIGH

21

LOW

12

Partly sunny and cold – high temps in the upper teens to lower 20s. A good chance of snow showers in NW Indiana. Clear skies and cold overnight. NW winds shift to southwesterly by evening.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

HIGH

29

LOW

13

Mostly cloudy and not quite as cold with a few snow flurries possible. High temps in the upper 20s. Partly cloudy and cold overnight. Winds shift to the northwest.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,

I have come across the term “snow blink” used in a technical manual but I can find no meaning for the term. What is a “snow blink”?

Jeff Maliss
Champaign, Ill.

Dear Jeff,

“Snow blink” is a bright white glare on the underside of clouds, produced by the reflection of light from a snow-covered surface. The term is used in polar regions.

A different, but similar, kind of “blink” can be observed here in the Chicago area when metropolitan lights illuminate the undersides of clouds at night. When the city is covered by a high overcast in the range of 10,000 to 30,000 feet above the ground, the sodium vapor lights from the metropolitan area cast an orange glow on the underside of the overcast—a glow that can sometimes be seen as far as 75 miles away when the air is clear.

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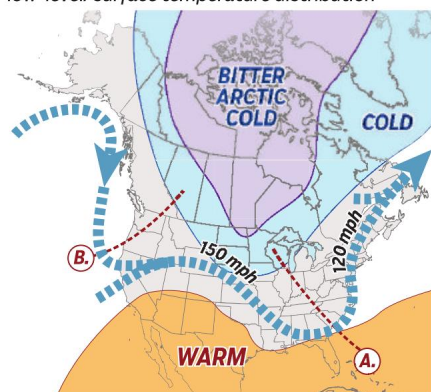
Hear Demetrius
Ivory's weather updates week-days 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Colder trend setting in next week could bring some snow

NOON SATURDAY SNAPSHOT

Setting the stage for Monday snow in Chicago

Upper-level 30,000-foot jet stream flow—low-level/surface temperature distribution

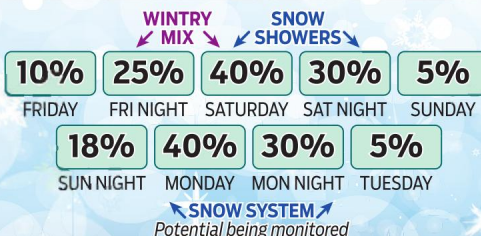


Short-wave troughs **A.** moving off to the east, followed by infusion of cold air and **B.** moving into the Rockies will trigger low pressure over the Plains that will spread snow into the Ohio River Valley/possibly southern and eastern Great Lakes.

Cold air—low pressure—snow

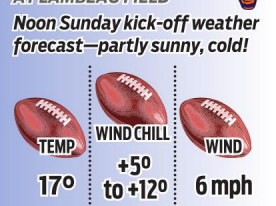
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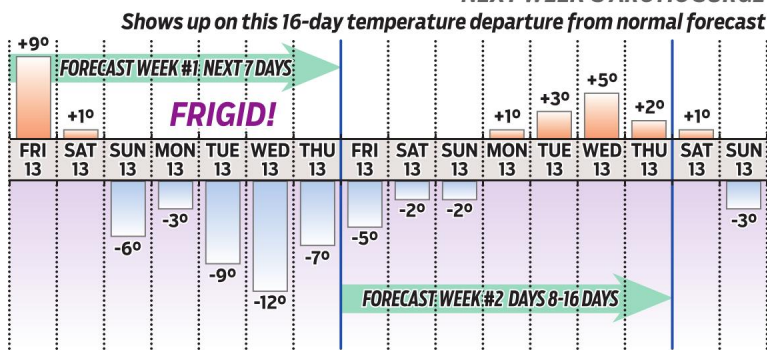


BEARS VS. GREEN BAY AT LAMBEAU FIELD

Noon Sunday kick-off weather forecast—partly sunny, cold!



NEXT WEEK'S ARCTIC SURGE



TOM SKILLING, PAUL DAILEY, STEVE KAHN, KYLE PITTMAN AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE / WGN-TV

MIDWEST CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	cl	49	34	cl	45	23
Carbondale	cl	45	30	cl	37	16
Champaign	pc	46	31	sh	37	16
Decatur	pc	46	31	sh	37	16
Moline	pc	42	28	pc	31	12
Peoria	pc	45	31	cl	34	15
Quincy	pc	50	32	pc	34	17
Rockford	pc	47	30	sh	37	17
Springfield	pc	47	30	sh	37	17
Sterling	pc	40	28	pc	32	13
Indiana	sh	48	35	sh	42	22
Bloomington	sh	48	36	sh	42	24
Evansville	sh	46	34	sh	40	24
Fort Wayne	sh	46	34	sh	40	24
Indianapolis	sh	46	34	rs	41	22
Lafayette	cl	45	29	sh	39	20
South Bend	cl	42	29	ss	39	25
Wisconsin	cl	28	22	ss	27	11
Green Bay	cl	41	30	ss	34	17
Kenosha	cl	41	30	ss	34	17
La Crosse	ss	30	24	ss	28	17
Madison	pc	35	25	sh	31	15
Milwaukee	cl	39	29	sh	31	15
Wausau	cl	25	18	sh	23	3

OTHER U.S. CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	su	68	41	su	70	46
Albuquerque	sh	40	38	rn	48	40
Alma	pc	56	36	pc	60	37
Amarillo	su	63	30	pc	56	30
Anchorage	pc	33	30	ss	33	31
Asheville	rn	46	40	sh	48	33
Aspen	rn	33	26	sn	33	12
Atlanta	sh	55	42	pc	53	38
Atlantic City	sh	53	51	sh	55	40
Austin	su	76	47	su	75	54
Baltimore	sh	45	45	sh	53	41
Billings	sh	40	19	pc	33	21
Birmingham	sh	52	44	pc	57	38
Bismarck	sh	26	-8	pc	1	-3
Boise	sh	44	32	pc	39	26
Boston	sh	45	44	rs	58	43
Brownsville	pc	80	53	su	84	65
Buffalo	cl	42	35	rs	38	32
Burlington	cl	39	37	rn	45	35
Charlotte	rn	41	40	pc	56	36
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Chattanooga	pc	53	39	rn	42	35
Cheyanne	pc	37	21	sn	31	14
Cincinnati	sh	46	36	sh	43	27
Cleveland	cl	41	37	rs	41	32
Colorado Spgs	pc	49	23	pc	40	22
Columbia MO	pc	52	34	pc	36	21
Columbia SC	rn	51	47	pc	58	40
Columbus	cl	41	35	rs	40	26
Concord	sh	37	34	rs	49	37
Corpus Christi	pc	79	50	su	77	63
Crawford	sh	58	40	su	66	48
Daytona Bch.	sh	78	64	pc	73	50
Denver	pc	48	28	ss	38	24
Des Moines	su	22	15	ss	18	-7
Dubuque	cl	37	24	pc	27	10
El Paso	su	67	44	su	70	43

WORLD CITIES

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Brownsville	pc	80	53	su	84	65
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Chicago Tribune ON THE TOWN

FROM PAIN TO BEAUTY

Wilco's Jeff Tweedy has a new handle on things, from his migraines to music

BY STEVE KNOPPER

Over the past 13 months, Jeff Tweedy put out two solo albums, a funny and poignant 293-page memoir called “Let’s Go (So We Can Get Back)” and the new Wilco release called “Ode to Joy.” But the Chicago singer-songwriter has even bigger news to report: His migraines have improved.

Turn to Wilco, Page 2

ANNABEL MEHRAN

Take 10

BY ADAM LUKACH

1. Watch yourself: This can be considered an event listing or a warning — you decide. The (in)famous TBOX, aka the Twelve Bars of Xmas, takes over Wrigleyville this weekend, and if you’re in the area at all, you’ll want to plan for it. 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Cubby Bear, 1059 W. Addison St., \$23.75 – \$39.99; eventbrite.com

2. It’s all here: Feast your eyes on lovely furniture, and your taste buds on free cocktails, beer and cider — plus gifts and food for purchase, dogs for adoption — during this weekend’s Lumberland event. 7-10 p.m. Friday, ReBuilding Exchange, 1740 W. Webster Ave., \$15-\$20; eventbrite.com

3. Boom, roasted: Thai street-food kitchen Pink Salt pops up at Whiner Beer for its last event of the year, a Winter Solstice Lamb Roast. Tickets get you a lamb plate plus sides; beer is extra. 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Whiner Beer Company, 1400 W. 46th

St., \$35; facebook.com/events

4. Holiday classics: Local musician Laura Adkins hosts a special holiday edition of her “We Compose” performance series, which celebrates female composers and performers of classical music. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Women & Children First Bookstore, 5233 N. Clark St., \$10; eventbrite.com

5. The doctor is live: A three-piece ensemble leads this live rendition of “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” which includes the beloved soundtrack, plus the antics of the “Peanuts” crew. 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, \$29; goldstar.com

6. X-mas hangs: Make your own holiday cheer with a wreath-making workshop hosted by City Grange, Plant Truck and the Get Growing Foundation. Ticket includes wreath and all decor. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, Gallagher Way, 1101 W. Waveland Ave., \$50; eventbrite.com

7. Edible arrangements: Never mind the



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TURN IT UP

Wilco

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He has written extensively about how the debilitating headaches consume him, lead to vomiting offstage during concerts and helped create a longtime addiction to Vicodin and other painkillers, as well as anti-anxiety meds.

“Overall, I get them way less than I did,” Tweedy says. “I’ve been able to take some medicine that seems to be a pretty healthy prophylactic. In general, they’re fairly under control. I did have one over the weekend, but the most welcome change is that I’m able to keep them from being completely full-blown, puking, losing two or three days.”

By phone, Tweedy is mostly businesslike but shifts to empathy mode upon learning his interviewer suffers from migraines, too: “That’s a drag. They’re no walk in the park.” The discussion turns to 2004’s brilliantly jagged “A Ghost Is Born,” which, at its noisiest, approximates what the headaches feel like. Tweedy is informed those parts can be difficult for migraine-inclined listeners. He laughs. “Sorry about that!” he says. “One of the things art has provided for me is a way to not let pain go to waste — trying to turn that into some sort of inspiration, or something beautiful. But yeah, it can be still kind of painful to listen to.”

“Ode to Joy” continues Tweedy’s new philosophy, as he writes in his memoir, of “thinking about what exactly I would like to say directly to someone.” His solo albums, last year’s “Warm” and its 2019 follow-up “Warmer,” are more autobiographical than Wilco releases: On “Don’t Forget,” he reminds someone he loves to “brush your teeth or you’ll have a funny smile,” then adds, tenderly, “You don’t have to smile at me.” This philosophy, he says, “carried over quite a bit” on “Ode To Joy,” which contains broader lines like “I try, in my way, to love everyone.”

“There’s definitely still more of an autobiographical lyrical stance on the solo records,” he says. “In Wilco, there’s a little bit more freedom to be a narrator, a different character, not necessarily myself.”

Making “Ode to Joy” began when Tweedy took drummer Glenn Kotche into The Loft, the band’s longtime Chicago studio. (Tweedy has worked there every day for the past four or five years.) They worked especially hard on individual drum “hits,” as Tweedy calls them, which give the record a sort of minimalist power. “The concept was ‘how much beauty can you put into one drum sound?’ ” he says. “There can be a lot of richness to simple



ANTON COENE

Wilco is setting up for a four-night stand at Chicago Theatre, with a renewed Jeff Tweedy, third from left.

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sounds.”

Born in Belleville, Tweedy took up guitar at age 12 after he and his best friend were racing bikes “down a steep hill in front of his parents’ house on a dead-end street,” as he writes in the memoir. He wiped out, landed in a drainage ditch and bloodied his upper thigh so badly the ER made his parents sit down before viewing the wound. While recovering, his parents bought him an electric guitar for Christmas. In English class at Belleville West High School, he was assigned to interview a classmate, then read the notes aloud and learned Jay Farrar liked the Sex Pistols.

The connection begat Uncle Tupelo in

1987, which Tweedy calls, in his book, “a band that plays a punk-country hybrid that a smattering of critics and punk-country-hybrid loyalists will blow way out of proportion.” It lasted six years, laying the foundation for the alt-country genre with songs like “No Depression” and “We’ve Been Had.” After breaking up, Farrar formed Son Volt and Tweedy turned to Wilco, which expanded into an experimental and multifaceted unit, turning out sprawling classics like 1996’s “Being There” and 2002’s “Yankee Hotel Foxtrot.”

In addition to becoming a sort of symbol for uncompromising guitar rock — over the years, he has criticized and accepted the term “dad rock” — Tweedy, 52, is a low-key local celebrity. Since moving to Chicago in the early ’90s, he has a “public life that is less than normal compared to my neighbors, I would suppose, but for the most part, I’m able to blend in and enjoy a pretty anonymous type of existence,” he says. But living in a big city has its

drawbacks — late last month, police reported Tweedy and his wife, Susan Miller Tweedy, heard gunfire and found damaged doors in their home. Tweedy won’t say much about the incident, other than it’s been “sensationalized and turned into clickbait and I find it really, really upsetting.”

He seems relieved when the subject turns to trains — like the album of train sounds he listened to as a kid, partly inspired by his father, who spent much of his life at a railroad company. “I think about the first few records I listened to and it doesn’t seem too far off from what Wilco is today — the Monkees and steam locomotives,” he says. “Those records became places to me that you could only visit if you listen to the record, if you close your eyes and imagine it.”

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LOCAL SOUNDS

Chicago served as a muse for awe-inspiring local band Oux

By BRITT JULIOUS

Chicago is more than just a home base for Indigo Finamore and Manae Hammond, who perform as Oux (pronounced like “awe”). For this art-pop duo, the city also became a catalyst for reaching the next level of its musical output.

Finamore and Hammond met halfway across the country at Whittier College in Los Angeles. Despite its small size and positive reputation, the private liberal arts school became a creative hindrance for Finamore and Hammond. One of the few positives of their experience at Whittier was the near-instant connection the two had.

“It was really exciting to be around somebody I wasn’t afraid of. All of a sudden, it was like I was alive again,” Finamore said. “Getting that gateway into having a relationship again, where I could actually talk to someone ... all of a sudden, I wanted to make more music and get a new laptop, and get a new audio station. Basically get back on who I want to be and what I want to do as a person.”

Transitioning their friendship into a romantic relationship and later into a musical relationship, was easier than the two expected. Music had always been the only thing they wanted to do with their lives since childhood. On their decision to make music together, Finamore said, “Well we both make music, and we both have a hard time finding people to be in bands with right now. This makes sense. And then we just kept doing it.”

And the pair has flourished creatively ever since. Where working together may be tricky for other people, the two like to think of their creative partnership in more familiar terms. “People are always like, ‘Don’t date people you’re in a band with,’ but they’re never like, ‘Don’t start a family business,’” Finamore said. “A lot of the time, I think of it like, ‘Oh, we’re a couple that owns a furniture store, but the furniture is just music.’ ”

Hammond, a Chicago native, eventually left Whittier for financial reasons. The duo released its first single the day Hammond moved home. The decision seemed fitting. Although the foundation of their musical experiment may have begun on the West Coast, the heart of Oux could only ever be in Chicago. Hammond took a year off from her education before enrolling at Columbia College. Finamore soon followed.

The change in community and opportunity was immediate. “You can’t stop making art (in Chicago),” Finamore began. “Like, somebody will come to your door and be like, ‘Excuse me! I heard you were



MAREN CELEST

Indigo Finamore, top, and Manae Hammond of Oux.

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down! You’re not doing that today.’ It’s something really cool about Chicago.”

Since relocating to Chicago, Oux has released multiple EPs. Now, Finamore and Hammond are ready to embark on their first full-length album. “A long-term, ambitious project is something we both need,”

Hammond said. “Something that we’ve both really put the time into, because we put almost a year and a half into the EP we just released, and we still felt like we could have done more and better.” Their earlier releases had latent, but enjoyable nods to art rock and pop artists like Kate Bush and Bjork. But now, according to Hammond, their new music has taken an “even poppier, but slight(ly) dark direction.”

“Our last release kind of doesn’t have a theme. Like we wrote these songs, and each song in themselves led to another song,” Hammond added. “But now, it’s like, what’s the story we’re trying to tell over the arc of a lot of songs?” Perhaps it’s one of connections, partnership, and the long journey it took to get here? Finamore agreed. “(Oux) went from being something where we we’re like, ‘Oh, we’ll just combine our creative faculties to make some tunes’ to, ‘Oh, this is seriously our main project,’” Finamore said. “That’s been the big way we’ve changed.”

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No one plays piano quite like splendid Mike Jones



HOWARD REICH
On Music

In March of last year, one of the most famous magicians in the world stepped up to the bandstand at the Green Mill Jazz Club.

Never before had Penn Jillette — the taller half of Las Vegas’ famed Penn & Teller show — played a gig quite like this. For though Penn plays bass every night alongside pianist Mike Jones while the crowd settles into the theater at the Rio, the mini-set unfolds as delightful background music. Not the main event.

But by coincidence, Penn & Teller had played the Paramount Theatre in Aurora the night before pianist Jones’ show at the Green Mill. And Penn and Jones had just released an album recorded live at the Rio, “The Show Before the Show.”

So how could Penn & Teller resist dropping in at the Mill for Jones’ gig? And how could Jones resist inviting Penn to make music?

“I want to say a couple of things,” Penn told the crowd after taking bassist Kelly Sills’ place onstage.

“One: It’s not my bass,” joked Penn, as if making excuses for how he might sound.

“Two: I’m not warmed up,” added Penn, still stalling.

“Three: The sun is right

in my eyes,” he said long after nightfall, in a room where the sun never shines.

Jones laughed along with everyone in the house.

“I’m so nervous, I’m going to throw up,” said Penn.

Jones, who has been playing for Penn & Teller since 2002, came back with a quip of his own.

“If you do, aim at Eric Montzka,” said Jones, referring to the evening’s drummer.

Then Jones called off a quick tempo on “Box View-ing Blues,” from the album, and the band was off and running. Penn acquitting himself quite capably despite his nerves.

Penn won’t be there this weekend when Jones returns to the Mill, but listeners will get to hear why one of the most admired acts in Las Vegas has kept Jones at the keyboard for nearly two decades: No one plays piano quite like Jones, whose digital dexterity is matched by his huge repertoire of jazz standards.

Two jazz piano virtuosos above all have influenced Jones’ remarkable art: Oscar Peterson and Dave McKenna.

“When I went to Boston in 1981 and went to Berklee (College of Music) and went over to Copley Plaza and saw Dave, my whole world changed,” says Jones.

“Before Dave McKenna in the early ’50s, no one literally played what the bass player played at the same time, and he brought that idea through (his) music. When I heard him, I went insane. ... I figured: I’ve got to figure this out.”



KRISTEN NORMAN/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Green Mill Jazz Club has become a Chicago home away from home for Penn & Teller show pianist Mike Jones.

Like McKenna, Jones can keep a walking (or running) bass line swinging in his left hand while producing torrents of notes in his right and weaving other themes and chord changes through it all. And though Jones doesn’t mimic McKenna’s approach, which would be impossible to do in any case, he combines elements of it with Oscar Peterson-style swing propulsion to enthralling effect, especially when playing solo.

For Jones’ Green Mill engagement, he’ll share the stage again with bassist Sill and drummer Montzka, but Jones also will play a solo piece or two during each set, if only because Chicago

listeners now expect as much.

He has been doing these featured weekend engagements at the Mill for about 20 years, which makes each return a treasured experience for all involved.

The Mill, says Jones, “Just feels like home, because of growing up in Buffalo and having that same sensibilities of the people in Buffalo and Chicago and that whole part of the world.”

Meaning the straight-talk, working-class aesthetic that defined Jones’ youth and perhaps helps explain the tirelessness of his schedule.

For Jones, the Green Mill shows also offer a

change of pace from the sets he plays hundreds of times a year in Las Vegas.

“The duo every night with Penn is great fun, but I play a completely different way with a drummer” filling out a trio, says Jones.

“The rhythmic responsibilities are shared equally in a duo situation. I get to abandon a lot of that, and play a lot more freely, when there’s a drummer playing as well. ... You just get the feeling that you can float over the top of them and play whatever you want.”

Which, in Jones’ case, is quite a lot.

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

Still not sick of the hype

When you hear the sound of thousands of screaming girls in Rosemont, you'll know where Why Don't We is

BY ALLISON STEWART

Los Angeles-based boy band Why Don't We got together just three years ago, but it feels like longer, at least to them. They released their first single only weeks after officially forming, and have been working virtually non-stop ever since. The schedule has been punishing, because it has to be: Boy bands don't have a long window.

The group has released half a dozen EPs, one album, and an endless supply of singles, roughly one every six weeks. And it's toured almost constantly, having just finished a yearlong world tour and is about to embark on a stretch of radio station Christmas concerts (including 103.5 KISS FM's Jingle Ball at Allstate Arena on Wednesday). The members were corralled together in an Uber to do this phone interview.

They have no idea what city they're in (it turns out to be Dallas), everybody is sick or jet-lagged or — it's strongly implied — hungover. They are unfailingly friendly, if a little dazed.

"This past week and a half when we were in Australia was pretty brutal," says member Corbyn Besson. "It's just a bunch of unfortunate circumstances. It was my 21st birthday, and we had the ARIA awards show out there, and we met up with some friends. We ended up staying out til 3, 4 a.m. every night, and we had 5 a.m. lobby calls to hop on a 6:30 flight to the next city, straight into promo into shows. I think the whole week we got seven hours of sleep, total. That was pretty brutal, but at the same time we were having so much fun that it kind of balanced itself out."

When the five members of Why Don't We, now all 18 to 21, first met in LA, they had each come from somewhere else, and were in the fledgling stages of solo careers. One was a former "American Idol" contestant, another had posted cover songs to YouTube. They became friends before they became a group, even lived together for a time, and that closeness has grown during their years in captivity. "We've only grown closer," says member Jonah Marais. "We literally spend every single day together. We've started off as friends, and we've become closer. It's almost like a brotherly bond." According to Besson, they recently got matching tattoos, "so we can always remember our first world tour."

The group's official full-length debut, "8 Letters," opened in Billboard's Top 10, but Why Don't We has always been a singles band. It dropped 11 songs this year alone, operating on the as-



ZACK CASPARY

Boy band upstarts Why Don't We (Corbyn Besson, from left, Jonah Marais, Daniel Seavey, Zach Herron, Jack Avery) recently got matching tattoos.

sumption that their younger-skewing fans are used to consuming music in bite-sized pieces. The group recently released a Christmas song, "With You This Christmas," while still promoting the last single, "What Am I," a

wistful lite-pop song. The track was written by Ed Sheeran, and has a distinctly Ed Sheeran vibe. "We're on the same label as Ed, and he wrote the song, and they played it for us," member Daniel Seavey says. "Ed had us in mind

for it. When you hear a song that beautiful, written by Ed Sheeran, it would be very naive to turn it down."

This rapid-fire release system gives the band and its people the ability to make incremental ad-

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justments to their sound on the fly. If a single flops (and they usually don't), they are unlikely to make anything that sounds like it again. It also means that Why Don't We haven't really had a chance to make a Legacy Album, their version of *NSYNC's "No Strings Attached," or the Backstreet Boys' "Millennium."

The members seem resigned to being a singles band, at least for now. "I have mixed emotions on that," says Seavey. "To a certain degree today, with streaming, albums I don't think are appreciated in the same way, which makes me sad. There's something special about an album, where not every song has to be that hit single. You can dig deeper into your sound, and go a little less mainstream. On our last album, every song felt like a potential single, which isn't a bad thing, but I think this next album will dig into what our sound is, because it takes time to find that."

The success of "What Am I" and the "8 Letters" title track (over 300 million streams between them) has raised Why Don't We's global profile. It used to be rare when the group was confronted with screaming fans, but it's now unusual when they're not. "It's insane to us that when we go places or show up at an airport, people just go berserk that we're there," says Besson.

Screaming girls aren't the same everywhere, they've learned. In Japan, fans are respectful. Fans in the Philippines go crazy. In Los Angeles, "fans there try to act like you're homies more than they're fans," Seavey says. "It gets kind of awkward. You'll take 30 pictures with them at an airport and they'll (post), 'Hanging out again.' And you'll be like, 'What? No.'"

Three years into its existence, two years into its reign, the group's stardom still feels at least semi-new. "I don't think we've gotten sick of the hype," Seavey says. "It's kind of what you would expect it to be like: crazy. The whole side of always having to be 'on' in a sense can be tiring, but if we were working as waiters, we'd have to be 'on' in a different sense. You can't complain. At the end of the day, we're doing what we love to do."

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

If you don't think art can change a life, ask Sixto Rodriguez

BY DAN HYMAN

Just shy of seven years ago, almost immediately following the Sundance Film Festival that January, Sixto Rodriguez's life changed in a matter of days. At the time he was an unknown singer-songwriter living out his golden years in the Detroit area. But when "Searching For Sugarman," a documentary film about one man's quest to locate him, debuted at Sundance and took home the top prize, Rodriguez suddenly found himself thrust onto the international stage. "It was overwhelming," the 77-year-old musician recalled one afternoon, calling from the Detroit home he has lived in since the 1970s.

A former recording artist who'd largely given up his music career in favor of a simpler life doing demolition and production line work, Rodriguez figured his days as a musician were long over. "But the film has changed my life, for sure," said Rodriguez, who in the wake of having his Bob Dylan-style folk music rediscovered thanks to the film, has been touring the world. "It's opened up a lot of doors," the soft-spoken and decidedly humble musician of few words said of the film, directed by the late Swedish filmmaker Malik Bendjelloul. "But that's what it does."

The Mexican American songwriter, who plays City Winery on Friday, was almost completely unknown in the States for much

When: 8 p.m. Friday

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of his life thanks to his two early-'70s albums bombing here. Unbeknownst to him, he had a massive following in Australia and Apartheid-era South Africa. Bendjelloul eventually tracked him down — "He came to Detroit at least four times before I said yes," Rodriguez recalled with a laugh — but even before that, in 1998, a group of fans found him on the Internet and brought him to South Africa for a series of sold-out concerts that year. Since "Sugarman" took home the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature, Rodriguez has played in more than 30 countries and even sold out Radio City Music Hall. "It really opened everything up," he said.

Things have certainly worked out for Rodriguez, but when Bendjelloul first approached him to participate in the film the singer was almost entirely disinterested. "His kids told me I could probably meet him, but I shouldn't get my hopes up about an interview," Bendjelloul told Rolling Stone in a 2012 interview. "I went to Detroit every year for four years. He didn't agree to be interviewed until my third visit. I think he only changed his mind because he felt kind of sorry for us. He saw how hard we were



DOUG SYMOUR

Sixto Rodriguez was an obscure 1970s-era singer-songwriter until the 2012 documentary film "Searching For Sugarman" made him an unlikely star. He has been touring to large audiences ever since.

working and was like, 'I think I better help these guys.' " Rodriguez confirmed this story, adding how only after he saw the filmmaker and his crew "in the alley working and filming during the middle of the winter," did he know they were dedicated enough for him to lend his time.

Time has passed since "Sugarman," but what inspired Bendjelloul to first dig through Rodriguez's lyrics for clues to the man's whereabouts — largely from his now-seminal 1970 debut album, "Cold Fact" — is what keeps audiences packing his gigs today. Rodriguez's music remains a snapshot of an era when political discourse and music melded. The

musician's vivid, almost psychedelic protest songs, like "Sugar Man," "Inner City Blues" and "A Most Disgusting Song," had him labeled as the next Dylan by former Motown chief Clarence Avant when the executive first signed him in the late 1960s.

Even now, Rodriguez said he sees himself as a "musical political." He's quick to declare his support for Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders in next year's presidential election. "Universal health care and education," he said when asked which issues are of principal concern for him.

Rodriguez admitted how in his older age he doesn't perform nearly as often as he once did —

he has just three shows booked this month — but the musician said at his core he'll forever be a songwriter: "If you're a journalist that defines you and same with if you're a songwriter. So I consider myself a writer. I have fun with words."

"I don't much listen to music as I study it: who's doing what, who wrote it. I think you can start (making music) as a hobby and you can build it up to a profession. And I feel lucky to be in that category now."

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Dinner before a show in Aurora

BY GRACE WONG

A little over two years ago, a love of musical theater took restaurateur Amy Morton and her family away from their home in Evanston and out to Aurora to attend a show Paramount Theatre. But when they arrived, they struggled to find a restaurant for a pre-show dinner. As they walked through downtown, they passed a storefront and Morton's husband casually remarked that it would be a nice space for a restaurant. Now, Morton has opened Stolp Island Social in that exact spot, to fill the need of theatergoers and the community.

Morton's no newcomer to the restaurant industry — she worked at her father's namesake restaurants, Morton's Steakhouse, when she was 10 years old and opened her first restaurant in 1989. Then, in 2012, she opened Found Kitchen and



The Porterhouse Steak from Stolp Island Social restaurant.

Social House in Evanston, serving farm-to-table dishes, before opening The Barn Steakhouse in 2016 as a nod to her father. Last year, she opened Patty Squared, a healthy burger concept, on the Northwestern campus.

"I love what I do in Evanston and I'm very proud of it, and take a lot of time between projects to make sure what I have

done is good if not better than what I've done before," Morton said. "Not only can I be creative and create something I'm proud of, it's a fit for the market and a challenge for me."

She's confident that both the structure and dishes on the menu — from prix fixe to a la carte — will help cater to a diverse clientele, from frequent diners to people who only dine

out on special occasions.

Stolp Island Social, named for a nearby island in the Fox River, will have seasonal kitchen components in addition to steakhouse elements, so look for both locally sourced vegetables as well as reasonably priced cuts of steak. There is also a reserve menu for patrons looking to have the same cuts, sizes and grades as what The Barn Steakhouse offers.

Dishes include a kale salad with apples, cranberries, butternut squash and toasted hazelnuts, and chicken cooked three ways: seared, confited and braised, and plated with a leek puree, fregola and a hint of currant.

"It feels super autumnal and a little Mediterranean, and it's going to be a huge crowd pleaser," she said excitedly.

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RYAN BESHELE

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WHERE TO EAT NOW

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. Reviewers make every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

Acadia Chef Ryan McCaskey has quietly turned his South Loop restaurant into one of the finest in Chicago. Since opening in 2010, he has racked up an armful of important awards, including Jean Banchet best new restaurant, two Michelin stars and four stars from the Chicago Tribune. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Eight-course menu \$155. 1639 S. Wabash Ave., 312-360-9500. — Phil Vettel

Acanto A redesign gives Acanto a more casual look than its former life as Henri, and the pasta-heavy menu is more budget-friendly, though pricier dishes are worth the money. A heavily Italian wine list and good cocktails make this a fine place to bend an elbow. Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$38. 18 S. Michigan Ave., 312-578-0763. — Phil Vettel

Arami The reverence in which sushi chefs handle rice here is reason enough to visit, but this one of the rare Japanese restaurants in which the hot dishes are even better than the sushi. Pay attention to the cocktail list. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Maki rolls and entrees \$15-\$17. 1829 W. Chicago Ave., 312-243-1535. — Phil Vettel

Arbella Drinks reign at this project from the team behind Peruvian powerhouse Tanta. The menu is divided by country or region; mezcal plays heavily into drinks in the Mexico section, while you'll find pisco and rum in Cuba. The short list of food hops around the globe, too. But beware: Cobbling together enough small plates for a meal can be deceptively expensive. Open: Dinner and late night daily. Prices: \$8-\$15. 112 W. Grand Ave., 312-846-6654. — Nick

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Avec On chef Perry Hendrix's watch, Avec's Mediterranean focus has expanded beyond the Big Three of France, Spain and Italy, venturing further east to embrace Middle Eastern and Moroccan influences. But longtime favorites remain, including those fist-size, chorizo-stuffed, bacon-wrapped medjool dates that have graced the menu since Day One. Ditto for the classic brandade and the cheese-crammed flattened focaccia. There's a reason these dishes have been menu stalwarts all these years. Keep an eye on the specials chalkboard, which lists the day's oyster variety, the featured whole fish and the occasional special. All dessert options will satisfy, but I'd opt for cheese, and don't skimp on the "cheese accompaniment," which fills out the experience. Open: Lunch Monday to Friday; dinner daily; brunch Sunday. Prices: Small plates \$8-\$20; large plates \$18-\$27. 615 W. Randolph St., 312-377-2002. — Phil Vettel

Avli Taverna Far from the bustle of Greektown sits Avli Taverna, a quiet neighborhood spot in Lincoln Park dishing out what chef and owner Louie Alexakis (also of Avli in Winnetka) calls "quality comfort food." Avli Taverna's menu is well-rooted in the classics, and anyone who's enjoyed Greek dining once or twice will find the menu more familiar than not. But the restaurant still knows how to have some fun. For instance, the saganaki offered isn't the flamed-tableside creation invented in Chicago. Alexakis uses vlahotiri cheese, which is a little less salty than the type you'll find in Greektown saganaki, and tops the melted cheese with peppered figs and honey. The result is a sweet-and-salty dish that might make you forswear the lemony-boozy style forever. Open: Dinner Tuesday to Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$36. 1335 W. Wrightwood Ave., 773-857-5577. — Phil Vettel



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Smoked octopus and hummus at Beatnik.

Beatnik From the exuberantly ornate dining room to the best dishes on the menu, the West Town restaurant delights in serving up layers upon layers of style. Kick off your meal with beet hummus that sparks of citrus zest and dusky notes of clove, offset by the crunch of fried chickpeas and the salty tang of blue cheese. Open: Dinner and late night, Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: \$9 to \$30 for shareables; \$35 to \$95 for large format dishes. 1604 W. Chicago Ave., 312-929-4945. — Jennifer Day

Bad Hunter Greens and grains rule at this almost-vegetarian restaurant, though skewers of chicken thigh or charred sirloin will keep any carnivore companions happy. The drink list is notable for its clever cocktails and painstakingly sourced wines. Open: Lunch and dinner daily; brunch weekends. Prices: Main courses \$14-\$20. 802 W. Randolph St., 312-265-1745. — Phil Vettel

Band of Bohemia Band of Bohemia describes itself as the country's "first Michelin-rated brewpub," and the restaurant indeed makes various beers on the premises. But "brewpub" is a mighty weak descriptor for the sophisticated, unique synthesis of this Ravenswood destination. Visually stunning yet highly approachable dishes work hand-in-glove with head brewer Michael Carroll's creative urges. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 4710 N. Ravenswood Ave., 773-271-4710. — Phil Vettel

Bar Biscay Simply put, Bar Biscay is a party — with all the

noise that term suggests — with straightforward, delicious, ingredient-driven bites called pintxos. Executive chef Johnny Anderes cooks unaffected, simple food from the Spanish coast, centered on the Basque region and spreading north and south. The menu is dotted with bites from land and sea. A couple of the vegetable-focused dishes are real stars, like spring peas mixed with bits of squid sausage and served with piperade on toast. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Small plates \$9-\$16; entrees \$18-\$30. 1450 W. Chicago Ave., 312-455-8900. — Phil Vettel

Bar Ramone The menu at this cozy wine bar by Lettuce Entertain You is a straightforward collection of Spanish tapas and Basque pintxos from Hisanobu Osaka, and most of the usual suspects are present and accounted for. There are cheese and ham boards; crudo and vegetable dishes; and other plates divided among "classic" and "modern" tapas. Crispy artichoke pieces make for a fine pintxo, and Osaka manages a clever play on angulas

a la Bilbaina, subbing Japanese icefish for baby eels in a dashi broth fortified with garlic oil and chile de arbol. As for the ever-changing vino selection, don't be afraid to tap team members for their current favorites — their enthusiasm for the wines is apparent, and they know off the top of their heads what is drinking well and, almost oraclelike, what you may like that evening. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Small plates \$5.95-\$19.95. 441 N. Clark St., 312-985-6909. — Phil Vettel and Joseph Hernandez

Bar Siena This West Loop sibling to Siena Tavern is a hybrid of semi-serious dining and sports bar. Options include burrata salad and grilled octopus, but pizzas, created in a massive wood-fueled oven, are the must-try items. A "Bombobar" window serves filled Italian doughnuts to the morning and late-night walk-up crowds. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$26. 832 W. Randolph St., 312-492-7775. — Phil Vettel

Bar Sotano Lanie Bayless is spirits director for father Rick Bayless' Frontera universe, but she takes center stage with Bar Sotano. There are tons of painstakingly sourced mezcals on offer, but, really, you're coming here for the one-of-a-kind cocktails. And you'll eat very, very well too. Chef de cuisine Rishi Manoj Kumar's mix of snacks, small plates and sharable large plates is littered with gems. The first order of business is to check out the menu's "del dia" — the day's special taco and tlaxidita (a small, crisped tostada). The roasted bone marrow is seriously spicy; ask for a finishing shot of mezcal, which you pour down the bone's hollow into your mouth in a fat-washed luge. The must-have shareable dish is the Mexican paella, a killer rice dish with enough chicken thighs, shrimp and chicken chicharron to go around. Open: Dinner Tuesday to Saturday. Prices: Small plates \$6-\$10; large \$15-\$38. 443 N. Clark St., 312-391-5857. — Phil Vettel

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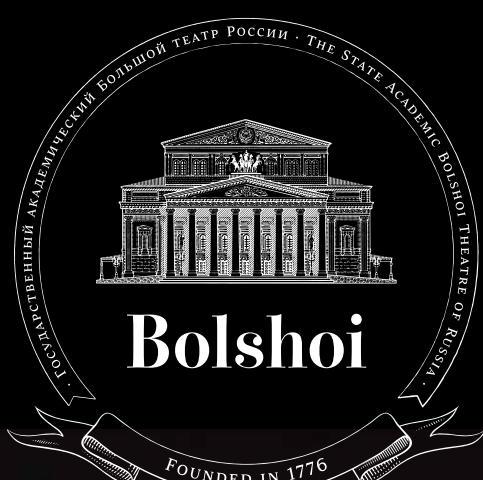
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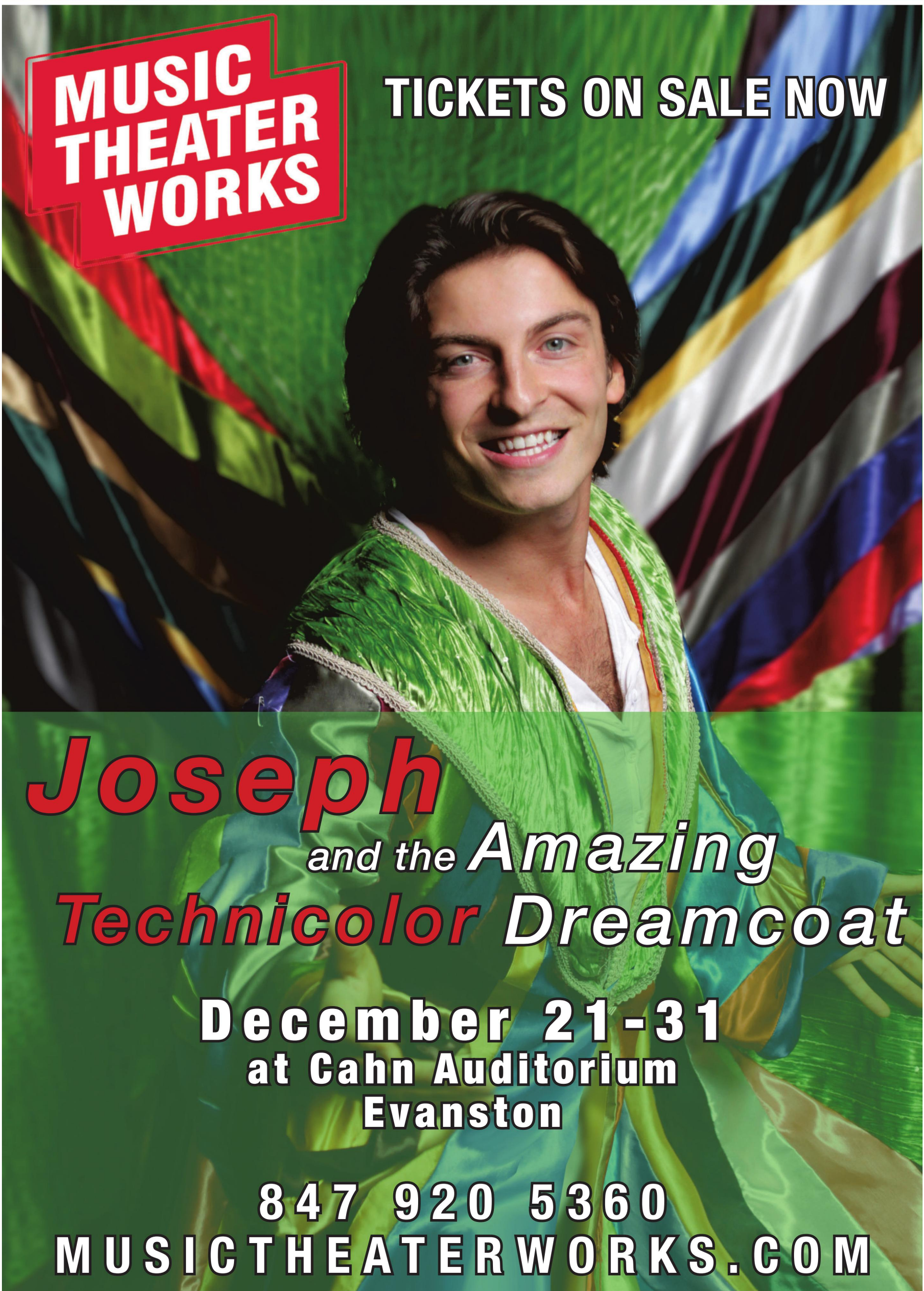
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THE THEATER LOOP

BY CHRIS JONES



Star power and a big orchestra

Most theater critics can name at least one musical they adore above all others. That doesn't mean the show is the best of its kind; it just means that a job that inevitably involves seeing popular titles time after time means that you come to value (a), music that seems to deepen with every hearing and (b), the few things you truly love.

And, of course, our experiences with art are informed by when we first experience the work. Affection can be dependent on synchronicity, a match with where we are in our lives. What we are feeling at the time. Relevance always is a part of aesthetic judgment, even when unspoken. And, as the years roll by, so is nostalgia.

Critics usually are reluctant to name these shows out loud for fear that they will be seen as playing favorites. In fact, though, the reverse is true. You worry that any given production will misunderstand or misinterpret or otherwise disappoint, and you'll anticipate a tingle that never arrives. There is a danger you will wait for some replicated perfection in the mind that could never arrive.

That show for me is "The Light in the Piazza," a musical composed by Adam Guettel and with a book written by Craig Lucas, mostly in 2003, but with additional work between the Seattle premiere that year and the 2006 Broadway opening at the Lincoln Center. The source was a 1960 New Yorker



DEWYNTERS LONDON

Opera superstar Renee Fleming and veteran actor Alex Jennings star in "The Light in the Piazza" at the Lyric Opera.

article — or novella, I guess — penned by Elizabeth Spencer. On Saturday night, I will be found in a seat at the Lyric Opera of Chicago for a new production from London — starring no less than Renee Fleming.

"The Light in the Piazza" is about the relationship between a mother, Margaret, and her daughter, Clara, who is on the edge of adulthood. The two are on a trip to Italy (Margaret's marriage to Clara's father is falling apart, anyway). They both love each other, but Clara has what are now known as special needs, following an accident during childhood, the mental consequences of which are

not immediately apparent to, say, a cute Italian boy she might meet in the piazza in Rome. Thus the themes of the musical largely involve parenting: when to protect, when to let go, when to risk, when to insist on safety.

I had very young kids, including a newborn, when it first came out, which might explain the intensity of my reaction. I don't know. If you are young yourself, you might well see the piece as about self-actualization. If you're older, you might see it as wise about the challenges of marriage in later years.

"The Light in the Piazza" has a long history in Chi-

cago. As directed by Bartlett Sher, the musical was first seen in tryout form at the Goodman Theatre in 2004. (Kelli O'Hara, who would play Clara on Broadway, was in a smaller role.) I went twice.

By 2006, I'd seen it on Broadway and thrilled to Victoria Clark's performance as Margaret. I went twice there, too. In 2007, the show came through Chicago's Auditorium Theatre on the final leg of a short national tour. I wrote an anticipatory column not unlike this one, only to discover that the show's one-size-fits-all sound system was poorly tuned to that acoustically rich ven-

ue. Readers were upset. I was upset.

Thereafter, "Piazza" was licensed to other theaters, including both the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire and the Theo Ubigue Theatre. They all had their pleasures and limitations.

But the endeavor at the Lyric this weekend, replete with such star power and so big an orchestra, is far and away the most prominent staging since the original. The production began in London, but in a concert-style setting at the Royal Festival Hall, and then heads to the Sydney Opera House next year. In interviews, both Guettel and Fleming have expressed

their excitement. But I've been wondering how it will be at the Lyric. Even *what* it will be.

The most interesting chat I've had about this new moment for "Piazza" was with its director, Daniel Evans, whose interest in the piece also goes back to that Goodman production a dozen years ago.

"I think this is a perfect piece for an opera house," he said recently, during a break in rehearsal. "There are elements to the score that are absolutely operatic, and yet the younger characters are written in much more of a musical-theater idiom, or pop, for want of a better word." In other words, Evans was saying that the piece actually mirrors the common debate about whether the Lyric should be doing musicals at all.

This is half an opera, half a musical, and the two halves are in conversation.

And is that not how parents and children sometimes find themselves? On a metaphoric level. It could be rock and rap. It is the differences that matter — or, as Guettel's music so exquisitely conveys, it actually is all about the similarities.

Fingers crossed.

Saturday through Dec. 29 at the Lyric Opera of Chicago, 20 N. Wacker Drive; www.lyricopera.org

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CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

"A Doll's House" ★★★

Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House" is one of the most famous plays in theater. The meltdown of the 19th century marriage of Nora and Torvald Helmer was regarded as scandalous in 1879. 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 and www.writerstheatre.org*

"Always ... Patsy Cline" ★★★

By many accounts, singer Patsy Cline was as nice a person as she was a successful crossover artist. So there is something apropos about "Always ... Patsy Cline," the simple biographical revue by Ted Swindley that's now being revived by the Firebrand Theatre Company in an intimate setting at the Den Theatre. This work is sincere, rich, heartfelt and, well, an ideal gift for anybody who loves these songs. *Through Jan. 4 at the Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave.; \$40-50 at www.firebrandtheatre.org*

"Beauty and the Beast" ★★★ 1/2

You really have to see director Amber Mak's spectacular new production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" with the mindset that this homegrown Paramount musical is giving families just what they desire for the holidays, a big night out. I was surrounded by young theater-goers whose mouths fell open at Jeffrey D. Kmiec's fairytale set design. *Through Jan. 19 at the Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora; \$36-\$77 at www.paramountaurora.com*

"Blue Man Group" ★★★ 1/2

"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 about growing up with a suicidal mother whose first attempt to take her own life occurred when the narrator was just seven years old. The narrator, here the charming Rebecca Spence, directed by Jessica Fisch, creates a list of all of the reasons for her mother to live. No. 1 is ice cream. *Open run at Windy City Playhouse South, 2229 S. Michigan Ave.; \$55-\$75 at 773-891-8985 and www.windycityplayhouse.com*

"The First Deep Breath" ★★★

A searing takedown of a toxic father who thumps the Bible but destroys his own family, "The First Deep Breath" surely is the most ambitious world premiere to be produced by Victory Gardens Theater. The show, penned by Lee Edward Colston II and directed by Steve H. Broadnax III, must also be the longest. *Through Dec. 22 at Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.; \$31-\$65 at 773-871-3000 or www.victorygardens.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 and 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." This is a play that helped launch Hall's Broadway career. *Through Dec. 22 at Raven Theatre, 6157 N. Clark St.; \$43-\$46 at 773-338-2177 and www.raventheatre.com*



TIMOTHY M. SCHMIDT

Adam Schreck, Sarah Dell'Amico, Andrew Knox, Mary Catherine Curran, Asia Martin and Jordan Savusa in the Second City 108th Mainstage revue "Do You Believe in Madness?"

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"Do You Believe in Madness?" ★★★

Tired of Brexit? The Second City's 108th mainstage revue brings you Flexit, a divorce plan for Florida. See ya! You certainly sense that the young, activist cast of "Do You Believe in Madness?" would be happy to live in a world apart from the Sunshine State. And from Republicans. In one joyous hoedown, the name of every exiting member of the Trump administration is read out. There are a lot of names. These fresh-faced cast members will only improve with experience; keep an eye on Andrew Knox, the anchor of the show and a guy with a lovely shirt from UNTUCKit. *Open run on the Second City mainstage, 1616 N. Wells St.; \$31-\$108 at 312-337-3992 and www.secondcity.com*

"I Am Not a Comedian ... I'm Lenny Bruce" ★★★ 1/2

The comedian Lenny Bruce once wisely 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 312-988-9000 and lennybruceonstage.com*

"Indulgence with Lucy Darling" ★★★ 1/2

There were crowds behind the fake laundromat that is the Chicago Magic Lounge, there to see the vampish Lucy Darling, the alter-ego of the young Canadian magician Carisa Hendrix. In essence, Hendrix, a whopping talent, has taken the classic persona of the magician's glamorous 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 312-366-4500 and www.chicagomagiclounge.com*

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"Mary Poppins" ★★★

You can't do a decent "Mary Poppins" without a tip-top chief nanny and Drury Lane has found an immaculate lead in Emilie Lynn. *Through Jan. 19 at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace; \$60-\$75 at 800-530-0111 or www.drurylane theatre.com*

"Oliver!" ★★★ 1/2

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 eight 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. 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. *Through Dec. 29 at Marriott Theatre, 100 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire; \$50-\$60 at www.marriotttheatre.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 Tarrance 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. *Through Dec. 21 at Jackalope Theatre, Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway; \$10-\$35 at www.jackalopetheatre.org*

"The Steadfast Tin Soldier" ★★★



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. But this is one holiday experience you don't want to miss. *Through Jan. 26 at Lookingglass Theatre in the Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave.; \$35-\$85 at 312-337-0665 or www.lookingglass theatre.org*

"The Tall Boy" ★★★

The sight of Tandy Cronyn, the 74-year-old actress and daughter of Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn, working alone in a small theater in Chicago in December can only mean one thing: Cronyn considers this important work. Her project is a solo piece rooted in displacement following World War II. "The Tall Boy," written by Simon Bent, is set in a camp for displaced children in Germany, a kind of clearing-house for orphans hoping to travel to the United States. Cronyn's work comes with an unimpeachable sense of moral authority. *Through Dec. 15 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.; \$35-\$39 at 773-327-5252 or www.stage773.com*

"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. Director Jessica Thebus' production clips along nicely. *Through Dec. 22 at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; \$30-\$89 at 847-673-6300 and www.northlight.org*



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Lincoln MKZ

Lincoln's remaining sedans worth checking out

What does Ford Motor Co.'s decision to stop selling sedans in the United States mean to Lincoln's cars? Nothing good. But, honestly, does it matter?

You — and Ford — might be surprised.

It's easy to make the case against Lincoln's cars. It sells just two — the midsize MKZ and large Continental. Neither is a leader in its segment, and neither is likely to earn much, if any, profit. They account for just 23.3% of Lincoln's sales so far this year, down from 27.6% in 2018.

Both cars are doomed. The MKZ, built alongside the Ford Fusion in Hermosillo, Mexico, is likely to go out of production in late 2020 or early 2021. The Continental's survival is guaranteed only "through its product lifecycle," according to Ford's new contract with the UAW.

That's a less mercenary way of saying Ford will keep building them till the last check clears, but the end is nigh, and don't expect any significant investment in new technology or features between now and when the last shift punches out.

If you want a new Continental — and you may because it's not a bad car: roomy, comfortable, handsome in a vaguely upscale way — I wouldn't wait for the 2024 model.

"Lincoln's sedans are going away," IHS Markit senior analyst Stephanie Brinley said.

At the same time, Lincoln is adding SUVs. They sell for better prices than sedans, particularly for traditional American brands like Lincoln.

Lincoln is following in the Ford brand's footsteps, as tends to happen in corporations where the volume brand rules. Ford decided to quit selling cars like the Taurus, Fusion and Focus because they mean even less to the brand than Lincoln's sedans. Cars are just 15.3% of Ford-brand 2019 sales, down from 19.1% for 2018.

"Lincoln is going where the market is," Autotrader executive analyst Michelle Krebs said. "SUVs are increasingly more popular than cars in the luxury vehicle market, just as in the non-luxury market." However, she added, a much higher proportion of luxury shoppers still consider both cars and SUVs, while mass-market buyers have shifted overwhelmingly to SUVs.

"About 40% of luxury vehicle buyers do their homework and very deliberately choose a sedan," said Eric Noble, president of Orange County consultant the Carlab.

Most luxury car buyers have other vehicles, so they don't need the Swiss Army knife versatility of an SUV, he said. They can have an SUV for its high seating position, all-wheel drive and room; and a car for its looks, handling or just to be different.

"It's impossible to become a leading luxury brand without cars," Noble said.

Aye, there's the rub. Today, Lincoln is so far from being a leading luxury brand that just getting on most shoppers' lists for one of their vehicles would be a major victory.

The emphasis on SUVs could help with that. The Navigator is a world-class luxury SUV, but its size and \$75,825 base price make it a boutique model. New models like the slightly smaller Aviator and compact Corsair could win the brand some buyers, as the Nautilus did when it replaced the midsize MKX a year ago.

At some point, though, Lincoln will need a bigger model line if it's to become a serious player. "I'd do a large sedan and an SUV," Noble said. The architecture underpinning the Aviator — already shared with the Ford Explorer — could be one of Lincoln's core platforms. "Ford would be nuts not to do a modern sedan, or a liftback like the Audi A7, off that platform."

— Mark Phelan, Detroit Free Press

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The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Monica Moore 14823 Minerva Ave Dolton, IL, 60419**
11/29, 12/06, 12/13/16 6528159

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE
Draft 2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) The Cook County Department of Planning and Development, with the Bureau of Economic Development currently receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County is required by HUD to report annually on program performance. The County is accepting public comments regarding its Draft 2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) which outlines program performance during Program Year 2018 covering October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Applicable Public Comment Period: 15 Days
– December 13 through December 28, 2019.

Public Comment Opportunities
An important part of the process of developing the Draft 2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is to promote citizen participation and solicit input. The Draft may be reviewed at the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development offices at 69 West Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, 60602, or online at the Cook County website: <http://www.cookcountyll.com/agency/planning-and-development> during the applicable public comment period specified above.

All interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments. Written comments for the Draft are being accepted during the applicable public comment period specified above and must be received by 4:00 p.m. on December 28th, 2019 in order to receive consideration. Written comments must be directed to Dominic Tocci, Deputy Director of Community Development, Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, dominic.tocci@cookcountyll.gov. 12/13/2019 6540899

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS COMBINED NOTICE

12/13/2019
Cook County Department of Planning and Development
69 W. Washington Street, Suite 2900
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312-663-1414
To: All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
On or about January 3rd, 2020 the Cook County Department of Planning and Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following projects:

1906-018 Village of Melrose Park: Roadway Improvement; 18th Avenue from Division Street to LeMoine Avenue. CDBG grant amount: \$100,000. This project located in Melrose Park has been identified as FIRM # 17031C0388) as being partially within the 100 year base floodplain.
1907-008 Village of Chicago Ridge: Street Roadway Resurfacing; 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 # 17031C0609) as being partially within the 100 year base floodplain.
1906-020 City of Northlake: King Arthur Court Complex and Bridge Reconstruction. CDBG Grant Amount: \$300,000. This project located in Northlake has been identified as FIRM# 17031C0366) as being partially within the 100 year base floodplain.
1906-024 Village of Robbins: Street Resurfacing and Street Sustainable Infrastructure; 10th Avenue (139th Street to 137th Street); Utica 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 # 17031C0639) as being partially within the 100 year base floodplain.
1908-066 PADS to HOPE Inc. Construction of a new, three-story assisted care facility; 1140 East Northwest Highway. This project located in Palatine has been identified as FIRM#17031C0182) as being partially within the 100 year base floodplain.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
The Cook County Department of Planning and Development has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) at 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL, 60602.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Cook County Department of Planning and Development. All comments received by December 30th, 2019 will be considered by the Cook County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION
Cook County is certifying to HUD that Cook County and Mrs. Xochitl Flores in her capacity as Bureau Chief consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Cook County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Cook County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer; (b) the applicant has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2401, Chicago, IL, 60604. Attn: Donald Kathian. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Mrs. Xochitl Flores, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Economic Development
12/13/2019 6539683

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
A/Mya-Ellen Moutry
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Shawntella Moutry (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00919**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 13, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/06/2020**, at **9:00 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 YOUR CHILD.

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 7, 2019 6521642

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
Adam Black

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alma Black (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **14JA01300**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Marvin Cole (Father)**, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 09, 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 **01/06/2020**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **13** COURTROOM **M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 7, 2019 6521845

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE JUVENILE TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) FOR DRY & CANNED GOODS IFB NO.: 1903-18063

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Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference Date, Time, and Location: Friday, December 20, 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 5PM CST on Tuesday, December 31, 2019.

Bid Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, January 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM (CST), Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018, Chicago, Illinois 60602

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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
Dalandon Litterio

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Martha Wishecoboy (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00929**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 21, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/06/2020**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **4** COURTROOM **D**, 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 YOUR CHILD.

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 2, 2019 6541591

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Darion Hoskins AKA Darion Deuchler

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Nicole Deuchler (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00567**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, 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 this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/06/2020**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **17** 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.

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 YOUR 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 or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 2, 2019 6541358

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12/13/2019 6541314

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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
Isaiah Black

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alma Black (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **14JA01302**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Antonio Santiago (Father)**, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 09, 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 **01/06/2020**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **13** COURTROOM **M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 7, 2019 6521631

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Khamarion Kendrick Khamari Kendrick Kmermon Kendrick K'Nyana Kendrick

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Destiny Kendrick (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01223 19JA01224 19JA01225 19JA01226**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Destiny Kendrick (Mother)**, 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 **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/06/2020**, at **1:30 PM** in CALENDAR **7** COURTROOM **G**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 5, 2019 6541651

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Leo Carey

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Lawanda Carey (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01307**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 06, 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 **01/03/2020**, at **10:30 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.

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 YOUR CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 26, 2019 654158

FORECLOSURES

F19060043 PNC IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION: PNC Bank, National Association Plaintiff, vs. Unknown heirs and legatees of Paula Ohliger aka Paula C. Ohliger aka Paula Christine Ohliger; Linda Ruth Ayers, Independent Executor; Ann L. Craig aka Ann L. Ohliger; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 19 CH 2860 711 East 92nd Place, Chicago, Illinois 60619 Horan Calendar 61 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown heirs and legatees of Paula Ohliger aka Paula C. Ohliger aka Paula Christine Ohliger and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 5 IN BLOCK 55 IN S. E. GROSS THIRD ADDITION TO DUBUQUE SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 3; TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 25-03-416-005-0000 Said property is commonly known as 711 East 92nd Place, Chicago, Illinois 60619, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Paula C. Ohliger and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1604246079 and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before January 6, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 29346, DuPage 21-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ilpleadings@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. 12/6, 13, 20/2019 6533337

FORECLOSURES

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; LOUITTA SMITH; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JEARLINE SMITH, DECEASED; THOMAS P QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JEARLINE SMITH, DECEASED, Defendants, Case No. 2019CH06311 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Jearline Smith, deceased, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 41 (except the West 17 feet thereof taken for street) in block 12 in East Washington Heights, being a Subdivision of the West half of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois. 9717 South Halsted Street, Chicago, IL 60628 25-09-116-008-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Jearline Smith, deceased, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 6, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court, Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: saf-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 12/6, 13, 20/2019 6533346

FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION: Seggio Capital, LLC, an Illinois limited Liability company Plaintiff, v. ROBERT WALBERG a/k/a Robert C. Walberg, individually, ROBERT C. WALBERG, successor trustee under the terms and provisions of a certain Trust Agreement dated March 10, 2017, and designated as the Milton D. Walberg Declaration of Trust, APPLE LANDSCAPING LTD., MIDLAND TRUST CO., as custodian FBO Elizabeth Schwartzberg #1707296, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. CASE NO. 2019CH14063 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 1 AND THE WEST 4.185 FEET OF LOT 2 IN MURRAY'S RESUBDIVISION OF LOT "A" IN ARTHUR J. GREENE'S STRATFORD PARK RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 7 (EXCEPT THE EAST 99.0 FEET) IN ARTHUR T. MCINTOSH'S ARLINGTON HEIGHTS FARMS, A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly Known As: 1611 E. Campbell Street, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 Property Index Number: 03-28-314-013-0000 and which said Mortgage was made by Robert Walberg as Mortgage(s) to Seggio Capital, LLC, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1920557087 and for other relief: that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before January 13, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Wendy Kaleta Gattone McFadden & Dillon, P.C. 120 S. LaSalle Street, #1920 Chicago, IL 60603 Atty# 26370 12/13, 20, 27/2019 6541290



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1 "Now!" in a hospital
5 Thick pole used as a mast
9 "Little pitchers have big ____"
13 Zodiac sign
15 Showed up
16 Clutch
17 Encircle
18 Mr. Onassis
20 ____ person; each
21 Heavy weight
23 Self-confident
24 Get rid of a tenant
26 McMahon & Ames
27 Turn aside; deflect

29 Little imps
32 Upper-class
33 Religious zeal
35 Letter for Aristotle
37 Unfair slant
38 Foot parts
39 Panorama
40 Tit for ____; payback
41 Peddles
42 Early bedtime
43 Formal argument
45 Prairies
46 In a ____; mired by routine
47 Cry to the uptight

48 Torah, for one
51 ____ of; free from
52 Suffix for mild or wild
55 Sicilian volcano
58 Poe or Bergen
60 Sleep ____; ponder something overnight
61 Ramble
62 Military blockade
63 Wilder or Hackman
64 Droops
65 WWII Normandy invasion date

DOWN

1 Pig's lunch
2 Become exhausted
3 Shorten
4 Numerical prefix
5 Insufficient
6 Hole average
7 French friend
8 Admires greatly
9 Pompousness
10 Carney's namesakes
11 Infuriate
12 Drove too fast
14 Togs
19 12/13/19
22 Autumn month: abbr.

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44 Emily or Charlotte
45 ____ Beta Kappa
47 Stuffs
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\$299 / 39 / \$3,999
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AWD Sport CTV

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2017 ACURA
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\$27,500*

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4x4 #192635
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#200397 MSRP: \$44,065⁺
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NEW 2019 DODGE
Journey SE
AWD #191949
Save: \$7,787 Off MSRP!



NEW 2020 JEEP
Compass Latitude
4x4 #200243
MSRP: \$29,990⁺
Lease: \$169 PER MO. | 36 MOS.^A



NEW 2019 RAM
1500 Big Horn/Lone Star
Crew Cab 4x4 5'7" Box
#191782 MSRP: \$52,490⁺
Sale: \$329 PER MO. | 42 MOS.^A



NEW 2020 JEEP
Gladiator Sport
#200018
MSRP: \$43,965⁺
Lease: \$259 PER MO. | 36 MOS.^A



NEW 2020 JEEP
Cherokee Latitude
PLUS 4x4 #200114
MSRP: \$31,285⁺
Lease: \$199 PER MO. | 39 MOS.^A



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4x4 #200486
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Lease: \$289 PER MO. | 42 MOS.^A



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Crew Cab 4x4 6'4" Box
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MSRP: \$66,770⁺
Sale: \$55,972 \$10,798 Off MSRP!



NEW 2019 RAM
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Crew Cab 4x4 6'4" Box
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MSRP: \$44,830⁺
Sale: \$31,874 \$12,956 Off MSRP!



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